



TIS COMMUNITY

LUNAR NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES

TIS is thrilled to celebrate the Lunar New Year with a series of exciting events scheduled for the week of January 20. On Monday, Primary students will host a special assembly beginning at 14.10 in the Theater. Parents are warmly invited to join us. On Tuesday, a Secondary assembly will be held showcasing the talents of our older students. Wednesday is Traditional Clothing Day. Students are encouraged to wear traditional clothing on that day. On Wednesday, students will also be making *Tanghulu* (candied fruit skewers). On Friday, there will be a spectacular dragon dance performance at 14.30 in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend. Additionally, students will participate in various cultural activities during class time to deepen their appreciation of this important celebration. We look forward to welcoming the Year of the Snake together and sharing the joy of the season!

SECONDARY (6-12)

THREE YEARS IN A ROW – ISCOT CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to the girls and boys Middle School volleyball teams (led by Ms. Arminda and Mr. Jackie). For the third year in a row, TIS brought home both the boys and girls ISCOT championship trophies in volleyball. School athletics is not just for fun. Students learn important skills including communication and teamwork. They also have opportunities to build close friendships with their teammates and meet other international school students during scheduled competition.

HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST

Recently, high school students have been receiving instruction about preparing and delivering public remarks. On Thursday (January 23), select students from each grade level will participate in the High School Speech Contest. This year's topic: The Impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on Human Creativity. The Middle School Speech Contest will be held sometime in March.

SEASON THREE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

As season 2 comes to an end, TIS is preparing for the third season of athletics and after school activities which will begin on February 11. In sports, high school students may wish to join the Comets football teams. In middle school, students can join basketball. Soon, Middle School parents and High School students will receive the season 3 sign-up form by email.

IMPORTANT DATES IN SECONDARY

- January 23 HS Speech Contest
- January 24 NHS Movie Night
- Jan 25-Feb 9 Spring Festival Holiday (no classes)
- February 10 Teacher Workday/PD Day (no classes)
- February 28 Science Fair (tentative date)

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

PK Spring Festival Event:

Jan. 22 - Steamed Hedgehog Bun: Children will make cute hedgehog-shaped steamed buns, celebrating the holiday and traditional culture. These buns symbolize abundance and happiness, bringing warmth and joy to the family reunion.

Jan.24 - Spring Festival Celebration & Dumpling Feast

Chinese New Year is a traditional celebration, and a key custom is making dumplings and enjoying a family reunion dinner. We warmly invite all PK parents and friends to join the children in making dumplings, tasting traditional dishes, and welcoming the Spring Festival together. On this joyful day, we encourage children to wear traditional Chinese clothing or any bright, colorful outfits to enhance the festive atmosphere and showcase energy and happiness.

Half Day Classes on Jan. 24th. PK students will be dismissed at 12:00pm.

As Chinese New Year approaches, we wish you and your family joy, health, and happiness! Thank you for your continued support.

PRIMARY (K-5)

Focus of the month – Courageous choices

Happy Chinese New Year

Wishing you a joyful and prosperous Chinese New Year as we welcome the Year of the Snake! May this year bring wisdom, success, and happiness to you and your family. Thank you for being a cherished part of our school community.

Lunar New Year Celebrations

Our Chinese Department has organized exciting activities including a K-5 assembly, making candied fruit, wearing traditional costumes, and a spectacular dragon dance. Posters with event details have already been shared with parents. We look forward to celebrating together and enjoying the upcoming festivities!

Ensuring a Positive Start to the School Day

We kindly remind you to help ensure your child arrives at school on time each morning. The school gate opens at 7:45 AM, and the homeroom session begins promptly at 8:00 AM. Arriving on time allows students to settle in, prepare for the day, and start their morning positively. Thank you for your support in fostering a smooth and productive start to the school day!

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Jan 25 – Feb 9 | Spring Festival Holiday (no school) |
| February 10 | Teacher Training Day (no school) |
| February 11 | Classes Resume |