

## Principals' Pen

### ECC & Elementary

Dear Parents,

We are so excited to begin our 2023-2024 school year. I have been waiting for this school year to begin since June 16! A new year provides a fresh start and new opportunities. For instance, we are excited to have parents back on campus more regularly and during upcoming events!

Starting September 13, Elementary parents are invited to join their elementary-aged children for lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. On September 20, ECC parents are invited to the ECC Outdoor Classroom. The event dates for the two divisions are different to help ECC students learn routines before we add a change to their schedules.

After school, ECC and Elementary students and parents may stay and play on the playground outside. If you stay to play, we ask that you wait inside the school until the buses leave at 3:30 p.m. so we can keep all our students safe. All ECC and Elementary students must be accompanied by an adult the entire time they are outside. Also, if you have any trash, please dispose of it in a trash can to keep our playground space clean.

We are looking forward to a great year! If you have any questions, please email me at [danibeth.barsalou@tiseagles.com](mailto:danibeth.barsalou@tiseagles.com).

Warmly,

Dani Beth

### Secondary

Welcome, Students!

I am so excited to see our school-wide House initiative moving forward this week in significant ways.

1) There are beautiful banners, decals, and wraps all around the building proudly displaying each House's color and logo. Have you spotted them all yet?

2) House leaders were elected this week. The House Leader is a 9th-12th grade student, while Co-Leaders are 7th-8th graders. These students will serve the entire school year, help plan House events, and lead their

House to victory!

House leaders are:

**House of Air:** Leader: Dana Kim (G12)

Co-Leader: Iris Ye-Eun Kim (G8)

**House of Earth:** Leader: YoonJi Kim (G9)

Co-Leader: Joshua Smith (G8)

**House of Fire:** Leader: Anna Carmen (G12)

Co-Leader: JaeHyun Cha (G8)

**House of Water:** Leader: Charles Sun (G9)

Co-Leader: Kitty Wang (G8)

I am so excited to see House continue to build and foster community and a positive learning environment at our school. Please congratulate these students and cheer on your House!

## School Wide Announcements

### Principals' Coffee

Mark your calendars! On Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 10:00 a.m., we'll have our first Principals' Coffee for the year. Come, listen, and chat with our principal team about the new school year. As usual, there will be time to mingle with each other over hot coffee and delicious refreshments. Busing will be provided and the schedule will be sent out closer to the date.

### We are LifePlus



You may remember from our communications in the spring that the educational company we are part of became LifePlus.

While you'll see some visual changes, the heart of who we are as an organization remains unchanged. With a competitive English curriculum and globally recognized Cognia® accreditation, we are still deeply committed to providing world-class education to students as one of the leading international schools in Tianjin.

Beyond academics, great care is at the core of LifePlus. It radiates through the way we treat our students and coworkers, deliver educational excellence, and

encourage one another to live with compassion.

Our “LifePlus” name reflects who we are as a community of teachers and students who learn, love, and lead. Above all, it reflects our unwavering belief that education has the power to ignite change, inspiring individuals of all ages to contribute meaningfully to the common good.

As part of our Tianjin International School family, we’re glad to welcome you into the LifePlus global family, too!

### **Tuition Fee Payment Deadline**

This is a reminder that the deadline for tuition payment was yesterday, August 31. Please kindly make payment to our finance office as soon as possible to avoid any late fees. If you need to contact the finance team, please email [finance@tiseagles.com](mailto:finance@tiseagles.com) or call.

## **Divisional News**

### **ECC & Elementary**

Next Friday will be our first House color dress for House points. This week, each ECC and Elementary student brought home a House card that tells you and your child what House your family is in. The color on the card is the color of the House, so please help your child wear that color to school each Friday.

Upcoming Events:

**Begins Wednesday, September 13:** Elementary Parents come to lunch

**Begins Wednesday, September 20:** ECC Parents come to Outdoor Classroom

**Monday, October 9 - Friday, November 24:** 1st - 5th Grade Clubs

### **Secondary**

#### **House Color Day**

Just to clarify, Secondary students should wear House colors on Fridays in line with the rest of the school.

**House of Air:** Yellow  
**House of Earth:** Green  
**House of Fire:** Red  
**House of Water:** Purple

### **STUCO Election**

This week, 9th Grade STUCO candidates presented their campaigns, and the student body voted for the positions of Class President, 9th Grade Representative, and 9th Grade At-Large. We wish success to the candidates and look forward to what STUCO will bring to the Secondary school this year.

## **Guidance Counselor**

**PSAT – ATTENTION 11th Graders:** On **October 17**, the PSAT will be administered during the school day for all Juniors. Students will need to download the **BlueBook app**. Practice tests can be found here: <https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/students/practice>

## **Athletics**

Upcoming Games:

**Monday, September 4:** HS Volleyball: TIS v IST - Home Game

**Thursday, September 14:** MS Soccer: TIS v Wellington - Away Game

## **PTO**

PTO Clubs starting this Wednesday, September 6:

**Parenting Club (in Chinese):** 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

**English Club:** 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Chinese Club:** 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Busing will be provided and the schedule will be put on the TIS Notices WeChat group.

## **Lunch Menu - September 4 - 8**

**Monday:** Russian-style Curry Chicken. Braised Beef Noodles. Stir-fried Celery. Rice.  
*Today's Noodles: Beef Noodles with Clear Soup.*

**Tuesday:** Chicken Sandwich. French Fries. Stir-fried Pork with Kimchi. Potatoes and Green Peppers. Rice.  
*Today's Noodles: Spicy Beef Noodles.*

**Wednesday:** Macaroni & Cheese. Korean-style Fried Chicken. Stewed Beef. Stir-fried Vegetables with Cashew Nuts. Rice.  
*Today's Noodles: Spicy Beef Noodles.*

**Thursday:** American-style Roast Chicken. Mashed

Potatoes with Sauce. Vegetables. Chinese-style Stir-fried Noodles. Rice.

*Today's Noodles: Pork Rib Noodles.*

**Friday:** Korean-style Rice Cake. Korean Stir-fried Glass Noodles & Assorted Vegetables. Kimchi Pancake.

Zucchini. Rice with Seaweed.

*Today's Noodles: Chicken Soup Wonton Noodles.*

## **What's Happening at TIS**

**Monday, September 4:** HS Volleyball: TIS v IST

**Wednesday, September 13:** Principals' Coffee

**Thursday, September 14:** MS Soccer: TIS v Wellington

**Friday, September 22:** ISCOT G3-5 Table Tennis @ TIS

**Saturday, September 23:** ISAC MS Soccer Exchange in Beijing

ISCOT MS Badminton tournament @ TEDA

**Wednesday & Thursday, September 27 - 28:** Fall Camps