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Middle School News September 25, 2022

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Dear TCIS Middle School Families,

Tests, assessments, and quizzes. These words may make our children feel nervous. 20 years ago, the assessment had been used solely for calculating overall final grades. Today, at TCIS, guided by educational research, assessment is used to improve student learning and achievement. Parents play an important role in their child's education; when parents, students, and educators work together, students are successful! When your child receives their test back, review it with them. Wrong answers should not be shunned. Instead, use it as data on what your child can focus their studying on. Also, celebrate the correct answers. Ask your child to teach you or explain how they knew the answer. This reflective skill enhances learning. It gives time to synthesize and gain a deeper understanding of important points.

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 Testing



The first week of MAP testing is complete, and all students will finish next week. On September 29-30 we will have make-up sessions for those absent or did not finish. Once results are available, teachers can use the data to help guide class instructions. We will then share the results with students so they can set goals and use assessment data to take ownership of their learning. Parents will also receive a report and explanation of the data in October. Teachers will be available during Parent Teacher Conference to explain the results in detail.

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- [Grade 7 MAP Schedule](#)
- [Grade 8 ELL MAP Schedule](#)

PSAT Testing



Students in Grade 8 will receive support from their English teacher to create a College Board account and prepare for Practice SAT exams in November. To succeed on exams, students must understand what questions will be asked, how to use the interface, and learn test-taking strategies. English teachers will begin incorporating this into lessons, so students are confident and well prepared. After they receive their results, teachers will show students how to use their scores to focus on their goals.

After School Enrichment Program (ASEP)



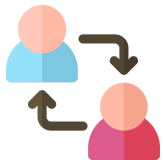
ASEP clubs are back! We offer educational and recreational after-school programs for Pre-K through High School students. Classes are conducted by qualified and certified teachers to provide the best for your child. We offer individual as well as group classes of up to 10 students. Please [ASEP webpage](#) to read about the clubs being offered after school. ASEP sports for Middle School will be available later.

Wai Kru Ceremony



Wai Kru ceremony was held on 22nd September. Our students showed their respect and showcased their talents to honor their teachers. During the Thai ceremony, students offered their respects to teachers and expressed their gratitude. Please view our photos below.

Peer Tutoring

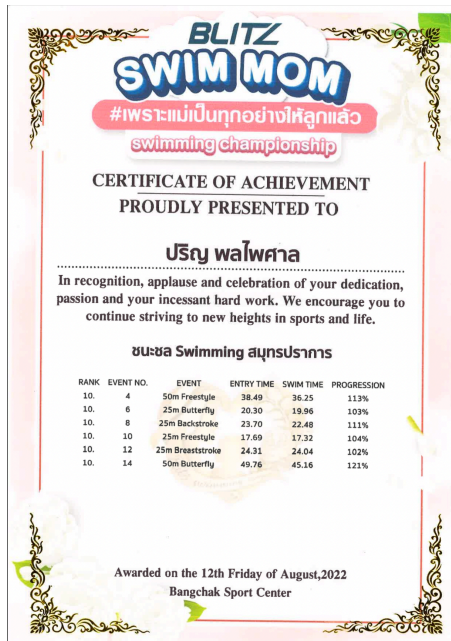


Our Peer Tutoring program will be starting very soon. If you would like a peer tutor, students should visit our counselors or contact the MS Office to have their names added to a list. This will help us pair students together. Peer Tutoring will be Tuesday-Thursday from 3:20-4:00 PM in the Library.

New Student Welcome



Last week, we had a welcome party for new students in the Middle School office. Students had a couple of weeks to adjust. They were assigned a buddy to help with this adjustment. Moving to a new school is a significant change. For many, this also means a new school, a new country, and new friends. We are happy for these students to join our community and to hear they are already having success.



Congratulations Prin Pholphisal (Prem)! We were proud to learn about the recent Certificate of Achievement and Awards for swimming. Swimming is a challenging sport that incorporates cardio and a wide range of muscles. It builds both strength and endurance through a low-impact exercise. Furthermore, it's essential to focus on taking deep, smooth breaths while swimming. Both of these aspects of swimming help reduce stress. This life-saving skill is beneficial for all students. Thank you, Prin for being an ambassador for our school.

If your child has accomplishments outside of school, please share the news! We are so proud of our students' successes inside and outside of school.

If parents have any questions or comments, please do reach out. I am available by appointment from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. I always enjoy meeting and discussing with you!

Kind Regards,

Mr. Richard Poulin

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Next Week's Schedule - Week 5

26 Day 1	27 Day 2	28 Day 1	29 Day 2	30 Day 1
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Pictures From Week 4

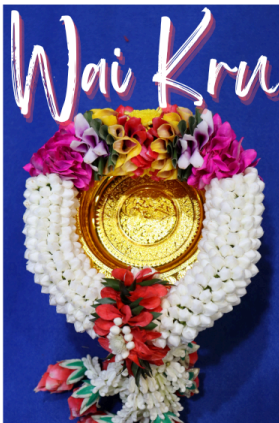




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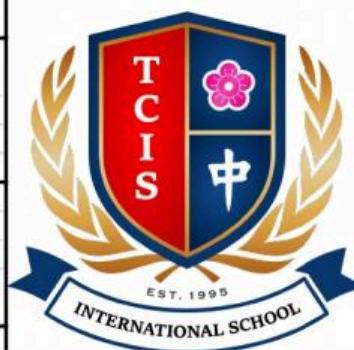
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Calendar

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 - Substitute 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	29	30	31									
				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					
July '23	26	27	28	29	30	26	Summer School					
	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							
							Q1 - 44 days					
							Q2 - 47days					
							Q3 - 42 days					
							Q4 - 47 days					



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Holiday School/Office closure

Work Day/PO Day (teachers but no students)

Half Days for students

Conference Day (no students)

Summer School

Total Student Instruction Days 180

Time Schedule

Grades 5-6 Timetable			Grades 7-12 Timetable	
07:30 - 08:15	Period 1	Block 1 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	Block 2 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	Block 3 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	Block 4 D/H	1:40 - 2:25	Period 7
2:25 - 3:10	Period 8		2:25 - 3:10	Period 8

Important Dates

- September 19-30 - MAP Testing
- September 20 - Coffee Morning
- September 22 - Wai Kru Ceremony
- September 28 - Open House

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.

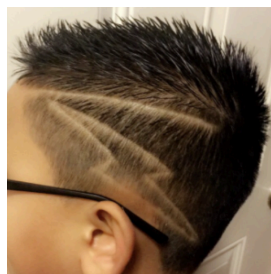
Hair, even if colored, should be of natural hair color or hue.

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

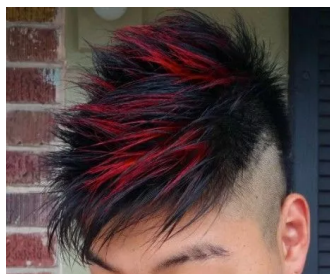
Images such as lightning bolts are not shaved into a student's hair (example: Image 1).

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

Registrar Office: registrar@tcis.ac.th

Reporting Student Absences and Tardies

Send an email to: 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
Login with Email & Password



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 the TCIS International School parent portal. At the top is the school's crest. Below it, a navigation bar includes a 'Home' button and links for 'Back to Manage Accounts', 'Newsfeed', 'Pannaporn Kaewmark', and 'Help'. The main content area displays two student profiles. The left profile, for Pannaporn Kaewmark, is highlighted with a red arrow and the label 'Student being viewed'. The right profile, for Pannaporn, is also highlighted with a red arrow and the label 'Other student(s) in family'. Below the profiles, there are tabs for 'Overview', 'Classroom', and 'School'. The 'Overview' tab is active, showing a 'Progress' section for 'Quarter 2' and a 'Recent Scores' table.

Subject	Average	Grade
Advisory 12 (2) 950404		

Description	Date	Score
Korean I - Activity : Interview numbers	10-16-2019	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 parent portal interface. It features the school crest, navigation links, and two student profiles. The left profile, Pannaporn Kaewmark, is labeled 'Student being viewed' with a red arrow. The right profile, Pannaporn, is labeled 'Other student(s) in family' with a red arrow. The 'Overview' tab is active, displaying progress for Quarter 2 and a table of recent scores.

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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.

The screenshot shows a student profile for Pannaporn Kaewmark. The page has three main tabs: Overview, Classroom, and School. The Overview tab is active, showing a 'Progress' dropdown set to 'Quarter 2'. Below this is a table of 'Current classes' with columns for Subject, Average, and Grade. To the right is a 'Recent Scores' table with columns for Description, Date, and Score. At the bottom is an 'Attendance Totals' section with a table showing 'ABSENCE'.

Annotations with red arrows point to the following elements:

- Quarter being viewed:** Points to the 'Progress: Quarter 2' dropdown menu.
- Current classes:** Points to the table listing subjects like Advisory I2, Audio Prod, Chinese 4, English 12, and Gio Issues.
- Recent scores (grades):** Points to the 'Recent Scores' table.
- Attendance:** Points to the 'Attendance Totals' section.

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

The screenshot shows the 'School' tab selected in the student profile. The 'School' tab is highlighted with a red arrow and the text 'Select "School"'. Below the tabs, there are three sub-tabs: 'Schedule', 'Report Card', and 'Attendance'. The 'Schedule' sub-tab is active, showing a class schedule for 'ES: 5-Day Rotation'. The schedule is presented in a grid with columns for days of the week (Mon-Fri) and rows for time slots (07:30-08:10, 08:10-08:50, 09:25-10:05, 10:05-10:45). Each cell in the grid contains the course name, room number, and teacher's name.

Annotations with red arrows point to the following elements:

- Select "School":** Points to the 'School' tab in the top navigation bar.
- Schedule:** Points to the 'Schedule' sub-tab.

Choose the class and see all assignments
and grades

The screenshot shows the PlusPortals Classroom interface. A red arrow points to the 'Classroom' tab in the top navigation bar. Another red arrow points to the 'Class' dropdown menu, which is set to 'English 12 (H) 3061/02'. A third red arrow points to the 'English 12 (3061/02) Scores' table at the bottom. A text box with a white background and black text is overlaid on the interface, stating: 'Select Classroom, and then choose the individual class. There you can see all the assignments for this class and their grades.'

Home

Back to Manage Accounts | Newsfeed | Pannaporn Kaewmark | Help | Logout

Pannaporn Kaewmark

Overview | **Classroom**

Class: English 12 (H) 3061/02 | Class Page | Perform

Teacher(s): H. Jones | Room: 340 | Meeting Time: H

Progress: 1Q | 2Q | EXM

Average: 95.80

Grade: A

View Skills/Standards

English 12 (3061/02) Scores

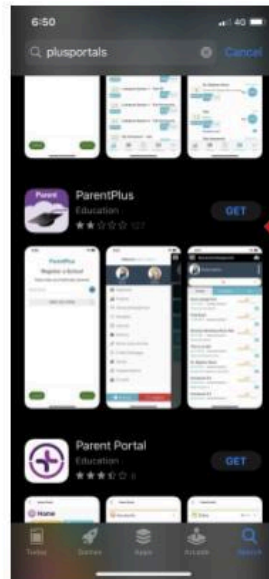
Title	Description	Date	Score	Possible Points	Average	Note	Marking Period
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PlusPortals for Parents Phone Application

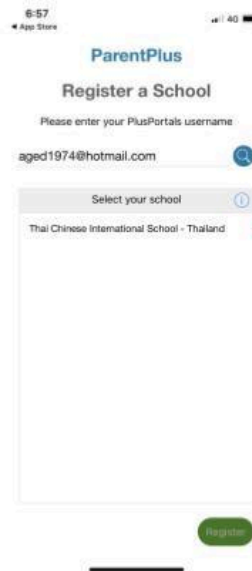
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Find Application in the App Store



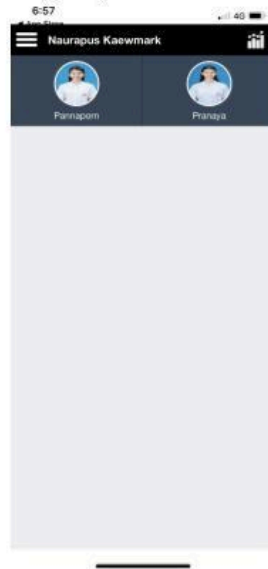
Please note that there are 2 different applications: StudentPlus for students, and ParentPlus for parents

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

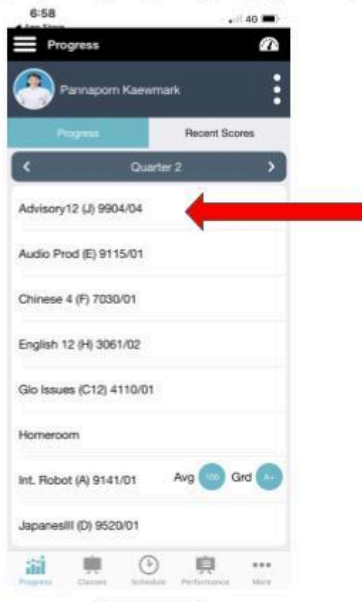


Enter the email address you gave the school, and it'll direct you to TCIS. If TCIS does not associate with your email address, the school has a different email address on record for you.

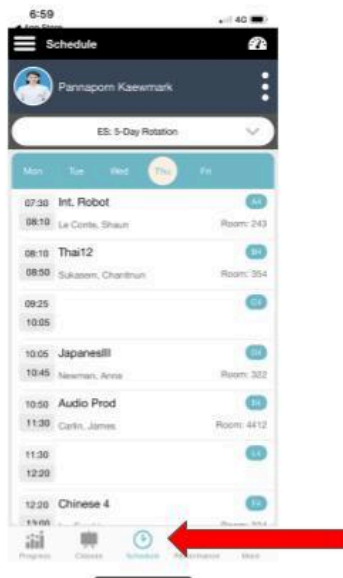
Once you enter your password, your student(s) will appear.



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

