

## Hear from the Head

TIS Family,

We are already one week away from the beginning of the National Day Holiday. As we come to the end of September, when our Quality for Life focus was Connection, I do hope that you will use the National Day Holiday as an opportunity to connect with family and friends. The Fall, or Autumn, season is upon us, and for me, that has always equaled a wonderful opportunity to be outside enjoying the nature around me with the people I love the most. I hope you take this opportunity to do the same. The Summer and Winter months give us plenty of reasons to be indoors, but the Fall provides us with reasons to be outdoors.

Please note the following information regarding life at TIS:

### PTO Event

The PTO Event at Jim's Adventure Park is sure to be an enjoyable family event. I am very thankful for the work that the PTO has done and continues to do to serve our community well. If you see anyone from the committee, please thank them for all their work to contribute to the ongoing development of the TIS school community.

### Athletics

We celebrate together the diligence and hard work of the coaches and athletes who represent TIS through competition with other schools. This week, our grades 6 – 8 athletes have had several opportunities to compete, including a Thursday Soccer match, an upcoming Saturday Badminton tournament, and an upcoming Saturday Soccer Exchange in Beijing. Also, our grades 3 – 5 students showed their Table Tennis skills on Friday at TIS.

### Continuous Improvement Team

LifePlus and Tianjin International School are committed to growth and advancement. We put intentional work into our school to ensure that all aspects of education are operating well, now and in the future. The Continuous Improvement Team is a group of school staff members that work together to ensure that TIS is moving forward in the right direction. Through this work, we can establish a plan that provides focus for the decisions that impact education based upon where we are now, where we want to be, and the factors that

may impact the decisions along the way. The outcome is to be a school that continues the tradition of our long history with a future long-term objective.

### International Day

Mark your calendars for October 13, when we will be celebrating International Day together at TIS. This day will be filled with opportunities to learn new cultures, play games with friends, enjoy tasty food from around the world, and watch performances on stage. International Day has always been a highlighted tradition at TIS, and we are looking forward to celebrating this day together. Our focus country this year is France. We hope you will join us on this day as we celebrate and learn about France in advance of the Paris 2024 Summer Olympics.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ryan Witt

## School Wide Announcements

### International Day

Don't miss out! On Friday, October 13, we will be celebrating the many nations and cultures that make up our wonderful school community.

We are looking for parent volunteers to assist on the day. If you are willing to help, please complete the volunteer form by Monday, September 25.

### Mid-Autumn Festival and National Day Holiday

We look forward to the upcoming holiday break from Friday, September 29 to Sunday, October 8. School will resume on Monday, October 9.

## Divisional News

### ECC

Thank you to all the parents who came to the ECC garden on Wednesday. It was great to see parents back in the garden and enjoying the school day with their child. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

## Elementary

Club forms went out for grades 1 – 5 this week. Today is the last day to submit club registration forms. Information was sent out through email and ClassDojo; if you can't find information, please email Miss Barsalou at danibeth.barsalou@tiseagles.com.

## Secondary

Students did a great job MAP Testing these past two weeks. We are looking forward to using this data to continue offering a world-class education.

Fall Camp is next week! This is a time for each House to compete for the coveted Fall Camp Cup. Students will spend the time playing games, being challenged through engaging speakers, and performing their own original skits! Seniors will leave after school next Tuesday, September 26, while grades 7 – 11 will leave school on Wednesday morning. All students will arrive back at TIS on Thursday afternoon around 3:00. We will return to the school in time for students to take the regular bus routes home.

## Guidance Counselor

**SAT – October 7** is our next SAT. Please register here if you would like to attend.

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

**PSAT – October 17** all Juniors will take the PSAT. Please arrive at 7:45 a.m. Please check the email for specific details.

**UPenn for International Students** – Learn about IVY League for International Students. [https://key.admissions.upenn.edu/register/?id=ad4cco20-bf29-4a4c-8699-f5415f48af41&utm\\_source=slate&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=virtual-event-invite&utm\\_content=international](https://key.admissions.upenn.edu/register/?id=ad4cco20-bf29-4a4c-8699-f5415f48af41&utm_source=slate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=virtual-event-invite&utm_content=international)

## Athletics

Thank you to those who came and supported our Eagles Soccer teams and Table Tennis players over the last two days. All the best to our MS Soccer teams as they travel to Beijing tomorrow and our MS Badminton players as they head to TEDA for the ISCOT Badminton Tournament.

## PTO

Every Wednesday in the Elementary library classroom:

**Parenting Club (in Chinese):** 8:30 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 25 - September 29

**Monday:** Beef Burger. French Fries. Kung Pao Chicken. Stir-fried Beans. Rice.

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

**Tuesday:** Papa John's Day.

ECC Lunch: Chinese-style Pork Burger. Sweet & Sour Cucumber. Shredded Potato & Green Pepper. Rice.

*Today's Noodles: Chinese-style Noodle with Seafood Gravy.*

**Wednesday:** French-style Fried Chicken. Mashed Potato. French Bread. Cantonese Baked Beef Fillet. Stir-fried Mushrooms & Cabbage. Rice.

*Today's Noodles: Wonton Noodle Soup.*

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

*Today's Noodles: Curry Beef Noodles.*

**Friday:** Mid-Autumn Holiday.

## 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

