

## Hear from the Head

TIS Family,

I hope we can all agree that it has been a fantastic start to the 2023 – 2024 school year. Establishing healthy systems and patterns in our lives are great tools for building success. Four weeks into school, and the evidence of a school year without interruption is already making a difference in our lives. I can feel this change in my own children as they engage with learning, classmates, and teachers, and bring home encouraging stories, regarding the things they are learning and the connections they are building.

Purple, Red, Yellow, and Green are colors that can be seen all over the campus today. Every Friday, we look forward to seeing students representing their House colors. One reason House has been established this year is to help us find connections with students, staff, and parents from across the school. I was thrilled to see so many students participating this morning from all grade levels, but I was equally excited to see parents dropping off their children while wearing House colors. I hope you embrace the spirit of this system and find the opportunity to build connections with others in our school.

### Principals' Coffee

I encourage you to attend our first Principals' Coffee of the school year. We are always excited for this special time together. If you have never been to one of these events, I would like to share with you the format:

- **Registration** – Upon arrival, please fill out a name tag with your name, the names of your children, and their grade level.
- **Presentation** – Beginning at 10:00 a.m., we will have presentations and a performance in the Auditorium located on the 2nd floor.
- **Fellowship** – After the presentation in the auditorium, we encourage you to enjoy our catered treats and coffee/tea in the Landing. This time is a terrific opportunity to engage with principals, teachers, or other parents.
- To make this additionally special, wear your House colors to the Principals' Coffee to earn extra points for your House team.

## PTO Clubs

Another connection time available to us is the beginning of the 2023 – 2024 PTO Clubs. Take these opportunities to learn, build relationships, and grow together. The PTO Clubs have a long-standing tradition at TIS. Joining one of the PTO Clubs is a great way for you to begin actively engaging with the TIS community. If you have not been part of a club in the past, I encourage you to commit to participating in one this school year.

Our Quality for Life this month is Connection, and the best way for connection to take place is to be physically present with people. So, come on out, and we look forward to seeing you at Tianjin International School soon!

Sincerely,

Mr. Ryan Witt

## School Wide Announcements

### Principals' Coffee

We're looking forward to seeing parents on Wednesday, September 13, at 10:00 a.m. for our first Principals' Coffee of the year. Come, listen, and chat with our principal team about the new school year. As usual, there will be a time to mingle with each other over coffee and delicious refreshments. Busing will be provided, and the schedule will be sent out closer to the date.

### Commitment Forms

This is a reminder that parent and student commitment forms are now overdue. Please take the time to read through this year's Student Handbook, sign the commitment form found at the back, and submit it to your child's divisional secretary as soon as possible.

## Divisional News

### ECC & Elementary

Each Friday, students receive house points by wearing their house colors. Please help your child wear their house color each week. This week, the elementary students had their first House activity. It was a time of team building for each House.

Upcoming Dates:

**Wednesday, September 13:** Parents may start joining elementary students for lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 20:** Parents may start joining in the ECC Garden from 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

**October 9 – November 24:** Clubs for 1st – 5th Grade

## Secondary

Secondary Fall Camp will be September 27 – 28. We will be traveling to JiZhou International Hotel in JiXian. This year, each House will compete to win the Fall Camp Cup. We look forward to a special few days of team building, encouragement, and fun. Please continue to stay in contact with email and WeChat to keep up to date.

## Guidance Counselor

**SAT** – Registration is now open for the **October 7 SAT**. Please register online for the digital SAT.

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/dates-deadlines>

**PSAT** – On **October 17**, Juniors will take the PSAT during school hours. Please prepare by downloading the **Bluebook app** and doing the practice exams.

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt>

## CollegeBoard Information for International Students

– Find needed information in the link.

<https://international.collegeboard.org/students/events>

## PTO

**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.

## Lunch Menu - September 11 - September 15

**Monday:** Hot Dogs. French Fries. Chicken in Oyster Sauce. Sautéed Green Vegetables. Rice.

*Today's Noodles: Beef Noodles in Clear Soup.*

**Tuesday:** Teriyaki Chicken & Rice. Spicy Poached Beef Slices. Fried Onion Rings. Stir-fried Vegetables, Pine Nut, & Corn. Rice.

*Today's Noodles: Satay Beef Noodles.*

**Wednesday:** Pizza. Spring Rolls. Curry Beef. Sautéed

Broccoli. Rice.

*Today's Noodles: Zha Jiang Noodles.*

**Thursday:** Spaghetti. Garlic Bread. Baked Honey Glazed Chicken Wings. Sautéed Green Vegetables. Rice.

*Today's Noodles: Curry Beef Noodles.*

**Friday:** Mexican Chicken Burrito. Corn Chips. Pork & Vegetables. Tomatoes & Eggs. Rice.

*Today's Noodles: Beef Noodles in Spicy & Sour Soup.*

## What's Happening at TIS

**September 11 – 22:** MAP Testing (7th – 9th Grade)

**September 18 – 28:** MAP Testing (K – 6th Grade)

**September 13:** Principals' Coffee

**September 14:** MS Soccer TIS v Wellington – Away Game

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

**September 23:** ISAC MS Soccer Exchange, ISCOT MS Badminton Tournament @ TEDA

**September 27 – 28:** Fall Camps

**October 13:** International Day

**October 19 – 21:** LifePlus HS Volleyball Tournament in Wuxi

**October 20:** Quarter 1 Ends

## House Point Totals

