



# CIS Guangzhou Newsletter

“The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet”

-Aristotle

## Yangshou Trip



Early last month, CIS Guangzhou took a trip to Yangshou for a three-day camping experience. It was a tremendous

success! The first day was comprised of a lot of travel, and a short hike to the campground. When we finally reached the campground, we properly got to know our instructors and were given lunch. After some activities, that included rock-climbing and orienteering, we all put up our tents and made ourselves comfortable. The students that night even got to cook their own dinner using portable stoves and raw ingredients. Everyone had an amazing time getting to know each other better in an environment outside of the school building.



We have been in communication with Insight Adventures since our trip to Yangshou and would like to do future trips for our students. We firmly believe that an important part of education is getting out of the classroom and doing hands-on activities. Through trips like this one, we are able to accomplish this and much more. We hope to plan another trip soon, so stay tuned to the newsletter for updates.

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## Winter Concert

On December 16, 2017 CIS is hosting a Winter concert. The concert will be comprised

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of the musical talents of the Elementary, Middle, and High-School students, as well as special guest performers. Most of the performances will be designed and orchestrated by our very own Fletcher Planert. Fletcher is the High-School and Elementary music instructor. He has vast knowledge about music, from its design to reading and playing it. This is an event you will not want to miss. It is being held at the Cambridgeshire campus in Panyu at 2pm. Students are required to come, but parents are highly encouraged to attend as well to give support to their children.

## ESL Class

Recently in Grade 10 ESL, Mr. Bureau tasked the students to write a short story. They had to make up the story all on their own, include key vocabulary, and have at least 3 spoken phrases from the characters. Below, is one of the stories from one of the students.

### *Weyker's Destiny*

By  
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A long time ago, the world which was call Navasaks was very messy. War was all over the world. Until a devil came to the world. All the humans were scared, because the devil was very cruel and powerful. And then three brave warriors stood out and said: "We will defeat him" in the end, the devil was sealed in his castle. After 100 years the devil resurged, the biggest country in the Navasaks gather all the country in the Navasaks to discussed about the devil. "We need warriors! Fight with the devil and save the

world!" The king of the biggest country said "son! son! son!" Weyker's father was looking for Weyker "son! Finally, you are so lucky, when I was young I hope the devil can return then I can kill him. But I waited for it all my life, he still not returned. Now he returned but I'm old, so Weyker is time to help your father finish his dream!" Weyker was very angry he said:" no! I am a common person, I'm not a hero! If I challenge the devil, I will die in his castle!" after Weyker said, Weyker started to run away from his father. "son! Listen you are born to kill the devil!" suddenly Weyker's father almost catch Weyker, "I think you are old, why are you so fast!" Weyker said, Weyker's father stopped and said "son, listen to me, the devil is no horrid." Weyker stopped and took a breath. Weyker's father suddenly appeared beside Weyker and catch him. Weyker struggled a little bit but he knows he must want to kill the devil now. "the devil is not horrid, dad you said it!" "yes, but his healer is horrid and cruel." Weyker's father walked and said. When the villagers know Weyker will want to kill the devil. They took out the best sword in village and best armor in the village and gave to Weyker. The armor was very wonderful the sword was very shiny, "Where did you get this armor and this sword! So fantastic!" The village chief came out of his house and went to the front of Weyker and said " Weyker you can go to find the witch Cathy, she will go with you if you find her. I think she lives on the Jaimini mountain's top." Weyker walked today, finally Weyker arrived the mountain. The mountain's weather is winter it's icy and Weyker's armor can't keep him warm. "Weyker, you can do it!" he told himself. At the end he arrived at the mountain. Suddenly Weyker felt very scorching he turned around and saw a big fireball. He squatted down immediately and rolled to left. And then he pulled out he's sword and stood up, "who's

there' 'he shouted out. A little devil came out of the shadows and said; 'my boss knows you will got here and find Cathy. Weyker realized the devil know what he did. Weyker raised his sword and said: 'so? He knows what I do but he can't stop me. Tell him I will kill him.' The little devil smiled and said:'' what a poor boy. You think you can beat me?' Weyker was staring at the little devil and bit his finger, Weyker's finger bled. Weyker put the blood on the sword, the sword stated to burn. The fire was hot and shining, the little devil said: 'I'm not scared of your fire!' and then the little devil ran to Weyker, Weyker ran to the little devil too. They crashed together and attacked at the same time, "you are a dead devil now." Weyker put his sword in his scabbard and said. The little devil fell on the ground, at the same time Weyker fell and faint. When Weyker woke up he saw a girl sat in front of him. "who are you? Weyker ask her. The girl saw Weyker was awake up she jumped up and said:'' you must be Weyker!" "yes, I'm Weyker." Weyker said. Th girl who sat in front of the Weyker said:'' I'm Cathy. I saved you when I going to find some food! You were almost dead when I found you! You kiledl the little devil! But the little devil almost cut your body in half." Weyker jumped up and found a mirror and take a looked for his body. He saw a scar crossed his body. "Oh my god!" Weyker was screaming, Cathy came to his side and said:'' when you are healed we need to go to the castle and kill the devil." Weyker had a fire in his eyes and said: 'yes, I will kill him.'" after 3 days, Weyker and Cathy got on their adventures. They kill a lot of healers of the devil, the combat made Weyker more and more strong. Finally, they arrived the castle. Weyker got in the castle and fight with the devil. But the devil is too strong! Weyker and Cathy almost die the devil have no power to kill them. "Weyker, the devil is almost die. Let us have

a last fight!" Cathy stated the devil and said. The Weyker watched his scar, the scar was let Weyker's gut almost dropped on the ground. Weyker smiled and said'' devil! I gave you a chance to kill yourself." The devil laughed and said:'' Weyker your gut almost dropped,and you said gave me a chance? Cathy lose one hand and a leg. I just lose two wings and my sword. How can you so sure you will be the winner?" Weyker laughed and nodded his head. Suddenly Cathy used magic. The magic kept the devil from moving. "because I'm alive! Weyker cried out and ran to the devil. "what do you want to do! Don't get close to me!" the devil struggled and said. Weyker ran and said:'' devil! You born form the other world, so I take you back to the other world!" and then Weyker embraced the devil and jumped out of the castle, the Weyker fell in to the abyss with the devil. Cathy die because the price for her magic was her life. After they kill the devil, in the center of the Navasaks had built two statues, one is Cathy one is of Weyker.

### Final Note

Here is an extra picture taken from a tent just after sunrise, while we were in Yangshou. Stunning!



# December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Dress Down Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Parent Workshop	14	15 Backwards Day	16 Christmas Concert
17	18	19	20	21	22 PD Day No School	23
24	25 Winter Holiday Begins	26 	27 	28 	29 	30
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