

# Middle School News September 23, 2019

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### **NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE** SCHOOL

Dear TCIS Community,

The end of Quarter 1 is fast approaching. The end of Quarter 1 is October 4, 2019 and Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for October 11, 2019. To make appointments to meet with your child's teachers, please call Ms. Ammy and set up a time to meet with them. We encourage you to meet with teachers and engage with them.

In this newsletter, Mr. Jeff shares his plans for spending time with Middle School

students and having conversations with them about careers and interests. Mr. Victor shares information on the Spelling Bee for Grades 5 and 6 and the dates for the first round of the competition. Ms. Shanesz shares what is happening in the Middle School with technology and Ms. Sam shares TCIS athletics events. Please note that I have included all our Middle School Field Trips for this semembers in the Events Calendar below. Be sure to check these dates.

Congratulations to Grade 5 Bella and Pinn and Grade 6 Fa-Tien for receiving Excellent Performance Awards at the Chinese Language Speech Competition at the Chinese Association in Bangkok.

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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### **News from the Middle School Counselor**



Hello Middle School Parents!

In the coming weeks, I will be going into each grade's advisory class to have students take this assessment which will begin to help students identify possible areas and careers of interest to them. After completing the assessment, students will receive a score based on the Holland Code and will be shown how to interpret this. Students can then begin to explore career pathways that may suit their interests.

This will be the first of a few different personality and career assessments students will take this year. It's always fun to see how students react to what their results say about them. These tests are by no means the end-all be-all for

students in terms of what their interests might show now. This is only the beginning, and student's interests and career aspirations may change drastically from year to year or even month to month!

If you have any comments or questions about this or other assessments, please feel free to reach out to me directly. Have a great weekend!

Regards,

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# **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-ARVIi0H7Tj7ydhLRH1ELQ0zbpgST8RO/view?usp=sharing

Good luck to everyone!

Best regards,

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# News From the Middle School Learning Technology Coordinator

September has been a busy month in the Technology classroom for both the students and me. We started and completed several projects in grades 5 through grade 8.



### Grades 5 & 6



Grades 5 & 6 students created their digital portfolios using Google sites. Discussions were had as to what a portfolio is and why it is needed and the main objective for the unit was for students to use it as a tool to compile and reflect on chosen pieces of work from every subject. Students followed basic web design guidelines to create their homepage and sub pages for each subject. This project will be ongoing throughout the year, where students will have time during advisory to add artifacts and write reflections on them.

Grades 5 & 6 students also received a refresher presentation on Chromebooks and how to manage them from their advisors and me. <u>Guidelines on how to use and manage chromebooks during the school day are given in this linked presentation.</u> A Chromebook agreement letter for parents to sign and return back to school was also sent through the students (<u>click here for letter</u>).

### Grades 7 & 8

Students in Grade 7 & 8 are well on their way with coding. They have now almost completed "Programming 300" on Tynker which included a basic introduction to game design, introduction to JavaScript, introduction to python and some STEM activities. In addition, students are enjoying some hands on practice trying different combinations of code on mini drones. They were successful in completing the components on the checklist given



### below.

	Drone Checklist	
	Skill	
Min	i Drone Safety Practices	
1	Follows Safety practices	
2	Demonstrates proper Power up & Power down procedures	
3	Correctly identifies drone	
4	Correctly inserts battery to drone	
5	Pairs/connects successfully to drone	
Hov	ver Challenge	
6	Able to hover at lower 1-2 ft	
7	Able to hover at 3-5ft	
Cod	ding Drones	
Squ	are Challenge	
8	Able to fly drone in a small square	
9	Able to fly drone in a large square	
Circ	cle Challenge	
10	Able to fly drone in a small circle	
11	Able to fly drone in a small circle & loop	
Flip	Challenge	
12	Able to fly drone straight & turn	
13	Able to flip drone mid way	
Obs	stacle Challenge	
14	Able to code drone to fly through hoops	



Here are some videos of students in action completing required challenges in the list.

Video 1 Video 2 Video 3

# **ATHLETICS**

# Season 1 Sports have started!

Make sure you sign up on the <u>TCIS Athletic Website!</u>

# **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 <u>CLICK HERE</u> for G7U and HERE for G5U!

Terracotta Warriors of Qin Dynasty &
Gallery of Thai Nation History and History of Fine Arts
(@ Bangkok National Museum)

October 16 - 5th and 6th Grade Trip to see the Terracotta Warriors

October 17 - 7th and 9th Grade Trip to see the Terracotta Warriors

# TO MARCH INTO BANGKOK





### **EVENTS**

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 - Parent Teacher Conferences & Report card pick-up (All day)

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

October 16 - 5th and 6th Grade Trip to see the Terracotta Warriors

October 17 - 7th and 8th Grade Trip to see the Terracotta Warriors

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** - 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):

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

September 16, 2019 Parent Newsletter

September 23, 2019 Parent Newsletter



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