

Principal's Pen

ECC & Elementary

Dear Parents,

Each year in November, I'm reminded to be thankful for all I have been given. Growing up, November marked a holiday in the United States that was my favorite as a child because we stopped all the business to take a day to give thanks for everything we have been given, whether large or small. After living in China, I decided to stop in November to remember to be thankful for the many blessings I have been given. On Monday morning in the ECC, we will spend some time reflecting on what the teachers and students are thankful for this year.

As we enter the Christmas season, the elementary and ECC students will decorate their classroom doors for Christmas. Please ask your child what their class is doing to decorate their classroom doors, and then come and see them on December 15 when we have our ECC and elementary concert. We will celebrate Christmas together!

Before we enter this holiday season, I hope you can join us for our annual Fine Arts Celebration. This is a great opportunity for our 3rd-12th graders to show their talents in the fine arts. Seeing our students' talents outside the academic setting is always a wonderful time. I hope I can see and talk with you this evening.

Warmly,
Miss Barsalou

Secondary

The Secondary has been busy with excitement. We just hosted the 11th annual Tianjin Model United Nations (or TIANMUN) conference. This conference is a proud tradition of excellence organized and run by our incredible students. This year, we had over ten schools and over 250 students from all over China participate on our gorgeous campus. The theme for this year's conference was that of launching into a new era. Students wrote, debated, and passed many resolutions covering a variety of topics, modeling the solutions they wanted to see for modern problems. I am so proud of how well-prepared and how smooth the conference was. Thank you to all our students for your hard work. Also, thank you to our MUN advisors, Mr. Delzer and Mrs. Zhang, for your tireless efforts. We look forward to

TIANMUN XII next year, but for now, enjoy the well-deserved rest!

Speaking of being thankful, November 24 is a holiday in the United States called Thanksgiving. This is a time when people are encouraged to enjoy the bounty of the harvest from fall, gather with loved ones, and share something that they are grateful for from the past year. I am grateful for many things, but this year, I'm especially grateful for the TIS community. It is remarkable to be part of a group of parents, students, teachers, and staff members who are all pursuing excellence together in a loving and supportive manner. What is something you are thankful for?

We also have several students who are excited to put on our fall play. This year, our talented students will be performing A Christmas Carol: A Ghost Story of Christmas, a stage adaptation of Charles Dickens's famous masterpiece. This story takes place on Christmas Eve when three spirits of Christmas – past, present, and future – take a grouchy old man on a journey he will never forget. Please come see the story that has inspired millions. The performances will be on December 1st and 2nd at 7:00 in our auditorium. Tickets are 30 RMB, so order today!

School Wide Announcements

Fine Arts Celebration

Friday, November 17, 7:00 pm. It will be a wonderful evening of student performances.

Mark your calendars - Upcoming Christmas Events

TIS Play - A Christmas Carol - TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Friday evening, December 1, and Saturday afternoon, December 2
¥30 advanced purchase; ¥45 at the door purchase

Secondary Christmas Concert

Friday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Bazaar - TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Saturday, December 9 at 10:00 a.m.
¥10

ECC and Elementary Christmas Concert

Friday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m.

LifePlus Education Conference

On Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24, every staff member will be attending the annual LifePlus Education Conference. During these two days, there will be no school for students.

Divisional News

ECC

As the weather gets colder, the children need to be dressed warmly for our outdoor class time. Please send them in a warm coat and a hat every day.



Our ECC has mittens for the children, but if you send ones from home, please make sure they are mittens and not gloves (unless you have taught them how to put each finger in the right place by themselves.)

Elementary

This is the last week for clubs and Super Saturday Soccer. Both will restart in the spring. Please reach out to Miss Barsalou if you have any questions.

Secondary

We are excited to start season 2 of athletics. Houses continue to compete for the Winter Cup. The Winter Cup will be awarded to the House with the most points by December 19. The point totals are still close, so any House can win. Who will take the first-ever Winter Cup?

Guidance Counselor

SAT December 2 – Registration is now open for our December 2 SAT. Register here: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration>

AP Practice for Self-Study – <https://www.youtube.com/@advancedplacement>

Grade 11 Parents – Now is the time for your child to make a list of universities they are interested in applying to during their Senior year. Parents, please let me know if you have any questions.

Athletics

Wednesday, November 29 –TIS HS Basketball v Wellington. Boys play at TIS. Girls play at Wellington.

Thursday, November 30 –TIS MS Volleyball v Wellington. Boys play at Wellington. Girls play at TIS.

Everyone is welcome to watch and support our students! Go Eagles!

Lunch Menu - November 20 - November 24

Monday: Beef Burger. French Fries. Kung Pao Chicken. Cucumber & Eggs. Rice.
Today's Noodles: Beef Noodle in White Soup.

Tuesday: Spaghetti. Garlic Bread. Diced Pork. Roasted Winter Melon. Rice.
Today's Noodles: Beef Curry Noodle.

Wednesday: Thanksgiving.

Thursday: Working Day.

Friday: Working Day.

What's Happening at TIS

November 27: Science Fair

November 29: Principals' Coffee

December 1: TIS HS Basketball v TEDA

December 1-2: Fall Play

December 4: TIS HS Basketball v IST

December 7: TIS MS Volleyball v IST

December 8: Secondary Christmas Concert

December 9: Christmas Bazaar

ISCOT HS Basketball Tournament

ISAC MS Volleyball Tournament

December 15: ECC & Elementary Christmas Concert

December 20-22: Secondary Final Exams

December 22: End of Semester 1

Beginning of Christmas Break

House Point Totals

