



# STATE OF SCHOOL **2025**

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# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Each school day, God graciously gathers students and staff from many nations into one community at the Christian International School of Prague (CISP). In the heart of Europe, students come together to learn, to grow, and to be formed for a lifetime of faithful service.

At CISP, every student matters. Each student who walks through our doors is known by name, created in the image of God, and deeply valued. We want every student to feel seen, heard, and supported as they grow academically, socially, and spiritually. Whether they are here for one year or many, we pray that each one will experience a sense of belonging and recognize their unique place and purpose in God's world. We also want students to think biblically about the world around them, pursue excellence in their studies, connect learning to real life, and experience a community marked by Christlike love.

The heart of our school is the Good News of Jesus Christ. We proclaim a message of hope: that the eternal, loving God has made Himself known and offers new life through His Son. We hope and pray that students will know Jesus personally. Classes, chapels, activities, conversations, and prayer help point students to the One who knows them fully and loves them completely. Our students are growing in knowledge, character, resilience, and compassion. They are learning to care for one another, to listen well, to forgive, serve, and be grateful.

We see ongoing evidence of God's faithfulness and provision in our classrooms, offices, and community spaces. I am deeply grateful that God continues to bring together this "village" of students, families, school staff, alumni, and friends of the school. We look with hope and expectation to how He will continue to lead and provide for CISP in the years ahead.

For Him,



Jodi L. Oppenhuizen, Ph.D.  
Director



THIS IS HOW GOD  
SHOWED HIS LOVE  
AMONG US: HE SENT HIS  
ONE AND ONLY SON INTO  
THE WORLD THAT WE  
MIGHT LIVE THROUGH  
HIM.

1 John 4:9



# VISION

STUDENTS WHO ARE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS AMONG  
THE NATIONS, EXPRESSING THEIR FAITH BY THINKING  
BIBLICALLY AND LOVING AND SERVING THEIR  
COMMUNITIES FOR HIM.

# MISSION

CISP PROVIDES, FROM A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE,  
AN ACADEMICALLY EXCELLENT AND  
PRACTICALLY ORIENTED EDUCATION WITHIN  
A LOVING COMMUNITY.



# CORE VALUES

FAITH IN CHRIST  
WALKING IN TRUTH  
GRACE IN COMMUNITY  
BIBLICAL IN WORLDVIEW  
LEARNING FOR A LIFETIME



# BY THE NUMBERS

FULL-TIME STAFF

37

PART-TIME STAFF

24

STAFF NATIONALITIES

10

STUDENT NATIONALITIES

32

MISSIONARY STUDENTS

62%

CZECH STUDENTS

12%

FULL-TIME STUDENTS

162

PART-TIME STUDENTS

2

AVERAGE GRADE SIZE

13.5

ELEMENTARY

57

MIDDLE SCHOOL

44

HIGH SCHOOL

62

# STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

CISP has developed a Student Leadership Team (SLT) that we take to the ACSI Student Leadership Conference at the beginning of each school year. This year we have 16 students in SLT. The purpose of the team is discipleship and to give them opportunities to grow by putting into practice what they are learning. We want their time with SLT to be transformative, where they draw closer to God and gain wisdom that they then apply to their lives and leadership.

At the Student Leadership Conference, students get to spend time with hundreds of other student leaders from various schools across Europe. They attend workshops that cover a variety of leadership topics and participate in discussion groups, even leading some of them. During the conference, students develop an action plan to then implement when they get back to CISP. This year, their plan includes creating opportunities for students to share their testimonies with their peers, finding ways to start mentoring 8th graders that will be entering high school next school year, and organizing community service projects the student body can do together. They are well on their way in implementing their plan and are growing in their leadership and teamwork skills. Please continue to pray for this group of students who have made themselves available to serve their community.







# THIS IS OUR VILLAGE

This year, the Spiritual Life team is trying to be more intentional about reaching our kids where they are in their faith journeys. Elementary has started break-out sessions so we can have time to answer their questions and have deeper conversations on life and faith. Roundtables have started collecting pressing questions and having conversations about them. Seniors are spending time with our elementary kids, playing with them at recess, reading with them, and even leading the occasional chapel!

Our theme for this school year is "This is my village and I'm grateful". We refer to our community as a village because, in a village, you know your neighbors, you need to depend on each other more, and each person has a greater impact on the entire community. Our hope and prayer is to see gratitude be the norm among our students and staff. Practicing gratitude allows us to see the evidence of God's grace and goodness in our lives. It changes our perspective when our heart posture is thankfulness. It transforms our minds. It impacts our entire village. One of the main scriptures for this school year is Colossians 3:15, which says: "And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful." We have seen students and staff begin to practice gratitude in very intentional ways. Applying the Word of God is transforming our hearts, our relationship with God, and our relationships with each other. Please continue to pray for CISP and give God thanks for the work that he is doing in our community.







## CISP KNIGHT LIGHTS

The Knight Lights had a literary year and performed *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (Spring '25) and *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. (Fall '25)



## CISP CHORAL SOCIETY

With 40 members, made up of CISP students, staff, and community members, the CISP Choral Society presented two fantastic concerts this year.



## CISP BASKETBALL TEAM

For the first time since 2019, CISP has a basketball team! Students even began to play other schools this fall.





MARCH 2025

## PI DAY

CISP's annual Pi Day strives to promote math and science, connect these to other disciplines, and build community (including by eating pie) within the secondary!



MAY 2025

## FIELD DAY

Field Day highlights experiential learning and provides students the opportunity to showcase their skills outside of the classroom.



OCTOBER 2025

## READING DAY

Reading Day kicks off the all-school events with a day focused on building community and promoting reading and the language arts.





# CLASS OF 2025

CISP'S 18<sup>TH</sup> GRADUATING CLASS CONSISTED OF  
NINE STUDENTS WHO ARE NOW STUDYING,  
WORKING, AND LIVING AROUND THE WORLD



## PORTRAIT OF A CISP GRADUATE

Christlike  
Servant-hearted  
Compassionate  
Inquisitive  
Disciplined  
Respectful  
Creative  
Graceful



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

KYLIE LAMBERT | 3RD GRADE TEACHER

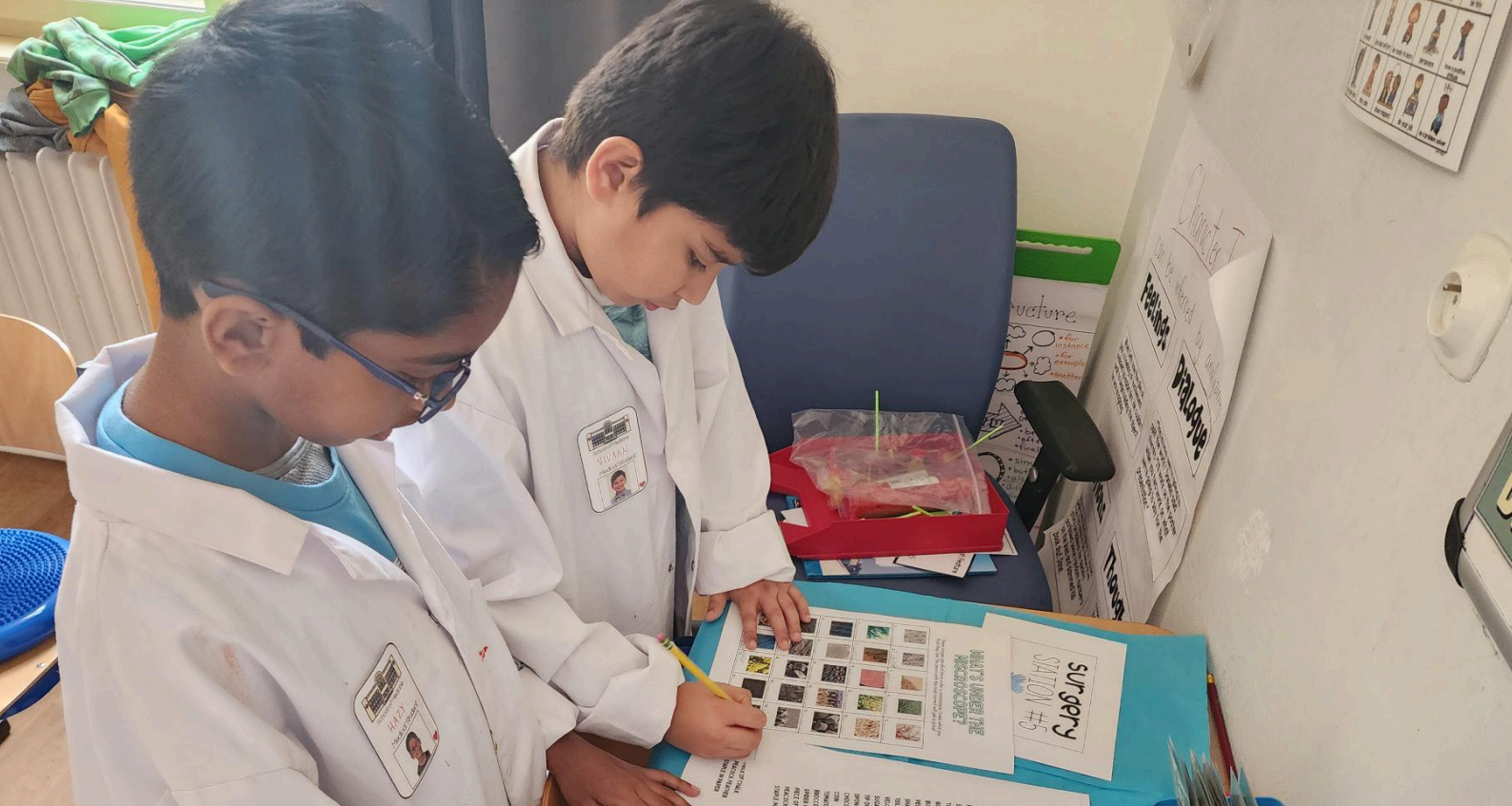


## HOW DID YOU GET FROM STUDENT TEACHING TO FULL-TIME TEACHING HERE?

I heard about CISP through Spring Arbor University, where I earned my teaching degree. I was supposed to go on a cross cultural trip to Prague, and was told we would visit CISP. Covid cancelled the trip, but when I decided to do my student teaching abroad, CISP was on the list and I knew I had to try to go.

## WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT LIVING IN PRAGUE OR THE CZECH REPUBLIC?

I love that Prague is so historic and has such beautiful architecture. I feel like I'm in a movie every time look out the window, take a walk, or ride on the tram.



## DO YOU HAVE ANY FUN MEMORIES OF YOUR TIME AT CISP?

I have so many fun memories at CISP that I could talk about them for hours. One of my favorites might be when my class had 'Doctor Day'. We borrowed lab coats from the high school science class and spent the day doing patient-themed math, bandaging contractions together, and finishing off the day with a text-feature surgery. The students had so much fun and were calling each other Doctor all day.

## WHAT HAS BEEN REALLY GREAT AT CISP AND WHAT HAS BEEN CHALLENGING?

The community at CISP is unbeatable. All of the teachers, staff, students, and parents are absolutely incredible. I have felt so supported and cared for ever since my first day of student teaching. The hardest part has been being away from my family and getting used to living in a foreign country. Being a first year teacher while in another country, going to visa appointments, and dealing with landlords was a lot to get used to all at once. But that CISP community I talked about made it so much easier.

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

LUKE & WENDY YURKOVICH | CLASS OF 2012



WENDY AND LUKE ATTENDED CISP FROM 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE UNTIL THEIR GRADUATION IN 2012. AFTER GRADUATING COLLEGE, WENDY WENT TO TEACH IN ISTANBUL, TURKEY. LUKE STUDIED ANIMATION AND WORKED IN INDIANA, USA.

A FEW YEARS LATER THEY RECONNECTED...

They began talking, dating, and eventually got married in Turkey. In 2021, they moved back to the States and bought a home in Cleveland, Ohio, in 2022. In 2024, they joined TeachBeyond. Luke will be the video editor for TeachBeyond, helping them tell stories of how God is transforming lives through education. Wendy was seeking specific local work, so they sought clarity on what the needs were in Europe. In October, they felt clarity and excitement about meeting a specific need in Porto, Portugal: planting a new Christian international school! Porto is the second biggest city in Portugal, and is even bigger than Prague. However, the city has very little resources to serve the international Christian population. They are excited to meet that need with the help of TeachBeyond, and make magic for TCKs, discipling and serving them through education and through meaningful relationships.





## WHAT DID YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT ATTENDING CISP? ANY FOND MEMORIES TO SHARE?

We loved the meaningful community and the fact that it was truly a bit of a city on a hill. It wasn't only a space for Christian families, but a place where nonbelieving families were welcome. This enabled us to not be sheltered and be discipled in a safe but open space.

I loved our Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, and Apologetics classes with Carolyn & Ted Turnau! They are incredibly kind, open-hearted people who engaged us in fun, funny, meaningful lessons that truly grounded our faith. Funny memory: Carolyn would have us "roll" these GIANT dice to decide who would choose project topics/times, and we would chuck them all over the room. That is a chaotic core memory!

## HOW DO YOU FEEL CISP PREPARED YOU FOR WHAT YOU ARE CURRENTLY DOING?

We never thought that we would go into ministry, but our experience at CISP has been a bedrock of preparing us for what we desire to do. Porto is like Prague in many ways, but with even less scaffolding for TCKs and youth discipleship than Prague had back in our day. Experiencing CISP in its early days is surely an encouraging example of what God can do, and helps us cast and maintain a vision of what this new school in Porto will look like!

Luke was able to pursue his interests and hone his skills in animation and video editing beginning at CISP. The openness of pursuing our interests during study halls and IT classes empowered him to choose what he was interested in and pursue it even before college.



# CURRICULUM

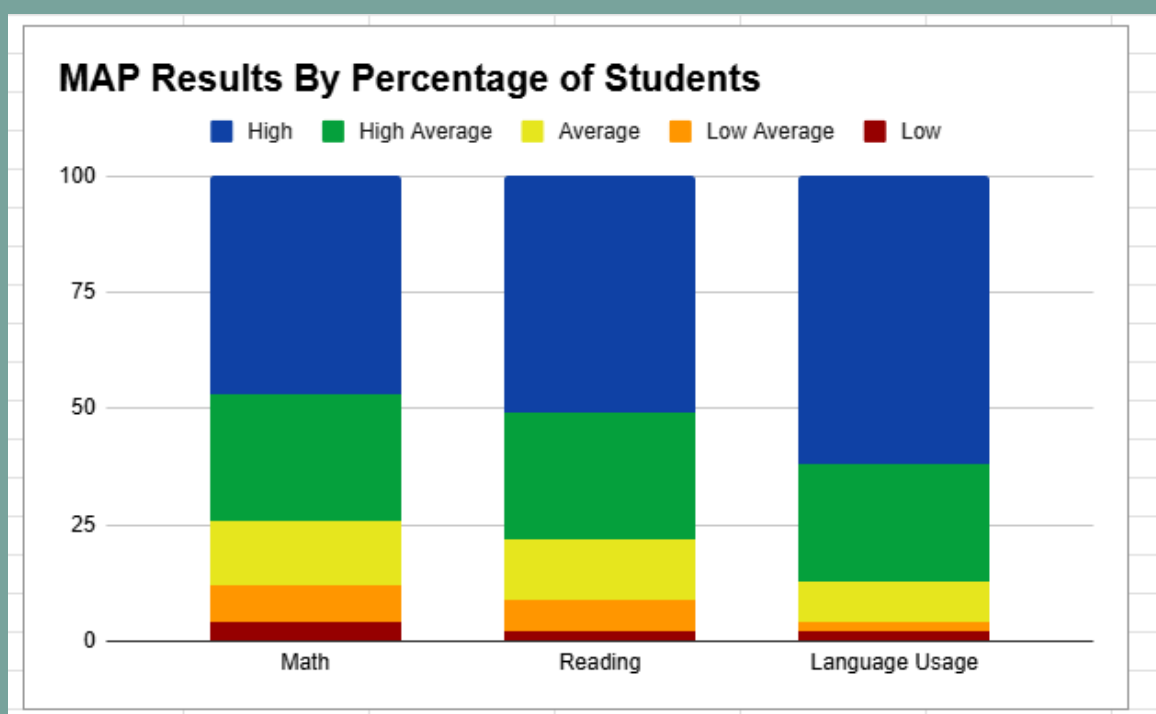
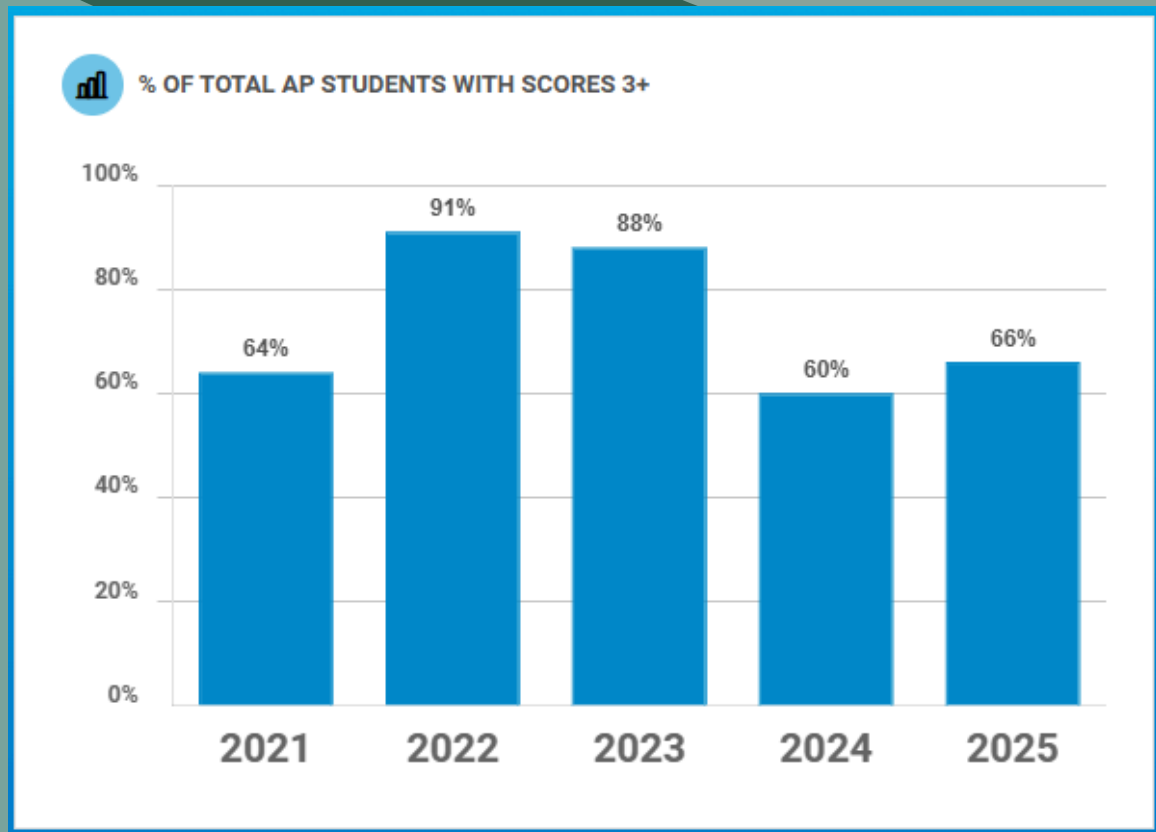
## AP TESTING

We continued our partnership with College Board during the 2024-2025 school year. In May of 2025, we had 6 students take a total of 8 AP exams. Of those, 67% scored a 3 or higher on their exams! In the 2025-2026 school year, we are offering 3 AP classes, and we look forward to continuing to develop our AP program.

## MAP TESTING

MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) is a test given twice a year to our students in 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 schools in the US who take the MAP tests, as well as to other schools similar to CISP (international, English-speaking schools). We are excited that our students consistently perform at or above the levels of their peers in both the US and in international schools. For more information regarding MAPS or other standardized testing, please contact our testing coordinator.

# TESTING DATA







# DEVELOPMENT

Through the incredible generosity of 78 donors around the world, we raised a total of \$46,353.52 during 2025! The majority of these funds were given during our year-end campaign, "Investing in Excellence: Creative Learning and the Arts." We are excited to specifically invest in the areas of art, music, and theatre by completing projects ranging from the renovation of the art classroom to a new sewing machine for theatre costumes. We are immensely grateful to our donors and their passion for supporting CISP and our incredible students.



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