



## Weekly Newsletter

25<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Dear Parents

Andrew Buckman and I are currently attending the Council of International Schools recruitment fair in London searching for excellent teachers to join TIS for the next school year. In my absence, the Elementary Principal, Kristen DiMatteo, will be responsible during school hours and the Business Manager, Geoffroy de Vaulgrenant will be responsible outside of school hours.

I look forward to returning to Tashkent next week.

Regards

Robert Brindley

### College Night

Grade 11 Students and Parents  
welcome.

Attendance is strongly ADVISED

February 1st. 6:30 – 8:00 at MPR



## ELEMENTARY NEWS

Thanks to the families who donated clothing and toys to the Student Council Clothing Drive. It is these types of activities that foster a sense of caring for others in our students. Between these and the Talent Show funds, our Student Council has much to contribute to the Akkurgon Internat Orphanage.

### Semester Reports

Semester reports will be sent home next Tuesday in hard copy form. Please look for a sealed envelope addressed to parents in your child's folder. These records are also available online through our Student Information System. Please review the report and consider discussing it with your child. Classroom teachers put a great deal of time and effort into the feedback given in the reports, and we hope that they provide information to help students reflect and improve upon their learning.

### Important Dates

Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>- Semester 1 reports sent home

Have a great week.



Respectfully,  
Kristen DiMatteo

## SECONDARY NEWS

### Semester One Reports (Grades 6-11)

These reports will be sent home to parents next week, on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. We will, be sending home paper copies of these reports with your son or daughter; please make sure you receive the report from them on Tuesday.

Grade 6 – 10 will receive a Semester report that shows their current **achievement levels** in each MYP subject. There will be a 1 - 7 grade for each subject which is calculated by looking at a student's performance against each of the MYP Assessment Criteria in that subject over this semester (August – January). There will also be a **teacher comment** and **ATL indicators** to show how the student is approaching his/her learning.

For Grade 11, the report will be similar to the last report you received except it will show you cumulative **achievement grades** for Quarter One (Q1), and Semester One, (S1), a specific **exam grade**, and a cumulative total of IB points for all subjects combined (out of a maximum of 42). There will also be **teacher comments from** each subject teacher, the CAS coordinator and from the Diploma Coordinator.

Now would be a good time to start a conversation with your child about how school is going and what areas they feel are successful at the moment and where they need to focus their energy for improvements. Next week, you will be able to sit together and look at the report and reflect on your child's current progress. Some good questions to ask might be:

- What things in this report are you most proud of, or happy about?
- Which subject areas do you feel are your strongest?
- What things do you do in these subjects that help to make you successful?

- How do you feel about your ATL's?
- What areas does this report indicate you need to improve in?
- How might you go about making that improvement?
- What support do you need from (parent, teacher, others) in order to make this improvement?

### **PSAT Information Evening**

Students in Grades 9 and 10 were given the option to take the PSAT exams in November last year. The results were published and sent home to parents last week. On Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding an information evening for parents to find out more about the SAT exams, their role in the university application process and ways to support your child in learning how to take these tests.

### **Personal Project (Grade 10 only)**

If you have son or daughter in Grade 10, you are probably aware that that first major deadline for their MYP Personal Project is tomorrow when students need to show their supervisors the finished 'product' of the project. If your child has any problems they should see their supervisor, or Mr. Callum Marshall, as soon as possible.

### **Recruiting New Teachers**

This week, I am in London attending the Council of International Schools recruitment fair with Dr. Brindley. At this fair we will meet and interview prospective teachers for next school year. This is always an exciting time for a school as we look for new teachers to join our already excellent team. Once recruitment is finalized, I will let you know more about who will be joining TIS next year.


### **Acting Principal for 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> January**

In my absence, Mark Brookes will be Acting Principal for the week. If you have any issues that require the assistance of the principal, please contact him. Mark's email address is: [technology@tashschool.org](mailto:technology@tashschool.org).

### **Upcoming Events**

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January: Semester Two begins
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January: Grades 6-11 Semester One Reports sent home
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January: Personal Project Product deadline for Grade 10
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February: Grade 11 College Information Evening
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February: Awards Assembly (parents welcome but limited seating)
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February: PSAT Information Evening. MPR 6:30pm

Respectfully,



*Andrew Buckman*  
Secondary Principal

**Sport: (Ms. Moss & Mr. Andrey)**



## **Future TIS Owls Sporting fixtures**

**Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Teams</b>
<b>12:00 pm</b>	TIS JV Girls vs School #225
<b>1:00 pm</b>	TIS JV Boys vs School #151
<b>2:00 pm</b>	TIS V Girls vs Yoshlik
<b>3:00 pm</b>	TIS V Boys vs School 168

## **BASKETBALL GAME REPORTS:**

### **Junior Varsity Boys Basketball (Mr. Nick, Mr. Coffren, Mr. David)**

The JV Juggernaut hit a bit of a speed bump on the weekend with a disappointing loss to School 60. The players' commitment cannot be questioned; it was just our skills that let us down. Poor inbounding, wild passes, lazy defense, and simple missed lay-ups cost us the chance at winning the game. We will be back to basics this week at training; shooting from close range, one-on-one defense, and passing accuracy. We have had an awesome time so far as a team, and we know that last week was only a minor set-back in what is going to be a successful season. We are playing at the prime-time of 1pm this Saturday and hope that the bumper crowd will get us across the line for our first victory of the year.

### **Varsity Boys Basketball (Mr. Andrey)**

The opening game of TIS League in the Varsity Boys division was incredibly exciting. In spite of many tall opponents from school 208, the OWLs used their aggressively-smart half court man to man defense. From the very beginning till the last moment of the game was extremely close. There was an excellent coaching battle between the teams which resulted in a very close final score. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter our OWLs had an 8 point advantage, but after a strange refereeing decision the opposition scored 6 points in a row. The boys were able to refocus and move past this unusual call and start 4<sup>th</sup> quarter with new power. Unfortunately the boys did not quite recover their earlier momentum and came out on the bottom end of the scoreboard. The final score of our 1<sup>st</sup> League game was 38-43. Even though we lost the boys continued to display strong teamwork and a great passion for the game! Go OWLs!!!

### **Junior Varsity Girls Basketball (Mr. Sione & Ms. Julia)**

The first game of the season was against school 233. We were all very excited that the season had started, so much so that the coach decided it was a good idea to try new things and set higher targets for the team to reach. This proved to be too much of a burden on the team during the first half. School 233 were able to make plays which we would normally stop as our teams, like all good teams, were following the coach's instructions. This mistake was rectified in the second half of the match. We were able to show our fans the defense we were capable of, as we limited school 233 to only 12 points during the second half. This was an important lesson for all of us especially the coach. We made inroads this week and will need to transfer that into next week's practices and match. It was another bounce in the right direction. See you all on Saturday.

### **Varsity Girls Basketball (Mr. Arif)**

1<sup>st</sup> day of TIS Basketball League – This is a moment that all TIS community was waiting for since beginning of the season. This tournament is not only a great opportunity for our students to play against the local clubs but also is a great chance to get ready for CABC that will take place in TIS gym in March. Our Varsity girls team played their 1<sup>st</sup> game against the "Chirchik" team. The Owls started well with half-court man-to-man defense and scored very quick 6 unanswered points. This smooth start helped to our girls to calm down and play "their own game" for the whole match. The highlights of the match are certainly the many fabulous great passing plays during our fast breaks. The team demonstrated determination and passion and dominated the whole game. The final score of 50 against 29 announced the 1<sup>st</sup> official and confident win of Owls in 2012. Keep it up Girls! Stay focused for our long journey.

## PTA NEWS



### Save the Date: February 25, 2012 TIS Quiz Night!

Think you are smart, know a bit, or know a lot? Try your luck at the TIS Quiz Night!

Tickets: 25,000 Soum per person/teams of up to 8 per table. (Plan your table or join a random group)

Trivia categories may include: Geography, Sport, Pop Culture, History and more...

The winning team will receive fabulous prizes and fame as TIS Quiz Night Champion!

❖ **Annual General Meeting of the TIS Parent Teacher Association and Potluck Supper:**

Wednesday 8 February 2012, 6:30 pm in the MPR

❖ **Sale of P.E. Uniforms:**

26 and 27 January from 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Cost of Uniforms: Shirt \$15 / Shirt and Shorts \$25

❖ **SPRING BALL 2012** Homeroom parents are now collecting donations, etc. for the Class Baskets – please support your homeroom parent.

## Celebrations to the end of JANUARY

Australia, 26 January – Australia Day



India, 26 January – Republic Day

