

Principals' Pen

ECC & Elementary

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those who came to Principals' Coffee on Wednesday. It was a wonderful time together and an opportunity to enjoy being in our House teams. All Houses worked hard to complete their picture puzzle. Congratulations to the House of Air for winning the competition!

Having so many parents join their kids for lunch on Wednesday was also wonderful. It was a great time for parents to eat with their children and for them to meet their children's friends at school. This time is used to build long-lasting relationships between the students and parents.

Next week, we will begin MAP testing. MAP tests are adaptive tests that adjust the questions based on how students answer previous questions. This helps TIS teachers to know how best to help your child through the school year. Due to the adaptive nature, students will be asked to answer questions that they don't know the answers. The students are instructed in this before they take each test, but it is helpful for them to know this from you also. It is helpful to your child if they get a good night's sleep and eat a well-balanced breakfast before coming to school. Eating a well-balanced breakfast in the morning helps keep kids' blood sugar remain steady throughout the day rather than spiking after lunch.

Warmly,

Miss Barsalou

Secondary

Thank you to everyone who came to Principal's Coffee this week. Seeing so many enthusiastic parents dressed in their House color was a joy. During the House portion of our time, we discussed how House works to point out the consequences of choices. Positive choices earn points, and negative choices lose points.

Speaking of points, we got to compete in a House game of assembling a puzzle. It was great to see the camaraderie and friendly competition between parents. We all got a taste of the fun of the positive community-building aspect of House that we are witnessing school-

wide. Congratulations to all parents for earning House points regardless of how quickly they completed the game!

This weekend, our Student Council Leadership Team is privileged to participate in a retreat at a local hotel. They will spend two days working through our LifePlus leadership seminar, experienced in all six schools country-wide. TIS remains committed to shaping the next generation of servant leaders for the common good. We are excited to see how this team develops and plans for the year to make their mark on the school and student body.

Soon, Secondary levels will experience our own retreat at our annual Fall Camp. This year, we will travel to JiXian on Wednesday, September 27, and return on Thursday, September 28. During this time, students will play games, be challenged by encouraging talks, enjoy beautiful nature, and perform their own original play. For the first time ever, Fall Camp will be a competition between the Houses for the prestigious Fall Camp Cup. This cup is one of the five total trophies that can be won by each House this year.

We look forward to spending time outside the city and building positive relationships that will last a lifetime. If you haven't signed your child's permission slip or brought your child's passport, please do so by the end of next week.

Thank you,

Mr. Way

School Wide Announcements

International Day

Mark your calendars! On Friday, October 13, we will be celebrating the many nations and cultures that make up our wonderful school community.

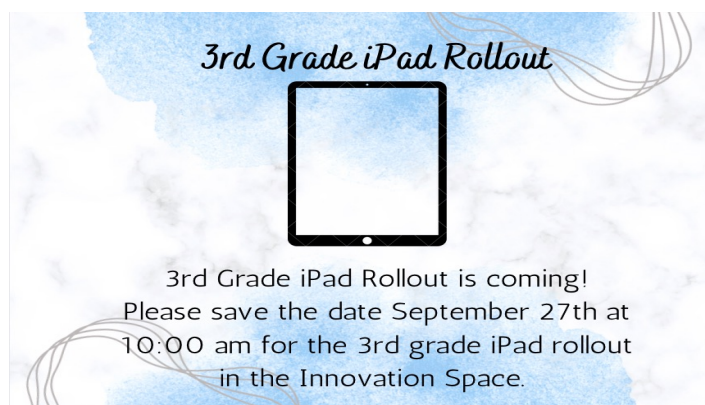


Divisional News

ECC

This upcoming Wednesday, September 20, is the first Wednesday for parents to join their children in the ECC garden from 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. We are looking forward to a great time in the garden with parents.

Elementary



Secondary

Fall Camp is Wednesday - Thursday, September 27 - 28! If you need more details, please ask your child more about it. During this time, Houses will be competing for the Fall Camp Cup.

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>

AP – The initial self-study email has been sent. Students should make an appointment and completely fill out the form so that the one-on-one meeting will go as smoothly as possible.

Lunch Menu - September 18 - September 22

Monday: Chicken Sandwich. French Fries. Mushu Pork. Sautéed Baby Cabbage. Rice.
Today's Noodles: Beef Noodle with White Soup.

Tuesday: German Sausage & Sauerkraut. Seafood & Tofu. Shredded Potato & Green Pepper. Rice.
Today's Noodles: Wonton Noodle in Soup-Stock.

Wednesday: Hungarian-style Stewed Beef. Fried Chicken Fillets. Hong Shao Tofu. Stir-fried Celery & Nuts. Rice.
Today's Noodles: Noodles with Sliced Beef.

Thursday: Roasted Meats and Vegetables in a Creamy Sauce. Phoenix-tailed Shrimp. Rou Long (Chinese-style Pork Roll). Sautéed Cabbage. Rice.
Today's Noodles: Braised Beef Noodle.

Friday: Korean-style Fried Beef. Mixed Zucchini. Seafood Pancake. Korean-style Fried Chicken. Rice.
Today's Noodles: Noodle in Seafood Soup.

What's Happening at TIS

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

October 26-28: LifePlus MS Soccer Tournament in Yantai

October 27: ISCOT Elementary Soccer G1-5 @ IST

October 28: ISAC HS Volleyball

House Point Totals

