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Middle School News
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NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dear TCIS Community,

We have now finished our first month of school. The Middle School is off to a great start to the new year. Students are motivated and happy. Last week we had our first Hat Day. As you can see from the photos, students had fun. You will find in this newsletter a great article by Mr. Jeff on ways to support students at home.

Last week we received delivery of a Flashforge 3D Printer that will become part of our Middle School STEM Room. This 3D printer is only the 2nd one in all of Thailand in an educational environment other than a major university. The TCIS is leading the international school community with technology. In this newsletter, you will find a photo of this machine and an article by Ms. Colleen who will manage the machine and start teaching other teachers

how to use the printer.

Also in this newsletter is an article from Ms. Shanesz, our Middle School Technology

Teacher, giving updates about technology and coding in the Middle School. We are working hard to prepare our students for the 21st Century and the addition of a coding class for our 7th and 8th Grade students this year was just the start of this endeavor.

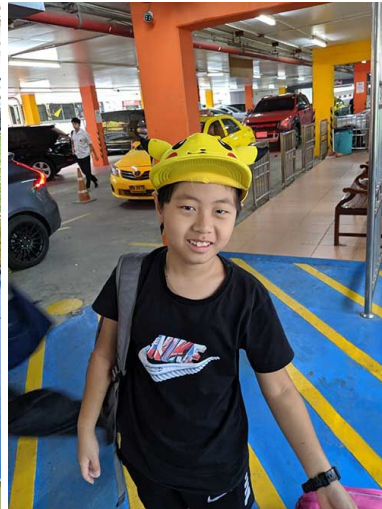
I hope this helps explain a few of the things we are doing in the Middle School for 2019-20. Thank you for choosing the TCIS and please know that my office is always open to you for a conversation or to help with any issues or concerns you may have.

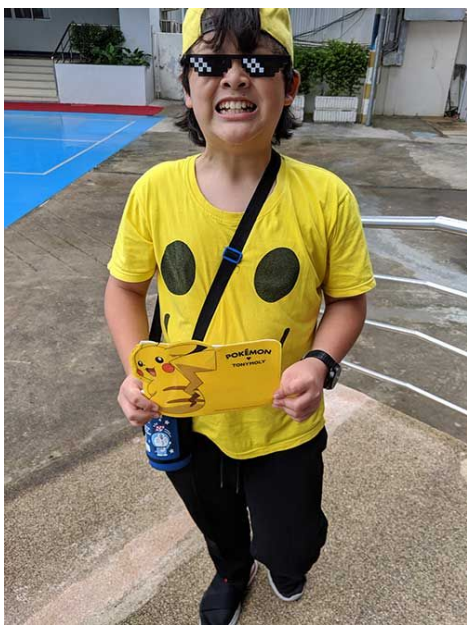
Thank you and here's to a great week!

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Middle School Hat Day







News from the Middle School Counselor

Hello Middle School Parents!

Time flies and we're already through our first month of school. I hope your children are enjoying the start to the new year! Each week I will try to provide updates as to what is happening in the Middle School from a counseling perspective, as well as try to share tips and/or suggestions for parents on how to best support your students at home. Much like teachers, parents play a critical role in your child's development, so we want to make sure you have all of the tools available to best do that. This week, I would like to share 10 ways you can help support your child at home. For additional information, please see this site here:

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/school-help-middle.html>

1. Attend Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 11 is our first Parent Conference day

Come prepared with any questions or concerns you may have about each of your child's classes.

2. Visit the School and Its Website

<https://www.tcis.ac.th/>

3. Support Homework Expectations

Each TCIS teacher has their own expectations when it comes to classwork and homework. All of our teachers use Google Classroom. Check your child's Google Classroom regularly to stay up to date with their assignments. If you cannot access it, please contact me or their teachers to gain access.

4. Send Your Child to School Ready to Learn

Make sure your child is having a healthy and nutritious breakfast. Also, check to see when your child is going to sleep. Getting a good night's sleep is critical for their development and success in school. 10-12 hours of sleep per night is suggested for our Grade 5, 6, and 7 students, while 8.5-9.5 hours of sleep per night is recommended for our Grade 8 students.

5. Instill Organization Skills

Now that your child is in Middle School, they will have several teachers each and every day. This means they'll be moving around a lot and have multiple Google Classroom sites to check each day. Work with them to make sure they have a routine each day. What do they do first when they get home? When will they eat dinner? What time should their homework be completed by? What time will they go to bed? These are all things to discuss with your child to ensure they develop good habits.

6. Teach Study Skills

None of us are born with study skills, we have to learn them. Try to stay on top of when assignments are due and when tests are coming up, and then help your child develop a plan to prepare for these things. Try to work with your child on developing a homework calendar or utilizing Google Calendar and Google Classroom to best organize your child's classwork. Making sure students get enough sleep is also critical when developing good study skills. Staying up the night before an exam to 'cram' not only shows poor organization skills, but it will also likely not help your student on the exam they're cramming for. Students should review their work from school each night and learn to pace themselves leading up to an important assignment or exam.

7. Know the Disciplinary and Bullying Policies

Page 26 of our [Parent Student Handbook](#) addresses this:

5.3-10 Bullying is repeated and unreasonable behavior directed towards a student, group of students or anyone that creates a risk to health and safety. It can include behavior such as name calling, stealing/hiding someone else's belongings, physical violence, verbal abuse, initiation practices, sabotaging someone's homework or projects, or ridiculing someone's opinions.

Anyone who experiences or witnesses bullying should report it as soon as possible. When bullying is reported, it will be investigated quickly and in accordance with our procedures.

8. Get Involved

There are many ways parents can get involved in the TCIS community. Please speak with the Parent Association head, Mr. Tongchai, for more information. Also, you can join the PA's Line group as well as our school's Line group (@TCIS) to stay up to date.

9. Take Attendance Seriously

Students are expected to be in school on time every day, unless they are sick, or have other extenuating circumstances. If your child doesn't want to come to school for any reason, it is important to talk to them to figure out why. Is it because they feel school is too challenging? Are they having a hard time making friends? Something else? Whatever the case may be, please encourage them to come to school. I am available any time to meet with students to talk about any issues and help alleviate any unnecessary stressors, if possible.

10. Make Time to Talk About School

Please ask your son or daughter how their day was each day. What did they learn? What is something fun that happened? Were there any negative aspects of their day? What can you or the staff at TCIS do to help make sure those negative things occur less frequently? It is important that your child knows you care about how their day has been. An easy way to show this is just by asking.

I look forward to getting to know as many of you as possible this year. Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. I am always available to help!

Regards,

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News From the Middle School Learning Technology Coordinator

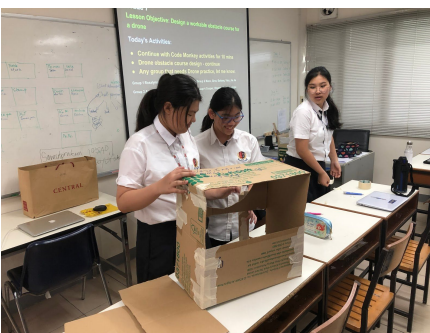
Middle School Technology classes provide students with the necessary skills to integrate educational technologies into subject content areas. Students are trained to reflect upon how technology enhances teaching and learning and acquire a wider knowledge of digital literacies, modeling good digital citizenship. Lessons are designed to adhere to ISTE Standards.



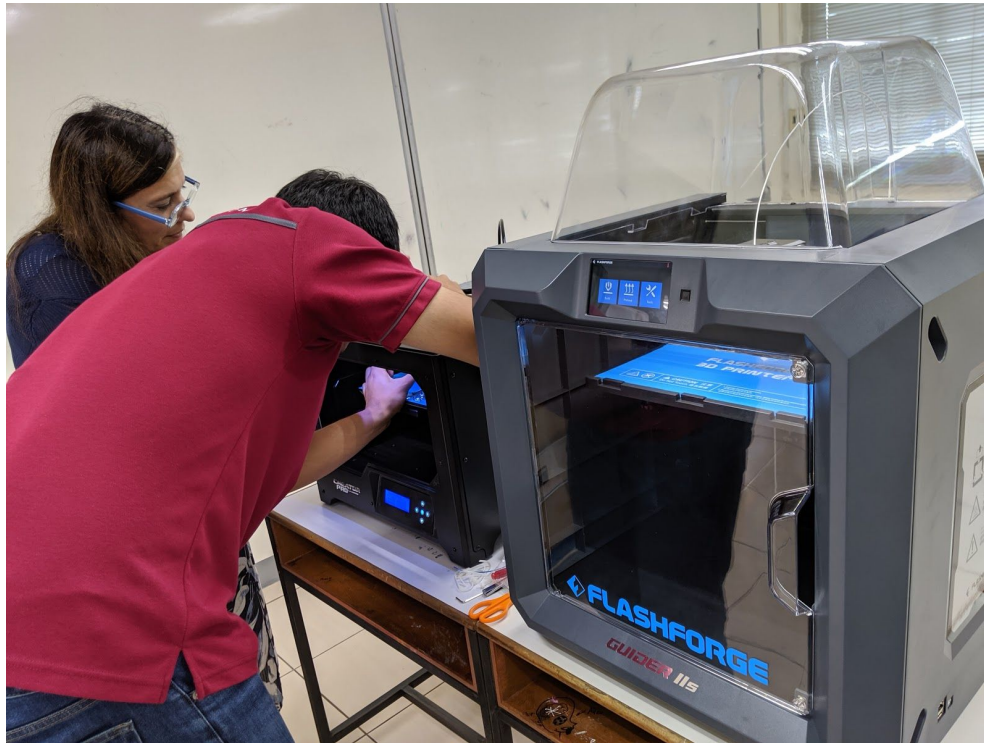
During the month of August, grades 5 and 6 have been working on Digital citizenship where lesson goals were for students to follow proper protocols when using information communication tools and understand that sources should be tested for validity/authenticity as well as creating awareness of how to engage in digital life using positive, safe, legal and ethical behavior and recognizing when to seek help.



Grades 7 & 8 were busy getting started with coding using Code Monkey and Tynker. Starting off with simple block coding, building further on to more complex formats applying sequencing and conditional logic to solve puzzles and multiplication games. Applying this coding knowledge they have gained, students are currently creating their own obstacle courses and programming drones to fly them.



The TCIS is only the 2nd School in all of Thailand to have these amazing 3D Printers!



There here! FlashForge 3D printers have arrived and are located in our new STEAM/Maker Space room. We are excited to announce the latest in technology is found in the Guider 2, which includes large build plate, resume function, auto leveling, and a new and improved extruder. This unit is designed for the larger projects. More “schools realize the importance of the cultivation of knowledge and skills. In this respect, the application effect of 3D

printing is remarkable. It achieves the combination of textbooks and applications, easy for children to understand, and improves children’s handcraft ability, collaborative ability and so on through the designing and printing production. It is also conducive to stimulating children's interest in learning.” Mr. Colleen is our Math Coach and is trained in using this technology and will be rolling out these printers to teachers and students in the coming months. The TCIS Middle School is very excited to have these amazing additions to our school and we thank the Foundation Board for this great opportunity!



Thai Wolves Chapter
National Junior Honor Society
Thai-Chinese International School



What is NJHS?

The National Junior Honor Society is an academic excellence organization that celebrates the academic success of our students, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage good citizenship.

NJHS Alpha Chapter is based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There are currently more than 1 million members of NJHS. NJHS membership is seen favorably by recruiting universities and colleges.

How do I become a member?

To become a member, you must meet the criteria: GPA of 3.0 or greater; leadership qualities/experiences; evidence of good citizenship; participation in community service/volunteer work; and good character traits.

You will be nominated by a teacher and a nomination form will be given to you. You will return the nomination form to the chapter advisor, who will give all nominations to the Faculty Council. It is the sole responsibility of the Faculty Council to select the members who qualify for membership.

If you are selected for candidacy, then you will receive a letter from the chapter advisor. At that time, you will need to decide if you wish to accept the nomination. If you do, then you will be invited to the induction ceremony.

After the ceremony, you will be an official member and will enjoy all of the rights and privileges of a member in NJHS.



**National Junior
Honor Society (Gr7-9)**
An academic excellence
organization.

Focused on 5 Pillars:

1. Scholarship
2. Leadership
3. Citizenship
4. Character
5. Service

**We are recruiting the
best of the best!**

Interested in learning more?

Contact:
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EVENTS

September 2 - Whole School Assembly

September 6 - Middle School Assembly

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 6 - PSAT Grades 8 & 9

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



Wai Kru Agenda

Parents are welcome!

September 5th , 2019

All grade levels, 9.25-10.45 am 5th floor gym



Mr. Vic is our Spelling Bee Advisor and he did a fantastic job last year! Coming up next month, is the school Spelling Bee. All Middle School students will compete for a coveted place in the national finals in November. TCIS are current grade 6 national champions - can we repeat this

amazing feat in 2019? Who will be the next spellebrity?

ATHLETICS

Season 1 Sports have started! Make sure you sign up on the [TCIS Athletic Website!](#)
Registration closes August 20!!

Team	Coach	Practices	Game Schedule
U13 Girls Tennis	Ms Emma 	Monday 3:45 - 5pm Outdoor Court Wednesday 3:30 - 5:00pm Outdoor Court <i>(teams practice together)</i>	Thursday September 19 @ RIS Thursday September 26 @ HIS Tuesday October 1 @ BKKP Monday October 7 @ BPS BISAC Nov 2 @ ASB or TIS
U13 Boys Tennis			Tuesday September 12 @ SHB Tuesday October 1 @ BKKP Monday October 7 @ BPS TBD @ ISB BISAC Nov 2 @ ASB or TIS
U13 Girls Basketball	Mr Dean 	Monday 4 - 5pm Gym 5 Wednesday 3:30 - 4:30pm Gym 4	Thursday September 12 vs NIST Wednesday September 18 @ BKKP Monday September 23 vs HIS Monday September 30 @ ISB Monday October 7 @ SHB BISAC Nov 2 @ ISB or NIST
U15 Girls Basketball		Tuesday 3:30 - 4:30pm Gym 4 Thursday 3:30 - 5:00pm Gym 5	Thursday September 12 vs NIST Tuesday September 17 @ STA Thursday September 26 vs HIS Thursday October 3 @ ISB Monday October 7 @ SHB BISAC Nov 2 @ BKKP or TCIS
U13 Boys Basketball	Mr Sean 	Monday 4 - 5pm Gym 5 Wednesday 3:30 - 5pm Gym 4	Wednesday September 11 @ ASB Tuesday September 17 vs BPS Wednesday September 25 vs BKKP Monday September 30 vs TIS Monday October 7 @ ISB BISAC Nov 2 - Location TBD
U15 Boys Basketball	Coach Jim 	Tuesday 3:30 - 5:00pm Gym 4 Thursday 3:30 - 4:30pm Gym 5	Tuesday September 10 @ ASB Thursday September 19 @ BPS Tuesday September 24 vs BKKP Monday September 30 @ TIS Thursday October 10 @ ISB BISAC Nov 2 @ ASB or TIS
Swim Team	Mr Brad 	Monday 3:45 - 5:00pm Pool Tuesday 3:45 - 5:00pm Pool Wednesday 3:45 - 5:00pm Pool Thursday 3:45 - 5:00pm Pool	Saturday October 5 - TigerSharks Sprint @ BPS Saturday November 23 - Bulldog Cup @ BKKP Friendlies TBD (one per month): Concordian ASB ICS

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Previous Middle School Newsletters

[August 5, 2019 Parent Newsletter](#)

[August 13, 2019 Parent Newsletter](#)

[August 20, 2019 Parent Newsletter](#)

[August 26, 2019 Parent Newsletter](#)

MIDDLE SCHOOL HUMOR




The week's best jokes from Middle School students


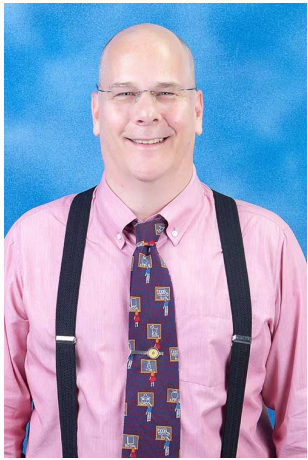

Why doesn't the sun need to go to college?
Because it has thousands of degrees already.

What do you call a train that chews gum?
A choo-choo train




What did the telephone give his girlfriend?
A ring.


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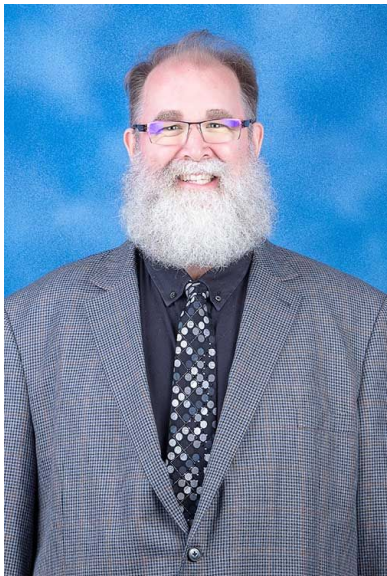
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