

JUNE 13, 2021



TIRANA INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL



Pictured above: Arva graduates! Congratulations to the TIS Class of 2021!

#### THE WEEK'S REMINDERS:

##### **MONDAY, JUNE 14**

Preschool End of Year Show @ 10:15

No Elementary ASA  
No MS & SEC ASA

##### **TUESDAY, JUNE 15**

No Elementary ASA  
No MS & SEC ASA

##### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16**

MS/SEC Field Day  
No Elementary ASA  
No MS & SEC ASA

##### **THURSDAY, JUNE 17**

Elementary Field Day  
No Elementary ASA  
No MS & SEC ASA

##### **FRIDAY, JUNE 18**

11:15-11:30 Student Release  
Last Day of School!

## TIS Tiger News:

Dear TIS Community,

It was an honor to host the commencement ceremony for the TIS Class of 2021 on Friday evening. We had excellent weather to be able to gather outside. The United States Ambassador graciously spoke to our graduates with a message of hope and encouragement. Mr. Vernon helped the students recall their educational journeys and brought both laughter and tears to the stage.

The students have fought this year and have conquered. We are proud of them and wish them the very best in their future journeys.

Please enjoy the following pages of photos from the graduation.

Kind regards,  
Jon Mudd; TIS Director









#tigertough











“Kid, you’ll move mountains.”  
—Dr. Seuss











# *Congratulations* Class of 2021





# Preschool News

## #fromthedeskofMrsFredriksson

Dear Preschool Families,

It is the final countdown, only ONE more week to go! It is going to be a busy week with lots of fun happenings:

- On Monday, the Preschool is going live to present a little summer show the students have worked hard practicing for! Preschool parents/guardians have been sent an invitation on Seesaw with the time and link to the livestream. We hope you will enjoy it as much as we have enjoyed singing and dancing with your children!
- Preschool Tiger Madness for the 4YO classes: Active, bouncy fun is coming their way on Monday, after the show!
- Preschool Tiger Madness for the 2YO class and the 3 YO classes: Active, bouncy fun is coming their way on Tuesday!

Also, word has it that there will be lots of water play and other special activities during this last week of school 😊

We are looking forward to seven more exciting days with our beloved students!

Warm regards,

Ms. Jennie and the Preschool Team







# 4YO Daisies Class

## Before and Now

The 4YO classes are currently exploring the theme "Before and Now". The students are discussing the different stages of growing up and marveling at all the amazing things they have learned this year! We are also talking about changes up ahead and the transitions that take place as we grow older, such as starting kindergarten. We were very excited (and a wee bit nervous!) to visit the 5YO teachers in their classroom.











## 6YO Class

# Poetry + Outside = great learning!



Six-Year-Old students had an amazing trip to Kruja for their Our Changing World unit. Students had snack overlooking Kruja at the tower, went to the Ethnographic Museum, and walked through the Bazaar. This was a wonderful chance for them to see first hand a traditional Albanian home, traditional Albanian clothing, and traditional arts. They also enjoyed pizza for lunch at one of the lovely restaurants. Overall, it was a wonderful day!

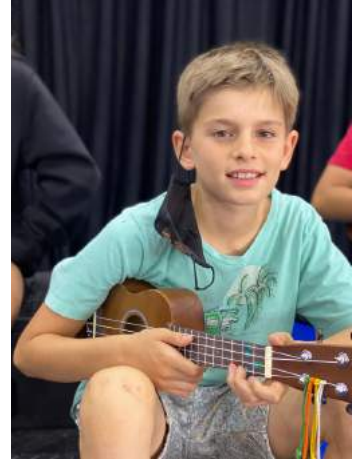






# End-of-the-year Music Performances

## In full swing







Great job,  
students!

We enjoyed  
your music!







# MS/Secondary News

## #fromthedeskofMrTempel

Greetings Middle School Students and Families,

As we enter our last week of school, here are some important timeframes to think about:

- Secondary IV students have graduated! Congratulations class of 2021!!!
- 1 week until the last day of school! That means we only have 5 school days left!
- Middle School/Secondary work completed no later than Tuesday, June 15 (or at teacher's discretion)
- Friday, June 18 - Last Day of School! Early dismissal!

A huge THANK YOU goes out to all the parents and families who have been supporting your students and the school through this difficult and often unpredictable school year! We know that "it takes a village to raise a child" and I have greatly enjoyed being a part of your "village"! The teachers have done amazing work with the students this year and helped our students find success despite the difficulties...THANK YOU, teachers!

As we enter the last week of school, I want to wish all of you an enjoyable and relaxing Summer! Here's to a wonderfully "normal" school year in 2021-22!

### Monday, June 14 and Tuesday, June 15:

Regularly schedule classes

### Wednesday, June 16: FIELD DAY!!!

- Middle School Field Day Activities - 9:00am-11:15am
- Secondary Field Day Activities - 1:00pm-3:15pm

\*\*\*It is recommended that all students bring clothes and shoes that can get wet, in addition to dry clothes and shoes for Field Day. \*\*\*





# MS/Secondary News

## #fromthedeskofMrTempel

### Thursday, June 17: Off-Campus Excursion!!!

Middle School and Secondary staff at TIS will accompany our Middle School and Secondary students to Equos Resort for a fun day at the water park! The students have been working so hard this year, and I am glad we finally get to give them a day of celebration, fun, and relaxation!

The total cost will be 2,200 ALL which will include entry to Equos Resort and food for lunch. (Outside food is not allowed in the park.) Students will need to bring the 2,200 ALL and a signed permission slip to reception by the end of the day on Monday, 14 June. Students will be given permission slips on Thursday, 10 June or can pick them up at Reception.

[Click HERE](#) for a link to the permission slip in case you need another copy.

Below is a form for parents/families to fill out so we can know how many students will plan to attend.

[Please fill out this form by Friday, 11 June:](#)

[Parent/Family Form - Equos Resort](#)

### Friday, June 18: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!

8:15-9:30 - MS Awards Ceremony - All MS students attend

9:45-11:00 - Secondary Awards Ceremony - All Secondary students attend





# Literature 13

## History, Culture, and the Author

Literature-13 students journey across many genres and time periods this year. Their final unit explores “History, Culture, and the Author” — this in turn leads them to examine political cartoons from the past and present. They then create their own cartoons, making valid points of their own through this creative format. The results come in wide-ranging, impressive, and humorous forms: FIFA corruption; government corruption; gender inequity; Covid-19; ignorant, misguided members of the Twitterverse; and, “much, much, more!”

This creative outlet comes as students also complete presentations covering setting, characterization, plot, theme, and dialogue — “selling” the books they’ve chosen to read on their own to their classmates. Here too a wide range of literature — fiction and nonfiction — reflects the diverse interests of this community of learners: Nelson Mandela; Maya Angelou; WWII stories; tales of derring-do; these students seem to cover it all!







# Spanish Project based learning

The students of Spanish 1 and 2 have demonstrated their knowledge of the last unit through a project. Although different levels they have managed to do an excellent job and finish strong the academic year.

Keep up the good work and have a great summer everybody!

**¡HOLA! MI NOMBRE ES ELIRA**

Me gusta cantar, dibujar, patinar, bailar y practicar deportes. Soy perezosa, divertida y valiente.

**psych**

Psych es un programa de comedia policíacas

Shawn Spencer    Burton "Gus" Guster

Mi episodio favorito es Office Space.

Hay un episodio que se habla bastante en español, Lights, Camera...Homicidio.

Psych es muy interesante y graciosa.

**De que trata esta película**

El corredor del laberinto de la película trata sobre un niño que se despierta en medio de un laberinto sin su memoria y tiene que trabajar con otras personas para encontrar una salida.

**The maze runner**

Porque me gusta esta película

EL TIEMPO Y EL ASESORAMIENTO DE UN ABOGADO SON SU VALOR EN EL COMERCIO.  
-ABRAHAM LINCOLN

**ABOGADA**

EL PODER QUE EJERZO EN CORTE, DEPENDE DEL PODER DE MI ARGUMENTO, NO DE MI GÉNERO  
- SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR

Quiero ser abogado, continuar con el legado de mis padres, pero también ayudar a las personas a encontrar justicia





Me gusta esta película porque tiene a mi actor favorito y porque leo el libro.



## La Tecnología



La primera computadora electrónica pesaba más de 27 toneladas y ocupó 1800 pies cuadrados.

Más personas tienen teléfonos móviles que baños.



Las aplicaciones móviles se utilizan más que los sitios web.



La persona promedio ahora pasa casi 10 horas al día en línea. ¡Pasamos más tiempo en Internet que durmiendo!



## NOTE:

The TIS 2020-2021 Yearbook is here! On Monday and Tuesday, the PSG will be in the parking lot collecting payment for yearbooks.

**Please bring 2500 lek.**

Yearbooks will be delivered to students on Wednesday during class.

zoom TO GET YOUR COPY OF THE  
**TIS 2020-21**  
YEARBOOK  
ONLY 2,500 LEK!  
SCAN THE QR CODE OR GET A FORM FROM YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER NOW!





# Secondary II Speeches and Research

As part of our final Writing unit, Secondary II students have been delivering speeches. Public speaking is an important skill to develop, no matter what your future might hold, and good speaking habits can be acquired by everyone. Students began with a series of short impromptu speeches on a wide range of topics, receiving feedback and implementing recommendations. Now, as we are entering the last days of class, students are delivering a final, longer speech presenting their research papers from earlier in the year. Effective research can take a student many directions and the topics explored are representative of our diverse student body. From Kanye West to Desertification, and many topics in between, questions have been posed, claims have been made, and sources have been uncovered!







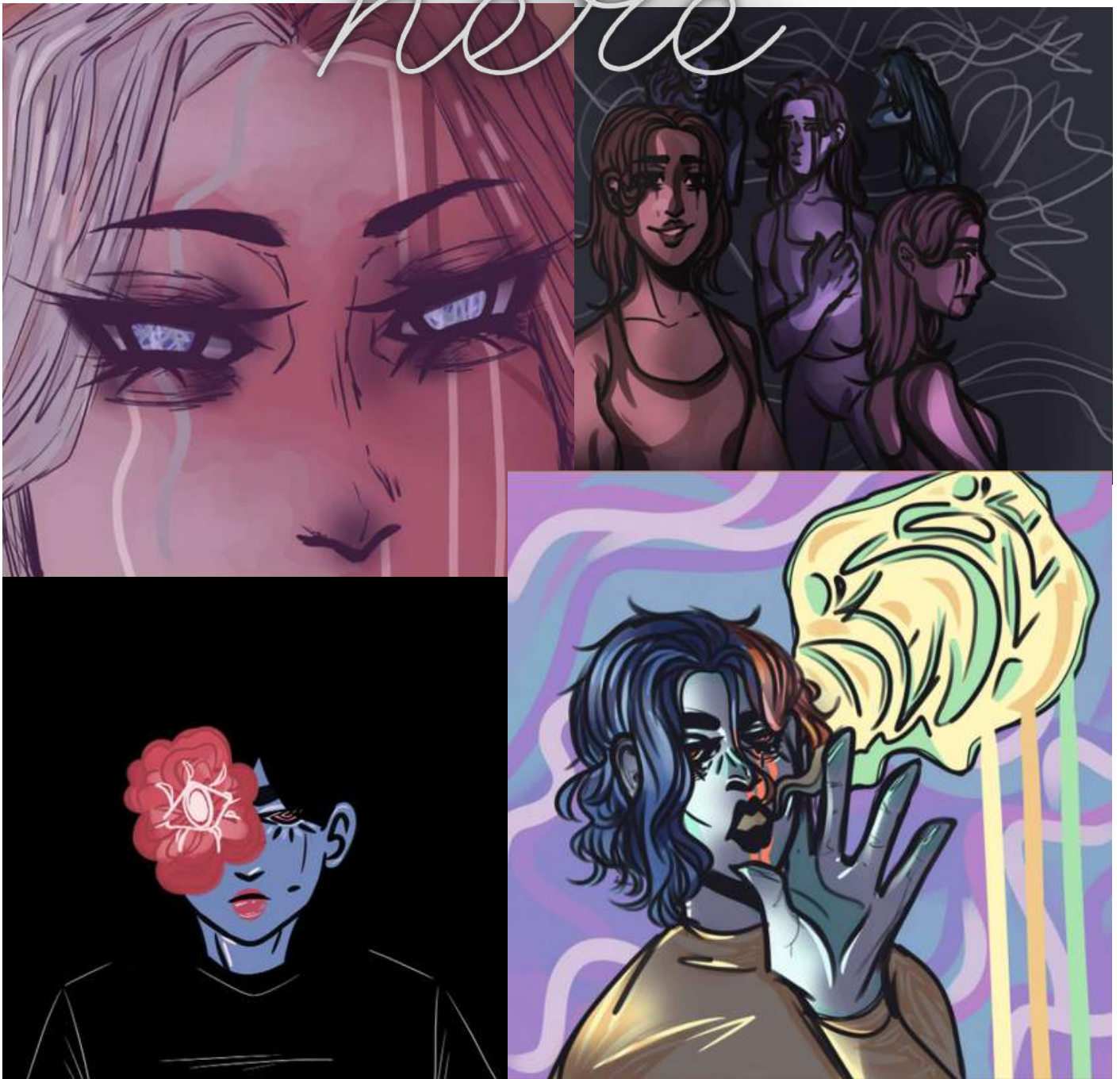
**Don't miss this!**

## AP Drawing Portfolio: Arva Denizi

This week, we would like to present you some works from the AP Drawing Portfolio by Arva Denizi. Arva focused her artistic investigation on her struggle as a senior student, using the digital drawing and painting tools.

# CLICK

*here*







# Dive Into Reading

## Thoughts from Ms. Irida

Dear Teachers and Parents,

Summer is approaching, and every school holiday is an opportunity to celebrate 'holiday reading'.

We are pleased to announce the annual TIS Summer Reading Challenge. This year's theme is "**Dive Into Reading!**"

The TIS Summer Reading Challenge is about reading for the pleasure of reading. The aim would be to build positive attitudes to reading and to continue to build the students' enjoyment, confidence and reading achievement.

### **How will the Summer Reading Challenge work this year?**

This year we want our students to set their own goals. Of course, a challenge isn't a challenge unless students are working toward something.....challenging.

Students should keep in mind their goals for this challenge. They should set their own goals and work toward meeting them. They are just competing with themselves.

### **What might be some possible challenges:**

- If a student read 4 books last year, reading 6 this year would be a challenge.
- If a student is reading just fantasy, the challenge might be to read a biography.
- If a student is reading short books, the challenge might be to read long books.
- If a student is reading contemporary texts, the challenge might be to read classic literature.

We want our students to make this challenge a fun adventure rather than a chore. Therefore, it's important students get to choose what they read with the focus on relaxation and enjoyment.

Participation is voluntary and open to students age 5 through secondary level. Students can read whatever they enjoy - fiction, fact books, poetry, joke books, picture books, eBooks, audiobooks - just as long as they get to choose what they want to read.

[Students who return their summer reading log by September 15th and meet their reading challenge will receive a prize in the fall. You may download the reading log here.](#)

NOTE: To complete this challenge, we would like students to take a photo reading their book somewhere unusual over the summer holidays. We want to see as many wacky ideas as possible. Then send your photos to [irida-shehu@tirana.qsi.org](mailto:irida-shehu@tirana.qsi.org) - they will be displayed during the prize-winning ceremony and on the library bulletin board. The aim is to showcase children as reading role models.

CLICK HERE







**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE  
2021**

*Dive into Reading!*

*Wherever you go keep  
reading*



**Return your Summer Reading Log by September 15th to Win a Prize**



# Make sure you

# get connected



Front Office Phone Number: 355-42-365239



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[click to like and follow our page](#)



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General Email: [tirana@qsi.org](mailto: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	Calendar Grid	Notes
July 2021	Calendar grid for July 2021	Summer Break
August 2021	Calendar grid for August 2021	August 26 First day of school
September 2021	Calendar grid for September 2021	September
October 2021	Calendar grid for October 2021	October 1 - 2 October Professional Development 18 - 22 October Break
November 2021	Calendar grid for November 2021	November 26 November Professional Development 29 Liberation and Independence Day
December 2021	Calendar grid for December 2021	December 20 December - 7 January Winter Break
January 2022	Calendar grid for January 2022	January
February 2022	Calendar grid for February 2022	February 25 February - 1 March Mid-Winter Break
March 2022	Calendar grid for March 2022	March 14 Summer Day
April 2022	Calendar grid for April 2022	April 25-29 April Spring Break
May 2022	Calendar grid for May 2022	May
June 2022	Calendar grid for 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

