

MAY 22, 2021



TIRANA INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL



Pictured above: the TIS Albanian staff members celebrate their nationality for the upcoming Virtual International Celebration.

THE WEEK'S REMINDERS:

MONDAY, MAY 24

Elem, MS & SEC ASA

All Virtual International Celebration videos due to Mrs. Mudd

TUESDAY, MAY 25

Elem, MS & SEC ASA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

No Elementary ASA

No MS & SEC ASA

Virtual PSG Meeting @ 8:30

Elmer the Elephant 5/6YO program @ 9:00am

THURSDAY, MAY 27

Elem, MS & SEC ASA

MS Agamemnon Performance @ 3:30

FRIDAY, MAY 28

International Dress-up Day! Wear your country costume and/or colors!

Student Dismissal: 1:15pm

Teachers will get 2nd vaccination

TIS Tiger News:

Dear TIS Community,

We are approaching the end of the 2020-2021 school year. We have many things to be thankful for during this past year. It has been a challenging year with many new obstacles to learning that we have all had to overcome. I am thankful to be part of the TIS community and am proud of what our students and teachers have been able to achieve this year despite the circumstances of the school year.

PSG Zoom Meeting: Wednesday the 26th @ 8:30
Meeting ID: 828 8252 7927 Passcode: 953039

We look forward to celebrating the end of this year and the many accomplishments of all of our students. I thank the TIS community for your continued support during this school year.

Kind regards,
Jon Mudd; TIS Director



UPCOMING REMINDERS:

MAY 29

TIS 3K/5K Run!

JUNE 2

Welcome to the Jungle 7/8YO program @ 9:00am

JUNE 4

Ukulele Jam 9/10/11YO program in the morning - time to be determined

JUNE 8

5/8 YO Violin Program @ 9:00
9/Sec1 Violin Program @ 10:15

JUNE 11

Secondary Graduation @ 6:00pm

JUNE 14

Preschool End of Year Show @ 10:15

JUNE 18

Last Day of School: 11:30 release

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COVID PROCEDURE HANDBOOK

TIS WEBSITE

LUNCH WEBSITE

ACTIVITIES WEBSITE

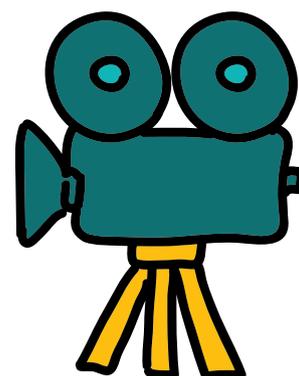


CLICK HERE

If you are a current TIS parent or staff member, you are welcome to join this group. It is a private group on Facebook.

Please note: Change of plans!

All programs will be live-streamed, but on a platform other than Facebook. Parents of performers will be sent the link to join prior to the performance. In addition, we have a videographer capturing each performance to share with parents.



DEPARTING FAMILIES

We know that a number of families will be moving on to other locations or moving back to their home country. We thank you for allowing TIS to be part of your child's education - all of you will forever be a TIS Tiger. We wish each of you health and happiness in your next adventures.

If you are a family not returning to TIS for the upcoming school year and you would like to have school records signed and stamped at the end of the school year, please contact Eglia Lila at elga-lila@tirana.qsi.org

She will prepare the necessary school records for your departure.

A GAMEMNON

BY AESCHYLUS
a modern adaptation

27 May 2021

3:30 P.M.



Due to the Covid Safety protocol in place at TIS, only limited number of MS and/or secondary students may attend the event. The school will send a link to view the event live to the families of the performers. The school will also be creating a video of the event to share with the families.

& Issa van Os
& Emma Bregu

MAY 28TH



INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION

At Tirana International School, we have more than 30 different nationalities!

On Friday, wear your national costume or country colors to help us celebrate.





3K-5K TIS FUN RUN

MAY 29TH

ATTENTION ALL RUNNERS:

It is time for the TIS Spring Fun Run. Take the family out and race around the park. 3K or 5K . . . you decide. May 29th is the date.

With TIS staff getting their second vaccine dose on Friday, May 28th, the TIS cross-country team will have already completed their race on Tuesday, May 25.

Submit your times using the following link:

[3K/5k Time Submission](#)

Winning times will be recognized at school. All runners will participate in an ice cream party during the 1st week of June.

Ages 5-7

Ages 8-10

Middle School

Secondary

[CLICK HERE](#)



**PLEASE SEND IN A PHOTO OF YOUR RACE DAY
TO MATT-STALKER@TIRANA.QSI.ORG**

Dear Parents of TIS students for 2021-22

We have been so thrilled with the success of our Suzuki Violin program over the last three years. The students have surpassed our expectations with practice and commitment to musical excellence. As we look forward to next year, we are making plans and classes for next year and we are opening the season of enrollment for the violin program. Any child age 4yo- 12yo may enroll.

Next year, we are excited to announce that ALL 7yo children (current 6yo class) for the 2021-22 school year will be enrolled in violin class. This class will be led by our violin teacher Ms. Marjana and supported by our other music teachers. The goal is to expose all children to beginning violin and give them experience on this instrument. After the 7yo class, children may choose to continue violin or return to general vocal music. For these classes, the school will provide violins and materials.

1. If you are a current violin student, please **register to continue** for the program for next year. If you do not re-register, we will know you do not wish to continue in the program and your child will be automatically enrolled in vocal music with Mrs. Wheelis. Current 6yo classes do not need to register.
2. If you are currently a vocal music student with Mrs. Wheelis but would like to begin violin, please **register for** violin.
3. **If you are NEW to TIS for the fall of 2021** please read about the music options for your child attached. If you wish for your child to participate in the violin program please fill out the form as a NEW registration.
4. **[LINK TO REGISTRATION FORM](#)**

If you enroll your child for violin, you will need to provide your own violin in the appropriate size. Ms. Marjana will guide you in the process of purchasing. You can purchase in your home country or here in Albania. Again, please consult with Ms. Marjana before making a purchase.



Tirana International School

Summer Camp 2021

4 Weeks

Age 3-11YO

Creative
Campers

195 \$
Week

Monday- Friday

9:00-15:00

Theme of the week

Lunch

Afternoon activities

Activity

(lunch included)

Sports, Art

9:00 -12:00

12:10-12:55

13:00-15:00



**REGISTER
FOR
SUMMER
CAMP HERE!**

Preschool News

#fromthedeskofMrsFredriksson

Dear Preschool Families,

We hope that you are all well.

Another lovely week has passed and we only have FOUR more weeks to go! Something to look forward to is our end of the year show, which will be coming your way virtually the last week of school. The preschoolers have already started preparing for this and we think it will be rockin'!

We anticipate a great last month of school and wish you a fabulous week ahead.

Warm regards,

Ms. Jennie and the Preschool Team



3YO Class

Learning with the Tulips

This period has all been about socializing, exploring the nature and animals. The Tulips have enjoyed the outdoors as much as possible while learning a lot. We also had the pleasure of enjoying Mr. Alban's outdoor lessons. There was also time for indulging in individual reading amongst all the activities.





Elementary News

#fromthedeskofMrWood

Dear Parents,

Wow, can you believe we only have four more Fridays remaining in the school year? Time continues to fly by, and great things continue happening here at TIS.

This week I had the pleasure of being invited to the 5yo Reader's Theater presentations. Goldilocks, farmers, bear siblings, billy goats, a big bad wolf, and a pig family were some of the interesting characters in the presentations. Students read with expression, followed along on their scripts so they knew when it was their turn to read, and some even changed their voice to enhance the dramatic effect. Cute head piece designs were created for each character along with student-created backdrops. It was wonderful to be able to see how far these students have come in their confidence and ability to read aloud. They were very prepared, and it was clear they had put a lot of time and effort in. A good time was had by all. Way to go, 5yo students and teachers!

MAP testing in elementary is complete. Results will be shared at the end of the school year along with narratives and status reports.

If you are returning to TIS next year, please take a few minutes to complete the important foreign language preference survey that was originally included in last week's newsletter. It is also included in the newsletter this week. I have received nearly 50 already – thank you so much!

Have a great sunny weekend!
Sincerely,

Mike Wood; Mike-wood@tirana.qsi.org

2021-22 Foreign Language Preference Form

We are requesting that parents of current 4yo through 10yo students complete this form.

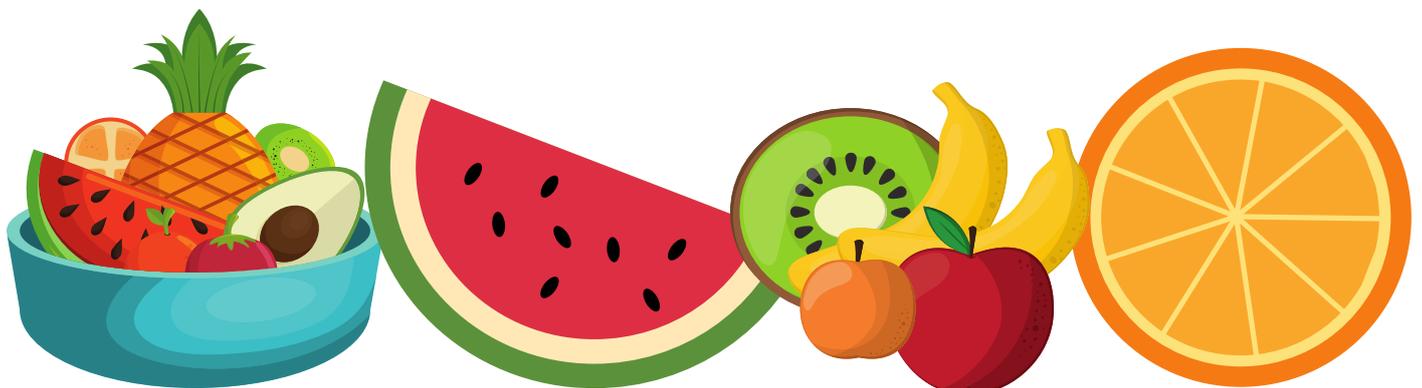




French

... in the Elementary

In Elementary French the 9-year-old class had a delicious unit. They talked about food, fruits, vegetables, their likes and dislikes and about how to shop for food. The student also practiced how to use polite expressions while shopping, how to order and pay. They invented and performed in small groups a theatrical sketch on the theme "At the grocery store".





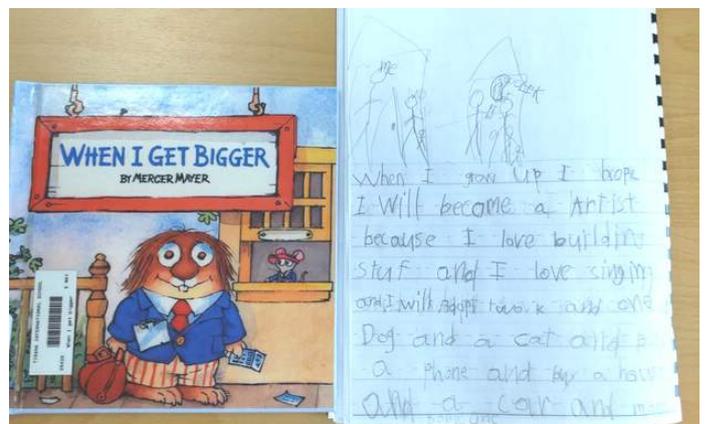
We Love Writing! Busy Bees!



Morning IE News- We Love Writing!

Morning Intensive English kids have been busy writing stories every day. First, we read a Little Critter story and then students write about their own experiences.

It is AMAZING to see how much their writings have improved! Great job, Little Critters!



Literacy Support Busy Bees!

The literacy support class is a busy time where students are finishing work from homeroom, listening to books in Epic, practicing phonics and spelling in Word Works magazines, and reading out loud in small groups.



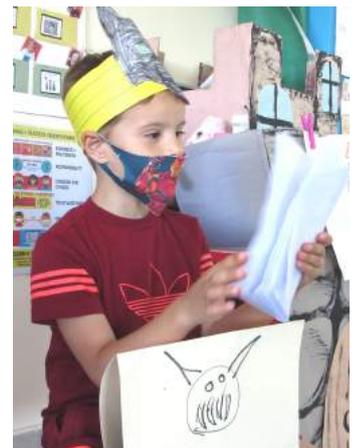


5YO Class

Drama, drama, drama!

The 5s are currently in their "fun" Literacy unit - Drama! We have spent the past few weeks practicing a couple different plays and preparing props. On Friday, the students will present their plays; the teachers will record them and post them on Seesaw for parents to see.

The 5-year old Orange class are presenting "The 3 Little Pigs" and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears." They are learning to read clearly and with expression. They have to listen to each other read so they know when it's their turn. It's a lot of work but also a lot of fun!





MS/Secondary News

#fromthedeskofMrTempel

Greetings Middle School Students and Families,

As the weeks keep coming and going, here are some important timeframes to think about:

- 3 weeks until Graduation, then...
- 1 week until the last day of school! That means we only have 20 school days left!
- AP Exams continue through May 24
- Graduation - Friday, June 11

MAP is Complete!

Middle School and Secondary I students have now completed the Spring MAP test. They tested in Math, Reading, and Language Usage. Teachers will be able to use this data to understand where students are strong and where they need extra support. We are able to test students twice a year, once at the beginning and then close to the end. This also tells us about their progress. MAP test scores will come out with status reports at the end of the year.

Blended Learning Intention Form

In addition, a reminder to everyone that parents who fill out the blended learning form each week for their students who plan to stay home are eligible to attend classes online and will be counted "present" for attendance. Below is the form for you to fill out. Only parents who have students learning from home need to fill out the form.

Blended Learning Intention Form:
May 24 - May 28

[Click here to complete the Blended Learning Form](#)

For those who are choosing to learn from home, a user-friendly website was created where these students can find out what is happening in each of their classes each week. Below is a link to the blended learning website:

Blended Learning Plan Website

[Click here to view the Blended Learning WEBSITE](#)

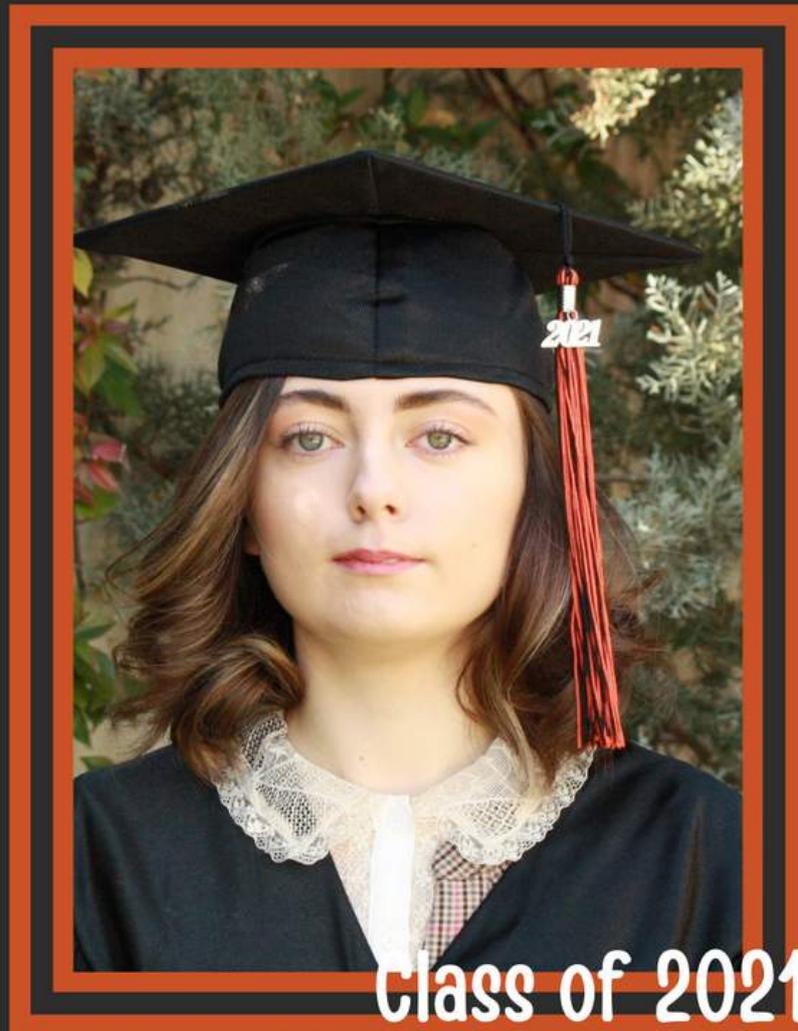
If any of you ever have any questions about anything, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Tempel at jeff-tempel@tirana.qsi.org.

Have a great weekend,

Mr. Jeff Tempel
Middle School & Secondary Director of Instruction
jeff-tempel@tirana.qsi.org

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:

Sara Brigs Borici



FAVORITE CLASS
AT TIS:

AP Chemistry

WHAT I WILL
MISS MOST:

the friends I
made along
the way.

I'M MOST PROUD
OF MYSELF FOR:

taking on
classes that
have
challenged me.

AFTER TIS:

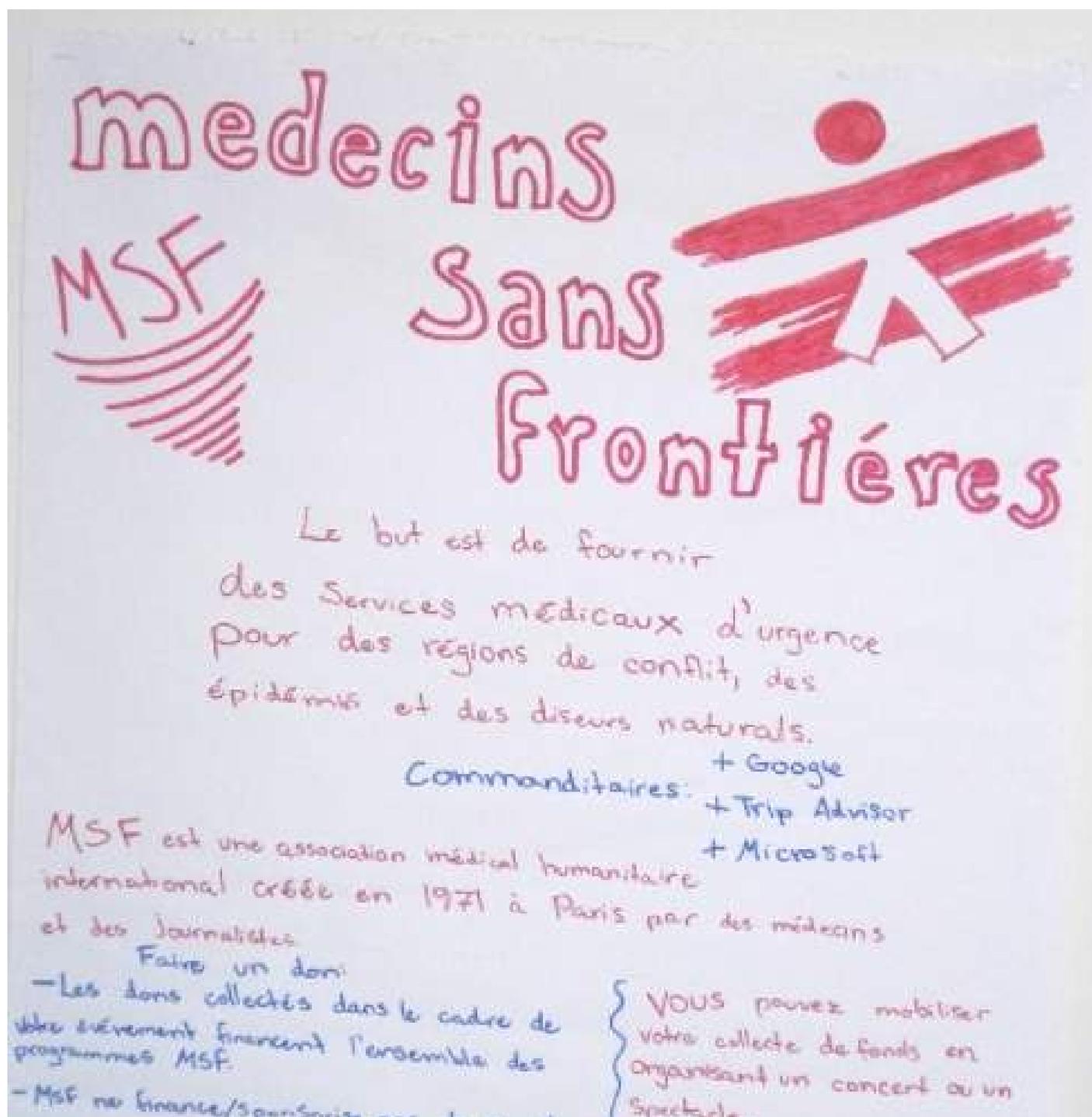
I plan to study chemical engineering and hopefully
become a chemical engineer myself.



French

... in the Secondary

Our focus in Secondary French III turned from travel to health, and in the last unit, students learned how the French take care of their health, why the French drink mineral water, and how the French help provide health care to the less fortunate people around the world. The students learned about non-profit organizations in France. Many world-renowned foundations and charitable organizations are based in France or have offices there. They selected an organization and learned how it operates, how it raises funds, what the funds are used for, and what activities the organization sponsors.





Middle School Art Compositions

In art class, the 11-year-old students have explored six types of composition structures used in great paintings for centuries. These basic art composition elements are the building blocks of the art process that allows young artists to learn how to apply composition rules intuitively or deliberately.

They have mixed art elements and medium to create a dynamic composition and master various techniques. The final process and product are beautiful and rewarding.





12YO Class

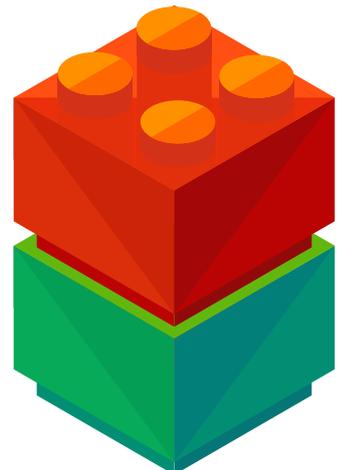
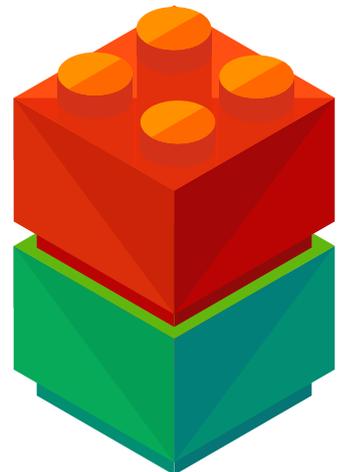
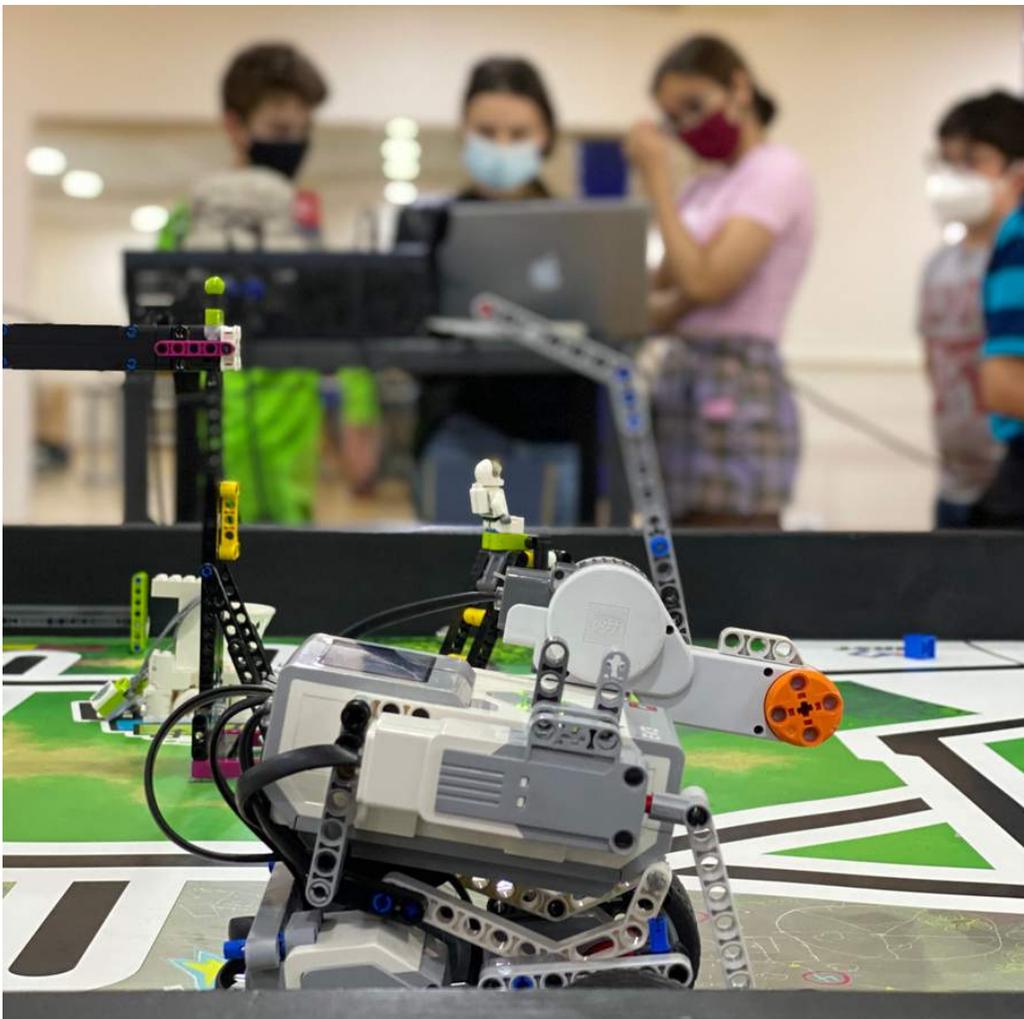
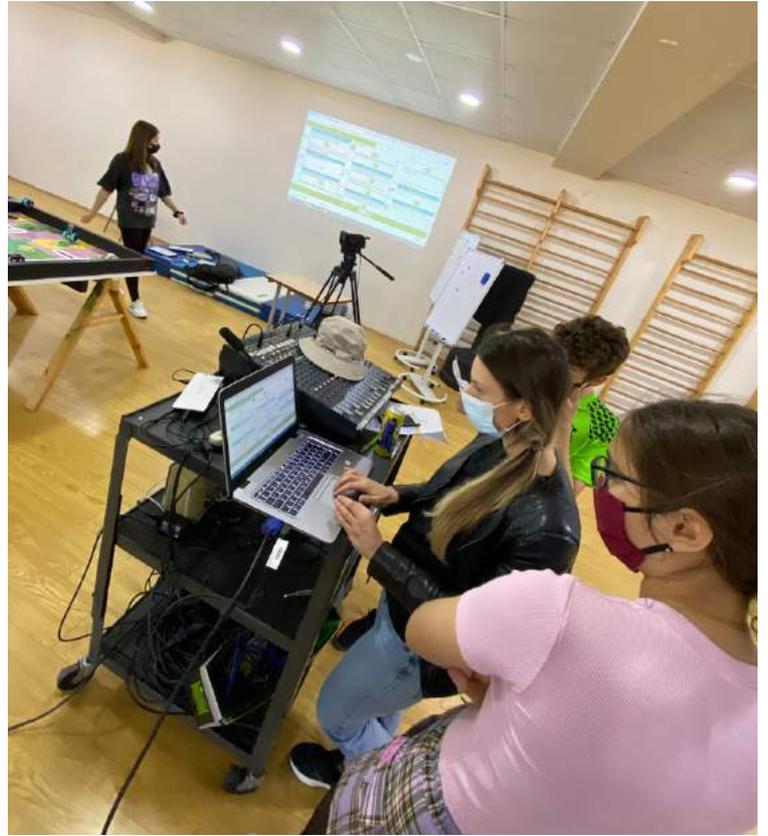
Literature Circles

In the 12-year-old Literacy class, students are currently reading and analyzing novels of their choice in literature circles. Students are spending their time in class reading their novels, preparing their ideas and questions for their discussions, conducting their literature circles, and reflecting on how their discussion went and what new ideas they encountered by talking about their book. Overall, students have enjoyed lively book conversations throughout this unit that include reactions to what they are reading, themes they see emerging in their novels, symbols, character analysis and more!





Athletics & Activities





Getting to know read alouds

Notes from the Library

Do you read aloud to your children? Is there ever a time when they are too old to be read to?

What makes a good read-aloud?

Select stories with:

- an interesting plot
- dialogue
- some suspense or adventure
- suitable emotional content for the age and background of the students.

Picture books and fiction are popular read-alouds. But also include in your selection material such as:

- biographies or autobiographies
- non-fiction
- poetry
- newspaper and magazine articles.

Resources on reading aloud:

1

[Reading Aloud: Tips for Parents and Teachers \(literacyconnections.com\)](#)- literacy connections website a wide range of articles and links about reading aloud.

2

[Reading is fundamental: Reading Aloud](#) – articles and resources on reading.

3

[Best Read-Aloud Chapter Books](#)- from Goodreads

4

[Mem Fox's Ten-read-aloud-commandments](#) - Mem Fox, a passionate advocate of reading aloud, demonstrates on her site how to read aloud and provides a wealth of articles and resources.

5

[Recommended Books \(readaloudamerica.org\)](#) - offers resources and up-to-date booklists for toddlers to adults.

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We have an obligation to read aloud to our children. To read them things they enjoy. To read to them stories we are already tired of. To do the voices, to make it interesting, and not to stop reading to them just because they learn to read to themselves.

— Neil Gaiman

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Make sure you

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General Email: tirana@qsi.org



Website: <https://tirana.qsi.org/>



Seesaw:

Download this app to keep in touch with
your child's 2YO-10YO classroom

TIS Cafeteria
WhatsApp group



WhatsApp:

Scan this QR code to join the "TIS Lunch"
group that posts photos of each day's lunch.



Tirana International School

2021-2022

Academic Year Calendar



2021-2022 Tirana International School Calendar

Month	Key Dates
July 2021	Summer Break
August 2021	August 26 First day of school
September 2021	September
October 2021	October 1 - 2 October Professional Development 18 - 22 October Break
November 2021	November 26 November Professional Development 29 Liberation and Independence Day
December 2021	December 20 December - 7 January Winter Break
January 2022	January
February 2022	February 25 February - 1 March Mid-Winter Break
March 2022	March 14 Summer Day
April 2022	April 25-29 April Spring Break
May 2022	May
June 2022	June 17 Last Day of School



Terms Dates	
Term 1 (74 days)	26 August - 17 December
Term 2 (51 days)	10 January - 25 March
Term 3 (55 days)	28 March - 17 June

Quintiles Dates	
Quintile 1	26 August - 15 October
Quintile 2	25 October - 15 December
Quintile 3	16 December - 24 February
Quintile 4	2 March - 21 April
Quintile 5	22 April - 17 June

UPDATE!

