

## Principals' Pen

Dear Parents,

The Christmas season is my favorite time of year. It is a great time of year to slow down and focus on those around us. Growing up, it was also full of snow and being outside. Though there isn't snow very often in Tianjin, I enjoy the cold, crisp winter air. It also means many fun things are happening to celebrate the Christmas season.

This weekend, the season of events is kicked off by the Fall Play, A Christmas Carol. It is so exciting to have a fun Christmas-themed play at the start of the season. This classic has a great message. We hope to see many of you come to the play this weekend.

We are having our annual Door Decorating contest, and it will be judged on December 11. This is a great time for students to work together and design and execute their design. We are excited for parents to see the doors on December 15 after the ECC and Elementary Christmas concert.

I hope you come and join us for all our Christmas celebrations!

Miss Barsalou

## School Wide Announcements

### 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 & Elementary

Please be sure to send your child with gloves or mittens to protect their hands from the cold weather. Wearing gloves or mittens outside can help kids from getting chapped and dry hands.

**Wednesday, December 6**, will be the last day of after-school LEVEL classes for our ELS students for the fall semester.

### Secondary

TIS Students and Parents,

The 2023 Science Fair is over. So, I wanted to send out communication to build interest in next year's TIS Science Fair!

The Science Fair is open to all 9-12 graders and will be held in late November 2024. The main rules of the Science Fair are as follows:

1: The project must be 100% original.

Ask yourself the following questions:

- What already exists that is similar to my idea/topic/project?
- How is what I am doing an "original" application of my idea/topic/project?
- How is my idea/topic/project adding to the existing body of knowledge?

2: You may have no more than three team members.

3: You must complete the project approval process BEFORE you perform your experiment/build your device.

4: You must have a TIS staff Science Advisor that you will check in with at scheduled intervals starting in August 2024.

Here is a quick timeline of how a student should expect to progress their project:

1. Group formation and topic selection, **January 2024 – May 2024**
2. Advisor selection, **June 2024**
3. Deep background research and project plan development, **June 2024 – July 2024**

4. Final project application and approval process, **August 2024**
5. Experimentation/design build completed, **by the end of September – October 2024**
6. Data analysis, project summary, and presentations nearly completed, **by mid-November 2024**
7. Project boards completed and presentations prepared to be presented to judges during the Science Fair, **late November TBD**

Any interested parties should send an email to Mr. Lundy at: [john.lundy@tiseagles.com](mailto:john.lundy@tiseagles.com) so they can be added to the TIS Science Fair Canvas page for resources and additional direction.

Thank you so much for considering Science Fair. I can't wait to see what you will do in the coming year!

## Guidance Counselor

**AP Practice for Self-Study** – <https://www.youtube.com/@advancedplacement>

## Lunch Menu - December 4 - December 8

**Monday:** Chicken Burger. French Fries. Stir-fried Pork. Stir-fried Eggplants. Rice.  
*Today's Noodles: Beef Noodle in White Soup.*

**Tuesday:** Beef Stew. Fried Chicken Fillets. Mapo Tofu. Sautéed Green Vegetables. Rice.  
*Today's Noodles: Beef Slices Noodle.*

**Wednesday:** Baked Spaghetti. Fried Pork Chops. Hainanese Chicken & Rice. Stir-fried Choy Sum. Rice.  
*Today's Noodles: Braised Beef Noodle.*

**Thursday:** Korean-style Rice Cake. Kimchi. Chinese-style Meatball (Pork) & Fried Hard-Boiled Eggs. Garlic Baby Cabbages & Glass Noodles. Rice.  
*Today's Noodles: Pork Ribs Noodle.*

**Friday:** Teriyaki Chicken. Spicy Poached Beef. Fried Squid Ring. Steamed Vegetables. Rice.  
*Today's Noodles: Spicy Beef Noodle.*

## What's Happening at TIS

**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

**January 9:** Beginning of Semester 2

**January 11:** TIS MS Volleyball v TEDA

**January 13:** LifePlus MS VEX Robotics in Wuhan

**January 18-20:** Sichuan Science Fair

**January 20:** ISAC HS Basketball Tournament

ISCOT MS Volleyball Tournament

**January 24:** ISCOT Chess Tournament

**January 25-27:** LifePlus HS Basketball

**January 27:** ISAC MS Volleyball Tournament

## House Point Totals

