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**Middle School News**  
**November 11, 2019**

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## NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Dear TCIS Community,

In this newsletter, Mr. Jeff details the importance of the PSAT for our Grade 8 students. There is a section in this newsletter from Ms. Shanesz about technology in the Middle School. Kru Koong and Kru Aom detail the Loy Krathong ceremony and the events for Monday. Also, Ms. Colleen has an important announcement about the date of our National Junior Honor

Society (NJHS) induction. All parents are invited to this induction ceremony. It is a very special event at the TCIS and this is our first year to have NJHS in the Middle School. Lastly, we have a section of photos from our Pajama Day and daily themes for our Spirit Week this week. Parents are encouraged to attend the High School performances on Thursday and Friday of this week at 7:30 AM. Also, all students are encouraged to dress in themes each day this week. It is going to be a busy week with a great deal of fun and tradition.

Thank you for choosing TCIS and please know that my office is always open to you for a conversation or to help with any issues or concerns you may have.

Dr. Michael  
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## News from the Middle School Counselor



Hello Middle School Parents,

We're back in the swing of things after our break and ready to continue taking the 2nd quarter head on! This week, our Grade 8 students will sit for the [PSAT](#). This is an important first step towards their preparation for the [SAT](#). Our TCIS students will have the opportunity to take the PSAT two more times (in Grades 9 and 10) before they take the SAT, which they will take during their Junior and/or Senior year of high school.

I met with the Grade 8 students to give them an introduction to this exam, and provided them with a few links ([1](#) and [2](#)), which provide more information about the exams themselves and ways to help prepare for them. Our grade 8 students don't need to stress too much about this exam, as it won't count towards their grades, and is only being used as practice. They should use the results from this exam to guide their studying. Which areas did they perform well? Which areas do they need to focus on improving for the future? By looking at their PSAT score results, you'll have a better idea of how to go about preparing for the SAT.

If you have any questions about the PSAT or SAT, please let me know. I am available to meet any time or can be reached via email.

Regards,

Jeff Chelin  
School Counselor  
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## News From the Middle School Learning Technology Coordinator



Grades 5 and 6 students began new units of technology during October - November and new groups of 7th and 8th grade students began their introduction to Coding in the second quarter of the year.

Ms. Shanesz  
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### Grade 5 & 6

Grades 5 began their introduction to Forms and Spreadsheets by creating their very own questionnaire with Google Forms to gather data from their classmates. Students had fun trying to formulate questions in the best way possible in order to get desired results. We have also started working with Google sheets



and are getting familiar with workbooks, calculating using formulas and estimating. In the coming weeks Grade 5 will delve deeper into spreadsheets using computational strategies to calculate data and generate graphical representations.

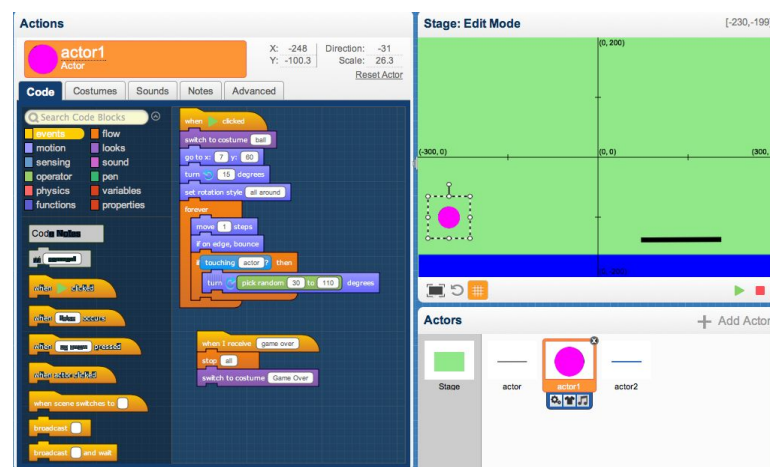
Grade 6 also started off their spreadsheet unit by first understanding budgets and creating one to buy clothes for less fortunate children in an orphanage. After which they moved on to compare sets of data using tables, graphs, and models. They examined patterns in data using charts and trend lines and the application of mathematical reasoning to investigate a problem in order to make connections to the real world applications of mathematics. At the end of the unit students completed a summative assessment project where they were asked to examine different fast food restaurant calorie charts and place an order for a full meal, then calculate and graph the amount of fat calories and percentage of fat in each of the food items ordered. In this assignment, students were able to identify the least healthiest food items available in their favorite fast food outlets!

## Grades 7 & 8

A brand new set of 7th and 8th graders started their introduction to Coding this quarter. Grade 7 is using Code Monkey and Grade 8 is using Tynker to learn the basics of coding. Both these applications are fun to use as they incorporate game based learning to walk through the fundamentals of programming.








Within the course of this quarter students will complete the following components:



- Unit 1- Fundamentals of Coding
- Unit 2 - Functions & Conditions
- Unit 3 - Logic & Events
- Unit 4 - Coding Mini Drones

We expect to have a whole lot of fun learning to program drones to stay on a target course. Students have already started to power up drones and are learning about safety practices. Stay tuned for more news and photos in the upcoming newsletters!

TCIS MIDDLE SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK (NOV. 8-15, 2019)

Friday Nov. 8 (Day 2)	Monday Nov. 11 (Day 1)	Tuesday Nov. 12 (Day 2)	Wednesday Nov. 13 (Day 1)	Thursday Nov. 14 (Day 2)	Friday Nov. 15 (Day 1)
Pajama Day	Loy Krathong	Rainbow Day	Four Season	Denim Day	Movie Genre Day
		 			
Dress up in your comfortable pajamas!	Dress up in Thai traditional apparels to celebrate the Loy Krathong festival!	Dress up in shirts that match a color in the rainbow to make the MS colorful.	Show your grade's spirit! <b>Grade 5 - Winter</b> <b>Grade 6 - Spring</b> <b>Grade 7 - Summer</b> <b>Grade 8 - Autumn</b> <i>*see color codes below</i>	Wear your cool denims to school! <i>*HS Performance @ 7:30 - 8:10</i>	Dress up as a movie character or their genres! <i>*HS Performance @ 7:30 - 8:10</i>



# “Loy Krathong Celebration”

Monday  November 11, 2019

We would appreciate if you could join us by wearing



## Traditional Costumes

# National Junior Honor Society

Membership in NJHS is an honor and a privilege bestowed upon those who are proven to exemplify the five pillars of NJHS: Scholarship, Character, Leadership, Service, and Citizenship. TCIS is proud to announce the induction of the following members into the Charter Wolves Chapter of NJHS: ***Phinyasuda Liu (Ganda), Chanipa Rojanavitsakul (Pa), Li-chen Tung (Aurora), Anuthida Yang (WaWa), Phatteeaya Yongsanguanchai (Grace), Kanin Wihitpraphai (Kui), Ponpimon Lian (Lara), Pimmela Lian (Nadia), Chananthida Liu (Nini), Thitirat Sertsuibua (Belle), Amy Zhang, Katannita Leeongsaweit (Ingrid), Pabhada Kunatikornkit (Vava), Pakin Varakulvanich, Natcha Wijiitpraphai (Jean)***

Please join us in congratulating these students on their induction into NJHS on November 18, 2019 in the HS 360 from 2-3:10.

Contact NJHS Advisor, Ms. Colleen with any questions at: [colleen@tcis.ac.th](mailto:colleen@tcis.ac.th)



Induction Ceremony  
November 18, 2019  
HS 360 2-3:10  
Reception Immediately to Follow

# Announcement

Dear Parents and Students,

This semester, Kru Koong and Kru Aom encouraged students to **wear Thai tradition customs** and gain more knowledge about Loy Krathong Festival by visiting the HS Loy Krathong Exhibition and working on the assignments which posted on Google classroom. We are looking forward to seeing you, please join us!

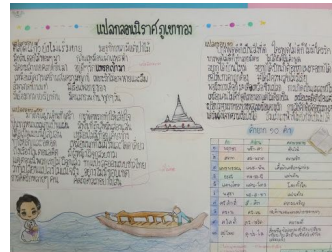
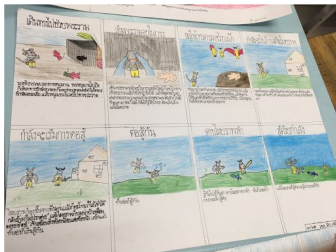


# Upcoming Thai Events

Father's Day is coming up On **Wednesday December 4, 2019 on the 5th gym at 1.45-3.10 PM**. We have the Thai Traditional Dance from ES & HW students and also the Music video of MS students, too.

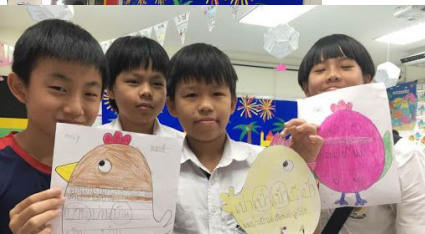
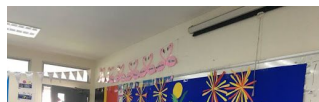
# Activities & Pictures in Thai Class

1. นักเรียนได้รู้จักการใช้ทักษะการคิดวิเคราะห์จากการเรียนวรรณคดีไทย ผ่านพฤติกรรมตัวละครว่าสิ่งที่ตัวละครในแต่ละเรื่องทำนั้น มีพฤติกรรมที่ดีที่ควรทำตามและพฤติกรรมที่ไม่ดีที่ไม่ควรทำตามมีอะไรบ้าง และสามารถ อภิปรายผลที่จะเกิดขึ้นในการแสดงของพฤติกรรมเหล่านั้นได้ จากการสร้างสรรค์นิทาน Comic book ซึ่งเป็นการนำไปใช้ได้จริงในชีวิตประจำวัน



2. นักเรียนได้เรียนรู้ฝึกพับกลีบกระดงจากกระดาษ และการทำกระดงจากใบตอง

เกี่ยวกับประวัติ วันลอยกระทง

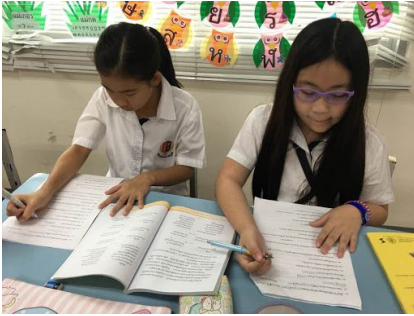


3. นักเรียนได้เรียนรู้กลาง อักษรสูง และ

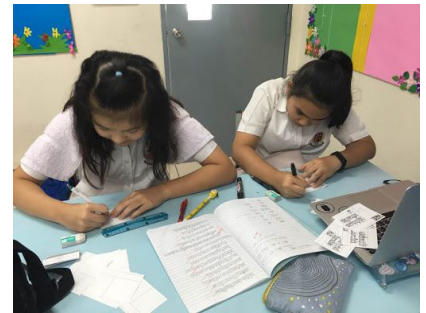


หลักภาษา เช่นการผันอักษร คำควบกล้ำ

4. ในการจัดการเรียนการสอนภาษาไทยในเดือนนี้มุ่งเน้นให้นักเรียนมีโอกาสได้ทำงานกลุ่มมากขึ้น



โดยการจัดกลุ่มการทำงานของนักเรียนนั้น คุณครูใช้วิธีการสุ่มเลือกนักเรียนให้ทำงานด้วยกัน เพื่อได้ทำงานร่วมกันและเรียนรู้และยอมรับความแตกต่างของแต่ละบุคคล รวมทั้งช่วยกันส่งเสริมความสามารถของเพื่อนในชั้นเรียน



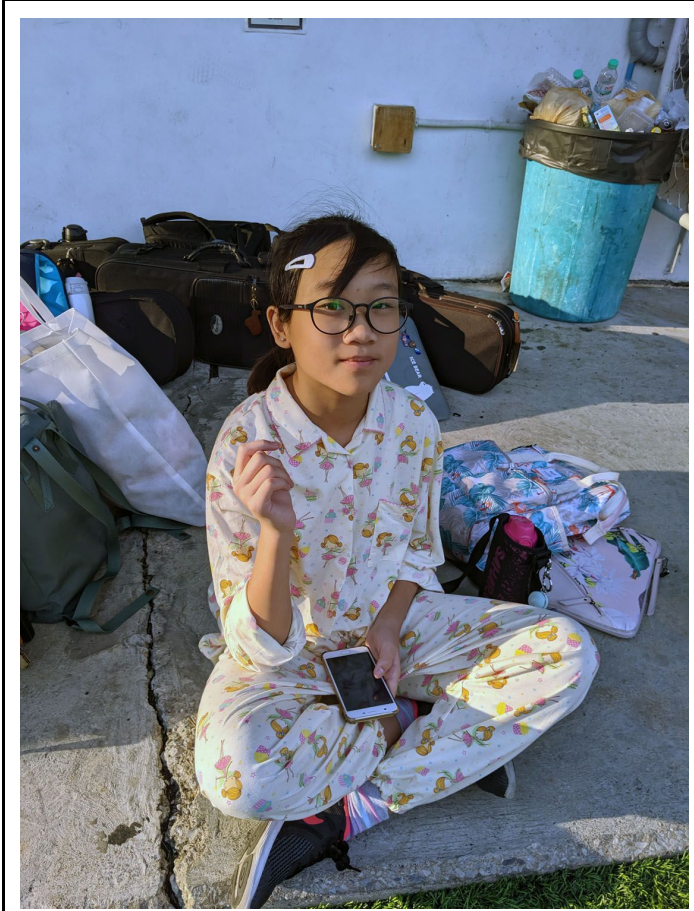
Pajama Day in the Middle School

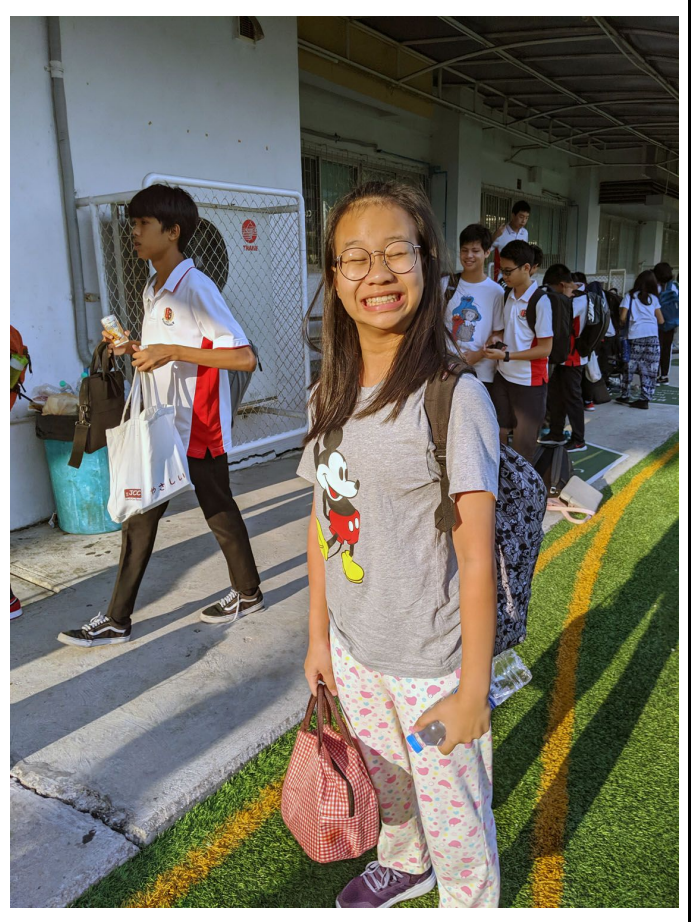
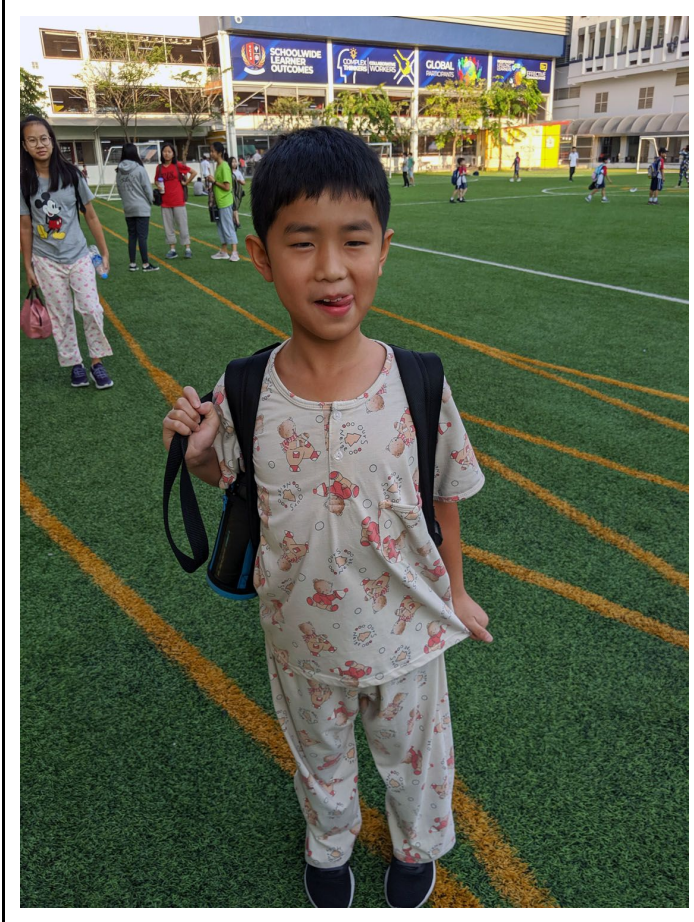


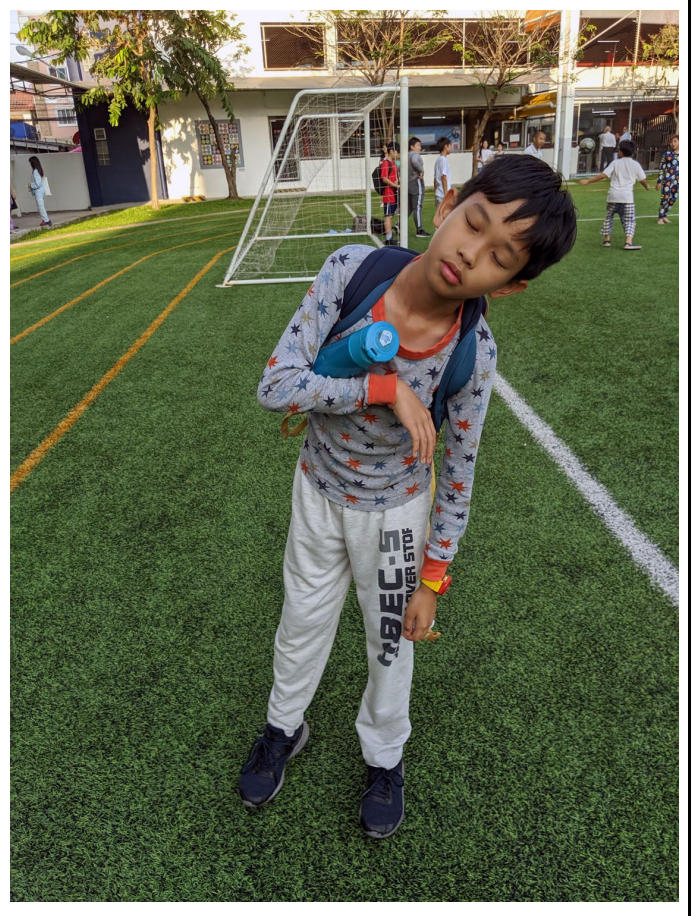
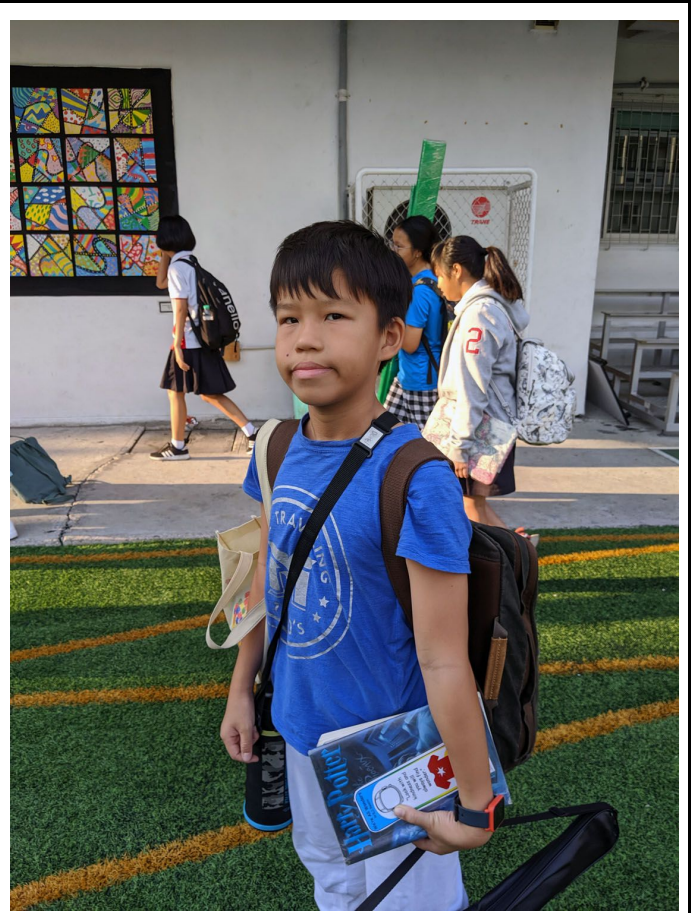
























## EVENTS

November 11 - Loy Krathong @ 9:25 am (Basketball Court)

November 12-15 - All School Spirit Days

November 13 - Chinese Singing Competition (CMT)

November 15 - Middle School Assembly

**November 19** - Grade 5 Science Field Trip

**November 20** - Grade 6 Science Field Trip

**November 21** - Grade 8 Science Field Trip

**November 19 & 20** - Chinese Proficiency test (TOCFL) Grades 3-12

**November 27** - Progress Reports emailed at 2:30 pm to all students & parents

**November 28** - Grade 7 Science Field Trip

**December 3** - Principal Coffee @ 7:30 (Library)

**December 4** - Father's Day Ceremony @ 1:45pm (5th Floor Gym)

**December 6** - Middle School Assembly

**December 20** - End of Quarter 2 (End of First Semester) Last day before break. Classes dismiss at 11:30. Campus and canteen to close at 12:00. "

**December 23** - January 3 - Christmas Break

**January 6, 2020** - First day of Quarter 3 (First day of Semester 2)

Estimated 19/20 Assembly dates (subject to change):

November	15
December	6
January '20	17
February	7, 21
March	6, 20
April	3
May	1, 15

## CANTEEN MENUS

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# TCIS Open House Days

All prospective families are welcome to attend

**CALL NOW TO RESERVE A PLACE**

**Oct 2, 2019**

Venue: HS office

9.00 - 11.00

**Nov 6, 2019**

Venue: HS office

9.00 - 11.00

**Dec 4, 2019**

Venue: HS office

9.00 - 11.00



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**REMARK:**




- Limited seat per period
- First come first serve
- TCIS reserves the right to make any changes without prior notice

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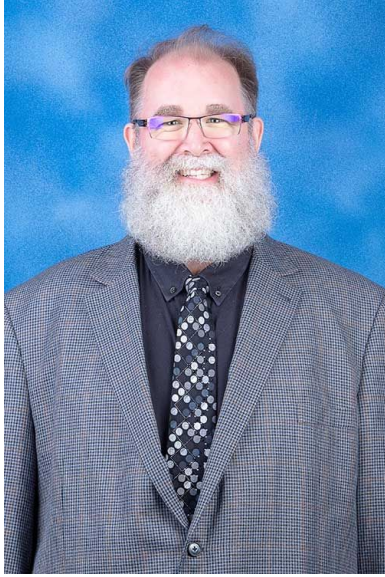


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