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We are excited to share with you the exciting experience our school had recently at the AGIS (The Association of German International Schools) Conference 2023. This year’s conference was a truly transformative event that left us inspired, enlightened, and more connected than before.

We had the privilege of listening to renowned experts in the fields of international education, cross-cultural communication, and global career development. Here, a big shout out and thank you to Mr. Edley and Mr. Finlay who presented at this year’s conference. It was a great success.

One of the most valuable aspects of the conference was the networking opportunities it provided. Our school had the chance to connect with other educational institutions, potential partners, and experts in the field. These connections will undoubtedly lead to exciting collaborations and opportunities for our students in the future.

One of the most exciting experiences was the visit and speech of our guest of honor Mr. Derek Yurosek (89 years old), who originally had the idea of AGIS. For him to see how it all evolved over the past 21 years was just impressive.

In conclusion, the AGIS Conference 2023 was a remarkable event that has left a lasting impact on our school community. It has reinforced our belief in the power of global education to transform lives and open doors to new possibilities. We are excited about the future and the opportunities that lie ahead for our students.

Ms. Wellner
Dear ISU community,

it has been wonderful to see so many students joining our After School and Sports Programme.

Regarding our Sports Programme, our first matches are right around the corner, so just a reminder on how our October month looks like:

**October 5th** - U14 boys and girls football, friendly match at Bavarian International School, leaving school at 2pm.
**October 7th** - U14 boys and girls, football, friendly tournament at Munich International School, leaving school at 7.15am.
**October 7th** - U14/HS cross country, friendly tournament at Bavarian International School leaving school at 2pm.
**October 12th** - HS boy football, friendly match at Bavarian International School, leaving school at 2pm.
**October 14th** - HS boys volleyball, friendly tournament at Franconian International School
**October 21st** - HS boys football, friendly tournament at International School of Ulm. Tournament starts at 9am.
**October 21st** - U14/HS badminton, friendly tournament at Bavarian International School, leaving school at 7.15am.
**October 24th** - U14 boys and girls football and HS boys volleyball, friendly matches at International School of Ulm

Regarding our After School Activities Programme, just a gentle reminder that the sign up process will close on September 30th. This also applies to our sports season 1 program.

Thank you so much for your interest in our After School Activities and Sports Programme.

Let's go Wolves!

Alexandre Alves
Athletic Director
I am a student that has been at this school for 2 years and was never truly able to experience the amazing ISU community outside of my grade level. For this reason I came up with the idea of creating an official Instagram account of the school so that new students as well as present students and parents can experience the lovely community that this school provides.

To be able to inform the wider community of this school we take pictures of school events and posters which we then use to publish whistle writing fun descriptions on what happens. This allows us to celebrate our school and students achievements as well as being able to make our school life visible for everyone to see. In order to make the account inclusive my team and I are open for any requests. This has been successful so far as we have been able to advertise events through posters or messages using the Instagram stories and then later posting about the events. All of this is happening weekly through meetings with my team in order to discuss what’s next but also whilst working closely with the marketing team as well as teachers around the school. As the Instagram is there to inform and widen our school community we try to be active on the page at least once a week whether it is a post or a story.

Yet that is not all, our hopes for the future is to include fun videos and collaborative interactions with students to personalise the Instagram page even more. Furthermore this account will hopefully continue long after my team and I have left school to explore the world. I am also looking forward to using this platform to keep memories alive for students that are moving or that graduated from this school. In order to make it long lasting we have found new recruits for this school year who will add some fresh ideas to this inclusive project. This growth within the group means that it is worth following the Instagram account as there are lots of fresh things to come for this year.

This project has been very eye opening, not only because of the amount of fun events this school provides which I had been unaware of but also because it has shown me how much work is behind such a seemingly simple thing. Furthermore this project has taught me a lot, some of which is how to be more creative, how to be organised and how to effectively communicate my creative thinking with the amazing Instagram and Marketing team. I really appreciate all the help I have gotten along the way whether it is through the help of taking pictures, writing comments, giving ideas on what to post or actually taking time to post everything on the account. So thank you to everyone and hope that the Instagram account will further be able to capture the essence of the school’s community.

Now my last question for you reader is: Have you gone on Instagram to follow our school’s account yet? Does this article want you to go and see what we have done so far with the account? Then please feel very welcomed to follow the account using the username community_of_isu or by scanning the QR Code.

Leandra
We are very excited to welcome you all back to the Library and have been pleased to see that many of you have been finding new and interesting books to read. We have a new display in the Library, encouraging the students to choose a new book that they may not otherwise have chosen. No more judging a book by its cover.

We have also had a lot of new books arrive over the summer, these can be found in our new arrivals section in the middle of the Library. These books have been requested by the students themselves as well as from the staff. So there is always a good variety of books for everyone to choose from.
To begin with it is always a little disconcerting to come into school when students are not there. The usually bustling hallways are eerily quiet, the hum of activity and student laughter noticeably absent. But the absence of students allows teachers to take a breath, it is a time to reflect, and a chance for rejuvenation and self-improvement. Teacher Work Days provide a unique and valuable opportunity for our staff to engage in professional learning, and we appreciate your support on these days.

In lower school, this provided an excellent opportunity for teacher professional development as we introduced a concept known as ‘Teaching Sprints’. This process was developed by Simon Breakspear, a former teacher, educational researcher and advisor.

Teaching Sprints is a simple professional development process designed to empower overloaded educators to continuously enhance their expertise. Grounded in the principles of effective professional growth and informed by the science of behaviour change, Teaching Sprints supports teachers to continually and collaboratively improve their core skills through a structured approach, encompassing:

- Meaningful engagement with the best available research in the field
- Implement gradual adjustments to teaching practice, for big impact over time
- Establish organisational routines needed for job-embedded teacher learning
- Participate in collaborative and disciplined dialogue with fellow educators
- Enhance the understanding of the science of learning.

Every so often it is worth the disconcertingly quiet corridors as teachers find inspiration in their ongoing journey of professional growth. We had a productive and collaborative PD day, sharpening our skills and focussing on getting better at our craft; all to ensure that our team is well-prepared and enthusiastic -ready to continue the learning journey with our students.

Charlotte Balsom
Lower School Principal
Building Community: Stronger Together

We are very excited to invite you to join our Parent Passions event on 6th October from 8:30-10:15. If you have a passion and have some time to spare then we’d love you to come and share your passion with our young curious minds!

You will be given a space in the atrium to set up whatever it is you would like to share and I’d ask you to bring in some visual aids to show and present to the students. The classes will come to visit the event in three 20 minute slots where they will rotate around the atrium learning from you! They will be very eager to find out what it is you are passionate about and why!

Last year this event was extremely successful and was a wonderful opportunity for building community! Thank you to those parents who have already signed up for this year however I am still looking for more keen family members to join us, parents, grandparents, aunts or uncle, if you have a passion we are searching for you!

Please, please, please email me if you are interested in taking part in this event or have a question: c.henry@is-ulm.de

Carolyn Henry
Lower School Vice Principal & PYP Coordinator

"Research is formalised curiosity. It is poking and prying with purpose." - Zara Neale Hurston
ASAP - Join the ISU Media Team!

If you are interested in photography and film then the ISU Media Team is the place for you. Build up your media and journalism skills every Tuesday from 15:30 till 16:30 in the computing room. Enter the world of media using different equipment and editing programs to create media content for the school’s website and social media platforms. Currently, we are working on scripting and filming teacher interviews. Other film projects include a school tour and documentation of school events. Together we also aim to create a newsletter for students with photography and various articles. We are also open for your own creative ideas. Just show up and share! If you would like to join, contact the asap coordinator Mr Alex.

Valerie
Grade 12

ISU Bavarian Breakfast

Time to get out your Lederhosen and Dirndl and come celebrate our annual Bavarian Breakfast.

Here are some dates to remember and volunteer opportunities to make this a fun-filled event for everyone.

First, please use the QR code or link to reserve your tickets and help us with ordering food. Once you have reserved, you will be able to pay and pick up your tickets on October 6th. Look for us at the front doors at drop-off and pick-up.

All other reserved and non-reserved tickets can be paid for at the Bavarian Breakfast on October 14th.

Next, please consider ways you are able to help! Follow this link to sign up to support this event.

- RAFFLE DONATIONS (new items only)
- BAKED TREATS
- SELLING TICKETS
- SETUP AND CLEAN UP
- FOOD AND DRINK SERVICE

As an added bonus and to make this event more Eco Friendly, we are asking for everyone attending to ‘Bring Your Own Cutlery’. We will provide washing stations.

If there are other ways you wish to volunteer, please email us at ptg@is-ulm.de.

Look forward to seeing you there!

ISU PTG