

## Principals' Pen

### ECC & Elementary

Dear Parents,

As we approach the Moon Festival, I think about how often holidays have different meanings to different age groups. Young children think about the Moon Festival and the circle holiday. Next, they learn about the rabbit on the moon, and they think of fun animals. As kids get older, they learn about the legend of the lady on the moon. Moon Festival provides a great time of connection and celebration for families. I hope that you are all able to enjoy the holiday and celebrate with your family in the way you see the holiday.

This year, we look forward to having our International Day in ways we haven't had in the last few years. International Day is a great way for our student to connect with other countries and the cultures their classmates come from. We hope you will come and help and join in on the fun for the students on October 13. ECC students will go with their parents to the different events, and elementary students will go with their teachers. Please check the schedule that will be sent out through the notices group.

I hope you rest well over the National Day holiday and spend special time with your family. I look forward to hearing all the students' wonderful stories about their adventures.

Warmly,

Miss Barsalou

### Secondary

Fall camp has been really fun. It's been neat to see the Houses start to bond, form an identity, help each other play games, eat meals together, and practice and perform their skits.

Team spirit is already starting to form. Houses have finalized their chants and cheers, dances and handshakes, and we're looking forward to that community-building to continue. Perhaps students will even teach their parents their house handshake. We're really excited to see this continue to go.

Of course, we also competed for the Fall Camp Cup.

Congratulations to the House of Air on your victory!

It's been fun to see students get out and have good community-building and enjoying their time together. This is what House is all about.

Mr. Way

## School Wide Announcements

### National Day Holiday Break

We hope you and your family enjoy this upcoming break. We'll see everyone back at school on Monday, October 9.

### International Day

Reminder Friday, October 13 is International Day. Come and represent your home country in what will be a celebration of the diversity we have at TIS. We encourage families to come dressed in clothing that represents your home country.

Time	ECC & Elementary	Secondary
8:00-10:00	<b>Class time</b>	<b>Class time</b>
9:30-9:55	<b>Parents arrive</b> <i>Busing provided</i> <i>For those bringing food, items can be dropped off at respective country booths in the cafeteria</i>	
10:00-11:00	<b>Country march + Welcome + Group photo</b> Location: Field  <i>For those participating in the country march, please assemble in the first floor lobby.</i>  <i>For those assisting with activities and food service, please head to your stations at 10:50 am</i>	
11:00-12:00	<b>Games + Crafts</b> Location: Field	<b>Lunch</b> Location: Cafeteria
12:00-12:45	<b>Lunch</b> Location: Cafeteria	<b>Performances</b> Location: Auditorium
12:45-13:00	Bathroom break. Head to the auditorium	<b>Head to the field</b>
13:00-13:30	<b>Performances</b> Location: Auditorium	<b>Games + Craft</b> Location: Field
13:30-13:45	Students head back to classrooms	
13:45	Students collect belongings Proceed to buses	
14:00	<b>Event ends. Students and parents depart.</b> <i>Busing provided</i>	

## Divisional News

### ECC

As it is getting cooler, please send a light jacket or sweater to school with your child so if they feel cold, they can put it on and take it off when they get hot.

### Elementary

It is great to have elementary parents join their children for lunch. It would help our 1st-5th graders if parents did not attend recess afterwards as it makes it more difficult for students to separate and return to a learning time if their parents stay to watch them play. We thank you for your help in allowing them to play at recess as a transition back into the classroom.

Grade 1-5 Clubs start on Monday, October 9. If you have any questions about clubs, please call Mrs. Wu at 837-0900 ext. 370.

### Secondary

We had a great time at Fall Camp! Parents, ask your child about their favorite parts and highlights.

### 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 email for specific details.

**Bluebook Update Information** – Please make sure you have the latest version of Bluebook for your test day. [https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/technology/updates?SFMC\\_cid=EM1036463-&rid=47620010](https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/technology/updates?SFMC_cid=EM1036463-&rid=47620010)

**Mock Lecture** – If your student is interested in a university mock lecture, please scan the QR code to register.



Come learn something new, and experience a sample of what your Ritsumeikan experience will look like when you join the University! Our professors are excited to provide lectures to high school students on a wide variety of topics.

**Oct 21** **Finding Kabukicho through Anthropological Fieldwork**  
College of International Relations

**Oct 28** **'Rent a kimono and take a photo': The politics of culture in our global society**  
College of Global Liberal Arts

**Nov 4** **Facilitating Nature Conservation in Our Society**  
College of Policy Science

**RITSUMEIKAN UNIVERSITY**

<https://pr.ritsumei.ac.jp/mini/lectures>  
International Admissions Office: [hello@st.ritsumei.ac.jp](mailto:hello@st.ritsumei.ac.jp)



## Athletics

Thank you to those who came and supported our Eagles teams both on Friday for table tennis and on Saturday at our soccer exchange in Beijing and badminton tournament at TEDA school.

Upcoming Games:

**October 9:** HS G9-12 Volleyball Exchange – Boys @ TEDA; Girls @ TIS

**October 12:** MS G6-8 Soccer Exchange – Boys @ TEDA; Girls @ TIS

## Health Office

### Take Action, Prevent the Flu

Flu season is here. Although not required, we highly recommend getting the flu vaccination to help protect yourself and your family. Due to a new CDC regulation, we regret that neither Tianjin United Family Hospital nor Raffles will be able to provide the flu shot on our TIS campus. The ideal time to get vaccinated is about a month before the flu epidemic begins. Since the epidemic period varies slightly from year to year, it is recommended to complete vaccination from approximately October to early November. When you get a flu vaccine, protective antibodies remain for about six months and then decrease. Since the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 cannot be distinguished, flu vaccination is a must. In addition, even during the COVID-19 outbreak or not, it is recommended not to delay vaccination and to get vaccinated as timely as possible. Because of the epidemic situation, the current demand for the flu

vaccine would be far greater than the supply, so it might be difficult to make an appointment. Parents can refer to the following information to consider taking the flu shot.

**Tianjin United Family Hospital and the local community health centers (社区卫生服务中心)** are providing flu vaccinations on site until the end of the year, depending on appointment availability and supply.

**Tianjin United Family Hospital** 天津和睦家医院  
No.22, Tianxiao Yuan, Tanjiang Road, Hexi District, Tianjin 300221  
天津市河西区潭江道天潇园 22 号 邮编300221  
Telephone 电话: +86 22 5856 8500  
Website 网址: <http://www.ufh.com.cn>

You can get more details about the local community health centers (社区卫生服务中心) at the WeChat official account 约苗(Yuemiao).

### Lunch Menu - October 9 - October 13

**Monday:** Hot Dogs. French Fries. Cucumbers, Shrimp, & Eggs. Potatoes & Green Peppers. Rice.  
*Today's Noodles: Beef Noodle in White Soup.*

**Tuesday:** Pizza. Spring Rolls. Yuxiang Pork. Assorted Vegetables. Rice.  
*Today's Noodles: Braised Beef Noodle.*

**Wednesday:** Thai-style Curry Beef. Grilled Pork. Broccoli with Garlic. Grilled Pineapple. Thai Fragrant Rice.  
*Today's Noodles: Noodles with Sliced Beef.*

**Thursday:** Spaghetti. Cantonese Salted Egg Custard Buns. Malaysian Grilled Chicken. Sautéed Green Vegetables. Rice.  
*Today's Noodles: Curry Beef Noodle.*

**Friday:** International Day.

### What's Happening at TIS

**October 9:** HS G9-12 Volleyball Exchange – Boys @ TEDA; Girls @ TIS

**October 12:** MS G6-8 Soccer Exchange – Boys @ TEDA; Girls @ TIS

**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

**November 2-3:** ECC Home Visit

**November 9-11:** TIANMUN

**November 13:** Start High School Basketball Season 2

Start Middle School Volleyball Season 2

**November 27:** Science Fair

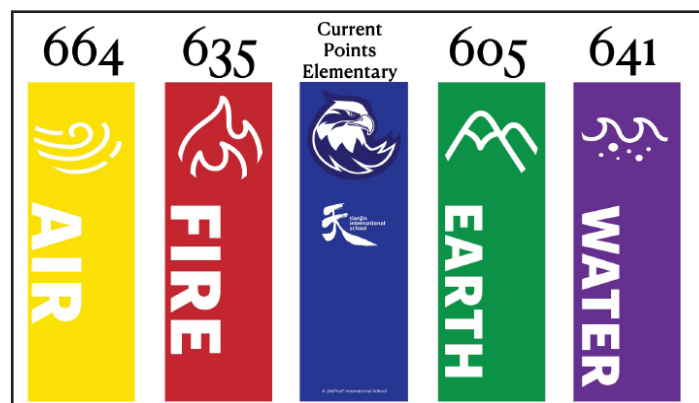
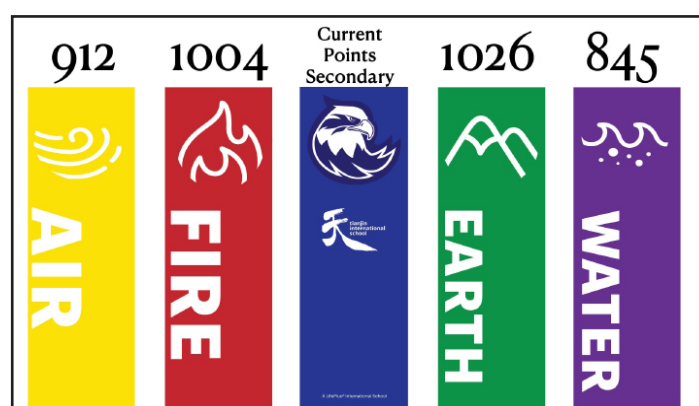
**November 27-December 1:** Tech Week

**November 29:** Principals' Coffee

**November 29:** TIS HS Basketball v Wellington

**November 30:** TIS MS Volleyball v Wellington

### House Point Totals



Congratulations to the House of Air for winning the Fall Camp Cup!