



## PRIMARY SCHOOL

## TIS COMMUNITY

WEEKLY BULLETIN 13

### ESLR – Creativity, Virtue – Courage

- The annual Fall Concert is scheduled on Thursday, November 15th at 6:00 pm. Auditions for this event will be on Friday, November 9th at 3:15 pm in music atrium.
- Please arrange all medical, dental and other appointments or family responsibilities for after school hours whenever possible so that learning time remains uninterrupted.
- Parents are requested to make an interview appointment ahead of time when there is a need to meet with the teacher.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD ACADEMY

- **Halloween Trick-or-Treat:** A big thank you to the PFA for sponsoring this event for us. The children had a great time.
- **ECA Playground:** Please remember that children must be supervised by their parent/caregiver at all times. Please watch your child carefully and ensure they follow all the playground rules.
- **Outdoor Clothing:** Please label your child's outdoor clothing. Mittens, scarves, hats, sweaters and jackets find their way back to their owners much easier with a name label.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - ⇒November 23rd – TIS International Day of Thanks Holiday: No school.
  - ⇒December 1st – Winter Festival and Craft Fair
  - ⇒December 5th - Professional Learning Day: Early dismissal: PK2/3 11:30 a.m., PK4 11:45 a.m.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Students who will be taking AP exams this school year (5/6-5/17) are required to pay \$124 (RMB 862) per exam. Payments should be made to the Finance Office (Admin Building/1st Floor) by January 11th, 2019. Please note that the College Board charges AP exam fees, not TIS.
- Congratulations to the following MS students who achieved grades of 90% and above in ALL subjects for Term 1: Gr. 7: Zhang Yi Ling and Gr. 6:Jiang Allison Xin Yi. Congratulations to these students and their families!

• **Cafeteria Food Safety:** The safety of our students and staff is a top priority at TIS. Recently there were reports in the media of spoiled food being served at some other schools in China. The purpose of this letter is to inform you about our regular procedures for ensuring the quality of the food served in our school cafeteria.

Our local education bureau requires that all schools conduct regular evaluations of food quality and cafeteria sanitation. Our staff regularly check the quality of our food and cafeteria service, and complete monthly unannounced comprehensive inspections. Our cafeteria also receives 4-6 unannounced inspections from the local education and quality inspection bureaus each year. Through these multiple inspections, we have found that our food quality consistently meets national safety requirements and are confident that our meals are safe for our students and staff.

Most recently, the Binhai Quality Inspection Bureau arranged for the SGS General Standard Technical Service (Tianjin) Co. Ltd to test the safety of our food and cleanliness of our food service areas. SGS sent an inspector on an unannounced visit to our school to complete a series of hygiene tests. The inspector ran a variety of tests on random pieces of tableware, vegetables and meat, checking for pesticide residue in the vegetables and a chemical called "clenbuterol", used to modify meat. The tableware was checked for the quality of disinfection in the cleaning process. We are happy to announce that the government report provided after the inspection gave us the all clear. If you have any questions about our food service program, please do not hesitate to contact us.

• **Visitors' Sign In/Out:** To help ensure the safety of everyone on our campus, all visitors, including parents, who enter the campus during the school day (between the hours of 8:00 and 3:00) are asked to sign in at our reception counter, and indicate their destination in the school. Parents dropping off and picking up students before and after school do not need to sign in.

## I LOVE READING WEEK

We are excited to announce our annual I Love Reading Week starting on November 12 with Books Open Doors and the beginning of Fall Book Fair, students, teachers and parents will participate in reading related activities, culminating with our Book Character Dress up Day on Friday, November 16!

We have many exciting events happening in our school. With Mystery readers, scavenger hunts, reading buddies, games and activities, we hope to foster a passion for reading among our TIS students. On Wednesday November 14th, students from K to Grade 12 will be paired up in their houses and will be doing reading buddies. We look forward to this opportunity for our older students to connect with our younger students, especially after our recent Spirit Day.

Keep an eye on communications from your child's teacher to find out about specific events happening every day. Families are invited to be involved by coming to the scheduled parent workshops, book character dress up day and book fair; we hope you keep up our "I Love Reading" theme at home by reading with your children, visiting the library, getting new books, etc. See you then!

TIS serves a culturally-diverse community and facilitates the growth of each student's unique capacity through high academic standards and real-world application, practical leadership opportunities, character-building and opportunities to serve our local and global communities.