

TIS COMMUNITY

WASC Team Visit: This week (April 20-24), TIS will welcome a visiting team from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) as part of the regular reaccreditation cycle. This important visit allows TIS to reflect on its practices, celebrate progress, and identify areas for continued growth. The WASC team will meet with students, staff, and parents to gain a well-rounded understanding of the school's culture, programs, and impact. Their feedback will help to ensure that TIS maintains high standards of education, student wellbeing, and continuous improvement. Accreditation benefits our school by affirming the quality of education provided and supporting the school's commitment to excellence. We look forward to sharing our journey with the visiting team and appreciate your ongoing support!

Spring Concert: TIS will hold its Spring Concert on Thursday, April 24. This is a great opportunity for students who study a musical instrument to showcase their talent and to also see what other TIS students have accomplished musically. The concert starts at 7:00 pm in the Music Atrium. Everyone is invited! Students interested in performing at this event, need to audition. The auditions will be held in the Music Atrium on April 17 and 18 beginning at 3:15 pm.

TIS Walkathon Fundraiser is almost here! Each year TIS holds the Walkathon fundraiser to raise funds for charity. Last year, participating students, staff and parents raised around ¥40,000 to support local and national causes. The official Walkathon Pledge Form will be sent home soon. Please encourage your child to secure as many pledges as possible so we can meet our fundraising goal for the year. This year's Walkathon Fundraiser will be held on Wednesday, April 30 (beginning at 2:00pm).

SECONDARY (6-12)

University Acceptance: Congratulations to Zhang Yi Ge (Emma) and her family on her recent acceptance to The Chinese University of Hong Kong! In addition, Emma also received offers from the Univ of Birmingham and the Univ of Glasgow both located in the UK.

MAP Testing: Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 are working to complete end-of-year MAP tests (Measures of Academic Progress) in the areas of Reading, Math, and Language Usage. Score reports will be shared with parents after testing concludes. Teachers use MAP data to identify skills that need reteaching. MAP data can also be used to create more personalized learning plans for students.

Applying to NHS or NJHS: Students in grades 9 through 11 who wish to apply for National Honor Society membership should drop by the Secondary Office to pick up an application. The same applies to students in grades 6 through 8 who wish to apply to National Junior Honor Society. Membership is available only to those students who have outstanding academic achievement and who also demonstrate great commitment to leadership, character, and service.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

PreK Earth Day Learning: Next week, along with reading activities, our PreK friends will celebrate "Earth Day" with the motto: "We protect what we love!". They'll create eco-promise posters, plant flowers and vegetables, find their "tree friends" on a nature walk, and craft art from recycled materials. Special Earth-themed stories will complete the experience!

I Love Reading Week: Let's celebrate our love for reading with a week full of fun and meaningful activities!

- Monday – Reading Buddies
- Tuesday & Thursday – D.E.A.R.- Drop Everything And Read
- Wednesday – Cozy Reading & Book Character Parade

We warmly invite parents to join us for a cozy reading time with the children, followed by our fun and festive Book Character Parade. Details will be shared in the class WeChat group—please stay tuned!

The week-long Book Fair: will be held in the school cafeteria. We warmly invite parents to stop by and explore the books available for purchase.

Every book is a new friend and a new adventure waiting to begin!

PRIMARY (K-5)

Focus of the month – Service to Others

ISCOT Football Tournament

On Friday, April 25, students involved in IScot Football will travel to Wellington by bus accompanied by teachers and chaperones. The bus will leave campus at 10:30 am and return to campus around 4:00 pm.

I Love Reading Week Schedule

- **Mon, April 21:** Reading Buddies
- **Tues, April 22:** DEAR (Drop Everything and Read)
- **Wed, April 23 8:30 am – 8:50 am Cozy Reading with Parents**
 - Location: Soccer Field
 - Parents may bring blankets, pillows, and their own books (no food please).
 - 9:00 am – 9:45 am **Parade of Characters**
- **Thur, April 24:** DEAR (Drop Everything and Read)
- The **Book Fair** will be open throughout the week for both students and parents to purchase books.
- The class that wins the Door Decoration contest will receive an additional 200 RMB to spend on books for their classroom.

We're looking forward to seeing our students excited about reading this week!

IMPORTANT DATES

Apr 24	Spring Concert (7:00 PM start time)
Apr 30	Walkathon Fundraiser (2:00 PM start time)
May 1-4	Labor Day Holiday (no school)
May 5-16	Advanced Placement (AP) Exams
May 22	End of Year Show
May 30	High School Graduation Ceremony