



Middle School News
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THAI-CHINESE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

I am excited to begin our 2023-2024 academic year shortly, on Tuesday, August 15. During the summer, I had a chance to fly back to see my family. I also took time to continue my own learning and sharing at international conferences. I had a wonderful time, but my family and I are excited to be back home in Thailand.

I will be at the front gate to welcome our students back and to greet our families. If you would like to meet with me, you can call the Middle School office or use the following booking form:

<https://calendar.app.google/V4ycvVvYbFLQGza79>

There are a lot of exciting updates. For now, I have listed important information below for your review. The first week of school is a time of adjustment for our students. We will also correct any errors and make improvements. That way, our first full week of school goes smoothly. If you have any problems or concerns, please let me know.

Mr. Richard Poulin



New Students



In addition to Grade 4 students now rising to Grade 5, we have several new students joining TCIS this year. The first week of school will require some adjustments. We have paired our new students with buddies to be ambassadors. If you see a new family, please welcome them and help them to adjust to our growing community.

Renovations



New paint, decorated classrooms, improved security systems, and more were completed over the summer. I am most excited about the renovations in the 360 Auditorium. I look forward to seeing our many performances, events, and celebrations held there.

Advisory



Students will use their advisory period to adjust to returning to school and using the necessary skills to be successful. Advisory is an excellent program that offers students time to enjoy learning, build skills, and have collaborative time. Upcoming topics are:

- Reviewing Student Parent Handbook and school expectations
- Digital citizenship and using technology properly
- Organization and time management
- Social-emotional learning
- Sharing announcements and information

An advisory also adds safety. When we have fire drills and field trips, there is a dedicated assigned teacher for your student. An advisor is a teacher who will support your child in their classes and manage middle school life.

Our teachers bring much experience and ideas to our advisory program. If you have any questions or concerns, please do let me know. Advisory is an excellent program, and the administration team will support our teachers, making it beneficial to teaching and learning at TCIS.

PowerSchool



We have launched our new Student Information System at TCIS. It is called [PowerSchool](#). PowerSchool is the leading platform for schools in the United States and international schools. We will use our advisory time to help students learn how to use the new features. Later, we will hold a Parent-Coffee morning to guide parents in using the new App. There will also be videos and resources available. Thank you for your patience as we make this important transition.

Campus Time



Our campus closes at 4:00 p.m. It is wonderful to see students socializing and playing sports. However, general supervision ends at 4:00 p.m., and students must proceed to the designated waiting area until parents arrive. Students may stay longer if they join Sports, After School Clubs, or with a teacher.

New Teachers



[New teachers](#) completed a 2-week orientation. The orientation welcomes teachers to Thailand and provides an overview of expectations and curriculum at TCIS. Our new teachers bring much experience, motivation, and excitement to our new academic year. I have sincerely enjoyed getting to know each of them, and I am excited for our students to welcome them to the TCIS 2023-2024 school year!



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August Schedule

Aug '23		1	2	3	4	1-2	Asanha Bucha Day (1), Buddhist Lent Day (2) - School Closed
	7	8	9	10	11	9-11	Registration days/ All grades
	14	15	16	17	18	14	Mother's Day 12 - Substitute 14 - School Closed
	21	22	23	24	25	15	Academic Year Begins
	28	29	30	31		25	25 Aug Parent Open House / Double day for teachers

Important Dates

Upcoming Events and Dates

- **August 15** - First Day of School
- **August 18** - MS Assembly
- **August 25** - Open House for Parents
- **August 25-30** - Bangkok Global Round


Daily Time Schedule

PK2 - Grade 4 Timetable				Grades 5-12 Timetable	
07:30 - 08:10	Period 1		Block 1 A/E	07:30 - 08:10	Period 1
08:10 - 08:15	Passing			08:10 - 08:50	Period 2
08:15 - 08:55	Period 2			08:50 - 09:10	Break
09:10 - 09:15	Passing			09:10 - 09:15	Passing
09:15 - 09:25	Snack Break		Block 2 B/F	09:15 - 09:55	Period 3
09:25 - 10:05	Period 3			09:55 - 10:35	Period 4
10:05 - 10:10	Passing			10:35 - 10:40	Passing
10:10 - 10:50	Period 4		Block 3 C/G	10:40 - 11:20	Period 5
10:50 - 10:55	Passing			11:20 - 12:00	Period 6
10:55 - 11:35	Period 5			12:00 - 12:05	Passing
11:35 - 12:20	Lunch & Recess			12:05 - 12:55	Lunch Grade 5-12
12:20 - 13:00	Period 6			12:55 - 13:00	Passing
13:00 - 13:05	Passing		Advisory	13:00 - 13:40	Advisory
13:05 - 13:45	Period 7			13:40 - 13:50	Passing
13:45 - 13:50	Passing			13:50 - 14:30	Period 7
13:50 - 14:30	Period 8		Block 4 D/H	14:30 - 15:10	Period 8
14:30 - 15:10	Period 9				

Calendar

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	3	4	5	6	7		
July '23	10	11	12	13	14	28	King's Birthday 28 - School Closed
	17	18	19	20	21		
	24	25	26	27	28		New Teacher Orientation July 26, 27, 31; August 3-4
	31						All Staff Orientation August 7-11
Aug '23		1	2	3	4	1-2	Asanha Bucha Day (1), Buddhist Lent Day (2) - School Closed
	7	8	9	10	11	9-11	Registration days/ All grades
	14	15	16	17	18	14	Mother's Day 12 - Substitute 14 - School Closed
	21	22	23	24	25	15	Academic Year Begins
	28	29	30	31		25	25 Aug Parent Open House / Double day for teachers
Sep '23					1		MAP Assessment Aug 21 - Sept 08
	4	5	6	7	8		
	11	12	13	14	15	15	Hybrid/Online Learning Day
	18	19	20	21	22	21	Wai Kru Ceremony
	25	26	27	28	29		
Oct '23	2	3	4	5	6	10	Double Ten Day Ceremony - Oct 10
	9	10	11	12	13	12	End of Quarter 1, Half day for students, PD afternoon teachers
	16	17	18	19	20	13	King Rama9 Memorial Day - School Closed
	23	24	25	26	27	16-20	October Break 16-20 - School Closed
	30	31				23	Chulalongkorn Day - School Closed
						24	Quarter 2 begins
Nov '23			1	2	3	3	Parent / Teacher Conference (No student)
	6	7	8	9	10		
	13	14	15	16	17	27	Loy Krathong Celebration
	20	21	22	23	24		
	27	28	29	30			27-30 Chinese Writing competition
Dec '23					1	4	Father's Day Ceremony
	4	5	6	7	8	5	Father's Day 5 - School Closed
	11	12	13	14	15	11	PD Day (teachers but no students)
	18	19	20	21	22	15	Half Day Student Dismissal 11:30 Day Teacher PD afternoon
	25	26	27	28	29	18-5	Christmas Break 18Dec-5Jan - School Closed
Jan '24	1	2	3	4	5	8	First Day Back from Christmas Break
	8	9	10	11	12	19	End of Quarter 2 and Semester 1
	15	16	17	18	19	22	Quarter 3 and Semester 2 Begins
	22	23	24	25	26	27	Parent / Teacher Conference Saturday Jan27th
	29	30	31				
Feb '24				1	2		
	5	6	7	8	9	7	CNY Celebration
	12	13	14	15	16	8-16	CNY Break - School Closed
	19	20	21	22	23	19-23	Thai Knowledge Bowl (Thai Classes+Lunches)
	26	27	28	29		26	MakaBucha Day 24 - Substitute 26 - School Closed
Mar '24					1		Professional Development
	4	5	6	7	8		
	11	12	13	14	15	27	5-8 Speech Competition
	18	19	20	21	22	28	9-12 Speech Competition
	25	26	27	28	29		
April '24	1	2	3	4	5	5	Songkran Celebration
	8	9	10	11	12	8	Chakri Day 6 - Substitute 8 - School Closed
	15	16	17	18	19	9-17	Songkran Holiday - School Closed
	22	23	24	25	26	18	Quarter 4 Begins
	29	30					
May '24			1	2	3		
	6	7	8	9	10	6	Coronation Day 4 - Substitute 6 - School Closed
	13	14	15	16	17	22	Visakha Bucha Day 22 - School Closed
	20	21	22	23	24	13-17	Chinese Speaking competition
	27	28	29	30	31		
June '24	3	4	5	6	7	3	Queen's Birthday 3 - School Closed
	10	11	12	13	14	7	High School Graduation
	17	18	19	20	21	21	End of the Year/Student Dismissal at 11:30 am
	24	25	26	27	28	24-12	Summer School
Jul '24	1	2	3	4	5		
	8	9	10	11	12		
	15	16	17	18	19		
	22	23	24	25	26		
	29	30	31				All Staff Orientation Aug 5, 2024



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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

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

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. You may also use the [online booking form](#). 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

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. 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 ensure your child has money on his/her card to use in the canteen.

Student Computers

TCIS believes technology is a powerful and integral part of teaching and learning. While there are many good computers on the market, please understand that PC/Windows-based computers are not supported.

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 - 2023-2024 School Year

- Grade 5-6 - Chromebooks (school-owned) or MacBooks / iPads (student-owned)
- Grade 7-12 MacBooks or iPads (student-owned)

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

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

Reporting Student Absences and Tardies

Send an email to: registrar@tcis.ac.th or call the Registrar's Attendance line at: **751-1201**. 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.

Tardies

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.

Excused Absences

Please review the complete policy on excused absence in the Student [Parent Handbook](#):

- Attending school-sponsored activities
- Illness or injury prevents the student from physically attending school
- Local health professional orders the isolation of the student
- Death of an immediate family member
- Emergency medical, dental or other similar emergency appointment approved by the Head of Division
- Student is observing an event specifically required by the religion of the student or student's parents
- Student is obtaining a visa or fulfilling other Thai residency requirements
- A reason not listed above that has been approved in advance by the Head of Division

Unexcused Absences

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

- Test preparation or assignment completion
- Traffic/transportation problems
- Educational courses or camps overseas or in-country
- Family vacations and visits
- Attending family graduation ceremonies overseas
- Healthcare visits that could be arranged outside school hours
- A reason not listed deemed illegitimate by the Head of Division

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, that no soda, 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.
- Cupcakes 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