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**Middle School News**  
**October 28, 2019**

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### NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Dear TCIS Community,

I hope everyone had a wonderful October break. We are now back in school after a week off and it is time to make a final push for the 2nd Quarter of the school year. If your child had some low grades during Q1, they can use Q2 to bring the total grade for the semester for a higher GPA.

In this newsletter, we have a

section from our Middle School Counselor, Mr. Jeff, about how to help your child succeed in Quarter 2. We also have a section from Mr. Ted about an upcoming Parent Plus Portal training he is conducting at the school. There is another section from Mr. David on sports in the Middle School. We also have more information from our two wonderful Thai teachers, Kru Koong and Kru Aom, about Loy Krathong. Additionally, Ms. Winna is making an announcement about the Middle School Karaoke contest on Halloween and there is a flyer on the different costumes that students can wear during Spirit Week. Lastly, we have a section on the Chinese Field Trip to see the Terracotta Warriors that Mr. Thomas planned for the entire Middle School and was such a fabulous experience for our students.

On another note, our 8th Graders are getting ready to take the PSAT in November. Please be sure that students rest the night before this test and are ready to take the test on test day.

Thank you for choosing the 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.

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## News from the Middle School Counselor



Hello Middle School Parents!

Welcome back from October Break! Breaks are a great time to step away from the stressors of school, spend time with friends and family, or just rest up and recharge your batteries. We hope you and your children were able to take a break from school and enjoy some time together. Now that we're back, it's time to get laser focused for the 2nd Quarter. Here are some tips you can try at home to ensure a successful 2nd quarter:

- 1) Time management skills are learned. To help them with this, keep an eye on your child's routine. When do they get home? When do they start/finish their homework? What time are they eating dinner or going to bed? What time do they wake up for school to ensure they're here on time for their first class (7:30am)? By helping students better manage their time, they will learn this necessary skill which will help them in school and out.
- 2) Put yourself in their shoes. As a counselor, I have often spoken to students about empathy, the ability to feel how other people are feeling. Take a moment to truly understand how your child is doing in school, from their perspective. How are their classes going? How are their relationships with their friends? Open up a dialogue with them about these and other topics, and allow them to share how they're feeling from their perspective. You will learn a lot about them, and it will allow them to feel heard.
- 3) Trust their teachers. Remember the teachers are your partners in your child's journey. They are there to help, both academically and socially. Everyone (teachers, parents, administrators) wants what's best for your child. Have conversations with teachers if there are aspects of your child's learning that you are concerned with. Everyone at TCIS is willing to help whenever possible.

If there is anything I can do to help with your child's learning, please email me or stop by school any time.

Regards,

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## Middle School Musical

Ms. Cream and Ms. Rebekah are planning a Middle School Musical for Grades 5 and 6. This is our first musical in the Middle School and these two amazingly creative teachers are providing a great opportunity for our Middle School students to participate and organize a full musical production. If your child is interested, please tell them to see Ms. Cream or Ms. Rebekah!



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**PLUSPORTALS  
TRAINING FOR  
PARENTS:  
OCTOBER 30TH  
9:30 - 12:00  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
CONFERENCE ROOM**

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday, October 30th, our Curriculum Coordinator, Ted Persinger, will be conducting PlusPortals training. PlusPortals is our online grading system, and he'll be showing you how to access your child's grades, both online and through the phone application. He can also help you with passwords if you haven't logged on in some time.

Training will be held in the Middle School Conference Room.

If you have any questions in advance, please feel free to contact him at [ted.persinger@tcis.ac.th](mailto:ted.persinger@tcis.ac.th)

Thank you!



Dear Parents,

It is my pleasure to inform you of the progress we have made in Physical Education throughout the first quarter. We began the year with a unit on fitness which culminated in the Fitness Graham pre-test. Several times throughout the year we will re-test to check on the gains students are making in developing cardiovascular endurance, muscular endurance, and muscular strength. In grade 5 we also completed a unit developing skills for throwing, catching, and striking with long handled implements and applying those to the game of T-ball. For the month of October, the students are working on developing their swimming skills with Ms. Print and Ms. Sam. In grade 6, students also worked on developing the same skills but have applied those skills to the sport of Softball, where they are striking a moving target rather than a stationary ball which sits upon a Tee. In grades 7 & 8, Mr. Brad and myself have divided the classes into boys and girls' classes to focus on individual skill

development and providing more opportunities for each student to build confidence in themselves and their skill attainment. Both classes have worked on the same skills as the other grades, but their activities are quite different from the lower grades. After the fitness unit, both classes completed a striking unit and applied their skills in both softball and floor hockey. For the month of October, they are spending half of month working on swimming skills and outdoor invasion games with a focus on American Football.



In grades 6-8, students also completed written tests that measure their skill knowledge, and knowledge of both hockey and softball. These tests only measured what was taught in class and every student was sent a study guide two weeks before the test in Google Classroom. Throughout the year we will continue to have written and/or skills tests to assess student learning in addition to daily participation points which accrue daily. Participation scores still account for 60% of a student's grade, whereas written and skill assessments account for the remaining 40%.

Currently, I am in the USA for the birth of my son and I am not available for parent/teacher conferences this month. If you have further concerns about your child's performance or how they are assessed, please feel free to set up a meeting with me in the month of November. I am free most mornings to meet before 9:00am or afterschool on Mondays or Fridays. If you desire a meeting, please arrange it through either the middle school office or contact me

directly at [david@tcis.ac.th](mailto:david@tcis.ac.th)

Best Regards,

David Stillman

# TCIS SPORTS

## SEASON 2 SPORTS SIGN UPS!

Season 2 sports are on their way! Please sign up for your teams via your Grade level Google Classroom OR by the [Google Site!](#)

### Sports:

- ★ U13 Girls and Boys Badminton
- ★ U15 Girls and Boys Badminton
- ★ U13 Boys Soccer
- ★ U15 Boys Soccer
- ★ Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball



## 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> <small>*see color codes below</small>	Wear your cool denims to school!  <small>*HS Performance @ 7:30 - 8:10</small>	Dress up as a movie character or their genres!  <small>*HS Performance @ 7:30 - 8:10</small>



# “Loy Krathong Celebration”

Monday  November 11, 2019

We would appreciate if you could join us by wearing



**Traditional Costumes**

## Upcoming Thai Events

1. The **Loy Krathong Celebration is coming up on Monday November 11, 2019**. This year, we have the ES Students and Parents fashion show, MS & HS Nang Noppamas representative 9:25-10:45 at the Basketball Court. And also students will be making the Krathong by themselves too.



## Activities & Pictures in Thai Class

1. Encourage students to speak out by using Socratic Seminar on mural painting of Ramayana from the balcony of the Grand Palace  
นักเรียนได้เรียนรู้ในรูปแบบการสัมมนาซึ่งเปิดโอกาสให้นักเรียนได้แสดงความคิดเห็นในมุมมองของนักเรียนผ่านรูปภาพงานจิตรกรรมฝาผนังเรื่องรามเกียรติ์จากกระเบื้องคตวันพระแก้ว

2. Use application about education game such as Kahoot for encourage students.

ในการจัดการเรียนการสอนภาษาไทยนั้น นอกจากการใช้สื่อการเรียนจากหนังสือ คุณครูยังจัดหากิจกรรมสนุกๆ ผ่านการใช้เทคโนโลยีต่างๆ เช่นการใช้โปรแกรม Kahoot ในการจัดกิจกรรมกระตุ้นการเรียนรู้ ซึ่งเด็กๆได้เรียนรู้ผ่านการเล่นเกมทำให้นักเรียนมีความสุขและผ่อนคลายในการเรียนมากขึ้น

3. Encourage students has collaboratives with classmate and try to present in front of class

นอกจากนี้ ครูยังส่งเสริมให้นักเรียนเป็นผู้ฟังที่ดีและเป็นผู้พูดที่ดีจึงได้จัดกิจกรรมที่ส่งเสริมให้นักเรียนออกมานำเสนอหน้าชั้นเรียน รวมทั้งยังรู้จักการทำงานร่วมกับผู้อื่น ยอมรับฟังความคิดเห็นที่แตกต่าง และรู้จักนำเสนอความคิดของตนเองให้ผู้อื่นรับฟัง



# Chinese Singing Competition

## 中文 歌唱比賽



Chinese Singing Competition

### Date

Friday, November 1 (Day 1)

Halloween day @ 360

9:20~10:45

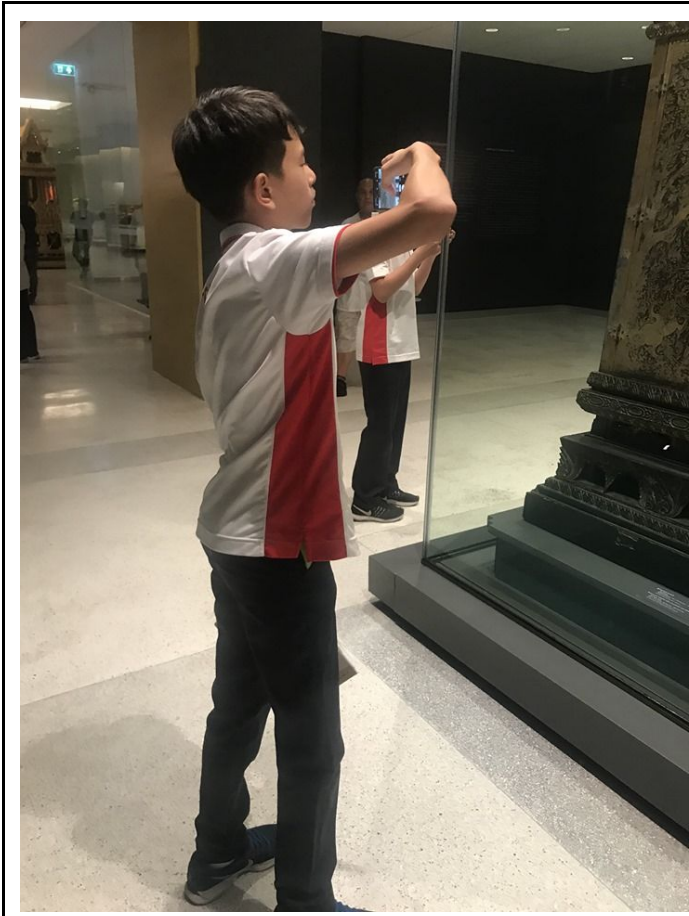


# Middle School Field Trip to the Terracotta Warriors

The entire TCIS Middle School recently took a trip to the National Museum exhibition "Qin Shi Huang: The First Emperor of China and Terracotta Warriors." This was a wonderful trip for our middle school students to understand more about history and the world. Mr. Thomas organized this trip and did a fantastic job at planning and implementing the trip. Mr. Thomas, Mr. Tony and the entire Chinese Department are to be commended on this great experience.









CHILDREN FALL IN LOVE  
WITH BOOKS BECAUSE  
OF THE MEMORIES (CREATED  
WHEN THEY SNUGGLE UP  
AND READ WITH  
SOMEONE THEY LOVE.  
-RAISING READERS

## **EVENTS**

**November 7** - PSAT Grade 8

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

**November 12-15** - All School Spirit Days

**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)

**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 1, 15

December 6

January '20 17

February 7, 21

March 6, 20

April 3

May 1, 15

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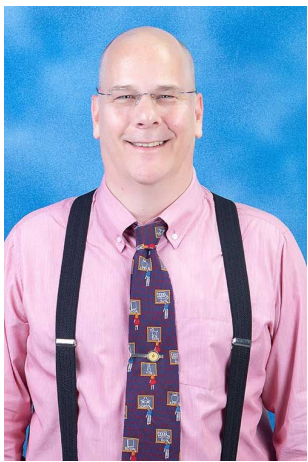

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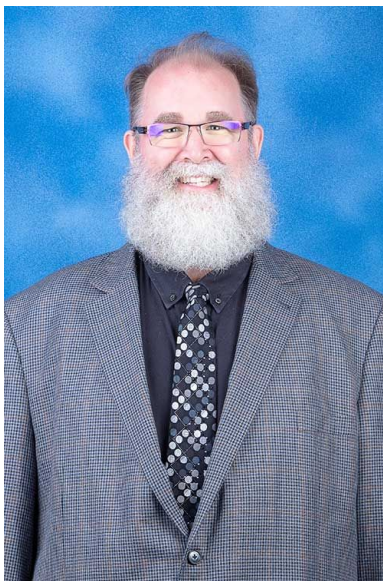

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