

Hear from the Head

TIS Family,

Happy Thanksgiving! Coming from the United States, I have always had a special place in my heart for the traditions accompanying Thanksgiving. If your country does not celebrate Thanksgiving, consider a holiday in your own tradition that brings together family and friends for the purpose of remembering the blessings of the past. For me, Thanksgiving meant my whole family gathering in one house with a greater feast than could possibly be consumed. Therefore, it also meant that we would bless others by inviting guests who didn't have their own place to celebrate the holiday. In fact, when I called home this morning, my whole family was gathered together, and I was introduced to a new friend who joined them for the first time.

During these years of living in China, Thanksgiving has continued to be a time associated with people. Every year we have gathered together with people for the purpose of remembering the blessings in our lives. Additionally, each year I consider two questions for myself, and ask those around me. First, I ask them to complete this statement, "I am thankful for..." Then, I ask them what is one thing in your life that you are being taught, or challenged to do right now? As I work through these questions, I am always encouraged by the many blessings people share and by the unique ways we are all growing. If you are reading this, I would love to receive a quick note from you and your answers to these two questions.

Fall Play

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens has been an annual Christmas tradition in many homes around the world. Many iterations of this story have taken place throughout the years, representing a variety of creativity through books, theatre, cartoons, and movies. Please take a minute and purchase your tickets quickly for TIS's production next week in support of the hard work of the cast and crew.

Principals' Coffee

If you missed the student panel that took place last school year during the Fall Principals' Coffee, then you missed a wonderful opportunity to hear the perspectives of students from a variety of grade levels. However, you will have another opportunity this Wednesday. Please join us for the Principals' Coffee as I am joined on stage by a panel of students who will answer a variety of questions regarding life at TIS.

As we enter the Christmas season, we are looking forward to the many opportunities we will have together here at TIS. I look forward to seeing all of you very soon.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ryan Witt

School Wide Announcements

Principals' Coffee

Wednesday, November 29 at 10:00 a.m. Busing provided. Looking forward to seeing parents there.

Science Fair

Monday, November 27. Science projects will be presented on Monday and displayed throughout the week in the downstairs hallway.

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.

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ECC and Elementary Christmas Concert

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

Divisional News

ECC

This week the ECC students will be decorating the ECC for Christmas. So please ask your child what they have done this week to decorate the ECC.

Elementary

Tomorrow is the last Super Saturday Soccer day for the fall. If it is cold, then it will be held in the Gym. So, please have your child bring non-cleat shoes, in case they do move inside.

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>

Lunch Menu - November 27 - December 1

Monday: Hotdogs. French Fries. Chicken in Oyster Sauce. Blanched Green Vegetables. Rice.
Today's Noodles: Beef Noodle in Clear Soup.

Tuesday: German Sausage & Sauerkraut. Phoenix-tail Shrimp. Stir-fried Noodles. Baked cauliflower with XO sauce. Rice.
Today's Noodles: Beef Slices Noodle with Sour Soup.

Wednesday: Pizza. Spring Rolls. Seafood & Tofu. Shredded Potato & Green Pepper. Rice.
Today's Noodles: Satay Beef Noodles.

Thursday: Roasted Meats and Vegetables in a Creamy Sauce. Boiled Corn. Yuxiang Pork. Vegetables & Eggs. Rice.
Today's Noodles: Braised Beef Noodle.

Friday: Taco. Corn Chips. Chicken Drumsticks & Rice. Sautéed Green Vegetables. Rice.
Today's Noodles: Wonton Noodle Soup.

What's Happening at TIS

November 27: Science Fair

November 29: Principals' Coffee
TIS HS Basketball v Wellington

November 30: TIS MS Volleyball v Wellington

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
ISAC 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