

# LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

Thai Chinese International School



## Upcoming Events!

Aug. 22-Sept. 3 = LS  
MAP testing

Tues. Aug. 30th at 7:15  
in the MS 6th floor  
**COMPLEX THINKERS  
Assembly**

Mon. Sept. 5th Second  
Step Lessons Begin

Thurs. Sept. 8 = Wai Kru  
Ceremony 5th floor gym

Friday Sept. 9th = No  
school for students  
teacher professional  
development day

## Everybody is working hard!

There is wonderful teaching and learning going on in the Lower School at TCIS.

The students are working hard and with our beginning of the year assessment window coming to a close teachers have the pre-tests needed to maximize learning this school year.

Thank you for your continued support in the Lower School as we work to improve each day and get settled into a wonderful year of learning.

**TCIS**

# Reminders

August 22nd 2016

## START OF THE DAY

**First bell = 7:10**

(assemblies begin and students can start to enter classrooms, KG and PK should go to their room)

**Second bell = 7:25**

(All students line up to clear the playground and go to class)

**Third bell = 7:30**

all classes begin

## END OF THE DAY

**Bell = 3:10**

School is out for the day and LS students should be picked up or go to their bus.

**3:30 ASEP begins**

**4:00 ALL Teachers and Teaching Assistants are off duty** so there is no supervision unless you are in an organized school activity

**Before 4:00** LS students can be in the covered LS playground, canteen or parking garage.

**After 4:00** LS students without parent supervision are asked to wait in the parking garage.



## Things To Know

- \* Students should **bring socks to school** to wear in their classrooms. This is for the health and safety of all students.
- \* Students are **not allowed to use mobile phones during the school day**. Students are discouraged to wear phone watches as this is distracting to their learning. Teachers may collect phones or watches during the start of class and return them at the end of the day. During the day parents can contact students via the LS office when needed.
- \* It is important for kids to **wash hands** regularly and to stay home if they are sick so we do not spread any illness. Please inform the school if your child is sick.
- \* **Communication Channels** - Please first share any concerns with your classroom teacher and then contact the LS office. We can translate any questions or concerns received in Thai or Chinese and then usually respond within 24 hours when school is in session or the following work day when received over the weekend or holiday. [More information Handbook page 45](#)

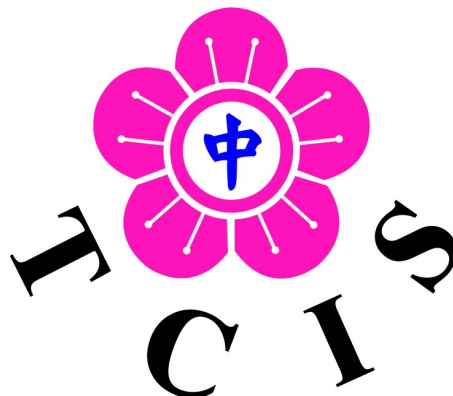


## **LS Schedules and Language Classes**

There have been a few questions regarding the Lower School schedules and language classes.

1. The schedules are the same as they were last year.
2. There are NO Free periods in the lower school schedules.

There has been some interest from parents in changing the lower school program to include Chinese Speech for Thai students this would be a brand new class in the Lower School. Changes like this will take some time. We are looking into this possibility and appreciate your support as we work together to make TCIS Lower School the best it can be.







Dear Parent:

Between the day of August 22 and September 2 , your child will take tests called Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®). We give students MAP tests to determine your child's instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year, and from year to year in the areas of reading, language usage and mathematics. Your child will take the tests in the computer lab.

MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each test is set up so your child can succeed and have a positive testing experience. With MAP tests, we can receive quick and accurate results to guide instruction and learning and to show student growth. Over the next week, your child will spend a total of about two to three hours completing these tests.

Each school year, students in grades one through nine take the tests in August, and again in May. Following each testing period, you will receive a report showing your child's growth.

Below are the testing days for LS classes:

1A and 1B - Reading 8/25, Math 8/30

2A and 2B - Reading 8/24, Language 8/29, Math 8/31

3A - Reading 8/23, Language 8/26, Math 8/31

3B - Reading 8/23, Language 8/26, Math 9/1

4A - Reading 8/22, Language 8/24, Math 8/29

4B - Reading 8/22, Language 8/25, Math 8/30

Please encourage your child to get a good sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and most importantly to try their best!

We are excited to continue the MAP® because it focuses on every child's individual growth and achievement. **Partnering to help all kids learn**, parents and teachers can have a profound positive effect on the lives of our children.

Please contact me in the LS office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Hannah Hartman