

TISPA – Sept 10, 2015

Head of School Report

TIS VISION - Pursuing Excellence

As a school, we are making a concerted effort to seek excellence in four areas:

- Academics
- Athletics
- Fine Arts
- Community Outreach & Global Citizenship

Student Enrolment

We currently have 1144 students enrolled and 10-20 additional students whose families are expected to start before October. We had 1084 students at this same time last year. We saw a number of families leave unexpectedly during July and August as contracts were not renewed and visas were tightened.

Staffing Report

18 teachers left TIS at the end of last year and were replaced. 10 new positions were created – 2 new classes, 3 additional Mandarin staff, 2 high school staff, and 3 additional support staff (technology, learning support, curriculum). Last year 14 teachers left and 11 new positions were created.

Summer Renovation Projects

- Playground
- 2 New classrooms
- Sidewalks redone
- Inside playground/field transition areas improved
- Additional laptops, ipads, robotics equipment purchased
- Front field canteen and change rooms on hold pending review
- New lockers installed

Building Plans

Phase 2 plans are in the final approval process by government now. After the tendering process, the construction will begin in December and January. We will work with the selected construction company to ensure maximum safety & security and to address the impact on driving & parking.

Bussing

We have established a bussing hotline so that parents and students can have a single point of contact to address any issues that arise. Our new bussing procedures (attached) outlines the steps to follow if a student misses the bus, the bus breaks down or if the student does not arrive at home. Parent feedback on the hotline or emergency procedures is welcomed.

New Programs & Developments

- New digital magazine – InSight Online – www.tis.edu.mo/news - stay up to date on all of the news, events, sports, classroom activities and our growing vision for the school.
- Grade 7 & 10 Laptop Program initiated. Students and teachers are receiving the necessary support as they transition to this style of learning.

- TIS successfully hosted Macau's first ever Google Cloud Camp during teacher training.

Upcoming Events

- Curriculum Night – Sept 10 (Child care provided)
- Mid Autumn Festival – Sept 24
- Dress Down Day – Sept 25 – Tiger Pride
- Fall Break – Sept 28 – Oct 2
- University Fair – Oct 8, 1-4pm
- Walkathon – October 13
- PD Day – Oct 21
- Outreach to Laos – Oct 22-Oct 26