



TIS COMMUNITY

Recently, TIS has had several applicants who were introduced by current school families. Despite thirty years serving the TEDA community, some of these applicants admitted to knowing little of the school's long history of success. TIS is strengthened when we attract families who are driven to join a rigorous and dynamic school community. Please help introduce TIS to families whose educational goals match the school's mission. Some special features to mention include: 1) TIS is an official College Board testing site which means that our students do not have to leave the country to sit for the SAT or other College Board tests. 2) TIS is a member of several international school organizations which offer students the opportunity to compete in athletics and participate in other types of student exchange. 3) TIS offers the only English immersion PreK program in Binhai. 4) TIS is a non-profit school which means its financial resources are allocated in ways that strengthen student learning and school development. 5) TIS teachers are the best!

SECONDARY (6-12)

College Acceptance: Congratulations to the following students and their families on their recent acceptance to excellent universities around the world:

- **Chen Yi Han:** McMaster University with Scholarship (Canada); Western University with Scholarship (Canada); York University with Scholarship (Canada)
- **Zhang Ning:** Australian National University (Australia); Monash University (Australia); The University of Sydney (Australia); University of Manchester (UK)
- **Zhang Qi:** Australian National University (Australia); The University of Sydney (Australia); University of Manchester (UK)
- **Zhang Xin Nuo:** Maryland Institute College of Art with Scholarship (USA); Pratt Institute (USA); School of the Art Institute of Chicago with Scholarship (USA)

High School Speech Contest: Congratulations to G11 Olivia who won this year's High School Speech Contest and to G10 Sun who was named runner-up. All eight participants did a great job speaking on the impacts of social media and artificial intelligence.

Comets Athletics

TIS athletes, welcome back! Your child is invited to join season 3 athletics. First practices are as follows:

- Tuesday, February 11 (15.15-16.15): Middle School Basketball
- Wednesday, February 12 (15.15-16.15): High School Soccer
- Have questions? Contact Mr. Jackie: jleng@tedais.org

Parent Access to Power School: All secondary students and parents have access to PowerSchool, the school's database for assignment and grade reporting. Parents are encouraged to check Power School regularly and contact the teacher if you have any questions about grades or assignment completion. Parents may contact the Secondary Office if they need assistance accessing PowerSchool.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Happy Lantern Festival! Yuánxiāo jié kuàilè!

This week, we will celebrate the traditional Chinese festival, the Lantern Festival! It marks the last day of the Chinese New Year celebrations. On this day, people eat yuanxiao (or tangyuan), symbolizing unity and happiness, and enjoy admiring lanterns and participating in various fun activities.

We wish every family a joyful and harmonious Lantern Festival!

Pre-K Learning: Students have been learning about the history and customs of the Lantern Festival. We will make lanterns by hand, taste delicious yuanxiao, and experience the festive atmosphere, embracing the warmth and joy of reunion.

Post-Holiday Tips: 1) Restore regular routines: Help children get back to their normal schedule, ensuring enough sleep and a healthy diet. 2) Adjust eating habits: Gradually return to a balanced diet, avoiding excessive oily or sugary foods. 3) Regain classroom focus: Encourage children to quickly adapt to class and maintain their interest and habits in learning. 4) Encourage appropriate exercise: Promote outdoor activities to help children regain their physical strength. 5) Pay attention to emotions: Be mindful of any emotional changes and provide care and encouragement to help them transition smoothly.

PRIMARY (K-5)

Focus of the month – Managing Emotions

Welcome Back

Welcome back! I hope you and your family had a wonderful and refreshing break. As we return from a long holiday, it's important to help students get back into their daily routines, including arriving at school on time. Establishing a consistent home routine will also support them in transitioning smoothly.

MAP Test

Primary will begin the mid-year MAP Test during the second week after we return from the holiday. This test is designed to help teachers collect data on students' learning progress, enabling them to adjust their teaching plans to better support student needs.

Movie Night

Our school's NHS is organizing a movie night for our primary students! The event is scheduled for February 21, from 3:15 to 5:30 PM. Students will need to pay to participate, and the payment will include a drink and popcorn. NHS will provide more details to parents soon.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 11	Classes Resume
Mar 21	End of Term 3
Mar 28	Report Card (T3) Conferences
Mar 31-Apr 4	Spring Break Holiday (no school)