

Principals' Pen

ECC & Elementary

Dear Parents,

As we finish the first quarter of the year, it is hard to believe we are already a quarter through the school year. It has been a great first quarter, with students and teachers settling into routines and schedules. We were learning expectations and building relationships. Now, in the second quarter, it is time to build those relationships and dive into deeper learning. We had a few events in the first quarter, and now, looking into the second quarter, we have more events on the horizon. Some will include parents, and some will be with the students and teachers during the school day. Please watch for information regarding upcoming events.

We are looking forward to ECC Home Visits and elementary parent-teacher conferences, which build a strong relationship between parents and teachers and help students reach their full potential. These home visits and conferences are a valuable part of the school year. Each parent should plan to attend and reschedule any travel arrangements around parent-teacher conferences. You should have been contacted by Mrs. Wu or one of the liaisons. Please do your best to come at your scheduled time to ensure the teachers can meet with each parent. Partnering with you in your child's education is valuable and should be taken seriously.

Warmly,

Miss Barsalou

Secondary

What a wonderful first quarter we've already had. Ever since the first day of school, our students have been able to experience so much and build community together. During quarter one, students were placed into their Houses and began to compete in House competitions. We also saw the House of Air win the first-ever Fall Camp Cup. Additionally, we've had soccer and volleyball teams competing in various tournaments, and we celebrated culture during International Day.

We are looking forward to Quarter 2. We will continue to see students' progress, academically and holistically, through season 2 sports and a variety of other activities. Students are already fast preparing for our 11th annual

Model UN conference, TIANMUN, which will take place November 9-11. I'm excited to watch the production of Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* on December 1-2, as well as our annual Christmas concerts.

I also look forward to seeing parents on campus on Friday, November 3, for Quarter 1 parent-teacher conferences. For middle school parents, meetings are mandatory. Please contact our secondary school secretary to sign up for a time to meet with your child's advisory teacher to look over their grades and hear about their progress. Please bring your child to serve as a translator. High School parents can also contact our secondary school secretary and sign up for a time to meet with a subject teacher individually. Please bring your child to serve as a translator.

We have a lot to celebrate about Quarter 1 and even more to look forward to in Quarter 2!

Mr. Way

School Wide Announcements

Safety Week

From October 23 to October 25, we will observe LifePlus Safety Week. Students will be reminded of how to remain safe while on the bus and on their bikes, when there is a fire, and when they are online. We encourage you to have conversations with your child each day next week on these areas.

For those who drop off their child in the morning, please expect delays on Wednesday, October 25, as we will run our bus safety drills when each bus arrives.

End of Quarter 1

Today marks the end of quarter 1. The new quarter will begin on Monday, October 23.

International Day

Thank you to all the parents who assisted in making International Day a wonderful event for the community. We can't wait for our next major community event.

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, November 2-3 – ECC Home Visits

Friday, November 3 – Elementary and Secondary Parent Teacher Conferences

Divisional News

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The Book Fair is returning to TIS on November 1-3. Students will be able to look at the book fair, write down a wish list, and bring it home on Wednesday evening, then bring money on Thursday or show their parents on Friday during parent-teacher conferences.

Secondary

Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, November 3 – Please email our secondary school secretary to arrange a time to meet with your child's teacher.

Guidance Counselor

November 4 SAT – Registration is now open for the upcoming SAT. Register here:

<https://account.collegeboard.org/login/login?DURL=https%3A%2F%2Fsatsuite.collegeboard.org%2Fsat%2Fregistration>

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

AP Self Study join codes were given to students this week. If your student has ANY questions, please see Mrs. Cotton. LAST DAY is November 1.

Athletics

Cross Country

A job well done to all the runners in Wednesday's Grades 7 to 12 Cross Country event. Congratulations to Samuel F. (G11) and Greg W. (G9) for placing second and fourth overall!

Thank you to IST for hosting the event.

Recent ISCOT Tournaments

Our student-athletes showed great sportsmanship in last week's ISCOT tournaments. All teams are looking forward to the upcoming LifePlus tournaments in Wuxi and Yantai.

MS Soccer Girls: Runners-up

MS Soccer Boys: Champions

HS Volleyball Girls: Fourth Place

HS Volleyball Boys: Runners-up

PTO



2023-2024
Two new clubs for you to join!
All classes are free.



ExerciseClub

The purpose of our exercise club is to help parents be more connected, get fit, and overall improve our well being.

EVERY WEDNESDAY (starting Oct 18)

Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Contact Person: Jane
Venue: Green room, level 2



Scan the QR code to join the club and let Jane know if you're joining the class, places are limited. Please bring an exercise mat and drink bottle with you.



TeaClub

Come and learn about Chinese Tea culture!

Third Friday of every month (starting Oct 20)

Time: 10:00am - 11:00am
Contact Person: Jane
Venue: 河西区沿水道和洞庭路交口中海左岸兰亭底商8-1



Scan the QR code to join the club and let Jane know if you're joining the class, places are limited.

Health Office

In recent times, mycoplasma infection has been spreading widely in the city. With the recent temperature change and heating yet to be activated around the city, it is easier to catch a cold. It is also common for the immunity of students to be weaker and susceptible to infectious diseases or trigger some allergic reactions such as diarrhea, rhinitis, skin problems, and so on. We recommend that your children have sufficient sleep every night and have nutritious and balanced meals so their immunity systems are in a strong and healthy state. In addition, we need to pay attention to personal hygiene and wear a mask to prevent infectious diseases.

Please help us to maintain a safe and healthy environment at school by not sending your child to school if they are ill, have a cough or runny nose that cannot be independently controlled inside a classroom, fever at or above 37.7°C (100°F), rash related with illness (chicken pox, measles, roseola, etc.), nausea, or have vomited or had diarrhea (3 or more watery stools in a day) from sickness in the past 24 hours. Your child must be fever-free for 24 hours without any fever-reducing medication to return to school.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep TIS a healthy and safe environment.

Lunch Menu - October 23 - October 27

Monday: Japanese-style Beef Burger. French Fries. Cumin Lamb. Celery & Eggs. Rice.

Today's Noodles: Beef Noodle in Clear Soup.

Tuesday: Stewed Chicken with Tomato. Fried Shrimp. Green Pepper & Beans. Stir-fried Mushrooms & Bamboo Shoots. Rice.

Today's Noodles: Beef Noodle.

Wednesday: Pizza. Spring Rolls. Sweet & Sour Ribs. Sautéed Shredded Cabbage. Rice.

Today's Noodles: Noodle with Soybean Paste.

Thursday: Tacos. Corn Chips. Curry Beef. Stir-fried Vegetables. Rice.

Today's Noodles: Spicy Beef Noodle.

Friday: Korean-style Rice Cake. Korean-style Chicken. Kimchi Pancake. Mixed Zucchini. Rice.

Today's Noodles: Tomato Beef Noodle.

What's Happening at TIS

October 19–21: LifePlus HS Volleyball in Wuxi

October 26–28: LifePlus MS Soccer in Yantai

October 27: ISCOT Elementary Soccer G1-5 @ IST

October 28: ISAC HS Volleyball

November 1–3: Book Fair

November 2–3: ECC Home Visit

November 9–11: TIANMUN

November 27: Science Fair

November 29: Principals' Coffee

November 29: TIS HS Basketball v Wellington

November 30: TIS MS Volleyball v Wellington

House Point Totals

