

Dear Parents,

Our second week back demonstrates why the Wuxi Wildcats are so special. Over the weekend, our Middle School robotics teams visited Wuhan to compete in the VEX Robotics tournament. There were over 27 teams that competed, including teams from Beijing, Guangzhou, Hong Kong, and other LifePlus schools. Our ISW teams competed hard and overcame some challenges. We want to give a shout-out to our Middle School team for coming in third place overall. We also want to give a big shout-out to Miss Li for leading and preparing the students during the first semester. Congratulations ISW Middle School Robotics Team!

Your generosity from Spirit Week and Java and Jazz is still making a huge impact. Because of your generosity, another child was able to receive a life-changing heart surgery through the Heart-to-Heart Foundation on January 12th. The child is recovering well. The child's family is grateful to ISW and all of you.

STEAM in Action

A group of our Elementary students and some staff are gearing up to visit the BWF Environmental and Industrial Technology (Wuxi) Co., Ltd on Saturday, January 20th. During the visit, students will be able to see and experience the processes involved in making textile materials. This visit supports our STEAM initiative and specifically connects to a STEM competition these students are currently involved in.

STAR Testing

Most of our students have finished the STAR mid-year reading assessment. This assessment provides great data about your student's reading comprehension level. So far, the data shows that students have made adequate growth and, in many cases, exceeded more than a year's growth. This demonstrates the student's hard work and the teacher's dedication to providing quality literacy instruction. The testing window closes on January 23rd.

School Uniform

Before your student leaves for school in the morning, please check to make sure they are wearing the correct school uniform.



Students out of the dress code will be **required** to change clothing before going to class.

1. Parents will be called to bring the student a proper uniform.
2. The student will be marked absent for any class time he/she misses.
3. We do appreciate your help and understanding in this situation.

Here are some important dates and reminders to be aware of for the coming weeks.

STAR Testing Window

- January 9th - 23rd (next week Tuesday).

China Week



- Monday, January 29th – Friday, February 2nd.

The theme this year is Our Home City Wuxi. Parents are welcome to join their kids' Chinese class period to experience the Wuxi culture with us. Chinese Department has prepared different activities each day about Wuxi's culture as below:

Monday: The origin of Wuxi.

Tuesday: Famous places, people, and treasures in Wuxi.

Wednesday: Famous food in Wuxi.

Thursday: Wuxi dialect.

Friday: Culminating experience of Wuxi Culture (Students are encouraged to wear Chinese traditional clothes on Friday to celebrate this festival).

LifePlus High School Basketball Tournament, Tianjin

- Thursday, January 25th – Saturday, January 27th.



Pride Chip Total

Taylor Tigers -	1247 points
Liddell Leopards -	1230 points
Morrison Mountain Lions -	981 points
Goforth Jaguars -	659 points

Our LifePlus 9 Qualities of Life for the month of **January** is **Service**. Ask your child(ren) what they have learned about Service and how they can participate in Service activities outside of school.

Have a great weekend Wildcat Family!

Dr. Williams