

Dear ISF Community,

We hope you all had a nice Fasching season and had a chance to enjoy the local festivities. I'm not sure any event in the Rhein-Main area could have been more exciting than ISF's own Fasching festivities, which were held on Friday, February 28, 2025. There were colorful costumes and magic was in the air! Literally, magic as performed by Stefan Rautenberg. A big "Thank you" goes to the ISF Parent Network for sponsoring and organizing the captivating performance.

In fact, February was a magical month all around. Coming on the heels of successful Lunar New Year celebrations and the Swimming GISST, the entire school community cast their votes for one of three 30th anniversary logos in early February. It was nice to see the high level of engagement in voting. The winning design will be featured at numerous events throughout the 2025-26 school year. February also included the celebration of the 100th day of the school year. A lot has been accomplished in those 100 days, including artwork created by our IB art students. If you didn't get a chance to visit the art exhibit at the school, be sure to check out the ISF Facebook page. The artwork is thought-provoking, evocative, and makes a lasting impression.

Learning was also a magical part of February in the way it transformed the way our students see the world, opened their minds about new possibilities, and inspired their growth. The magic of learning helped teachers and students sustain academic momentum through the end of Term 2. Like much of Frankfurt, we experienced a higher than usual number of absent students and teachers/staff due to illness. We take this opportunity to recognize the efforts of all ISF teachers who stepped in as substitutes for their colleagues and delivered engaging lessons. Additional recognition goes to teachers who led study groups to supplement instruction and Shadow Teachers and peer tutors provided meaningful academic support ahead of Term 2 Final Exams, which run from March 7-14.

Having experienced a magical February, we now look ahead to March and the promise of spring. Among other things planned for March, we are excited for March 17, the first day of Term 3, and a day to focus on the topic of student well-being. Primary and Middle School students will explore the topic of well-being through activities with their teachers at the start of the day. For our high school students, March 17 will mark the start of a 3-week period during which they will participate in a 90-minute well-being workshop delivered by a local organization called "Let's Be Real." We've also organized a well-being workshop for high school parents that will take place later in March and will be sharing the details in the near future.

We wish you all the best for March and thank you for reading our monthly Leadership Letter. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at any time.

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