

Hear from the Head

TIS Family,

How do you rate your personal risk level? Do you like to take risks because you are energized by the thrill received, or do you avoid all risks because you have assessed the possibility of negative outcomes? Whatever your personal risk level might be, it is probably true that you want to know that other people are safe. LifePlus Safety Week is purposed to raise awareness in all of us to have certain baseline understandings regarding safety. The two goals of this past week have been to help our school community to be thoughtful regarding safety. Primarily, we seek to raise awareness regarding preventative measures to ensure that equipment is working properly and is accessible should it be needed. The second goal has been to build muscle memory. Practicing the correct procedure ensures we respond properly to circumstances when our safety is infringed upon.

Halfway

We have surpassed the midway point of the Fall Semester! If you have children in ECC and Elementary, this means that Quarter 1 is complete. In fact, we are already one week through Quarter 2. Quarter 2 always promises to be a fantastic time in the Tianjin International School community. Some highlights to look forward to between now and the end of the Semester are Parent-teacher Conferences, TIANMUN, United States's Thanksgiving, Fall Drama, Christmas Bazaar, Christmas Concerts, and so much more. This exciting time of year will provide you with plenty of opportunities to engage with the community, so don't miss out.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferencing with teachers regarding the progress your child(ren) has made throughout the year is a fantastic opportunity for you to understand the learning taking place at TIS. If you are a parent of an Elementary or Secondary student, please prioritize the opportunity to meet with your parents at school. If you are a parent of an ECC student, the home visits are sure to be a special treat for your child. ECC teachers have a long history of visiting students in their homes, giving each student an opportunity to have a deeper relationship with their teacher. Teachers will not stay long, but the time is special and meaningful.

Parent Survey

Parents, if you have not done so already, I request that you complete the survey provided earlier this week. We always seek to grow in how we serve our community and value your feedback—a sincere thank you to everyone who is able to take the time to complete it. A special thank you to everyone involved in organizing, coaching, and supporting the Elementary ISCOT Soccer Tournament that took place today. I'm always encouraged by the way the TIS community supports students. It is a great piece of TIS culture, and today did not disappoint.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ryan Witt

School Wide Announcements

ECC Home Visits

A reminder that ECC home visits will take place on Thursday, November 2, and Friday, November 3. There will be **no school for ECC students** on these two days.

Parent Teacher Conferences

A reminder that Quarter 1 parent-teacher conferences will take place on Friday, November 3. There will be **no school for all students** on this day.

Yearbook Pictures

All staff and student yearbook pictures will be taken on Monday, November 6, and Tuesday, November 7. Please remind your students to dress neatly and be ready to smile.

Fine Arts Celebration

Mark your calendars for Friday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. It will be a wonderful evening of student performances.

Quarter 1 Parent Survey

With Quarter 1 behind us, we want to hear from you about how we've been doing. Please take the time to complete the survey.

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.

Christmas Bazaar: Call for Vendors

Christmas Bazaar is back! It will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and we are looking for vendors! This event will be open to the friends and relatives of the TIS community. So, if you or someone you know is interested in being a vendor, please scan the QR code below to register.

This is a charity event, with all proceeds from booth fees and entrance fees going to a charitable organization (TBA). There will be two different areas for vendors: one area for food and the other for non-food items. All food booths will be located in the cafeteria, and non-food booths will be in the gym. The deadline for registration is **4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 17**. The booth and entrance fees will be collected after your registration has been approved. We will then add you to our "TIS Christmas Bazaar Vendors" WeChat group, where information about the event will be posted.

Booth fee – 300 RMB (2 tables, table dimensions 1.2 m x 0.6 m). If you need an additional table or tables, the cost is 150 RMB/table.

Entrance fee – 10 RMB/head (EVERY PERSON attending will need to pay for entrance.)

Allowed number of vendors at each booth – Up to 3 people.

Note for food vendors – On-site cooking will not be permitted, and no electricity will be provided. Microwaves will be available in the cafeteria to heat food.

If you have any questions, please contact Trancy Li (trancy.li@tiseagles.com).



Christmas Bazaar Entrance Ticket – Please look out for information on how to purchase regular attendance tickets in early November.

Divisional News

ECC & Elementary

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.

Parent-teacher conferences are next week. Please be on time as the schedule is full for the teachers. Students are welcome to come with their parents and read in the library. We are looking forward to a great time of connection between parents and teachers.

Secondary

Parents, we look forward to meeting with you next week for parent-teacher conferences on Friday, November 3.

Guidance Counselor

Korean University Admissions Presentation – Wednesday, November 8, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in Choir room. Our Korean Guidance Counselor, Ms. Jackie Lee, will be in Tianjin in November and will be presenting the latest information regarding university admissions to TIS parents.

SAT November 4 – Registration is now open. Use this link to register: <https://account.collegeboard.org/login/login?DURL=https%3A%2F%2Fsatsuite.collegeboard.org%2Fsat%2Fregistration%2Fdates-deadlines>

Grade 12 Parents – Application season is upon us. Please take a few moments to check your application deadlines for the schools in which you plan to apply.

AP Registration is DUE November 1. Please check with your child to make sure they have used their join code to ensure a test at TIS.

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 30 - November 3

Monday: Chicken Sandwich. French Fries. Stir-Fried Pork & Shrimps. Green Peppers & Potatoes. Rice.
Today's Noodles: Beef Noodle in Clear Soup.

Tuesday: Hungarian-style Stew Beef. Chicken Nuggets. Stir-fried Pine Nut & Corn. Fried Noodles. Rice.
Today's Noodles: Noodles with Sliced Beef.

Wednesday: Creamy Pasta. Chicken Skewer. Spicy Poached Beef Slices. Hong Shao Tofu. Rice.
Today's Noodles: Shrimp Wonton Noodle.

Thursday: Pizza. Spring Rolls. Chinese-style Meatball & Hard Boiled Eggs (Pork). Stir-fried Cabbage. Rice.
Today's Noodles: Satay Beef Noodle.

Friday: No school for students.

What's Happening at TIS

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

