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**Middle School News**  
**September 9, 2019**

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### NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dear TCIS Community,

We are getting close to progress report time at the TCIS (see below for dates). With the progress reports, you will receive the MAP Testing Results for your child if they are in Grade 5, 6 or 7.

We understand there is a lot of information on the MAP result sheets. On Tuesday, October 1, at a Principal Coffee, Mr. Ted will give detailed information about how to read this

report. Please understand that, like every test, this is just a snapshot in time and not a full measurement of your child's academic performance or abilities.

The photo in this area is from Ms. Jane's Grade 6 Chinese Mother Tongue class. They were working on a unit called "Beautiful Moments in Life". It is because of great teachers like Ms. Jane that our Middle School program is so strong.



We offer a big congratulations to ImmJun (5B) and Thun (5A) as they participated in a Math (Critical Thinking) Competition as a team of 2. The TCIS is so proud of these young men as they got the 3rd place out of 50 teams (100 students) from Thailand as well as other international schools. The competition was bilingual (Thai and English). Thank you Mr. Shaun who continuously supports them in their 5th Grade Math Class! Congrats to ImmJun and Thun for this great honor! We are very proud of you!

At the end of this newsletter, you will find the updated Rule of the Ministry of Education on Behavior of Pupils and Students 2019. Please read this as it is now in force.

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

E-mail: [michael@tcis.ac.th](mailto:michael@tcis.ac.th)

**Congratulations to our Middle School Hat Day Contest Winners!** They received a certificate and a special edition wolf as their prize. We have such an amazing group of students and we are thrilled to have so many participate not only in academic functions but also in fun events!



## News from the Middle School Counselor

Hello Middle School Parents!

While school is a place where students go to learn academic skills like reading, speaking, solving math problems, and more, it is also a place where they learn many social skills as well. Part of that is learning how to use language skills in a positive way. During our weekly MS assembly, I shared with students our school's expectations regarding language use in school. We went over what inappropriate language looks like, TCIS' Parent-Student Handbook, which specifically addresses this issue (5.3 - 12, and Student Activities Section 4), the Golden Rule (treat others the way you want to be treated), as well as what to do if a student feels another student is using disrespectful language towards them (find the nearest adult, or come see Dr. Michael or myself).



We reminded students that their words have power! They can choose to use that power for good, to lift someone's spirits, or they can choose to use them to bring someone down and hurt their feelings. We encourage all of our students to use their words for good. It is our hope that TCIS is always a place where students feel safe, respected, and appreciated for all of their unique talents. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, my door is always open. Have a great weekend!

Regards,

Jeff Chelin  
School Counselor  
jeffrey.chelin@tcsi.ac.th

## Mr. Jeff's Presentation to students at MS Assembly on September 6, 2019

### USING APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE IN SCHOOL



#### WHAT IS INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE?



- Swearing (in English, Thai, or Chinese)
- Insulting or disrespecting other students (at school or online)
- Talking about things or topics not appropriate for your age
- Speaking to others in a condescending or mocking way
- Using sensitive words in an insulting or joking way ("that's gay", or "that's retarded")
- Using racial, stereotypical, or culturally insensitive words
- Talking back to your teachers

#### TCIS STUDENT-PARENT HANDBOOK



- 5.3-12 Language One goal of TCIS is to encourage all students to use English effectively. The language of instruction is English. Inappropriate language, swearing or insults addressed to others will not be tolerated
- Student Activities, Section 4: Inappropriate language will not be tolerated and may result in a reprimand.

#### GOLDEN RULE

- Treat others the way you want to be treated

If you don't want people saying mean things to you, you shouldn't be saying mean things to other people



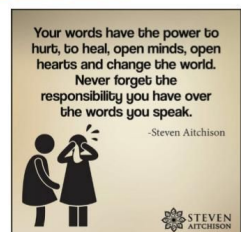
#### WHAT TO DO IF SOMEONE IS SPEAKING DISRESPECTFULLY TO YOU?

- Ask them to stop
- If they don't stop, find the nearest adult
  - Do not respond by doing the same thing to them that you didn't like them doing to you
- Come see me or Dr. Michael and let us know what's going on



#### OUR WORDS HAVE POWER!

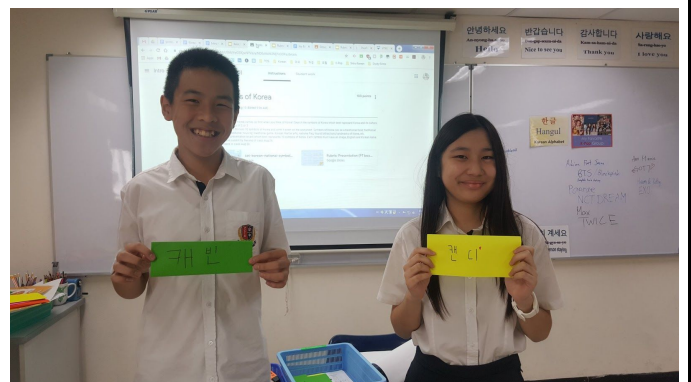
- Use your words for good!
  - Positive language
- Lift someone's spirits with your words!
  - Compliment someone



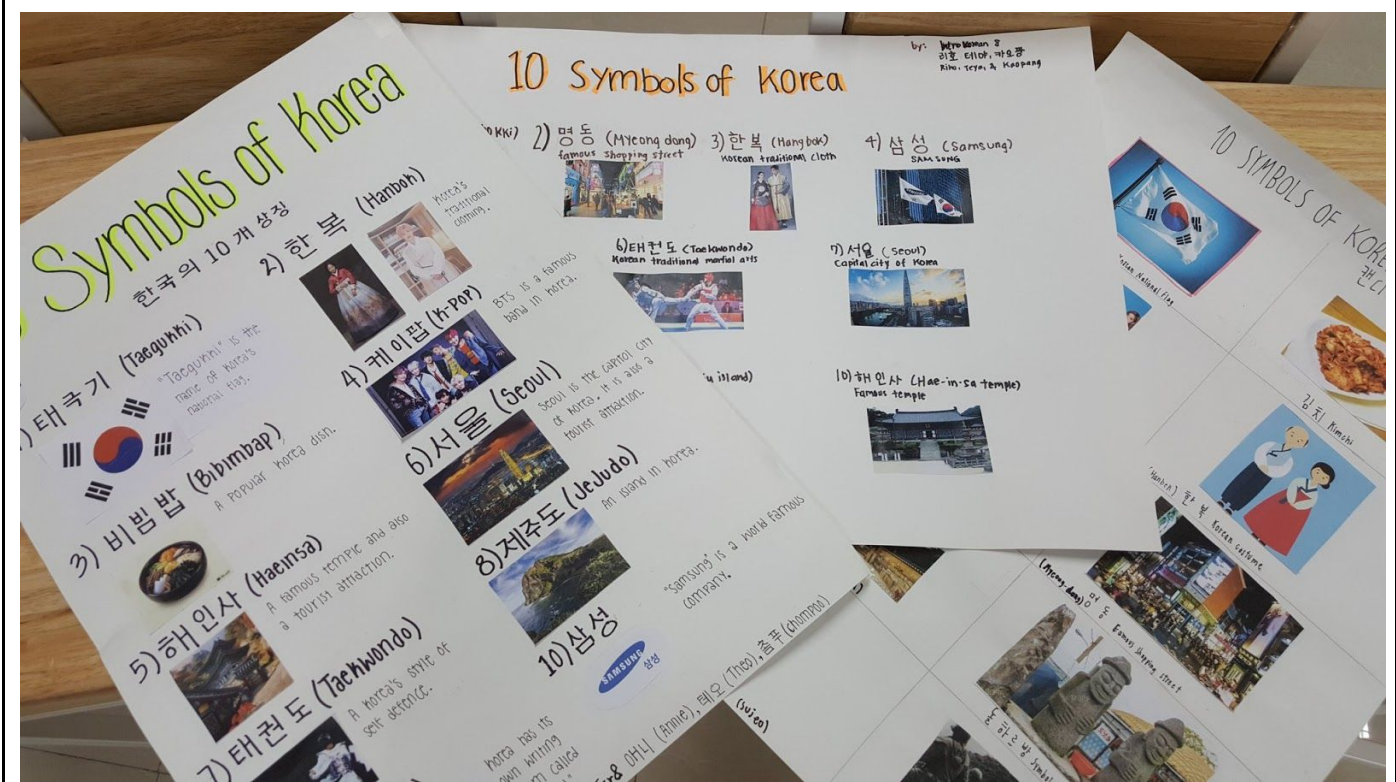
## From our Middle School and High School Korean Language Teacher: Ms. Joy

An-nyong-ha-se-yo! Our Middle School Students, Grade 7 and 8, started learning Korean and they are all excited to learn and experience a new language and culture. Starting from how to greet in Korean and introducing each other in Korean, they moved up to learning the Korean alphabet 'Hangul'. Now, they can read and write simple Korean words and present what they have learned in class using 'Hangul' mixed with English. During last two weeks, students worked on topics '10 Symbols of Korea' and 'What I like about Korea'. They discussed, searched, and created a presentation board and presented it in class as collaborative workers. Well done Middle School students and special thanks to Dr. Michael to bring this wonderful program to Middle School curriculum.

From Dr. Michael: Thank you Ms. Joy for embracing this new program and teaching our Middle School students about the Korean language and culture and for coming up with such enjoyable projects!







On the next two pages, you will find the Library Bulletin created by Mr. Dean and Ms. Sopa. Mr. Dean is working hard to ensure that our library becomes a true digital media center. The next two pages are filled with great articles about the library, literature and suggestions. Thank you Mr. Dean and Ms. Sopa for all the hard work you do for our school community!

Library Information	Asian Literature Recommendations from "Good Reads"	Hidden Gems in the Library
<p><b>Reasons Why the Internet Is No Substitute for a Library</b>  <b>Mark Y. Herring</b></p> <p>In an effort to save our culture here are 3 reasons why the Internet is no substitute for a library</p> <p><b>1)Not Everything Is on the Internet</b>  With over one billion Web pages you couldn't tell it by looking. Nevertheless, very few substantive materials are on the Internet for free.</p> <p><b>2) The Needle (Your Search) in the Haystack (the Web)</b>  The Internet is like a vast uncataloged library. Whether you're using Hotbot, Lycos, Dogpile, Infoseek, or any one of a dozen other search or metasearch engines, you're not searching the entire Web. Sites often promise to search everything but they can't deliver. Moreover, what they do search is not updated daily, weekly, or even monthly, regardless of what's advertised..</p> <p><b>3) Quality Control Doesn't Exist</b>  Yes, we need the Internet, but in addition to all the scientific, medical, and historical information (when accurate), there is also a cesspool of waste. Any fool can put up anything on the Web, and, to my accounting, all have.</p>	<div data-bbox="475 275 759 696">  </div> <p><b>The Joy Luck Club</b>  by Amy Tan</p> <p>(Goodreads Author)</p> <p>Four mothers, four daughters, four families, whose histories shift with the four winds depending on who's telling the stories. In 1949, four Chinese women, recent immigrants to San Francisco, meet weekly to play mahjong and tell stories of what they left behind in China. United in loss and new hope for their daughters' futures, they call themselves the Joy Luck Club. Their daughters, who have never heard these stories, think their mothers' advice is irrelevant to their modern American lives – until their own inner crises reveal how much they've unknowingly inherited of their mothers' pasts.</p> <p>Amy Tan examines the sometimes painful, often tender, and always deep connection between mothers and daughters. As each woman reveals her secrets, trying to unravel the truth about her life, the strings become more tangled, more entwined. Mothers boast or despair over daughters, and daughters roll their eyes.. Tan is an astute storyteller, enticing readers to immerse themselves into these lives of complexity and mystery.</p>	<p><i>We have lots of new books and old books. This column will focus on the older ones that have stood the test of time.</i></p> <p><b><i>Beloved</i></b>  <i>by Toni Morrison</i></p> <p>It was with great sadness the world readers greeted the news last month that American author Toni Morrison had died. She was truly one of the greats and <u>Beloved</u> was possibly her greatest novel.</p> <p>Staring unflinchingly into the abyss of slavery, this spellbinding novel transforms history into a story as powerful as Exodus and as intimate as a lullaby.</p> <div data-bbox="1118 996 1374 1382">  </div> <p>Sethe was born a slave and escaped to Ohio, but eighteen years later she is still not free. She has too many memories of Sweet Home, the beautiful farm where so many hideous things happened. Her new home is haunted by the ghost of her baby, who died nameless and whose tombstone is engraved with a single word: Beloved.</p> <p>Filled with bitter poetry and suspense as taut as a rope, <i>Beloved</i> is a towering achievement by Nobel Prize laureate Toni Morrison.</p>

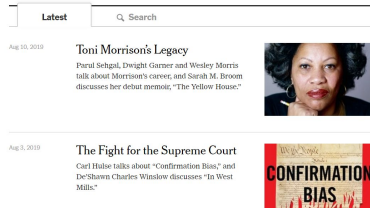


## Podcasts

### New York Times Book Review Podcast

#### The Book Review Podcast

The podcast that takes you inside the literary world.  
(iTunes | Google Play Music)



Each week on [The New York Times Book Review's podcast](#), the Book Review's editor, Pamela Paul, speaks with authors, critics and Times reporters about the latest releases and news in the literary world. Here's how to listen:

From a desktop or laptop, you can listen by pressing play on the button at the top of each podcast article,

#### 1. Open your podcast app.

It's a pre-loaded app called "Podcasts" with a purple icon.

#### 2. Search for the series.

Tap on the "search" magnifying glass icon at the bottom of the screen, type in "Inside The New York Times Book Review" and select it from the list of results.

#### 3. Subscribe

Once on the series page, tap on the "subscribe" button to have new episodes sent to your phone free. You may want to adjust your notifications to be alerted when a new episode arrives.

## Tech-Tip

### German Startup Raises 35 Million To Transform The Way We Read will radically change the world and how we read

Berlin is Europe's startup hub — an eclectic city known for pushing boundaries and breakthrough innovation. At the center of Berlin's thriving startup scene is Blinkist, an app that's changing the way we read, which has sparked the interest of US investors.

The Blinkist app highlights key insights from the world's best nonfiction books in just 15 minutes. With Blinkist, users can read or listen to over 3,000 (and counting!) titles from the world's smartest minds and start introducing positive change to their lives straight away.



Finding the time to read is tough, but that doesn't mean books are off limits. Blinkist built the solution: a microlearning app that fits reading into busy routines whenever there's a spare minute.

<https://www.blinkist.com/>

## Staff and Student Shout Outs

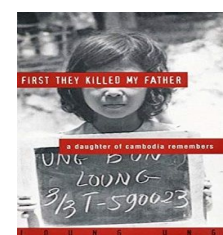
This column will offer recommendations for books from readers in our TCIS community.

### Miss Sopa recommends: First They Killed My Father



Imagine if you had many kids who were starving: would you be willing to trade your nugget of gold for a chicken drumstick for your kids? This is a part of the real stories from "First They Killed My Father" by Loung Ung, a Cambodian author who shared her childhood memories. It is a heartbreaking memoir because she ends up losing her family members.

The story is about Loung Ung's life trying to survive the genocide during the Khmer Rouge's control of Cambodia. When I was young, I saw news on the TV reporting how difficult Cambodian peoples' lives were in the refugee camps. It always reminded me about how lucky I was. Cambodia is a neighbouring country of Thailand and such horrible things were happening. I highly recommend this book to students because it will show how lucky you are. You can choose what you want to be with your life and you do not have to live in a country at war.



## **EVENTS**

**September 9** - Whole 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	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 Photos

Julian, Grade 8 Wrote this about Wai Kru. "Wai Kru is a Thai ceremony honouring teachers. Students show their respect and show their gratitude for all the hard work their teachers do. The Wai Kru ceremony is held near the beginning of every school year. Often students perform dances as part of a Thai tradition showing respect. Students are selected from each grade and walk up to the teachers, kneel down slowly, then sit and prostrate in front of teachers. Then, they lift their head and exchange a flower for a treat. This ceremony is very important in Thai culture and it shows student's gratitude for their teachers" (Julian, Grade 8). Our TCIS Thai Department, led by Kru Rung, did a beautiful job with the ceremony this year. All members of the Thai Department participated and there were groups from each division that performed and made videos that were selected to be a part of the ceremony. Thank you Kru Rung, and the Thai Department, for all you do to make the TCIS an amazing place for students and for teachers. **Thank you especially to our two amazing Middle School Thai teachers, Kru Koong and Kru Aom. They are incredible and they keep the spirit alive in the Middle School!**



























Great video made by our Middle School Students: Belle, Austin, Smart, Wawa, and Nine. Special thanks to Niji, Teelek, Seuseu, Chie, Nini. Click the image below for the video they made for Wai Kru!


<https://youtu.be/mmSJkFeu6oY>





สอนจนรู้จัดเจนเฝ้าแนะเฝ้าเห็นมิได้อำพราง  
Teach us how to be skillful and give us guidance, without concealing the truth

## 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	<b>Ms Emma</b> 	<b>Monday</b> <b>3:45 - 5pm</b> <b>Outdoor Court</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>3:30 - 5:00pm</b> <b>Outdoor Court</b> <i>(teams practice together)</i>	Thursday September 19 @ RIS Thursday September 26 @ HIS Tuesday October 1 @ BKBP Monday October 7 @ BPS <b>BISAC Nov 2 @ ASB or TIS</b>
U13 Boys Tennis			Tuesday September 12 @ SHB <b>Tuesday October 1 @ BKBP</b> Monday October 7 @ BPS TBD @ ISB <b>BISAC Nov 2 @ ASB or TIS</b>
U13 Girls Basketball	<b>Mr Dean</b> 	<b>Monday</b> <b>4 - 5pm Gym 5</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>3:30 - 4:30pm Gym 4</b>	Thursday September 12 vs NIST Wednesday September 18 @ BKBP Monday September 23 vs HIS Monday September 30 @ ISB Monday October 7 @ SHB <b>BISAC Nov 2 @ ISB or NIST</b>
U15 Girls Basketball		<b>Tuesday</b> <b>3:30 - 4:30pm Gym 4</b> <b>Thursday</b> <b>3:30 - 5:00pm Gym 5</b>	Thursday September 12 vs NIST Tuesday September 17 @ STA Thursday September 26 vs HIS Thursday October 3 @ ISB Monday October 7 @ SHB <b>BISAC Nov 2 @ BKBP or TCIS</b>



<b>U13 Boys Basketball</b>	<b>Mr Sean</b> 	<b>Monday</b> <b>4 - 5pm Gym 5</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>3:30 - 5pm Gym 4</b>	Wednesday September 11 @ ASB Tuesday September 17 vs BPS Wednesday September 25 vs BKKP Monday September 30 vs TIS Monday October 7 @ ISB <b>BISAC Nov 2 - Location TBD</b>
<b>U15 Boys Basketball</b>	<b>Coach Jim</b> 	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>3:30 - 5:00pm Gym 4</b> <b>Thursday</b> <b>3:30 - 4:30pm Gym 5</b>	Tuesday September 10 @ ASB Thursday September 19 @ BPS Tuesday September 24 vs BKKP Monday September 30 @ TIS Thursday October 10 @ ISB <b>BISAC Nov 2 @ ASB or TIS</b>
<b>Swim Team</b>	<b>Mr Brad</b>  <hr/> <b>Ms Print</b> 	<b>Monday</b> <b>3:45 - 5:00pm Pool</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <b>3:45 - 5:00pm Pool</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>3:45 - 5:00pm Pool</b> <b>Thursday</b> <b>3:45 - 5:00pm Pool</b>	Saturday October 5 - TigerSharks Sprint @ BPS  Saturday November 23 - Bulldog Cup @ BKKP  FriendliesTBD (one per month): Concordian ASB ICS

# Rule of the Ministry of Education on Behavior of Pupils and Students 2019

เล่ม ๑๓๖ ตอนที่ ๙๔ ก หน้า ๗  
ราชกิจจานุเบกษา ๓๐ สิงหาคม ๒๕๖๒



## กฎกระทรวง

กำหนดความประพฤติของนักเรียนและนักศึกษา (ฉบับที่ ๒)

พ.ศ. ๒๕๖๒

อาศัยอำนาจตามความในมาตรา ๖ วรรคหนึ่ง และมาตรา ๖๔ แห่งพระราชบัญญัติ  
คุ้มครองเด็ก พ.ศ. ๒๕๔๖ รัฐมนตรีว่าการกระทรวงศึกษาธิการออกกฎกระทรวงไว้ ดังต่อไปนี้

ข้อ ๑ ให้ยกเลิกความใน (๖) และ (๗) ของข้อ ๑ แห่งกฎกระทรวงกำหนดความประพฤติ  
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“(๖) ก่อเหตุทะเลาะวิวาท ทำร้ายร่างกายผู้อื่น เตรียมการหรือกระทำการใด ๆ อันน่าจะ  
ก่อให้เกิดความไม่สงบเรียบร้อยหรือขัดต่อศีลธรรมอันดีของประชาชน หรือรวมกลุ่มหรือมั่วสุม  
เพื่อกระทำการดังกล่าว

(๗) แสดงพฤติกรรมทางซู้สาวอันไม่เหมาะสม กระทำการลามกอนาจาร แต่งกายล่อแหลม  
หรือไม่เรียบร้อยในโรงเรียนหรือสถานศึกษา หรือแต่งเครื่องแบบนักเรียนหรือนักศึกษาไม่เรียบร้อย”

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“(๙) เทียวเตรนนอกสถานที่พัก รวมกลุ่ม หรือมั่วสุมอันเป็นการสร้างความเดือดร้อน  
ให้แก่ตนเองหรือผู้อื่น”

ให้ไว้ ณ วันที่ ๑๔ สิงหาคม พ.ศ. ๒๕๖๒

ณัฐพล ทีปสุวรรณ

รัฐมนตรีว่าการกระทรวงศึกษาธิการ



หมายเหตุ :- เหตุผลในการประกาศใช้กฎกระทรวงฉบับนี้ คือ โดยที่กฎกระทรวงกำหนดความประพฤติของนักเรียนและนักศึกษา พ.ศ. ๒๕๔๘ ได้ใช้บังคับมาเป็นเวลานาน สมควรแก้ไขเพิ่มเติมการกำหนดความประพฤติของนักเรียนและนักศึกษาให้เหมาะสมยิ่งขึ้น เพื่อส่งเสริมความประพฤติของนักเรียนและนักศึกษาที่เหมาะสม มีความรับผิดชอบต่อสังคม และคำนึงถึงความปลอดภัยของนักเรียนและนักศึกษา จึงจำเป็นต้องออกกฎกระทรวงนี้

Rule of the Ministry of Education on Behavior of Pupils and Students  
B.E. 2562 (2019)

By virtue of the provisions of section 6 and section 64 of the Protection of Children Act, B.E. 2546 (2003), the Minister of Education hereby issues the Rule on Behaviour of Pupils and students as follows:

Clause 1

Cancellation (6) and (7) in Clause 1 of the Rules on Behavior of Pupils and Students B.E. 2548  
Use the following in place of the Clauses (6) and (7) as the new content.

“(6) Where there is violence, bullying, or issues causing others to go against the ethics and morals of people, or you form a group to prepare to do offensive acts.

(7) Public display of affection that is sexual in nature and inappropriate or obscene, or your attire in school is inappropriate or causes sexual arousal in others, or wearing inappropriate school uniform is prohibited.”

Clause 2

Cancellation (9) in Clause 1 of the Rules on Behavior of Pupils and Students B.E. 2548  
Use the following in place of Clause (9) as the new content.

“(9) Going from your home to roam as a group to do improper things that places yourself or others in a circumstance that is offensive.”

Given on date 14 August B.E 2562 (2019)

Nataphol Teepsuwan

Minister of Education



Remark :- The reason for this announcement of the new rule change from the Ministry of Education is the Rules on Behavior of Pupils and Students B.E. 2548 has been used for a long period of time and there was a need to change for students so that it is more updated for students today and to encourage students to do better, be responsible, and consider the safety of all students.

## 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](#)

# ***MIDDLE SCHOOL HUMOR***

The week's best jokes from Middle School students

What kind of tree fits in your hand?

A palm tree.

What do you call a blind deer?

No idea.

What do you call a dinosaur with only one one?

A Doyouthinkhesaurus.

## Photo of the Week! Owen with his winning wolf!







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August 30, 2019

Dear Parents,

The Thai department is pleased to inform you that we will participate in the "Thailand Educational Development and Evaluation Tests (TEDET)" in this 2019-2020 academic year.

TCIS will be the Test Center of TEDET. This offers an opportunity for our students to evaluate their individual academic level of mathematical and science skills. Furthermore, students will be able to learn the process of national test and be prepared for any further academic test they might have in the future.




### Qualification, Date, Time and Application Fee


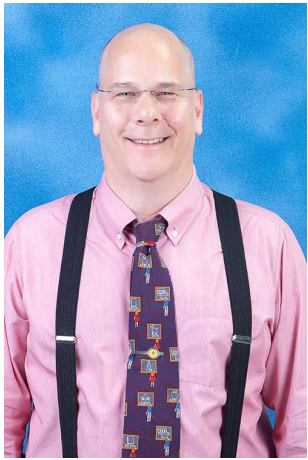

Subjects	Grade	Examination Dates	Time	Application Fee
Math	G.1-G.6	Sunday, November17, 2019	8.30-10.00	150 Baht
Math	G.7-G.9	Sunday, November17, 2019	13.00-14.30	150 Baht
Science	G.1-G.6	Sunday, November17, 2019	10.30-12.00	150 Baht
Science	G.7-G.9	Sunday, November17, 2019	15.00-16.30	150 Baht

**The last day of registration is on the September 11th, 2019. If a student is interested, please sign up and give a payment of application fee to your Thai teacher.**

Thai Department




## Middle School Staff 2019-20


English and Social Studies Department				
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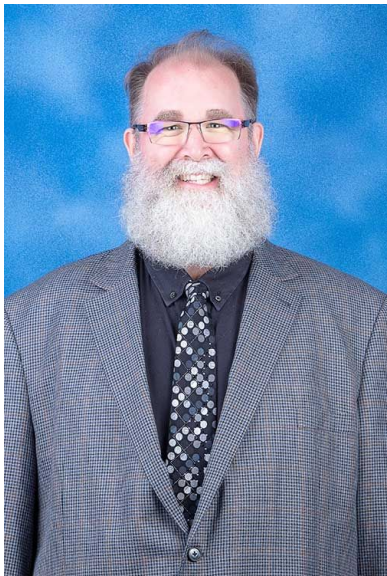
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