#### AUGUST 15, 2021



# TIRANA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

















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The first day of school is right around the corner! New TIS teachers are in country and returning teachers are on their way! Classrooms will soon be decorated, name tags written and cubbies labeled. Use this link to get to know the TIS teachers for this year and their backgrounds. Note: Preschool & Elementary class lists will be coming out on Monday, August 23rd. Pictured above: summertime is a busy time for construction crews as they work to make an even better campus for the TIS families. Join the TIS Moms and Dads FB private group for an upcoming tour (see pg. 5 of this newsletter for an invitation to join)

# **TIS Tiger News:**

#### Greetings TIS families!

I hope that this early newsletter finds each of you enjoying the last weeks of summer with family, friends, and sunshine.

I wanted to take a moment to send you some important information:

- 1. The updated online TIS Staff Directory
- 2. TIS Opening Procedures
- 3. Your invitation to meet your teacher(s)

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#### UPCOMING REMINDERS:

AUGUST 18 New Teacher Orientation begins

AUGUST 23-25 Full Staff Orientation

**AUGUST 23** Preschool & Elem Class lists delivered by email.

#### AUGUST 25

Welcome Back Orientation for families See following page for more information

#### AUGUST 26

First Day of School: staggered release starting with preschool students at 11:30

TIS Admin: tirana@qsi.org Secondary and Middle School: jefftempel@tirana.qsi.org

10YO-Secondary Counselor: shannatempel@tirana.qsi.org

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Elementary Counselor: alyssamudd@tirana.qsi.org

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Athletics & Activities: rinascates@tirana.qsi.org

#### COVID PROCEDURE HANDBOOK (COMING SOON)

**TIS WEBSITE** 

LUNCH WEBSITE

**ACTIVITIES WEBSITE** 

## **TIS Opening Procedures:**

For the 2021-2022 school year, Tirana International School will continue with similar COVID protocol to last year. Below are some of the highlights:









#### **Cleaning & Disinfecting**

TIS will continue with its regular cleaning and disinfecting process. This includes sanitizing shared spaces and nightly detailed classroom disinfection.

#### Wearing a Mask

There will be no change to our mask policy. We ask that all individuals 5YO-Secondary wear a mask appropriately throughout the day, during the appropriate times.

#### Physical Distancing

Our classrooms continue to be set up to accommodate the recommended distancing between students. Teachers are still encouraged to utilize outside teaching as much as possible.

#### Ventilation and Air

All spaces with windows, including classrooms, lunch rooms, and office areas will keep windows open for ventilation. In addition, each classroom has a **BLUEAIR Antibacterial Air Purifier** to help with air quality.



#### Lunch Room

TIS will continue with the same lunch time protocol. This includes four or less students at each table, assigned seating, staff-served hot lunches, outdoor eating space for the older students and careful monitoring to ensure areas are not overcrowded and remain ventilated.

## **Ongoing Monitoring and evaluation of in-country COVID**

As we plan to take these next steps, TIS will continue to monitor all of our health and safety procedures and guidelines. Beyond our hope that everyone stays safe off-campus, and the preventative measure for protection, our largest concern is monitoring to see if on-campus transmission is happening.

As you may know, the number of Covid cases in Albania is trending upwards again. We will continue to follow the recommendations of the Albanian government as well as use guidance from QSI Headquarters and the international organizations that are connected to TIS to make needed modifications to the current protocol.

Below are some considerations and reminders as we think about the 2021-22 school year.



#### Vaccinations

We encourage vaccinations for all members of our community who are able to get vaccinated.

Last Spring, Albania graciously vaccinated TIS teachers.

We are still uncertain as to how the school will keep track of this or what type of policies will be in place, but the school will continue to work with health care professionals to understand how the increased number of vaccinated individuals within the school community may adjust our policies and guidelines.



#### **Reporting and Contact Tracing**

TIS will follow the same procedures for contact tracing. The school will continue with the same reporting and communication process with the community.



#### **Quarantine Consideration**

TIS will move any class impacted by COVID-19 online and inform all first-level contacts.

Student first-level contacts must self-isolate for 10 days from their last contact with the positive individual. If a first-level contact can show proof of vaccination, their isolation days may be fewer.

Staff first-level contacts must self-isolate for 10 days from their last contact with the positive individual. If a first-level contact can show proof of vaccination, their isolation days may be fewer.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

# . MEET YOUR TEACHER MONNING

# Wednesday, August 25th TIS Soccer Field

All parents and students are invited to the TIS Soccer Field to meet your child's TIS teacher! In an effort to stagger the number of families on campus, please note the times below when your teacher will be available. Upon arrival, please proceed to the TIS Soccer Field or 4YO playground at your scheduled time. Parents and students will not be allowed in the school at this time.

This will be a short, outdoor meet-and-greet to allow both students and parents the chance to make a face-to-face connection before the first day, Please note that all 5YO+ attendees must wear a mask.

5YO & 6YO families 8:30-8:50: 7YO & 8YO families 8:50-9:10: 9:00-9:30: **2YO** families 9YO & 10YO families 9:10-9:30: 9:30-10:00: **3YO** families 11YO, 12YO, & 13YO families (soccer field) 9:45-10:30: 10:00-10:30: 4YO families 10:30-11:15: Secondary families

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# Make sure you get connected



Front Office Phone Number: 355-42-365239

Facebook: click to like and follow our page



Facebook Moms and Dads Private group: click to like and follow our page



Instagram: tiranainternationalschool



YouTube: Tirana International School



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: 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



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