

Hear from the Head

TIS Family,

What does the Christmas Season mean to you? I trust that it is a meaningful time of year for all of us to remember what is truly important. Scheduled holidays on calendars serve to provide cyclical reminders for us to reflect on the historical or cultural significance and, more importantly, act on it. So, what will you do this Christmas Season to make it meaningful?

Here, at Tianjin International School, one significant part of the season is the community. We are all about people. Whether it be shopping and eating at the Christmas Bazaar, supporting our children as they perform in the concerts, or if you attended the drama as Ebenezer experienced a life-changing night, I hope you experience how much we value people.

Speaking of valuing people, this season is also about transition in an International School. The great news is we are expected to welcome many new families into our community for Semester 2 and are excited to see the school continue growing. However, some company contracts end this time of year, and it is also a time to say goodbye. If you are one of the few families that are transitioning to a new stage of life, we want you to know that you will be missed, and we hope to see you again. Our community is special, and I'm thankful we have all chosen to have TIS as a forever bond in our lives.

Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar at Tianjin International School has been a joyful tradition for the greater community for nearly 30 years. Tomorrow, December 9, I encourage you to join us for this event. From food booths to shopping to photo opportunities, this day will surely become one of your traditions if it is not already. The door price of 10 RMB will all be donated to local charity needs.

Christmas Concerts

The Secondary Christmas concert is tonight, and the ECC/Elementary Christmas concert is next Friday, December 15. Please plan on supporting the students by attending, even if you do not have children performing. These two nights of music will collectively showcase a beautiful progression of developmentally appropriate music representing all grade levels.

Semester 2

As the first Semester comes to a close in two weeks, we are already excited for Semester 2. So, finish this Semester strong, rest well over the Christmas break, and be ready for a great second half of the school year.

See you soon!

Mr. Ryan Witt

School Wide Announcements

Last day of semester - December 22

Friday, December 22, will be a half-day for students. School will finish at 11:30 a.m., and buses will leave at 11:45 a.m.

Secondary Christmas Concert

Tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. A live stream of the concert will be available at: <https://lifeplus.ap.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?pid=08c9f83b-94bd-497f-ae66-bocfo16ae6dc>

Mark your calendars - Upcoming Christmas Events

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.

Auditorium. The concert will be live-streamed.

Divisional News

ECC & Elementary

Next Friday is the ECC and grade 1-5 concert! It will be a fun time of celebrating the season. All students should go to their classrooms at 6:30 p.m. to get ready. Parents can go straight to the auditorium. We look forward to seeing you all next Friday night.

Secondary

7th and 8th Robotics

Date: Friday, January 12 to Sunday, January 14, 2024
Open to Robotics club members. Please check your

inbox for an email from Mr. Bassett, matthew.bassett@tiseagles.com, if your child is interested in going.

2024 Science Fair

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.
- 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.

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

Thank you so much for considering Science Fair.

Guidance Counselor

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

Lunch Menu - December 11 - December 15

Monday: Chicken Burger. French Fries. Beef, Carrots, Potatoes, & Green Pepper Dices. Sautéed Broccoli. Rice.
Today's Noodles: Beef Noodle in White Soup.

Tuesday: Roasted Meats and Vegetables in a Creamy Sauce. Fried Chicken Fillets & Nugget. Tomato, Cauliflower, & Egg. Sweet & Sour Cucumber. Rice.
Today's Noodles: Beef Noodle with Sour Soup.

Wednesday: Thai-style Curry Beef. Grilled Pork. Thai Pineapple Rice. Stir-fried Assorted Vegetables.
Today's Noodles: Wonton Noodle Soup.

Thursday: Pizza. Spring Rolls. Braised Chicken. Stir-fried Green Vegetables. Rice.
Today's Noodles: Curry Beef Noodle.

Friday: Taco. Corn Chips. Braised Pork Rice with Braised Egg. Stir-fried Cabbage.
Today's Noodles: Braised Beef Noodle.

What's Happening at TIS

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

