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Middle School Newsletter

Dear TCIS Community,

Welcome to the TCIS 2017-18 school year! My name is Conrad M. Pholar and I am the Middle School Principal of the Thai-Chinese International School. I am a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and this is my year at TCIS. By the nature of its history and unique character, TCIS has always been a warm and welcoming community. We are indeed a tri-educational and trilingual, mission driven school but when you visit our school, you can sense we are much more.

Even though I have only been part of TCIS for one school year, what makes it so valuable and special is our staff and student body. It is the friendly and caring adults and children associated with our school that has defined its legacy. At TCIS, known by many educators in Southeast Asia for its rigorous academic program, also has an amazing school community that believes in our school and what it has to offer.

A special word of welcome to all of our new families. The school looks forward to forming lasting relationships with you as we support your children in their studies at TCIS. To our returning families, a heart-warming welcome back!

Consistent and clear communication with parents is essential to student success at TCIS. Two important documents that you will need to refer to during the course of the school year are the 2017-18 TCIS Calendar and the Student- Parent Handbook. These documents can be found on our school website (www.tcis.ac.th).

Our handbook is a guide to the way we operate as a school. Also included in the handbook are behavioral expectations and guidelines for students. There have been some changes since last school year so please take the time to review it carefully.

Wishing all of our students and parents a very successful school year!

Warmest regards,

Conrad M. Pholar

MS Principal

New Faces

This school year our Middle School welcomes several new staff members to TCIS and are excited to have them join our community:



Victor Poole - Mr. Vic is a native of Hammersmith, West London and is a Chelsea football supporter. He will be teaching Middle School Language Arts to grades 6 and 8 and has been teaching for over 20 years. Apart from the UK, he has worked in Asia and Europe. He lived and worked in Bangkok from 2006-2012 where he met his wife Joy. She will be working as a permanent substitute at our school and his son Danny, age 6, and daughter Annabel, age 3, will be attending TCIS.



Tracy De Gaetano - Ms. Tracy is originally from Washington, DC and will be teaching grade 5 English and Social Studies. She has lived previously overseas as a student, having student-taught in Mexico and studied in London. Her husband Joe will be teaching Social Studies, US History and AP Psychology in the High School and their son, Jack, age 6, and daughter Ella, age 5 will attend grade 1 and kinder at TCIS this school year.

This Year's Monthly MS Newsletter

This school year's monthly newsletter will be posted on our school's website at the middle of each month. If you prefer to have a hard copy, please call Ms Ongsa, our MS secretary at extension 209 or have your child inform the office.

Middle School Assemblies

Each Wednesday this school year, the Middle School will hold its weekly assembly beginning at 7:20 am in the 6th floor of our building. At our first assembly, held on August 8, our High Honor and Honor Roll students were recognized for their academic achievements last school year during the 4th quarter of classes. Congratulations to all of these stellar students for their hard work and dedication. Please note that all parents are welcome to attend these get-togethers.

