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Middle School News
September 18, 2022

Ms. Ooy (Secretary) 02-751-1201 ext. 361
Mr. Richard Poulin (Building 5, 3rd Floor)

Dear TCIS Middle School Families,

As your students begin to complete more work, it is important parents help students to reflect on their day. Have you ever asked your child, "What did you do at school today?" and received the response, "*Nothing*." You can improve this experience by not starting with a question at all. After they return home, help them relax and recover. Then you can start to ask open-ended questions such as *What was the most interesting thing you did today?* or *What was the most difficult part of your day?* This will help your child to better manage themselves and their mental health. Here is a list of more questions you can ask your child.

NWEA MAP Testing

Students Grade 5-7 and Grade 8 ELL students will have NWEA MAP testing between September 19-30. Students received their schedules this week and a copy is available below for you. Please review the NWEA Announcement Letter from our school counselor, Mr. Jeff Chelin.

- Grade 5 MAP Schedule
- Grade 6 MAP Schedule
- Grade 7 MAP Schedule
- Grade 8 ELL MAP Schedule

After School Enrichment Program (ASEP)



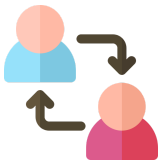
ASEP clubs are back! We offer educational and recreational after-school programs for Pre-K through High School students. Classes are conducted by qualified, certified teachers to provide the best for your child. We offer individual as well as group classes of up to 10 students. Please ASEP webpage to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

Wai Kru Ceremony



Wai Kru ceremony will be on 22nd September! This Thai ceremony is a time when students offer their respect to teachers and express their gratitude. It is regularly held near the beginning of the school year in most schools in Thailand, but I believe it is a wonderful ritual that should be shared across the world.

Peer Tutoring



Our Peer Tutoring program will be starting very soon. If you would like a peer tutor, students should visit our counselors 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.

TCIS continues to make a safe and clean space for students. This includes daily and deep cleanings. We also encourage students to wear masks properly and wash their hands often.

If parents have any questions or comments, please do reach out. I am available by appointment from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Richard Poulin

richard.poulin@tcis.ac.th

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Next Week's Schedule - Week 4

19	20	21	22	23
Day 2	Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2

Pictures From Week 3



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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 - Substitue 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
	29	30	31				
June '23				1	2	3	Queen's Birthday 3
	5	6	7	8	9	3	Visakha Bucha Day 3-Subsitute5- 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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* subject to Thai Govt

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 - 47days	
Q3 - 42 days	
Q4 - 47 days	

Time Schedule

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

Important Dates

- **September 09** - Parent Night
- **September 09-10** - Bangkok International Band Festival at ISB - Grades 8-12
- **September 12** - Rembrandt Photo Shoots for inside classes
- **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 <u>Not Permitted</u> 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 <u>with the Registrar</u> 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 <u>as well as a mask</u> 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

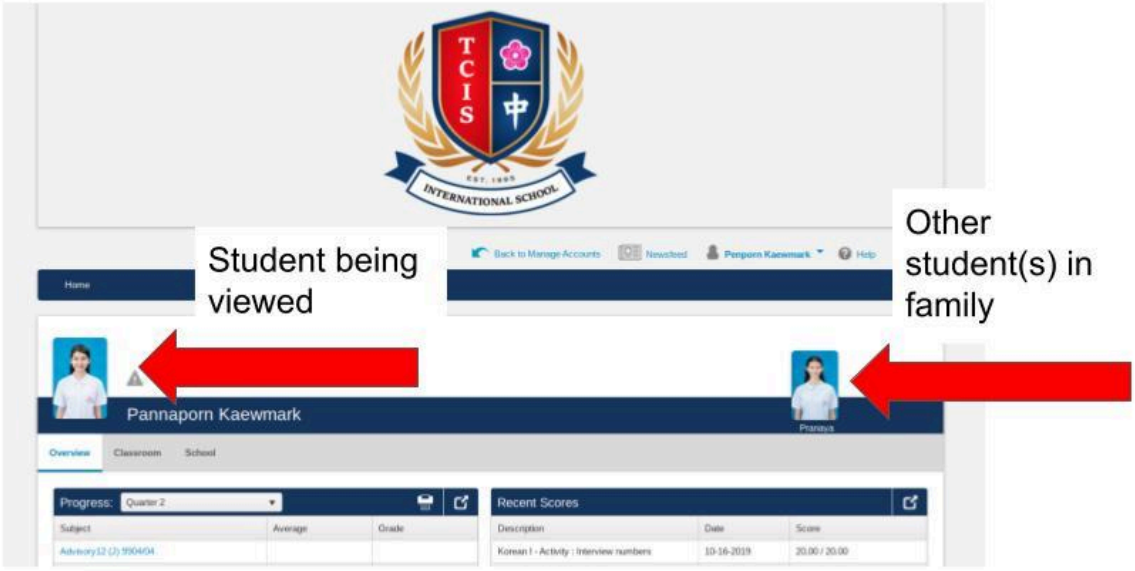
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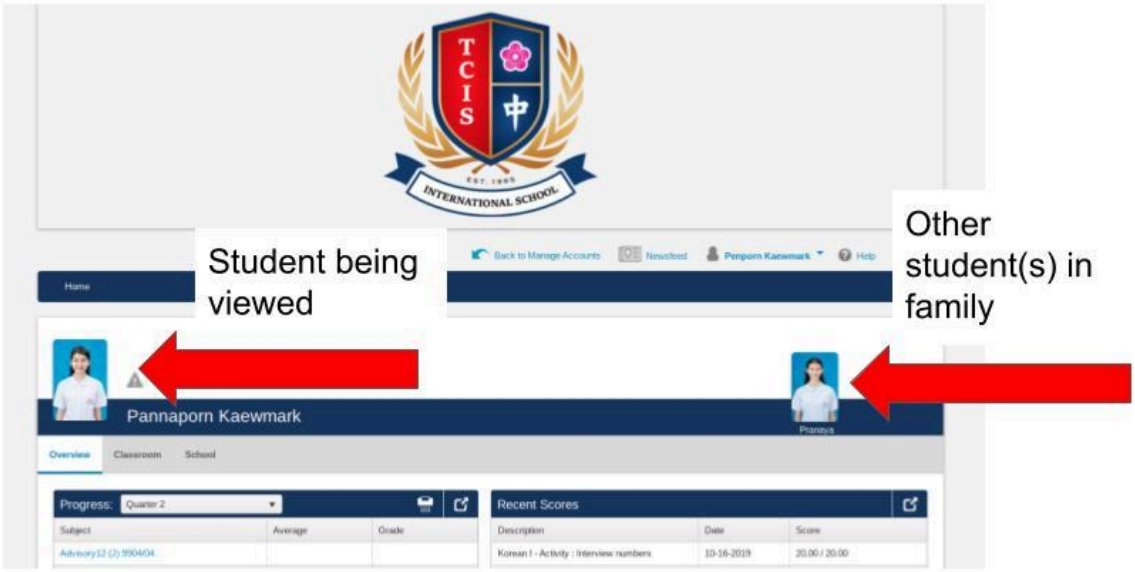
Login with Email & Password



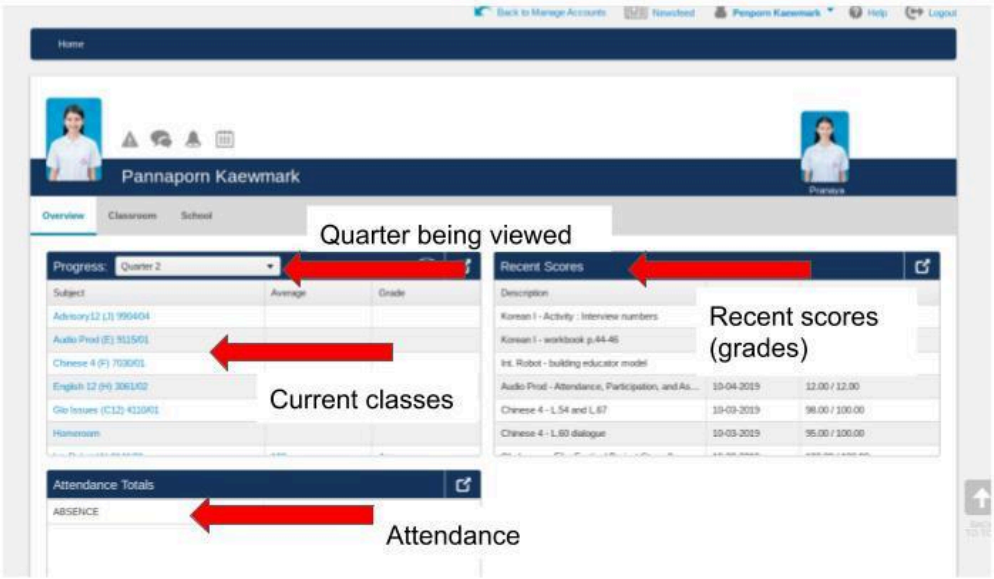
You will see your entire family on this screen. Student currently being viewed is to the left. Other student(s) are to the right.



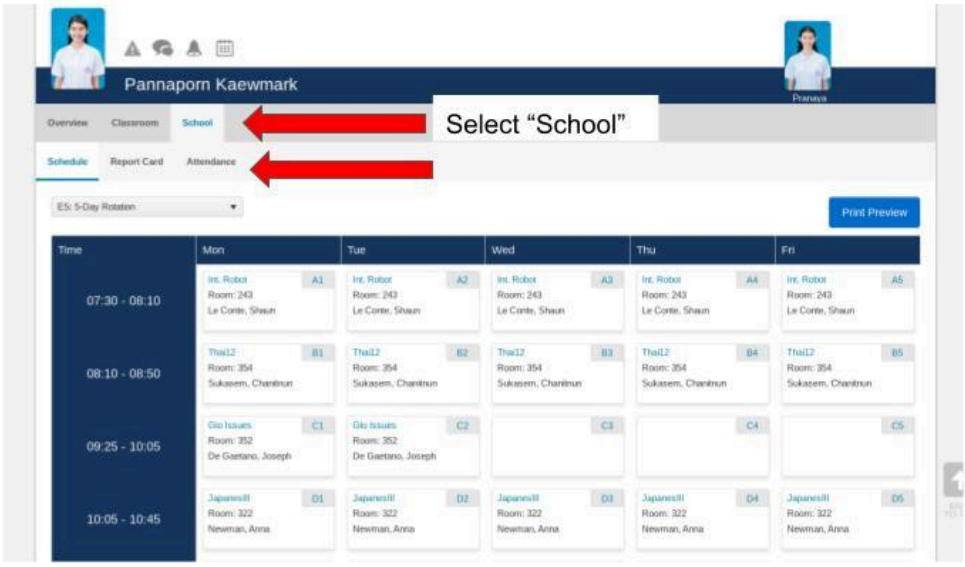
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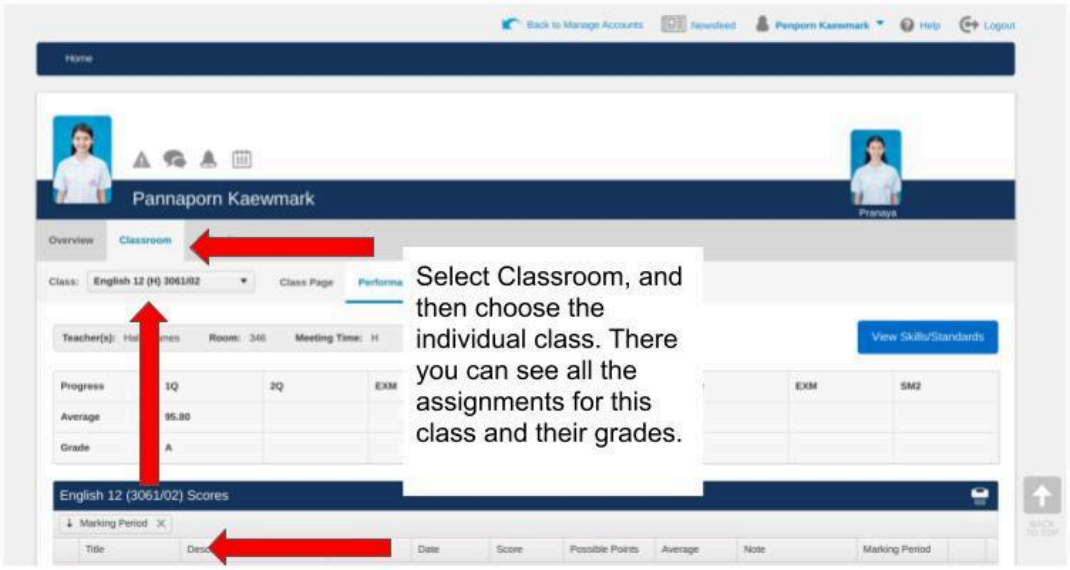
Below, you'll see a list of the student's courses, recent scores, and attendance. Please note that you can change the Quarter you're viewing.



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



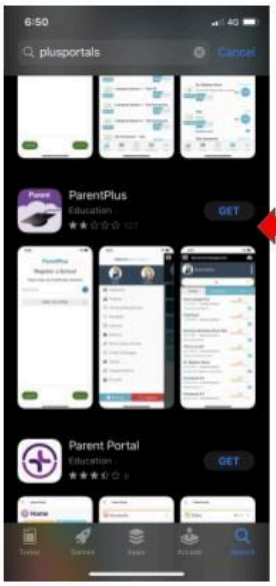
Choose the class and see all assignments and grades



PlusPortals for Parents Phone Application

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Find Application in the App Store



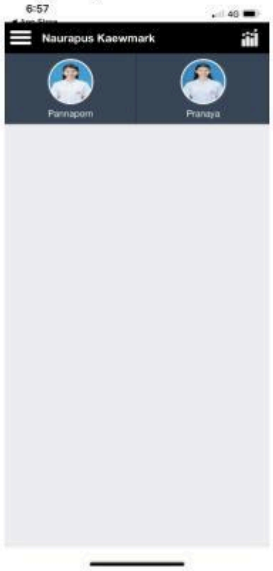
Please note that there are 2 different applications: StudentPlus for students, and ParentPlus for parents

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

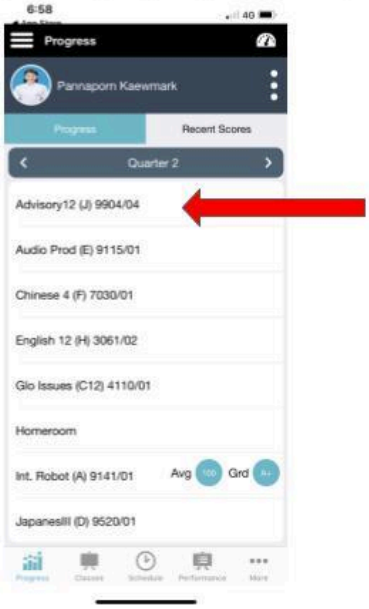


Enter the email address you gave the school, and it'll direct you to TCIS. If TCIS does not associate with your email address, the school has a different email address on record for you.

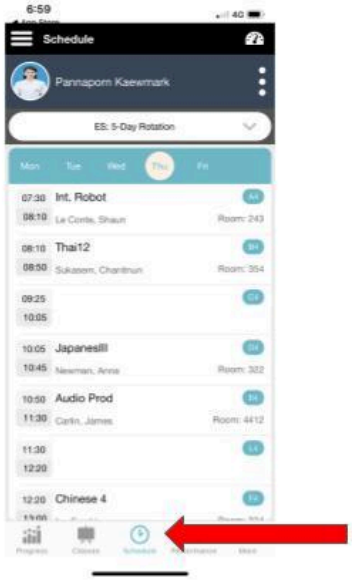
Once you enter your password, your student(s) will appear.



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

