



## TIS COMMUNITY

Welcome to semester 2 of the 2025-2026 school year. Please consider the following suggestions for a successful semester: 1) Help your child stick to a routine that prioritizes learning before leisure. 2) Utilize the tools available to stay informed (PowerSchool, Seesaw, Teams, Jump Rope). 3) Carefully read through all school communications including the Weekly Bulletin. 4) Don't delay in addressing concerns: Communicate with your child's teachers so they can better meet your child's needs. 5) Try to attend all school events especially learning celebrations and showcase events. 6) Recognize your child's accomplishments and the efforts made by your child's teachers.

## SECONDARY (6-12)

**Semester 1 Excellence:** Over the holiday, special letters of recognition went out to those secondary students who earned grades of 90% or higher in all their classes for the first semester of studies. Performing at such a high level across six demanding classes is a significant accomplishment and one which can only be achieved through hard work and drive.

**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.

**Weekly Learning Bulletins for Parents:** Parents of students in grades 6 through 12 can keep up with the topics and skills being taught by reading the Weekly Learning Bulletin that is sent out in the beginning of the week (via WeChat). If you are not receiving this important school communication, please contact the Secondary Office.

**Daily Homework Bulletin for Parents:** Each afternoon (Monday through Friday), the Secondary Office sends the Daily Homework Bulletin to parents of students in grades 6 through 8 (via WeChat). Students (6-12) also receive this homework reminder through Teams.

### Important Dates in Secondary

- January 5 First Class Day of Semester 2
- Jan 17 TOEFL Junior Test
- Jan 23 Secondary Poetry Showcase
- Jan 28-31 ACAMIS B-Ball Tourney
- Feb 2-6 Lunar New Yr Activities
- Feb 14-March 1 Spring Festival (no classes)
- March 18-21 ACAMIS Football Tourney
- March 20 End of Term 3
- March 26 Science Fair (tentative)
- March 27 Report Card Conferences (T3)

## PRE-KINDERGARTEN

**Happy New Year!** We hope you all had a lovely holiday break. After two weeks of rest and family time, we're so excited to welcome the children back to school with bright smiles and renewed energy. Wishing everyone a joyful start to the new year—full of growth, laughter, and wonderful new possibilities ahead!

**PreK Learning:** PK3 will begin exploring ocean animals. The children will dive into learning through hands-on and sensory activities as they discover life in the ocean. PK4 will learn about the icy North Pole environment. Students will focus on understanding animals like polar bears, Arctic foxes, and seals that adapted for life in the cold. They will also conduct a hands-on activity by creating "snow" with various materials and see how each substance feels and reacts.

**Parental Corner: Building a Healthy Routine:** A consistent routine helps children develop healthy habits and essential life skills such as time management and organization. It also provides a sense of security, supporting better sleep, healthy eating, and overall emotional well-being.

## PRIMARY (K-5)

### Focus of the month – Courageous choices

**A Fresh Start for the New Term:** Welcome back, and happy new term! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and joyful winter holiday, filled with time to relax, recharge, and create special memories. As we begin this new term, we are excited to see our students return refreshed, motivated, and ready to learn. With new goals, new challenges, and many opportunities ahead, we look forward to a term full of growth, curiosity, and success. Let's make this term a positive and inspiring journey together!

**G1-5 MAP Tests Notice:** The MAP Tests for Grades 1-5 will take place in the second week of Term 3. There is no need to worry, as these assessments are used by teachers to collect data and better adjust teaching and learning plans to support students' growth. To help students do their best, we recommend an early bedtime and some light reading practice. A calm and positive mindset will help students feel confident and ready.

**Courageous Choices:** In January, our monthly focus is Courageous Choices. Students will be encouraged to make brave and positive decisions, try new things, and stand up for what is right. By practicing courageous choices each day, they build confidence, resilience, and responsibility.

## IMPORTANT DATES

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| Feb 14-Mar 1 | Spring Festival Holiday (no school)        |
| Mar 27       | End of Term 3                              |
| April 3      | Report Card Conference (Term 3)            |
| April 4-12   | Spring break/Qing Ming Holiday (no school) |