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**Middle School News**  
**September 16, 2019**

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## NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dear TCIS Community,

Progress reports will be sent home on Tuesday. In Middle School, these reports are generated by Plus Portal and will include a number grade for subjects. On the same day, we will be sending home MAP Testing results for Grades 5, 6, and 7. Please review this data and start making appointments for Parent / Teacher conferences with Ms. Ammy (MS Secretary). Also, the next Principal Coffee will be dedicated to testing and Mr. Ted will be present to go over how to read MAP Testing results.

In this newsletter, Mr. Jeff has an article about the PSAT which our 8th Graders will take in November. Also, Ms. Sam has an important athletic announcement about a new sports conference we are entering. And,

Mr. Vic has the dates for the Spelling Bee contest as well as a link to words students need to study for the contest.

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.

Dr. Michael  
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## Congratulations to the Middle School Thai Manner Award Winners for August

Grade 5 - Hataikan Luekitinan (Pear)  
Grade 6 - Pawatprom Saengaram (Boeing)  
Grade 7 - Panisara Inchoo (Amy)  
Grade 8 - Thitirat Sertsuibua (Belle)

## News from the Middle School Counselor



Hello Middle School Parents!

Later this year, on November 7th, our Grade 8 students will take the PSAT 8/9 exam. This is an exam administered once per year to Grade 8 and 9 students to help them prepare for the [SAT exam](#), that most students will take in High School. This exam includes 3 sections (Reading, Writing and Language, and Math. There is no essay). Students do not need to prepare anything for this exam as this is only practice.

Moving forward, students will also take the PSAT again in Grades 9, 10, and 11. More information about the PSAT 8/9 can be found [here](#).

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, my door is always open. Have a great weekend!

Regards,

Jeff Chelin  
School Counselor  
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Grade 6 - Yuan

Grade 8 - Ming Ming & Zheng (Trial)

## News from the Spelling Bee Coach



Exciting news! All students in Grades 5 and 6 will all be competing in this year's Spelling Bee. The final for the first round of the competition will take place in English class on Friday the 27th of September, and there will be six winners from Grade 5, three from 5A and three from 5B, and six winners from Grade 6, three from 6A and three from 6B

These twelve winners will go through to the TCIS finals, and a chance to compete in the national finals in November. We will use the word list from last year's national finals, so students should study it carefully. If and when all the words are used up during the competition, other words that are not on the list will be used, so it is not enough just to memorise the list. If you would like to see the word list, please follow the link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-ARVli0H7Tj7ydhLRH1ELQ0zbpqST8RO/view?usp=sharing>

Good luck to everyone!

Best regards,

Vic Poole

Spelling Bee Coach

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### EVENTS

**September 17 (previously listed as September 18)** - Progress Reports sent home to parents. First quarter Progress Reports will be given to all middle school students September 18 during Advisory. This is another way to improve our communications with you about the progress of your child(ren).

**September 20** - Middle School Assembly

**October 4** - End of Quarter 1 - Middle School Assembly - **Effective Communicator Awards Given**

**October 5 & 6** - Google Summit

**October 10** - Double Ten Day

**October 11, 2019** - Parent Teacher Conferences & Report card pick-up (All day)

**October 14** - Memorial Day King Rama IX (No school)

**October 18** - Middle School Assembly

**October 21-25** - No school

**November 1** - Middle School Assembly

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

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

**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):

September	20
October	4, 18
November	1, 15
December	6
January '20	17
February	7, 21
March	6, 20
April	3
May	1, 15

## **Previous Middle School Newsletters**

[August 5, 2019 Parent Newsletter](#)

[August 13, 2019 Parent Newsletter](#)

[August 20, 2019 Parent Newsletter](#)

[August 26, 2019 Parent Newsletter](#)

[September 2, 2019 Parent Newsletter](#)

[September 9, 2019 Parent Newsletter](#)



# ATHLETICS

Hi Parent Community,

I just wanted to communicate that TCIS is in BISAC this year, our teams began league play this week with our Girls and Boys Varsity Volleyball teams winning their first games and our Boys Varsity Football and U15 Basketball teams having very close matches.

In addition to our regular BISAC league, we have increased our number of games by joining the AISAA league as a tournament member.

The league consists of Berkeley International School, Concordian International School, Ekamai International School, KIS International School Mahidol University International Demonstration School and Wells International School with King Mongkut's International Demonstration School and TCIS entered as tournament and exhibition members. Not only does AISAA provide more development and competition at the elementary level but it extends into table tennis, strong-man competitions, Orchestra competitions, dance competitions, and a battle of the bands. We will be providing more of our students with more opportunities to demonstrate their skills and abilities. We are looking forward to the new and exciting opportunities for all our students!

Please check out our Athletics website for more information about when to sign up and where events will be.

Go TCIS!  
Ms Sam

## ATHLETICS

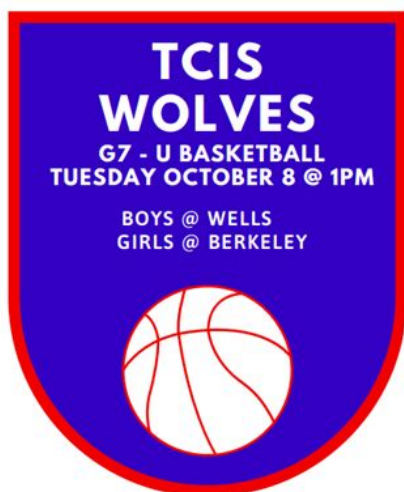
Season 1 Sports have started!  
Make sure you sign up on the [TCIS Athletic Website!](#)

## TENNIS:



**New to Tennis** - Monday 3:45-4:45pm  
**Experienced players** - Wednesday 3:20-5pm

Grade 7& under



**PRACTICES DURING  
BREAK TIME IN GYM 5**

**MONDAY & WEDNESDAY  
SEPT 23, 25, 30, & OCT 2**

Grade 5 & under



**PRACTICES DURING  
BREAK TIME IN GYM 5**

**TUESDAY & THURSDAY  
SEPT 24, 26, OCT 1 & 3**

Sign up with Mr. Brad, Mr. David, Ms. Sam, or [CLICK HERE](#) for G7U  
and [HERE](#) for G5U!

# ***MIDDLE SCHOOL HUMOR***

The week's best jokes from Middle School students




I went to the psychic the other day, and when I knocked on the door and she asked "who's there?", I immediately walked away.


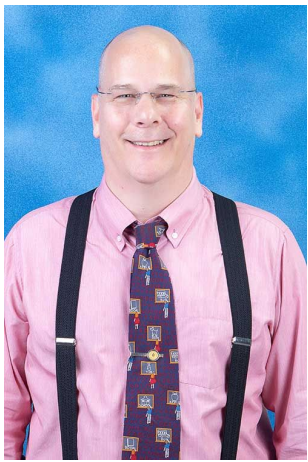

No matter what a cactus wears, it always looks sharp.

Why does a fish lay an egg?

Because if it threw it, it would crack. (submitted by Ing Ing, grade 6A)




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