

ISU News

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Important Dates:

- Easter Break: 11th April – 24th April
- Middle School Exams: 2nd May – 13th May
- Upper School Exams: 9th May – 13th May
- School Holiday: 27th May

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Director's Note

It is clear that the ISU community is ready; nay excited for the coming holiday. But beyond the needed rest, relaxation and recuperation, it is also worth observing that the holiday aligns with Easter as well as Passover and Ramadan. In our international community, these all provide opportunities to break with routine and reflect on more significant elements of life than those which can preoccupy us in usual times of study and work.

Perhaps now is a also good time to reflect on the story of Bob Fletcher.

On the 7th December, the United States base of Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese military in a major, surprise, pre-emptive strike. Within 10 weeks, Executive Order 9066 was signed and paved the way for the internment of nearly 120,000 Japanese Americans (two-thirds of whom were American citizens).

Bob Fletcher, an agricultural inspector, gave up his job and agreed with a number of farmers who were forcibly relocated that he would tend to their crops in their absence. With his wife, he did so, and ensured that taxes continued to be paid on their land. He also ensured that on their return, the farmers received profits that remained in order that they could start over.

Even though it was deeply unpopular at the time, Bob Fletcher was keenly able to appreciate the differences between his local neighbors and the decisions of geopolitical actors far away. Bob Fletcher placed greater stock in the importance of shared, lived humanity than in what others wanted him to think. Bob Fletcher chose to act in accordance with his principles.

Let's remember Bob Fletcher's choices as we navigate the weeks and months ahead. I wish all in the ISU community a peaceful, restorative and restful break.

Further reading:

[Encyclopaedia Britannica - Japanese Internment](#)

Trujillo, Michelle. Japanese Americans of Florin. United States, Arcadia Publishing, 2021.

Luke Osborne

Director

Lower School

Resumption of After School Care

We are happy to announce that our regular After-School Care (ASC) program will resume on April 25th. Please complete the after-school care sign-up using this [link](#) in order to secure your spot for the following week and to ensure that we can plan accordingly.

The link will be the same every week and will open every Wednesday and will close every Friday for the following week. If you have the same needs every week then you will only need to fill out the form once. If your needs will change on a weekly basis you will need to fill out the form every week.

ASC is a service that ISU provides to assist parents with care needs. We strive to ensure that there is adequate supervision for the health and safety of your children therefore we ask that ASC not be used for playdates, etc.

Currently, for EYP students and families there are regulations that are still in place but may be subject to change after the holiday. Once we have more information we will update you.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at afterschoolcare@is-uhl.de. We thank you for your continued support in keeping our community safe.

Maria Tran

Lower School Principal

Grade 3 - Fair



On Tuesday, Grade 3 worked really productively to create a "Terrific Tuesday" for the Lower School. As part of their inquiry into their unit of organisations, they chose to bring some joy to Lower School by organising fair games for students to enjoy during their break time. Each group organised and took responsibility for their stand including setting up, running and clearing up after. It was a massive success and the goal was achieved as many happy

students returned to their classes after their participation. This was a meaningful experience for the grade 3 students. Not only did they get the opportunity to share some happiness but they also experienced the challenge of running a game for a sustained length of time as well as managing the hurdles of the experience. Well done Grade 3.



Anne Osborne and Lara Pugh
Grade 3 Teachers

Middle/Upper School

Catching Up On CAS

Charity Football Tournament



Over the course of my summer vacation I decided to organise a charity 5-a-side football tournament, with the help of my friends. The tournament had the participation of eight teams which had from 8 to 10 players, and was played in my town's local pitch. The inscription fee was 10€ per player and the whole revenue from the tournament was donated to our town's charity which helps children with difficult situations, which could vary from having diseases to hard home situations.

My friends and I also decided to place a team in our tournament to engage more people to join, so from this I can say that I've seen and felt the atmosphere in and out of the pitch. I felt very happy and proud of how the tournament came out. In the pitch there was a healthy competition and sportsmanship in the pitch from all of the



players and likewise on stands from the audience, which made the whole event more engaging.

Most of the challenges faced were while the organisation of the tournament. The only major challenge which popped up was finding the people willing to participate and

at the same time schedule it in a day which worked for everyone. We overcame this problem by syncing all the different timing demands we had and thought about starting the tournament in the afternoon with who was there and schedule other games for the night. With this method we finished the tournament in a single day, from 5pm until 11pm.

From this experience I've learned to not take people's actions for granted, because I've seen people who I would have never thought that would have come and at the same time I would have never said that they would take the game less seriously than usual, and actually just play as "an excuse" to donate. Coming out of the tournament I've learned that I have developed good organising skill, that thanks to it I can structure an event and at the same time be flexible and compromise different situations to make the best of the resources I have in hand.

Sam
Grade 12

Wednesday World Maths Day 2022



On Wednesday March 23rd the Middle and Lower school celebrated World Maths day with some great performances on live Mathematics in the Middle School and a wonderful carousel of Maths activities in the Lower school. Kudos to all the participants but particularly to Miss Lara Pugh for all the work that she did in organising the Lower

school carousel of events. Much fun and learning was had by all students.

In the Live Mathematics competition Grade 6 came in second place in all of Germany with Jan Friedrich Bischoff and Vrishav Chaddah placing within the top 10 in the country. Grade 7 also came in second place in all of Germany with Omri Bougamin, Zala Unger, Harry Lunnon-Wood and Victoria Sophia Ma placing within the top 10 in the country. Grade 8 also performed well with Pelagia Bischoff, Tim Ebner, Kaylin Terneus, Rane Eidnes, Benedikt Kouemou, Julius Ebner and Emily Grace Tunstall placing within the top 10 in Germany.



The Lower school also held a coin challenge and were able to raise over **€900** for the PTG's initiative to support those affected by the war in Ukraine. Grade 3P were the proud winners and we are grateful to all classes and families for their generous support.

Grade	Total Points
3P	18101
1	13967
2	13648
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4	6767
5	-745



Sports Corner

ISU Junior Varsity Basketball team in Stuttgart

On Saturday the 2nd of April, our ISU Basketball team had a very successful and adventurous trip to Stuttgart. We came a bit late due to our train schedule and getting on the wrong underground tram, but we made it all in one piece.



The first team we played against was the Salzburg International Team, who had a very good chemistry and tactics, especially their pick and roll and their very good defence. We were still able to get points and keep up with them until half time. In the 2nd half we lost energy and confidence in our defence which set us back quite a lot. Despite the struggles we were still able to get some good steals and points. The end result was 38:62

The second team we played against was the International School of Stuttgart. This was a shorter than the previous but we still tried our best to keep up with them. In the first half, we had to learn their tactics and their defence. Their tactics were definitely one of the harder parts of the game, because they called out plays and sometimes our defence was either all on one person or too far apart, which sacrificed points. Despite that, Gabriel was able to hit a 3 pointer to bring our score up and closer to theirs, which we all celebrated. The end score was 21:36.

The team worked very well together and kept their heads up even in the most exhausting times of the game. I'm very proud of my team and what we were able to accomplish for our first ever tournament in basketball. Without our Amazing Coach Mr. Sauer, I don't think we would have been able to play as well as we did.

Good job team!

Sven Sumer
Grade 9

Our trip to Stuttgart was without a doubt one of the most fun adventures and experiences I ever had in this school. We ran so much trying to get from one train to another, and finally, we managed to get on the train for Stuttgart. Our journey did not end there. Getting to Stuttgart we needed to get the U-Bahn in order to get to the school. Run backward and

forwards we managed to get there, singing Queen until we got there. The game was not the best but we managed to stay together and work as a team, which some teams did not manage. Although we lost, I could proudly say that I'm not embarrassed to lose, but happy to see that we kept our happiness throughout the entirety of the trip. I would like to thank Mr. Sauer and all the people who planned this game in order for us to have fun. I made new friends also during the game, and this experience is definitely going to be remembered.

Andrés Sola
Grade 10

MS Boys and Girls Basketball in Switzerland



On April 1st, our Middle School girls and boys' basketball teams had the fantastic opportunity to travel to Switzerland and play in Buchs, against the local international school – The International School of Rheintal.

Both games consisted of 3 periods of 10 minutes and starting with our girls' team, although they lost the first two periods against a very good team, they were able to win the last period

without conceding any point to the other team. This is more impressive considering that the majority of our players are in grade 6 with driven sportsmanship. Well done!

Furthermore, on our boy's team, they gave it their all on the basketball court considering that they didn't have many practices before this match and although they lost the game.

They played as a team by helping one another by encouraging one another, throughout the entire match from the beginning to the end and ending with a score that was balanced in some periods.

Being the circumstances of Covid our basketball season is a very short one that will come to an end this week but the situation has not held back both of our teams' determination. And instead, they have demonstrated a good commitment to competitiveness on the court from the beginning until the end of their matches, never giving up and really trying hard to reach their team's goals.



Thank you to each student's parents, you should be very proud of your child and we look forward to another game!

Alexandre Alves
Athletic Director

Elementary World Games Day



On April 7th, our elementary students celebrated different cultures within our community, by playing traditional games from around the world.

This day was organized by our grade 10 students, who lead the different activities/games. We had games from the U.S., England, Japan, Germany, France, India, Brazil and Latvia! Our elementary students

had a fantastic time learning about other cultures and participating in the games. Fun was had by all!

As a treat, the PTG organized and provided snacks/drinks to all of our students during the break of our event, so we are thankful for their support and helping us on making sure we had a fantastic event!



We also would like to appreciate our grade 10's for preparing all these activities for our elementary students, demonstrating a huge sense of community.



It was definitely a different experience, but in the end it was all smiles, so we are looking forward to repeating an event like this in the near future!

Alexandre Alves and Heidi Terneus
PE Teachers

After School Activities Programme

After School activities - Semester 2

Dear ISU Community,

It is with great pleasure that we announce the re-start of our After-School Activities Program (ASAP).

Our program will start right after spring break on April 25th (will run until June 15) and the sign-up process has already started!

This semester we continue not just offering activities that are led by members of our staff, but as well led by our students or assisted by them. Of course, there will always be an ISU staff member present in a supervisory capacity during student led activities.

We offer a range of different activities for semester 2 such as: Elementary Basketball, Elementary Soccer, Math Games, Robotics, Paper Crafts, Running, Writing Bootcamp, Boxing class, French for Native Speakers, Garden Club and Sustainable Living Workshop.

This time we are using a new system, so in order to sign-up, please access the schoolcloud system (same as you use for parent teacher conferences) and you will find the list of activities. The signing process is open until April 20th.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me and we're looking forward to seeing your kids participate in our activities.

Alexandre Alves
After School Activities Coordinator