

# International Day 2010

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The 2010 International Weekend was a great success. The event kick-started on Saturday evening with an International Film Festival presenting movies from France, India, Korea, China, and Argentina. There were also American films that featured South Africa (*Invictus*) and Native American culture (*Smoke Signals*). The international students were excited and eager to share the movies that were a sensation in their home countries. Of particular interest was a film that features St. Andrew's student, Trichen Lhagyari '12. In the film, *My Country is Tibet*, Trichen shares his personal story as the only living descendant of Songtsen Gampo, the first Dharma King of Tibet. The film is an account of his life as an exiled king and the responsibilities he carries with this title. The entire event was a huge success with a great turnout from the SAS student body. Later that evening, the International Club hosted a dance party with a range of global and American music.

The festivities continued on Sunday afternoon on the front lawn. It was a beautiful day to host an outdoor event. Sunday's schedule of events began with a Chinese Dragon Dance performed by the Chinese American Community Center Dragon and Lion Dance Club of Hockessin, Delaware. Irene Rajarigam '13 and Chaitanya Singhania '12 also performed an Indian dance. The combination of their facial expressions and elaborate movements made for an outstanding performance. After the dances, the entire International Club held a fashion show that featured clothing from South Korea, Vietnam, India, China, and Tibet.

Students remained on the lawn to visit booths that included various games, clothing, and cultural items unique to China, Korea, South Africa, and India. Mrs. Hyde painted the South African flag on the faces of students and faculty! Mr. Hutchinson looked quite handsome. In addition to dancing, Irene also offered henna tattoos at the Indian booth and the lawn was littered with students playing Chinese Yo-Yo.

Students also learned special dancing techniques from a professional Scottish dance group! Kevin Dowling '12 looked great in his Scottish kilt. The event was concluded by a delicious international dinner of Chinese, Indian, and Korean food.

With the help of Faculty members Joleen Hyde and ChiaChyi Chiu, the entire weekend was organized and promoted almost entirely by student leaders. Chaitanya in particular worked extremely hard to generate exciting learning opportunities for the entire community.