



INTERNATIONAL IMPACT

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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FROM A STUDENT:

American Football, the most popular sport in the United States has excitement that attracts many people, and now, I am one of the fans, too. Because of different culture backgrounds, American Football is not famous in China. So I had never played football before until I came to America. I signed up and joined in a JV team because of curiosity. At first, I wasn't planning to stay for a long time in the team because I thought that football was dangerous and easy to get hurt. The purpose I attended in was just to find out what football feels like and why many people are crazy about it. Then after a few months I realized that football was not only about strength, speed, and hitting, but also about mental faculties, teamwork and techniques. American Football is not a solo show, all the team members are main roles of this performance. Everybody helps each other in order to push the line of scrimmage forward. Personal techniques are also very important..Football practice is very tiring but it can make your body much stronger than before, but further, football can increase your mental power. After playing football, people will become fearless and fierce with a very strong willpower. In addition, when you fight together with your teammates and win a game, you will feel a special bond between each other. The bond is so tied that it feels like we are brothers, we are "warmates" that fight against the same enemy. American Football teaches me many things, and I finally know the charm of this sport. Now I have already been playing football for approximately eight months. It is not a very long time, but I learned a lot. The more I know about football, the more I am interested in it.

- Junior, Du Hao

IMPORTANT DATES:

- November 23-29th, 2009 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!!!
- Tuesday, December 1st ICC Lunch Meeting

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NOTES FROM MRS. NELSON

MRS. LAURA NELSON, VICE PRINCIPAL, INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

How will the world remember you? This is an important question to consider. Ask yourself, "What do I want people to say about me when I move on to a university?" Leaving a legacy is important. At Western Christian High School there have been 90 years of graduates who have each left something for which we will always remember them. Some of them have left a good legacy and have done things that have been good, while others will be remembered for what they should not have done. By studying hard, being honest, making good friends, joining in on events on campus, attending athletic events, and making good decisions, you will be remem-

bered as a good student and you will make your family proud. There are other types of decisions that you can make that will affect how people remember you. If you make bad choices, spend time with the wrong people, neglect your schoolwork and join in on wrong activities, your name and your family name will lose honor and the memory of your time as a student at WCHS will be a bad one. There are other ways to leave a legacy. If you and your family decide to donate money to Western Christian High school during this time of our Legacy celebration, your family's name will be remembered and posted

for all of the students who will come in the future. Make good choices. Choose good friends that will encourage you. Join in on activities and be an active member of the school community. The Bible has stories about many different people over thousands of years and each of the stories is in the Bible to teach us how to live. My prayer is that as you read each story, you will learn how to make wise choices. Take the opportunity that has been so generously given to you by your parents to grow and learn. Make them proud and leave behind a lasting legacy here at WCHS. Blessings, Mrs. Nelson

NEWS & UPDATES

FIRST SEMESTER IS HALFWAY DONE! KEEP STRIVING TO DO YOUR VERY BEST!

MEET MISS SCOTT

I can't believe how fast our first quarter passed by. This is a very new and exciting year for all of us at Western on our very new campus. As the holiday season is quickly approaching there are many things to remember. First, our annual WCS Legacy fundraiser is in action. This is a time for people to give to WCS as an investment for the future. By fundraising, WCS is able to improve our campus, provide more services to students, and keep WCS great. Second, the Thanksgiving holiday is only a few weeks away. I would encourage each of you to take the time to look around you and appreciate all of the wonderful blessings God has provided you with. Enjoy this season and time with friends and family. Lastly, this period marks the end of our first quarter, and final stretch for first semester, so keep up the good work! God bless you!

- Ms. Scott

HOLIDAY TRAVELERS

Students traveling this Winter, make sure your I-20 is signed by Mrs. Nelson or Miss Scott. Winter travel dates: Dec. 19-Jan. 3. Students must return on time to begin school on Jan. 4.

INTERNATIONAL CULTURE CLUB

Our next ICC meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1st, 2009 during lunch in room 217 HS Bldg East! (Ms. Scott's room)

UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

All seniors, college application deadlines are coming soon. Go online, research options for college/university. Apply early to MANY schools. Remember, you are NOT allowed to miss a school day for a SAT or TOEFL exam. Make sure to give your teachers plenty of time to write you letters of recommendation. See Ms. Petersen for university planning advice.

HOST FAMILY INFORMATION

Host families, A big thank you to all 25 host families who made it out to our host family meeting Nov. 2nd. Topics discussed: Parent - Student handbook- required to be read. If you do not have a copy please stop by the office and pick one up. Health Ins.- Ins. cards should have been mailed. If you have not received it, please contact Dinah. Live Scan- This is required. Those of you who have not begun the process please do so ASAP. Host family portfolio- Please scan 3 photos: family, bedroom and front of home and send to host coordinator. As we enter into this special season of Thanksgiving may we count all of the blessings that by our Savior's grace have been given to us. Psalm 100:4 "Enter into his gates with Thanksgiving."

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