

WELCOME
MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S
COFFEE

AUGUST 18, 2011

TCIS

spiritual growth

biblical foundations

international students

Christian environment

positive educational experiences

high quality internationally-based education

TCIS MISSION

Taejon Christian International School provides international students a high quality internationally-based education within a Christian environment utilizing positive educational experiences and biblical foundations for spiritual growth.

To make TCIS MS a great place we need everyone to do many little acts of greatness everyday. With God all things are possible.

MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

❖ **Principal: Mr. Moimoi**

❖ **MS office secretary: Ms. Hyemi Jo**

❖ **MYP Coordinator: Ms. Barbara Wrightson**

❖ **MS Counselor Support: Mrs. Brenna Loeber**

❖ **Grade Team Leaders:**

❖ **Grade 6- Mrs. Marg Gobius**

❖ **Grade 7- Mrs. Alison Pearse**

❖ **Grade 8- Mr. Andrew Gilbert**

MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

❖ **Total roll of 97
students**

❖ **29 New Students**

❖ **Grade 6 -23 students**

❖ **Grade 7 -24 students**

❖ **Grade 8 - 50 students**

MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

❖ 21 Teachers

- ❖ 2 are Elementary School teachers (PE and Technology)
- ❖ 2 are High School teachers (Korean and Algebra 1A)
- ❖ 3 Middle School teachers teach in High School
- ❖ New MS Counselor Support
- ❖ Mrs. Caleen Williams will be covering Mrs. Rachel Kask's class during her maternity leave

COMMUNICATION

❖ **Classroom Learning Concerns or Questions**

~~Contact the teacher directly, then grade team leader or MS counselor support~~

❖ **Social or student behavior concerns or questions**

Contact the teacher if it was in class, or the counselor or grade team leader

MS Office secretary will pass on your concern- she cannot address your concern.

•❖ **Middle School Principal is available to meet parents**

COMMUNICATION

❖ **School website: <http://tcis.or.kr/>**

❖ **Go to Middle School**

❖ **Daily Announcements**

❖ **Events and Updates**

❖ **MS Handbook**

❖ **Grade 7 blog and Intramural dates**

ACTIVITIES

- ❖ All activities, clubs, intramurals (sports) and after school events require students to register or sign up in the MS office before the event.
- ❖ All activities are open to all Middle School students.
- ❖ Students are not allowed to stay after-school without supervision. Where students have an event, meeting or attend a teacher sponsored event they need to register in the MS office. MS teachers only provide supervision for organized events.

INTRAMURAL DATES

TOUCH RUGBY - AUGUST 16TH - SEPTEMBER 4TH

GIRLS SOCCER - SEPTEMBER 6TH -OCTOBER 8TH

BOYS SOCCER - SEPTEMBER 20 - OCTOBER 15TH

CROSS-COUNTRY - SEPTEMBER 20TH-OCTOBER 29TH

SWIMMING - NOVEMBER 8TH - DECEMBER 10TH

VOLLEYBALL - FEBRUARY 7TH - MARCH 10TH

TABLE TENNIS - FEBRUARY 7TH - MARCH 10TH

BASKETBALL - MARCH 13TH - APRIL 21ST

TENNIS - MARCH 28TH - APRIL 28TH

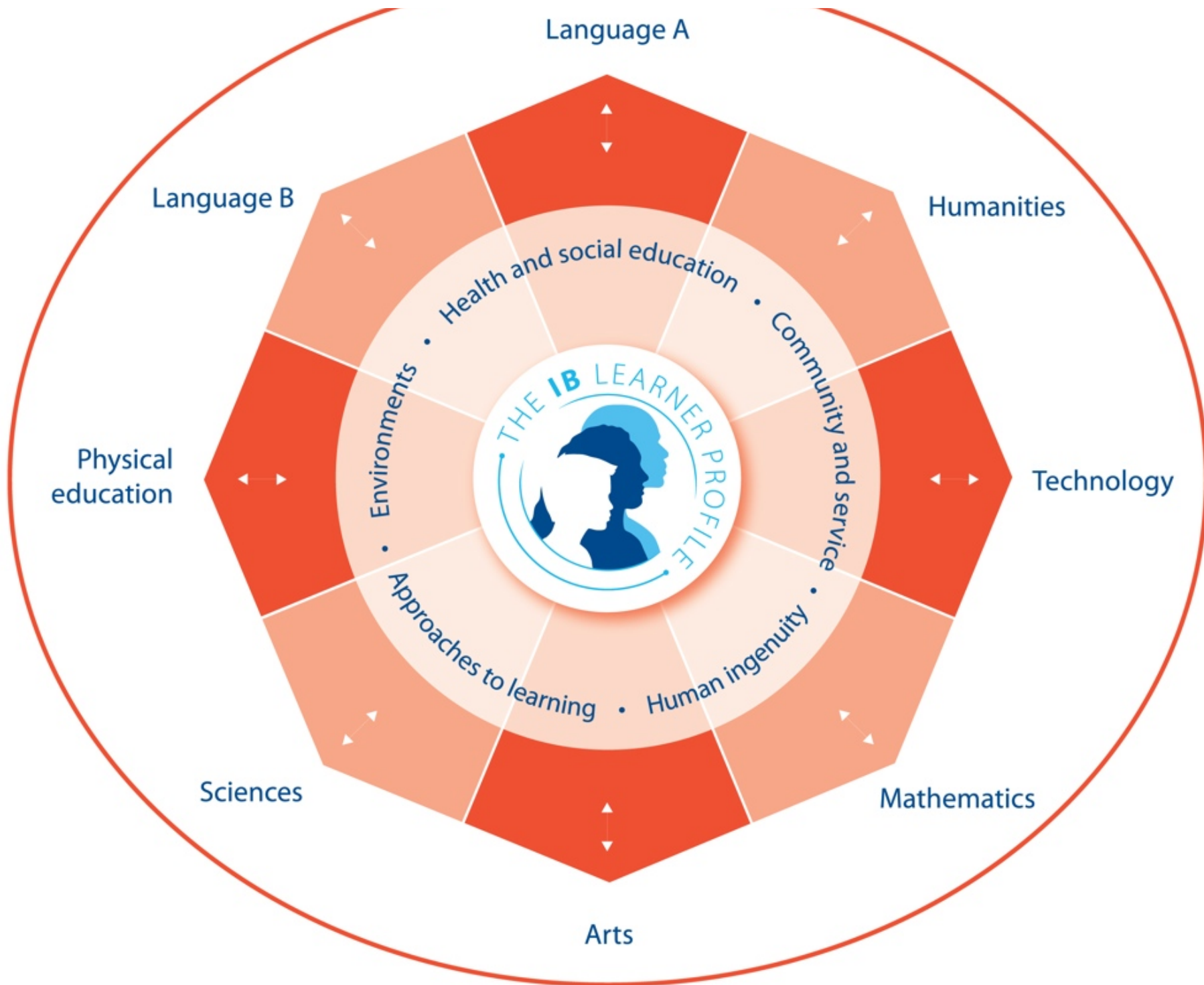
****All-Star Teams - Soccer, Volleyball, and Basketball**

Sign - Up in Middle School Office - Medical and Informational forms are REQUIRED for sign-up!!!!!!

Questions?? Ask Mr. Gilbert - Intramural Coordinator



THE IB
MIDDLE YEARS
PROGRAMME
(MYP)



WHAT IS THE IB MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME?

- ◆ An educational framework for 11-16 year olds (Grades 6-10) that requires students to study 8 subject groups in each of the 5 years of the programme
- ◆ Has 3 fundamental concepts:
 - ◆ communication (valuing language acquisition in at least 2 languages)
 - ◆ holistic learning (finding the connections across and within the subjects and grade levels)
 - ◆ intercultural awareness (an understanding of a student's own culture and an appreciation of other cultures)
- ◆ Has 5 Areas of Interaction (AOIs) - Approaches to Learning; Community and Service; Environments; Health and Social Education; Human Ingenuity - which are a framework for the inquiry done in the eight MYP subjects

HOW MANY SCHOOLS IN THE WORLD FOLLOW THE MYP?

- ◆ There are more than 900 authorized MYP schools on 6 continents, with the largest concentration of MYP schools being in North America.
- ◆ For more detailed statistical information on the MYP, go to the IB website (ibo.org/facts/statbulletin/) and download the most recent version of the MYP Statistical Bulletin.

HOW DOES THE MYP PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (DP)?

- ◆ Many of the concepts, programme elements and underlying philosophy found in the MYP are the same as those in the DP.
- ◆ Many of the assessment criteria and assessment objectives in the MYP correlate to those in DP subjects.
- ◆ The nature of the work done for the MYP Personal Project prepares students for the DP Extended Essay.
- ◆ The IB reports (based on both qualitative and quantitative data) that students who graduate with an MYP certificate are well prepared for independent study and the rigor of the DP.

HOW DOES ASSESSMENT WORK IN THE MYP?

- ◆ Assessment in the MYP is criterion-related.
- ◆ The IB publishes a set of objectives for each of the 8 MYP subjects, and it also publishes assessment criteria that align to these objectives.
- ◆ Student achievement against the assessment criteria is measured using different levels of descriptors.
- ◆ At the end of an MYP course student achievement against the criteria is converted to an IB MYP 1-7 final grade based on boundaries set by the IB.
- ◆ The MYP assessment criteria can be found in the TCIS MYP Student Handbook.

WHAT IS AN MYP PERSONAL PROJECT?

- ◆ All Grade 10 (Year 5) MYP students must complete a Personal Project.
- ◆ The Personal Project is an extended piece of work wherein students choose a goal about a topic of interest to them (a problem to solve, something to investigate, a community need to fill, etc.).
- ◆ Students design a plan to achieve their goal and then carry out their plan using their inquiry skills.
- ◆ Students write about the process they followed to complete their Personal Project in a statement of no more than 4000 words.

HOW CAN STUDENTS GET AN MYP CERTIFICATE?

- ◆ The IB gives official MYP certificates (essentially to honor student graduation from the MYP) to students who successfully meet these criteria:
 - ◆ completed Years 4 and 5 (Grades 9 and 10) of the MYP
 - ◆ gained at least a final grade of 2 in all 8 MYP subjects
 - ◆ gained at least a final grade of 3 for the Personal Project
 - ◆ gained at least 36 points (out of a possible 63) for their final grades in all 8 MYP subjects and the Personal Project
 - ◆ met the TCIS expectations for Community and Service as they are outlined in the TCIS MYP Student Handbook

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION

- ◆ TCIS MYP Student Handbook
- ◆ Contact TCIS MYP Coordinator, Barbara Wrightson
 - ◆ email: wrightsonb@tcis.or.kr
 - ◆ the school phone number: extension 133
- ◆ Go to the IB website at www.ibo.org

LAP-TOPS IN MS

- ❖ Lap-tops are not required while at the O Jung Dong Campus- they will be required at Techno Valley
- ❖ Students in Technology, Arts (Music) and Language B (Spanish, Korean and Mandarin may be asked to bring them.
- ❖ Students must name lap-tops and secure them at all times

TIMETABLE

9 CLASSES: Bible, English, Humanities, Language, Maths, Physical Education and Health, Science and Technology

Learning is in cycles not weeks- one cycle is 6 days, this repeats. Handbook has this information.

ENGLISH meets 6X a cycle, Humanities, Lanugage, Math, Physical Education adn Science meet 4x a cycle and Technology and Bible meet 3x a cycle.

60 minute classes except Day 3 which has 50 minute classes.

Homeroom is every Friday from 1:55-2:20 p.m.

**Focus on goal setting, community and service,
and being successful in MS**

**Ensemble classes are from 3:20-4:20 p.m. and
4:30-5:30 p.m.**

**Students waiting for the second class go to study
hall at 3:30 p.m.**

Snack bar is available from 3:10-3:30 p.m.

Buses available on Wed and Fri, 4:45 & 5:45 p.m

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ August 26, Friday, Teacher In Service- no school
- ❖ August 31 MS Forensics Club starts, every Wednesday
- ❖ September 1, Thursday School Open House
- ❖ September 4, MS Touch Rugby Jamboree at TCIS
- ❖ September 6- October 8 Girls Soccer Intramural
- ❖ September 9- Mid Quarter 1 Progress Report- electronic
- ❖ September 20- October 15 Boys Soccer Intramural

OTHER INFORMATION

- ❖ Hyundai Green is now providing meal service for the school