



TIS COMMUNITY

UNITED NATIONS DAY (ONE DAY EARLIER)

In celebration of our school community's diversity, TIS will celebrate UN Day on Wednesday, October 22 beginning at 14.15. Students are encouraged to come dressed in their home country's traditional attire. After some welcoming remarks, there will be a flag ceremony followed by the parade of nations. Parents are invited to come and participate in this TIS tradition. Parents are also asked to help their child prepare a traditional outfit for this special community event.

SECONDARY (6-12)

University Representatives' Visits: Recently, TIS hosted an admissions officer from the University of British Columbia (UBC) in Canada, who gave our 11th and 12th grader students an informative presentation. Looking ahead, on November 7, TIS will welcome the Director of International Admissions (and her colleague) from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC). They'll be walking students through the SAIC application process, as well as providing insights into other top U.S. art schools. Our high school art students will also have the chance to get personalized feedback through one-on-one portfolio reviews. TIS is dedicated to offering tailored college planning and advising to all our high school families.

End of First Term of Studies: Parents are reminded that the first term of studies ends on October 17. Report cards will be sent out the following Thursday and report card conferences will be held on Friday, October 24. Parents are encouraged to keep their calendars open on October 24 so they can attend these important end-of-term conferences.

PSAT Testing in October: On October 7 through October 10, students in grades 8 through 11 will sit the PSAT exam. This exam provides students an opportunity to experience the actual testing conditions for the SAT. In December, students will receive a score report that will help them understand the specific areas they need to devote attention and effort towards in order to boost their score on the next PSAT and/or SAT.

Spirit Week and Halloween: During the week of October 20, TIS will organize school spirit activities. Students are invited to take part in all the planned activities which include special dress days. During that same week, TIS will also organize some fun and scary Halloween activities. Students can check with their Advisory teacher for more information or the posters hanging around the campus. All Secondary students are encouraged to take part.

TIS COMETS ATHLETICS – SEASON 1 (SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER)

- Oct 11 MS Badminton @TIS-Tianjin
- Oct 18 MS Football @WCIT & @TIS-Tianjin
- Oct 25 HS Volleyball @IST & @TEDA (tournament)
- Oct 29-Nov 1 ACAMIS HS V-ball @Chongqing (tournament)

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

PreK Learning: PK3 will explore farm animals through a sensory farm walk, feeling textures like straw and grass. They'll also try "milking" a cow, make yogurt, and play with fluffy sheep sensory bags. PK4 will build a farm in a large box, plant seeds, and use recycled materials to create chicken coops, stables, and fences. They'll also sort wild vs. farm animals and create a farm map.

PreK Spirit Week (October 27–31): Get ready for a fun week of themed dress-up days! Parents, please help your child join in the spirit by dressing up each day:

- **Mon.** Pajama Day • **Tues.** Crazy Hair/Hat Day • **Wed.** Mismatch Day
- **Thurs.** Rainbow Day • **Fri.** Halloween Celebration

Parenting Corner: Supporting Children with Separation Anxiety

Consistent encouragement helps children grow in confidence and resilience. Here are some positive phrases you can use at home:

- "I'm proud of how brave you were today."
- "I love seeing you try new things."
- "You're getting better at going to school every day."
- "It makes me happy to hear about your friends and activities."

Words of encouragement can make a big difference in your child's confidence and outlook.

PRIMARY (K-5)

Focus of the month – Friendship skills

Grade 5 Assembly: Grade 5 will host a K–5 assembly on October 10 at 8:15 a.m. in our school theater to celebrate the conclusion of our topic on Diversity and Respect. Parents are warmly welcome to join us for this special event. Looking ahead to October, our new focus will be on Friendship Skills. We look forward to seeing our students apply these skills in their daily school life to build even stronger friendships.

Communication Reminder on Seesaw: We've noticed that fewer parents are checking Seesaw messages this year. This may affect your ability to receive important updates, including individual messages from your child's teachers and announcements from the Primary Office. If you are experiencing any difficulties using Seesaw, please reach out to Ms. Bella (bdong@tedais.org) for assistance. Staying connected helps us work together to support your child's learning and well-being.

Movie Night: National Honor Society will be hosting a Movie Night for K–5 students on October 10, after school from 3:20 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Parents, please ensure that payment is made on time so your child can participate smoothly in the event. The event details have already been shared with parents by our NHS team earlier this week.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 17	End of Term 1
October 24	Term 1 Report Card Conferences
December 15-16	Secondary Semester 1 Exams
December 19	End of Term 2/End of Semester 1