



## THAI-CHINESE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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### Middle School News October 02, 2022,

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Mr. Richard Poulin (Building 5, 3rd Floor)

Dear TCIS Middle School Families,

We want our children to grow up independent, but we also don't want them to fail. There is a balance to offering independence and support. Young adults are wanting to have their independence and their privacy as much as possible. It is important to respect this stage of their lives, but we also need to protect them. Parents should remind their children that they are there for them, if and when they need them. This allows their young adults the opportunity to seek help, if and when they need it.

If parents know the subject matter very well that their young adults are studying, these young adults may or may not ask for help at different times. It is again important to respect their desire to have independence and privacy. However, monitoring what they are doing online, the games they are playing, and the media they have access to are crucial in the digital age.

If you are having trouble finding this balance, please reach out to a teacher or the Middle School Office. We can help provide specific tips on how best to accomplish this.

### School Pictures



Next week 3-6 Oct students will take school photos. Please be sure to remind students to wear their white school uniforms. If they have PE, they can bring their PE uniform and change before class.

### NJHS



National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) provides an outstanding opportunity to grow with academically accomplished peers who are sharpening the habits needed for success in high school and beyond. Please visit the counselor or Middle School Office to apply for students interested in learning more or applying. NJHS offers your child a chance to enhance their academic portfolio.

### NWEA MAP Results



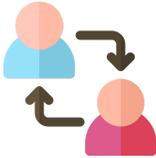
All students completed the MAP test. Teachers will use the data to design lessons and to support each child. We will share the results with students so they can set goals. Parents will also receive a report and explanation of the data during Parent Teacher Conference.

## PSAT Test Preparation



Grade 8 created a College Board account to help prepare for Practice SAT exams in November. Students can use [Khan Academy SAT Preparation](#). It is an official preparation tool by College Board. Thousand of practice exercises are available, and they are tailored to the needs of each student.

## Peer Tutoring



Our Peer Tutoring program has already started. However, you can still sign-up. If you would like a peer tutor, students should visit our counselors or contact the MS Office to have their names added to a list. This will help us pair students together. Peer Tutoring will be Tuesday-Thursday from 3:20-4:00 PM in the Library.

## Scholarships



FASCA, [Formosa Association of School Cultural Ambassadors](#) visited our school on Friday. TCIS will be the first Asian chapter and we completed our inaugural training. The session had representatives from our school's leadership team, the Taiwan MOE, the Taiwanese press, and others. TCIS has developed a relationship with the Taiwanese FASCA organization, which will give our students the opportunity to apply for FASCA scholarships at Taiwanese universities, free cultural trips, and more. It is a unique opportunity for TCIS students and we look forward to students taking advantage of it.

Subject teachers will be sending newsletters, so please be sure to look for them. Teachers will share the learning that happened this month, and what is planned for next month. We will have our Double Ten Day celebrations next Friday, October 7th before the start of our week-long October Holiday Break.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Richard Poulin

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## Next Week's Schedule - Week 6

3 Day 2	4 Day 1	5 Day 2	6 Day 1	7 Day 2
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Pictures From Week 5





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# Calendar

Created Nov 2, 2021							
Aug '22	1	2	3	4	5	12	Mother's Day - School Closed
	8	9	10	11	12	15-19	New Teacher Orientation
	15	16	17	18	19	22-26	All Staff Orientation/ 26 Double day for teachers
	22	23	24	25	26	22-24	Registration days/ All grades
	29	30	31			29	Academic Year Begins
Sep '22				1	2	9	Parent's Night / Open Classrooms 4-6 p.m. (Double day for teachers)
	5	6	7	8	9		
	12	13	14	15	16		
	19	20	21	22	23	22	Wai Kru Ceremony
	26	27	28	29	30	27-28	Chinese test
Oct '22	3	4	5	6	7	7	Double Ten Day Ceremony
	10	11	12	13	14	10-14	October Break - School Closed
	17	18	19	20	21	13	King Rama9 Memorial Day - School Closed
	24	25	26	27	28	24	Chulalongkorn Day 23 - Substitutue 24
	31						Halloween
Nov '22		1	2	3	4	4	End of Quarter 1
	7	8	9	10	11	7	Quarter 2 begins
	14	15	16	17	18	8	Loy Krathong Celebration
	21	22	23	24	25	11	Parent / Teacher Conference (No student)
	28	29	30			30	Chinese Writing competition
Dec '22			1	2		2	Father's Day Ceremony
	5	6	7	8	9	5	Father's Day 5 - School Closed
	12	13	14	15	16	20	Half Day Student Dismissal 11:30
	19	20	21	22	23	21	Christmas Break - School Closed
	26	27	28	29	30		
Jan '23	2	3	4	5	6	5	First Day Back from Christmas Break
	9	10	11	12	13		
	16	17	18	19	20	20	CNY Celebration
	23	24	25	26	27	23-27	CNY Break
	30	31					
Feb '23			1	2	3	3	End of Quarter 2 and Semester 1
	6	7	8	9	10	6	Quarter 3 and Semester 2 Begins
	13	14	15	16	17		
	20	21	22	23	24	20-24	Thai Knowledge Bowl
	27	28					
Mar '23			1	2	3	6	Makha Bucha Day - School Closed
	6	7	8	9	10	11	Professional Development Saturday
	13	14	15	16	17	14	Chinese test
	20	21	22	23	24	16	5-8 Speech Competition
	27	28	29	30	31	17	9-12 Speech Competition
April '23	3	4	5	6	7	5	Songkran Celebration - End of Quarter 3
	10	11	12	13	14	6	Chakri Day 6 - School Closed
	17	18	19	20	21	7-14	Songkran Holiday School Closed
	24	25	26	27	28	17	Quarter 4 Begins
May '23	1	2	3	4	5		
	8	9	10	11	12	4	Coronation Day - School Closed
	15	16	17	18	19		
	22	23	24	25	26	22-26	Chinese Speaking competition
June '23				1	2	3	Queen's Birthday 3
	5	6	7	8	9	3	Visakha Bucha Day 3-Substitute5- School Closed
	12	13	14	15	16	16	High School Graduation
	19	20	21	22	23	22	End of the Year/Student Dismissal at 11:30 am
	26	27	28	29	30	26	Summer School
July '23	3	4	5	6	7		
	10	11	12	13	14	28	King's Birthday 28
	17	18	19	20	21		
	24	25	26	27	28		



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Holiday School/Office closure
Work Day/PD Day (teachers but no students)
Half Days for students
Conference Day (no students)
Summer School
Total Student Instruction Days 180
Q1 - 44 days
Q2 - 47 days
Q3 - 42 days
Q4 - 47 days

## Time Schedule

Grades 5-6 Timetable			Grades 7-12 Timetable	
07:30 - 08:15	Period 1	<b>Block 1</b> A/E	07:30 - 08:15	Period 1
08:15 - 09:00	Period 2		08:15 - 09:00	Period 2
09:00 - 09:30	Snack Break		09:00 - 09:30	Snack Break
09:30 - 10:15	Period 3	<b>Block 2</b> B/F	09:30 - 10:15	Period 3
10:15 - 11:00	Period 4		10:15 - 11:00	Period 4
11:00 - 11:10	Passing Break		11:00 - 11:10	Passing Break
11:10 - 11:40	Period 5	<b>Block 3</b> C/G	11:10 - 11:55	Period 5
11:40 - 12:30	Lunch Grade 1-6		11:55 - 12:40	Period 6
12:30 - 1:30	Period 6		12:40 - 1:30	Lunch Grade 7-12
1:30 - 1:40	Passing Break		1:30 - 1:40	Passing Break
1:40 - 2:25	Period 7	<b>Block 4</b> D/H	1:40 - 2:25	Period 7
2:25 - 3:10	Perido 8		2:25 - 3:10	Perido 8

## Important Dates

- **October 3-6** - School Photo Day: Students must be well groomed and wear the proper white uniform.
- **October 7** - Double Ten Day
- **October 10-14** - October Break

## Safety First at TCIS



An ID Card is Required to Enter The Campus

Scan Your Parent ID Card to Enter

**IDs must be worn and visible at all times when on campus**

**Keeping Your Child Safe at TCIS**

# Student Computers

The Faculty and Administration believe technology is a powerful and integral part of the TCIS instructional program. While there are many good computers on the market, please understand that PC/Windows-based computers are not supported for academics at TCIS.

**1) TCIS Secondary School is a MacBook/iPad one-to-one school**

**MacBooks or iPads are required for all grades 7 through 12 students**

**2) TCIS Chromebook Rental for Grades 5-6**

- a) School-owned Chromebooks are rented daily for grades 5 & 6 students if needed.
- b) Grade 5-6 students can opt out of the school-owned Chromebooks if they have their own MacBook or iPad.
- c) Students in Grades 5-6 must use Apple iPad or Macbook if they are using a personal device
- d) Students will be using Google Classroom and various websites for school work. We do recommend a laptop but an Apple iPad is fine to use. iPads have some limitations.

**TCIS Approved Devices - 2022-2023 School Year**

- Grade 7-12 MacBooks or iPads (student-owned)
- Grade 5-6 - Chromebooks (school-owned) **or** MacBooks / iPads (student-owned)
- *PC/Windows-based computers are not supported for academics at TCIS.*

**You are encouraged to visit the following sites for more information:**

- Apple MacBook Computers - <https://www.apple.com/th-edu/shop>

## Hair Color Requirement

It is a requirement that students at the TCIS maintain their natural hair color. Other colors (including highlights, shading, etc.) are not acceptable. While students enjoy trying new things in Secondary School, hair color is not one of those things that we allow students to experiment with.

Section 5.4-2 (page 29) of the Student-Parent Handbook (Uniform and Appearance) regarding hair color:

Hairstyles, if considered inappropriate for students in a school setting, will not be allowed.

Hair, even if colored, should be of natural hair color or hue.

### Hair Styles Not Permitted at TCIS for Students from PK2 to Grade 12

Images such as lightning bolts are not shaved into a student's hair (example: Image 1).

**Hair must be kept as the student's natural color.** Dyed, highlighted, bleached, or colored hair is not permitted at TCIS (examples: Images 2 & 3).

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## Food Delivery

To maintain student and teacher safety, the campus is closed to food deliveries (for everyone). Plan to bring everything with you in the morning. Parents/visitors who wish to enter campus are asked to schedule an appointment through the registrar.

- Masks must be worn at all times, including in the classroom.
- Students' temperature is checked upon entrance.
- Late students must check in with the Registrar to receive an "Admit to Class" slip. The registrar is located in the main lobby of the middle school.
- Students must use hand sanitizer before entering school and before entering each classroom.
- Students must sanitize any shared classroom materials/supplies after each use.
- Students sanitize their desks before leaving every class, with the provided supplies.
- Students must remain socially distant at all times.
- No more than 4 students in the restroom at any given time.
- Students may take their backpacks into their classroom to avoid groups at the lockers.
- Students may wear a face shield as well as a mask but not instead of a mask.
- Lunch (Students' temperature is checked upon entrance to the canteen before lunch).

## Visiting the Campus

Parents/visitors who wish to visit campus are asked to schedule an appointment through the registrar or with Ms. Ooy. They will follow up on your request. The appointments must be confirmed via email before parents enter the campus.

Please book an appointment with Ms. Ooy to meet with the Head of Middle School at least 24 hours in advance. Meeting hours are 11:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Ms. Ooy: [pongvilai@tcis.ac.th](mailto:pongvilai@tcis.ac.th)

Registrar Office: [registrar@tcis.ac.th](mailto:registrar@tcis.ac.th)

## Reporting Student Absences and Tardies

Send an email to: [registrar@tcis.ac.th](mailto:registrar@tcis.ac.th) OR Call the Registrar's Attendance line at: **751-1201**

**Please notify the registrar as soon as possible of your child's absence or tardiness from school.  
A parent or guardian must email the Registrar within one day following the absence.**

### Excused Absences

For an Absence to be Excused, a parent must email/call in the absence within 24 hours. The reason for the absence must be supported by the factors outlined in the attendance policy:

- Illness with medical documentation
- observation or celebration of a religious holiday
- recovery from an accident with medical documentation
- required court attendance with court notice
- death in the family
- other absences that may be deemed acceptable by the Head of Schools or Designee

### Unexcused Absences

If a parent does not email/call in the absence, the student is marked as absent without excuse.

# Birthday Cupcake Procedures



At TCIS, we understand that children and parents wish to celebrate birthdays with classmates. It is a big day! While we do allow children to bring in cupcakes to share with classmates, we do have procedures in place that need to be followed.

Please note, no soda, no full birthday cakes, or candles are allowed, as it takes too much time for us to cut and distribute cake to students and to clean up. Of course, candles are dangerous and present a serious fire risk.

These steps need to be followed:

- The cupcakes must come to school with the student when he/she arrives at school. **Deliveries are not allowed under any circumstances.**
- The cupcake will be given to Ms. Ooy or Mr. Richard in the morning and kept in their office
- Do not provide any knives to your child to cut the cupcakes.
- Cupcakes will be distributed only at lunchtime by the student
- No loss of class instructional time will be allowed due to the celebration

**No Food Deliveries Allowed**

No food deliveries are allowed to TCIS at any time during the school day.

If a student forgot his/her lunch, do not worry, we will make sure to take care of them on that day.

However, please do make sure your child has money on his/her card to use in the canteen.



## How to Use Plus Portal



# PlusPortals for Parents Website

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URL: [plusportals.com/tcis](https://plusportals.com/tcis)  
Login with Email & Password

A screenshot of the PlusPortals login page for TCIS. At the top center is the school's logo. Below it is a photograph of a group of smiling children in school uniforms. To the right of the photo is a 'Login' form with fields for 'User Name' and 'Password', a 'Remember Me' checkbox, a 'Can't access your account?' link, and a blue 'Sign in' button. A large red arrow points to the 'User Name' field. Below the login form is a 'School Resources' section with the text 'No School Resources have been posted.' and a partially visible sentence 'Since its establishment in 1995, the Thai-'.

**Login**

User Name

Password

Remember Me

[Can't access your account?](#)

**School Resources**

No School Resources have been posted.

Since its establishment in 1995, the Thai-

You will see your entire family on this screen. Student currently being viewed is to the left. Other student(s) are to the right.

The screenshot shows a user interface for a school's learning management system. At the top center is the logo for TCIS International School, featuring a shield with 'TCIS' and a cross, flanked by laurel branches, with 'INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL' and 'EST. 1995' below it. Below the logo is a navigation bar with 'Home' on the left and 'Back to Manage Accounts', 'Newfeed', 'Pannaporn Kaewmark', and 'Help' on the right. The main content area displays two student profiles. The profile on the left is for 'Pannaporn Kaewmark' and is highlighted with a red arrow and the text 'Student being viewed'. The profile on the right is also for 'Pannaporn Kaewmark' and is highlighted with a red arrow and the text 'Other student(s) in family'. Below the profiles are two tables: 'Progress' and 'Recent Scores'. The 'Progress' table has columns for Subject, Average, and Grade, with a row for 'Advtray12 (2) 950404'. The 'Recent Scores' table has columns for Description, Date, and Score, with a row for 'Korean I - Activity : Interview numbers' dated '10-16-2019' with a score of '20.00 / 20.00'.

You will see your entire family on this screen. Student currently being viewed is to the left. Other student(s) are to the right.

This is a duplicate of the screenshot above, showing the same TCIS International School interface. It features the school logo, navigation bar, and two student profiles for 'Pannaporn Kaewmark'. Red arrows point to the left profile, labeled 'Student being viewed', and the right profile, labeled 'Other student(s) in family'. Below the profiles are the 'Progress' and 'Recent Scores' tables, with the same data as in the first screenshot.

Below, you'll see a list of the student's courses, recent scores, and attendance. Please note that you can change the Quarter you're viewing.

Home

Pannaporn Kaewmark

Overview Classroom **School**

Progress: Quarter 2

Subject	Average	Grade
Advisory I2 (I) 996404		
Audio Prod (E) 911501		
Chinese 4 (F) 703601		
English 12 (H) 306102		
Geo Issues (CI2) 412001		
Homeroom		

Recent Scores

Description	Date	Score
Korean I - Activity - Interview numbers		
Korean I - workbook p.44-45		
Int. Robot - building educator model		
Audio Prod - Attendance, Participation, and As...	10-04-2019	12.00 / 12.00
Chinese 4 - L 54 and L 67	10-03-2019	98.00 / 100.00
Chinese 4 - L 60 dialogue	10-03-2019	95.00 / 100.00

Attendance Totals

ABSENCE

Clicking on "School" you can view the student's class schedule, their most recent report card, and their attendance details.

Pannaporn Kaewmark

Overview Classroom **School**

Schedule Report Card Attendance

ES: 5-Day Rotation

Time	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
07:30 - 08:10	Int. Robot Room: 243 Le Conte, Shaun	Int. Robot Room: 243 Le Conte, Shaun	Int. Robot Room: 243 Le Conte, Shaun	Int. Robot Room: 243 Le Conte, Shaun	Int. Robot Room: 243 Le Conte, Shaun
08:10 - 08:50	Thai12 Room: 354 Sukasem, Charitnun	Thai12 Room: 354 Sukasem, Charitnun	Thai12 Room: 354 Sukasem, Charitnun	Thai12 Room: 354 Sukasem, Charitnun	Thai12 Room: 354 Sukasem, Charitnun
09:25 - 10:05	Geo Issues Room: 352 De Gaetano, Joseph	Geo Issues Room: 352 De Gaetano, Joseph			
10:05 - 10:45	JapaneseII Room: 322 Newman, Anna	JapaneseII Room: 322 Newman, Anna	JapaneseII Room: 322 Newman, Anna	JapaneseII Room: 322 Newman, Anna	JapaneseII Room: 322 Newman, Anna

# Choose the class and see all assignments and grades

Select Classroom, and then choose the individual class. There you can see all the assignments for this class and their grades.

Teacher(s)	Rooms	Meeting Time	Progress	Average	Grade
H. Holmes	340	H	1Q 2Q EXM	86.88	A

Title	Desc	Date	Score	Possible Points	Average	Note	Marking Period
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## PlusPortals for Parents Phone Application

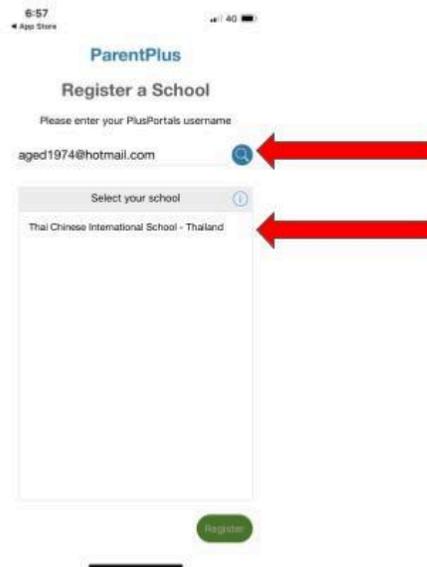
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# Find Application in the App Store



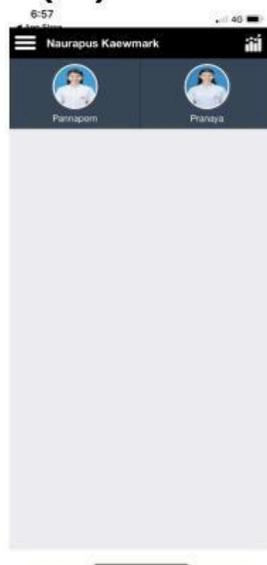
Please note that there are 2 different applications: StudentPlus for students, and ParentPlus for parents

# Once you have downloaded the app, you'll need to register

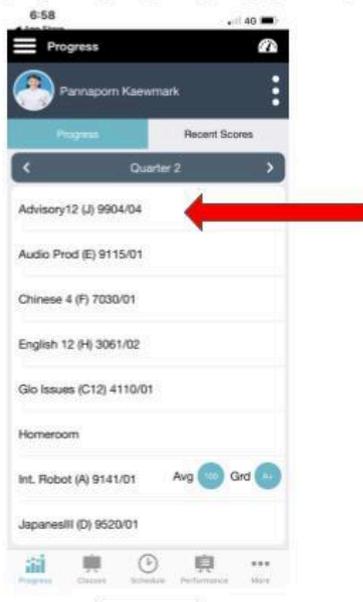


Enter the email address you gave the school, and it'll direct you to TCIS. If TCIS does not associate with your email address, the school has a different email address on record for you.

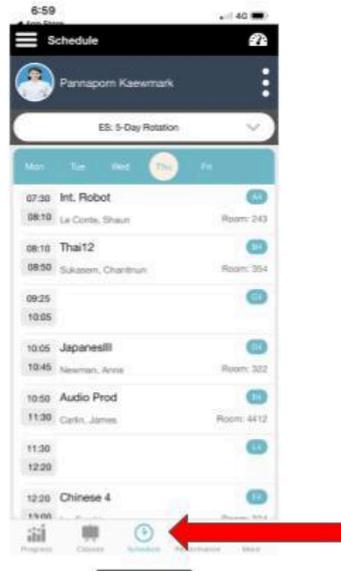
Once you enter your password, your student(s) will appear.



When you select your student, you'll see their list of classes and the current quarter



If you click “Schedule” (bottom of screen) you’ll see the student’s daily schedule



Choosing “Progress” will show you recent assignments

