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MISSION

CISP provides, from a biblical perspective, an academically excellent and practically oriented education within a loving community.



VISION

Students who are followers of Jesus among the nations expressing their faith by thinking biblically, and loving and serving their communities for Him.

CORE VALUES

- Faith in Christ
- Walking in Truth
- Grace in Community
- Biblical in Worldview
- Learning for a Lifetime



A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Every morning of every school day, the next generation of students from all over the world gather together in one place to learn and grow. Their paths cross in a special place in the heart of Europe - the Christian International School of Prague (CISP). They are taught by loving, dedicated staff members who are eager to know the students and their families. Together we form a school community that values faith in Christ, walking in truth, grace in community, a Biblical worldview, and learning for a lifetime.

It is a gift to be a part of this school community which seeks to be a loving community. The Bible has some ways of defining what love is. It says in 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." Being a loving community is not easy. It is a step-by-step, day-by-day process that is practiced in the context of relationships.

God is the perfect example of love. He loves people from every nation and all walks of life. He offers the gift of eternal life to all who recognize their own sinfulness and put their hope and trust in His Son, Jesus. God desires to be known by people of every nation. At CISP, we have daily opportunities to learn about Him and know Him personally. It is my hope and prayer that we will be filled with His love and that this love will spread beyond our school community to the world around us.



In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jodi Oppenhuizen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jodi L. Oppenhuizen, Ed.S.
Director of CISP

SCHOOL BOARD

CISP School Board 2022-23

Daniel Foreman, **chair**
Matt Ferguson
Sheri Gaches
Radim Špůrek
Jessica Weaver
Rebecca Yonkoski

CISP's governing board meets about nine times per calendar year. Their agenda includes financial items, staff updates, Director's reports, legal issues, board business, and future planning.



PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

In the fall of 2022, CISP had its first meeting of the Parent-Teacher Organization. "We started and were trying to find a way to connect with elementary parents." They hosted two events in the fall, inviting elementary parents to have lunch with their students. The lunch was a huge success with more than 80 people eating lunch in the chapel! The PTO hope to outline its purpose and goals in the coming year.



GRADUATION 2022

June 9th saw the 15th graduating class of CISP!

The Class of 2022 was made up of 8 graduates who are now studying, working, and living around the globe.



PORTRAIT OF A CISP GRADUATE

Christlike | Servant-hearted | Compassionate
Inquisitive | Disciplined | Respectful
Creative | Grateful

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Jair Mobley, 2020

Jair started at CISP in 8th grade in 2015 and graduated in 2020. He is currently studying Broadcasting and Digital Media at Cedarville University. Jair works for the radio station on campus and edits a podcast for the Public Relations department called Cedarville Stories..



What makes CISP a good school?

The teachers truly care about students and their academic and extracurricular achievements. I always felt welcome at CISP by both teachers and students, and had so many opportunities to grow in my talents and classes, whether it was drama productions, worship in chapel, or homework.

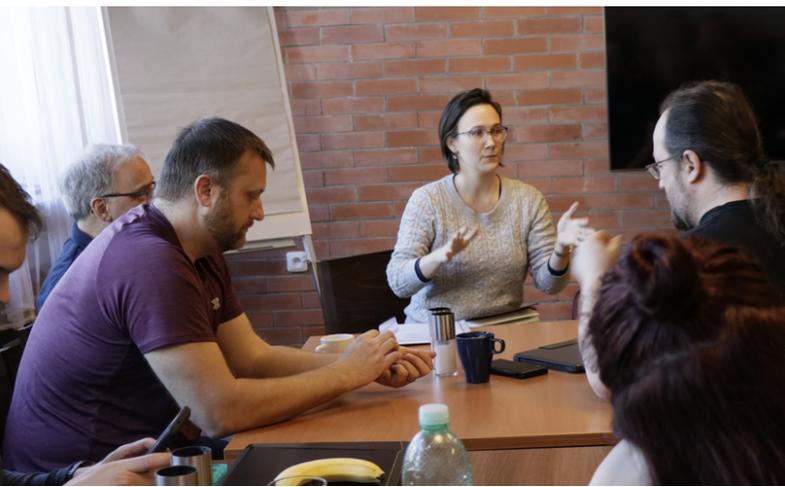
Do you have a particular favorite moment, teacher, time you remember from CISP?

How do I choose one? I really enjoyed so many different classes and teachers. Apologetics with Dr. Turnau was amazing for my faith, calculus with Mr. Eichmann was so much fun, German with Ms. Milackova was a fantastic learning opportunity that I'm still developing in college, Mr. Wunderink was a great teacher and mentor, and Ms. Wheeler was a great band and choir teacher. All of the theatre productions were also such a blast to be a part of, and I miss all of the backstage chaos.

What are you up to now?

I work with all things audio, and have all the opportunities in the world here to work live sound, production, radio, and everything in-between. I plan to work further in radio, live sound or worship after college, but I'm still not sure where I'll end up.

CISP STAFF



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Jacob Cavett



Jacob is from Greenville, South Carolina in the United States and teaches English 9, Professional Communication, and Christian Worldview & Ethics at CISP. He also leads tours for prospective families and helps with school recruiting efforts. He has been serving at CISP since August 2021.

How did you get to CISP?

I knew I wanted to serve in Prague when I first visited a Czech ESL classroom in 2018. Although I initially wanted to teach in a gymnázium, the Lord gradually softened my heart to CISP (and even raising support) by opening my eyes to the rich opportunity to freely teach from a biblical worldview at CISP. (It also helped that a friend from my home church graduated from CISP and readily shared its impact on her life as a young believer.)

What do you like about CISP? What has been challenging?

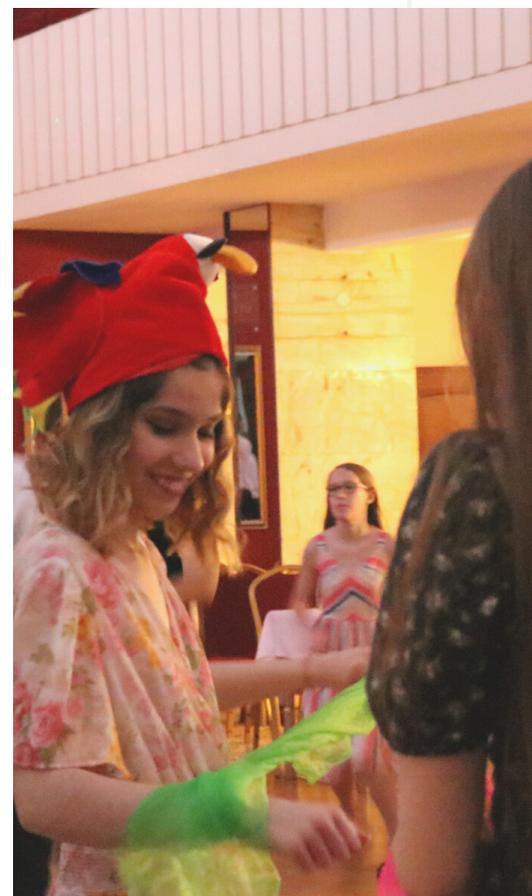
I especially enjoy the simultaneous diversity and unity of CISP's student body. They may not know it, but the students teach me as much as I teach them. This is only my second year of teaching, so I've been on quite the learning curve, but I've enjoyed (almost) every minute of it!

What is your favorite part of living in Prague?

Everyday in Prague feels like an adventure, whether I'm learning a new Czech phrase, making new friends, experiencing another culture, or finding a new favorite spot in the city.

SPRING DANCE

After 2 years of cancelled dances and banquets due to Covid, CISP held a spring dance for all middle school and high school students at the Hotel Belvedere Ballroom in Prague 7.



SPRING TRIPS

After being canceled for two years due to the Covid pandemic, CISP's annual Spring Trip Week is back! This is a week full of fun and learning outside of the formal classroom!



The high school students spent Spring Trip Week in four different countries. Students discovered new cultures, tried new foods, and explored history of new places.



Spring Trips - Elementary & Middle School

Elementary students enjoyed a few day trips during spring trip week to a ropes park, a chocolate factory, the zoo, a trampoline park, and more!



Middle school students participated in Škola V Přírodě (School in Nature) in Kunžak, Czech Republic! They spent time outdoors biking, hiking, learning survival skills including cooking dinner over a fire they built themselves!



MUSIC CONCERTS

Both the elementary and secondary students had spring and Christmas concerts in 2022. The Christmas concerts included ballet performances by CISP students!



CISP BY THE NUMBERS

Number of Full-Time Students

141

Number of Part-Time Students

3

Elementary Students (Grades 1-5)

56

Secondary Students (Grades 6-12)

88

Percent Enrolled in our ELL Program

9.2%

Number of students who speak 2 or more languages

74

Number of Countries Represented by the Student Body

27

Number of Countries Represented by the Staff

7

SAME SCHOOL, NEW LOGO

CISP got a new logo and color palette in 2022. Many elements were carried over from the previous logos for a classic but new look.

2004-2011

CISP opened its doors in 2004 with ten students, and the school year ended with 18 students. Leslie Johnson was the first director. Beginning with two classrooms in a Czech elementary school, CISP met in various buildings as the school grew in size. June 2008 saw CISP's first graduate.



2011-2022

In this time, CISP transitioned to its current home at Legerova 5 and in 2013 was officially accredited by ACSI and MSI. CISP was led by director Terry Chumbley who was succeeded by current director Jodi Oppenhuizen. Covid forced CISP to move online for much of 2020 and 2021. In 2022, events were slowly added back in to the school calendar.



2022-

CISP changed its official Czech designation from an OPS to an Ústav. A PTO was started in the fall of 2022. CISP will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2024.



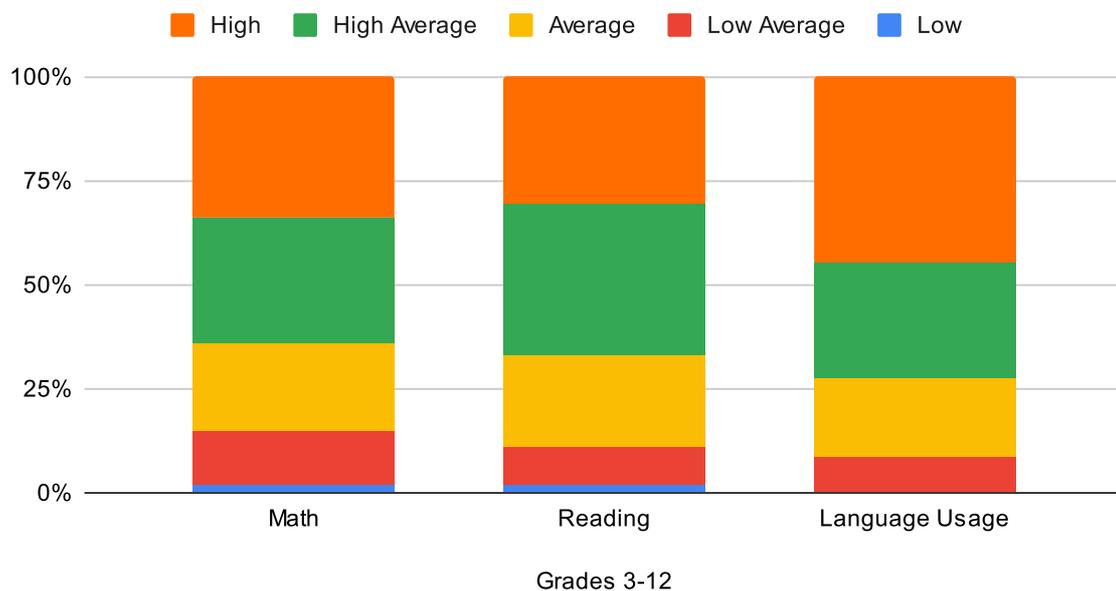
CURRICULUM UPDATES

CISP is in the process of documenting all of the standards, student outcomes, concepts, and skills that make up the curriculum in the Curriculum Trak system. CISP is also establishing new processes to record, maintain and regularly evaluate the curriculum for effectiveness in fulfilling the mission to provide an education that is biblically based, academically excellent and practically oriented. For more information regarding AP or our curriculum, please contact our curriculum coordinator.

MAP TESTING

MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) is a test given twice a year to our students grade 3 through grade 12; once in the fall and again in the spring. We use this test to measure academic progress in the areas of mathematics, reading, and language usage. These results represent a comparison of our school to other schools like CISP -- international, English-speaking schools in Europe.

MAP Results by Percentage of Students





UKRAINE AND THE NEW GENERATION SCHOOL

A week after the war started in Ukraine, CISP students, teachers and families gathered up food, bedding, and other supplies to send to refugees. Enough was gathered in a few days, that two cars were needed to drive the provisions to the Polish border where they were passed on to refugees.

CISP has partnered with the New Generation school from Kiev during this time. In the Spring of 2022, New Generation saw many of its families from Kiev gather to the small town of Nová Paka in northern Czech Republic. The CISP community helped provide a few housing supplies for families. Teachers from New Generation have come to Prague to get school supplies and curriculum so they could continue with school in a new country.

Some CISP students and teachers went to Nová Paka to help with an Easter celebration. There were many Ukrainian refugees in the area besides the school. After an Easter sermon in their own language, lunch was purchased from a local kebab place and snacks, tea and coffee were available in the afternoon. CISP students and staff hosted games and fun activities like an Easter egg hunt for the children. Parents were able to sit around and just talk and enjoy themselves while their kids were involved in the activities.

A few New Generation families have moved back to Kiev. The school now operates in both Kiev and Nová Paka. We continue to pray for safety for the school and families and for peace for Ukraine.

