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Dear ISU community,

My name is Hanyun, and I am the designer of the 2023 school yearbook cover. I’m glad to talk about my CAS experience of making yearbook covers. I was responsible for painting the cover of the 2022 school yearbook as well, but after a year had passed I wasn’t satisfied with my results, so I wanted to show what I could do by participating in the competition again.

In May of 2023, this year’s yearbook cover competition began. I chose the theme for the 2023 semester, “The power of yet,” as the theme for my cover. I think that this phrase represents the idea that we should work hard for something that is worth waiting for. This theme applies to many things, whether it be studies or hobbies. I hope I was able to convey my personal understanding of this theme through my drawing and to give power to students who, like me, would be anxious about the future.

During the design phase, I included characters of different races and genders, considering that the ISU is a large and diverse community. With the suggestion of Ms Henry-Grant, I used some of the LGBTQ flag colors to show the characters’ potential identities. At the same time, the characters’ actions contain information about the present and the future: such as unfinished puzzles and scarves, and once rusty drawing skills. I want all students to have equal access to the power of the yet, to persevere and to achieve what they want.

I learned a great deal about minorities in my interactions with Ms. Henry-Grant. I therefore carefully considered the theme I was conveying and the response it would receive. At the same time, I did a lot of planning and research to inspire me during the draft stage. I am honored that my design was ultimately selected for the cover of the 2023 ISU yearbook, allowing my work to be displayed in front of the ISU community.

Hanyun
On November 24–25, 2023, the ISU High School Football team participated in the GISST tournament. The first day was filled with cheerful attitudes, amazing team spirit, and a glimmer of hope that we might win a tournament for our team since we joined GISST at the end of last year’s season. These ideals were sadly soon to be squashed as we found out that we were not playing in the second division of GISST but rather in its first. Nevertheless, we fought hard, attempting our best, but sadly, the other teams played a lot better together than we did. On a scale of 1 vs. 1, we could compete with most other teams, but as soon as it came to working as a whole, we lacked the team chemistry others had. In the end, we lost all of the games we played, although we did experience some fantastic moments, such as a goal scored by Jan-Friedrich, a last-minute penalty scored by Julius, and a few short synergetic passages of play. Besides the tournament, some of us were able to explore the inner city, while the rest had to stay at the hostel on the count of being hurt. In Berlin, they went to a museum and a Turkish restaurant, which challenged them with a level of spice they had not expected. To sum up the events, we fought hard, laughed even harder, and now we know what we have to improve on for the next year.

Henry
The volleyball team, made up of Henry, Andres, Sacha, Hugo, Florian, Lucas, Richmond, Inbar, and Paul, improved greatly this season. We went from not knowing each other very well and having little experience playing together as a team to becoming a well-coordinated team with a common goal - to play the best volleyball we could. Throughout the season we improved significantly. We learned to cooperate with each other bringing the best out of each other.

The GISST finals took place at FIS in Nuremberg and were the highlight of our season. Challenges were also faced along the journey. A key player in our team, Sacha Harbonnier, had an unfortunate injury at the GISST Final Tournament, however we did not let this challenge faze us. By adjusting to the game technique of our sub we were able to get it together on the second day and played some of the best volleyball that we have ever played.

We very much enjoyed our time together. During games we found that we bonded the most by supporting and learning from each other. Together we were able to create great memories. Our season was a season of many ups and downs and an overall memorable emotional Rollercoaster.

Written by Florian
Edited by Valérie
Dear ISU community, just a reminder that our sports season 2 (basketball pre-season already started, practices on Tuesdays and Thursday) starts right after the winter break (January 8th).

Below here’s the list of sports that we are planning to offer, with starting dates, information regarding coaches, days for practices and dates for events:

- U14 girls basketball (season starts on January 8th, practices on Monday and Thursday, coach: Mrs. Snider).
- U14 and varsity boys basketball (season starts on January 8th, practices on Tuesday and Wednesday, coaches: Mr. Sauer and Mr. Foege).
- U14/varsity badminton (season starts on January 8th, days for practices to be determined, coach: Mrs. Bailey).

If you are interested in joining our sports programme, please save the following dates:

- **February 3rd** - U14 girls basketball at International School of Ulm (friendly tournament)
- **February 3rd** - U14 boys basketball at International School of Stuttgart (friendly tournament)
- **February 22nd** - U14 boys and girls and varsity boys basketball at Bavarian International School (friendly matches)
- **February 24th** - U14 boys and girls and varsity boys basketball at Munich International School (friendly tournament)
- **February 28th-March 1st** - Varsity boys basketball, final GISST tournament at International School of Ulm
- **March 14-16** - U14 boys basketball, final GISST tournament at International school of Frankfurt
- **March 14-16** - U14 girls basketball, final GISST tournament at St. George’s Dusseldorf.
- **April 18-20** - U14/Varsity table tennis, final GISST tournament at Franconian International School.
  *We are in the process of finding another event for table tennis

The signing up process has been open since December 1st (on schoolcloud). Looking forward to seeing you join our program and let’s go Wolves!
Come join us on December 14th for an evening of performances from the ISU Drama classes! Doors open at 18:00 and performances begin at 18:15. Hope to see you there!

6th Grade will be performing the short play "A Christmas Idol" by The Little LearnMaid. What will happen if Santa decides he just doesn’t want his job anymore? Come watch well known characters see if they can fill Santa’s shoes!

7th grade will be performing the short play "The Antarctic Mystery" written by Andy Pavey from the amazing Drama Notebook! “The Antarctic Mystery” is a short, comedic play about a family of penguins who have been kidnapped. Some Antarctic scientists and an arctic fox are searching for them, and enlist the help of some magical friends. They’ll have to hurry to rescue the penguins from the evil Penguin Catcher before it’s too late.

The 8/9/10 Drama class had an extra challenge this term. I asked the 9th and 10th grade Drama students to work together to create a pastiche of The Grinch Who Stole Christmas, originally written by Dr. Seuss, with some extra fun cameos and twists. Over the past months of drafting and re-drafting different scenes, this class is now proud to present an entirely new play titled: “The Grinch’s Frozen Christmas Carol”, written by Zeno Ferrari, Julius Ebner, Victor Reuttner, and Richmon Nievera. The grade 8 students were also a part of the writing process, and were able to personalize and add extra flair to their roles.

What happens when the Grinch wants to make everyone else as miserable as he is with advice from Ebenezer Scrooge, and run-ins with Queen Elsa of Arendelle?

Community event: December 16th at the Ulm Theatre at 19:00, there will be an English-speaking Drama production of A Christmas Carol originally written by Charles Dickens. Tickets start around 22 Euros, and I would recommend purchasing ahead of time. The production uses live singing, instruments, and heartfelt acting to tell this classic tale. This is a very family-friendly production! I will be there at 18:30 if you want to say hello. If you are interested, I hope to see you and your families there!

Ms. Habeck
Mrs Kostyrko, ISU LS Music teacher, would like to offer piano lessons to students of Grades 1-12 starting from January 2024.

The lessons are:

- individual
- 30 min long
- based on a signed contract by parents/guardians
- conducted weekly on a specific day and time, which is reserved for each student
- after school, Monday, Wednesday - Friday in the Music room

The places are limited.

If you are would like to find out more, please contact Mrs Kostyrko directly: s.kostyrko@is-ulm.de

Mrs Kostyrko/Mrs K
LS Music Teacher
Save the Date

December 19 -
3PM-5PM

Christmas Market

BRING YOUR OWN CUPS FOR SUSTAINABILITY!

Be part of the ISU Sustainable Christmas Market

Grade 11 CAS students would like to invite you to be an active member of our Christmas market. If you would like to volunteer to help, have your own stall or bring some Christmas baked goods, please fill out this form by Wednesday 29th of November.

Thank you for your continuous support

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