



16 Sept 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians and students,

I do hope all of the returning students have settled back into the school routine as we end Week 3 of our Academic Year 2022-23. To the new students who have just joined our community, do remember that my doors are always open should you need any assistance.

TiS Watersides Cafeteria Woes

Some of you might be aware that the previous cafeteria vendor decided not to continue with us at the very last minute before the academic year commenced leaving us in a lurch. At this point, we want to give a special shout-out to our committee members from the TCC who have all worked tremendously hard arranging food for our students in the cafeteria during the first two weeks of school. One phone call is all I needed, when they stepped in to man the cafeteria till, we gathered our resources and could find a suitable vendor.

We have actually found three different vendors who have shown keen interest in setting up operations in our kitchen to serve the community. As it is an extremely difficult decision to see which vendor will be most suitable, we have decided to try out all 3! Last week, we had Concept Catering and JJ's Kitchen serving during the two breaks. Next week, Sahana's Home Bakers will manage during both the breaks.

All feedback from parents and students is welcome on the food quality and pricing from the vendors. We will ensure that all hygiene and safety standards are followed by the vendors without compromising on the quality.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We commenced our ECA's last week with an overwhelming response from our students. Based on the feedback and demand from our students we are rekindling our Model United Nations ECA. We have Ernest Wong from Malaysian Youth Association for Diplomacy and Policy (MYADP) and Ditta (Dee) Emeraldia Prihadi (Teacher Advisor of AISS Model UN Club) who will guide and train our young debaters.

There will be a nominal charge of RM 80 per person per term for this ECA and will be held every Friday. The cost will go towards paying the trainers.

All interested students are to register with payment with these two teachers, Ms. Kamalini and Ms. Hiira before Friday.

To Mask or not to?

Although wearing a mask is no longer mandatory in schools as advised by MOE last week, we will continue to be cautious for a bit longer.

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2022/09/10/face-masks-no-longer-mandatory-in-schools-but-use-still-recommended-says-radzi>

For now, we are leaving it up to the individual to wear or not wear a mask in the classrooms. But they should take off their masks during their physical education lessons outside in the field.

Tanarata Community Club

INTRODUCTION TO TCC (for new parents!) The Tanarata Community Club (Tanarata PTA) was initiated as an avenue for exchange of ideas between the school management, teachers and parents. This was initiated about 10 years ago. The parents or legal guardians of students presently enrolled at TiS are automatically eligible for membership in the TCC, as are the present school management, administrators, teachers and staff members. Eligibility for membership will continue for parents for as long as the son or daughter is enrolled at TiS. Membership for administrators, teachers, and staff members will be for as long as they are employed by TiS.

The function of the TCC is more than what a PTA usually covers, and would also include the following:

- to promote fellowship amongst parents by organizing social / community event (such as International Days, Cultural events etc).
- Broaden the dimensions of the TiS education through awareness of recent trends in education via communiqués, conferences, guest speakers, procurement of educational materials, etc,
- Advance the moral, academic, and physical growth of the students by sponsoring or supporting activities organised to those ends.
- Raise funds to support TiS and its students through activities and projects.
- Promote understanding and cooperation among students, parents, and teachers.

I would like to invite all parents to the Annual General Meeting of TCC on;

Date: **6th October 2022(Thursday)**

Time: **8:00 am**

Venue: **Watersides Cafeteria**

There will be a light breakfast served. It will be a good opportunity for you to join in and meet up with rest of the community members.

We will be sending out the nomination forms as well as the rules and regulations of the club via another email.

We will be beginning auditions for our play soon. We would like every student to be involved in the play in some manner or other as this is an experience that is not to be missed. A school play of this scale is a mega event that happens every few years in our school! I do hope everyone who is interested in being part of the main cast has submitted their audition forms already.

Communication is essential and we strive to connect to our students, parents and families, and community each and every day. We will continue reaching out to you with our newsletters. We also encourage you to visit our website and follow our social pages including Facebook and Instagram for announcements, information, and celebrations.

Calendar

Dates to Remember

16 th Sept	Fri	Public Holiday (Malaysia Day)
21-23 Sep		Year 11 Class Trip to Penang
6 th Oct	Thurs	TCC AGM
10 th Oct	Mon	Public Holiday (Prophet's Birthday)
21 st Oct	Fri	Deepavali Assembly

That's all for now...

Thank you.

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