



TIS COMMUNITY

TEACHERS' DAY IS ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

School is an extension of the home and teachers are an extension of the family. Just as parents and other relatives serve as role models for children, so do teachers. TIS community members are reminded that Teachers' Day is on Thursday, September 10. Students and parents are invited to write a note or make a card for one or more of their teachers. As we begin this new academic year, please take the time to express your appreciation for the hard work, passion, and commitment that TIS teachers bring to their work each day.

STUDENT SAFETY – STUDENTS ARRIVING TO SCHOOL

Public school students will return to classes on September 1 which means an increase in traffic congestion (especially in the morning). TIS families are encouraged to take the necessary steps to ensure students arrive safely and on time to the TIS campus. Parents should provide clear guidance for children who walk or bike to school, encouraging greater caution and awareness. Let's keep our kids safe.

SECONDARY (6-12)

Week Without Walls Trips: From September 21-24, Secondary students will be on their Week Without Walls trips to Inner Mongolia (G6-G7-G8), Dali, Yunnan (G9-G10) and Dunhuang, Gansu (G11-G12). These trips provide students with unique learning opportunities to challenge themselves and to work with classmates they may not have worked with in the past. September 1 is the deadline for payments and submitting passports/Chinese ID cards.

Student Government Elections: In the first month of each school year, TIS students elect a Student Government to support school events, provide student perspective on school decisions, promote school unity, and carry out important service initiatives. This year's Student Government elections will take place on September 18.

After School Activities: All after school activities are now underway. TIS teachers work hard to offer unique and interesting after school activities throughout the school year which provide students with opportunities to engage in athletic competition, demonstrate their creativity, develop their leadership and critical thinking skills, and provide service to others.

MAP Testing (Grades 6-7): MAP testing began last week and will conclude on Friday, September 11. Students who take the MAP test will complete three sub-tests in Math, Reading and Language Usage. These beginning of the school year scores will serve as a baseline for comparison when students complete the second round of MAP testing near the end of the school year.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

PK Learning: PK Moon River & Starlight will explore their bodies and feelings through hands-on activities, including life-sized body outlines, emotion faces, and block measurements—combining creativity, early math, and social-emotional learning. PK Sunshine will enjoy more sensory experiences and explore a variety of different materials throughout the week.

PK Library Day: Reading is an important part of early childhood development. Every Monday, children will choose a favorite book from the PK Library to take home and enjoy with their families and return it on Friday. This weekly routine helps children develop a love of reading while learning to care for and return books responsibly.

Tips for parents as we start the school year: A strong partnership between home and school helps children feel safe, confident, and ready to learn. Parents are encouraged to . . .

- stay connected/work together with teachers to support learning.
- watch the Seesaw daily videos to stay connected with your child's school experiences.
- Talk with your child about their day, what they enjoyed, and what they discovered.

PRIMARY (K-5)

Focus of the month – Diversity and Respect

Celebrating Diversity and Respect: The theme for September is Diversity and Respect. This month, we will celebrate our differences, appreciate what makes each of us unique, and work together to build a respectful, welcoming, and inclusive school community.

Term 1 Swimming: Grade 3–5 swimming classes will begin this week. A parent letter with program details has already been sent home. For any questions, please contact Mr. Robb. Swimming helps students stay active, build water confidence, and develop strength, coordination, and important life skills. We hope students enjoy this valuable learning experience.

Parent Workshop: Ms. Gaby will be hosting a parent workshop on Accelerated Reader on Friday September 4 at 8:15 a.m. All parents are warmly welcome to join! We look forward to seeing you in the library.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sep 25-27	Mid-Autumn Festival (no school)
Sep 28-Oct 4	National Day Holiday (no school)
Oct 16	End of Term 1
Oct 23	Term 1 Report Card Conferences (no classes)