



A warm welcome from our Academic Leadership Team

Dear Trinity Students and Families,

On behalf of all of us here at Trinity International School, I would like to welcome you to Academic Year 2021-2022. We are looking forward to a fantastic year, full of academic exploration, personal growth, and once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, many community events that bring all of us together. In this, my eleventh year at TRIS, it is with great excitement that I welcome back our returning students and meet our new enrolments.



At Trinity, each child is the master of his/her own academic journey. Our faculty, staff and administration team are here to help each student maximize his/her potential, but ultimately it is a partnership between the school and our families that will result in the best outcome for all of us. Communication between school and home is critical, so we will regularly send updates and information through our website, email, FACTS and traditional mail. We also encourage all our parents to come in for parent-teacher conferences early in 2nd and 4th quarters.

Please carefully read the Student/Parent Handbook, the Code of Student Conduct and our Online Learning Policy and discuss it thoroughly with your child. Only by understanding and sharing the expectations of school and home, can we best lead our students together to a successful school experience. Please pay careful attention to our conduct, academic and attendance requirements. If you have any questions about our school policies, please contact your child's teacher or any of us in the administration team.

Thank you for placing your trust in us for your child's education. We take this responsibility very seriously, and you can be sure that we want the best for all our students. I look forward to spending time with you all soon.

Warmly,

Alexander Bruce

Headmaster

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Deputy Headmaster

Vicente “Jojo” Retales Jr.

Students, Staff, Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

I hope this message finds you refreshed, rejuvenated and ready for the new school year. We are anxiously awaiting your return on Monday, August 9th, our dedicated staff are excited about providing an array of engaging and challenging learning experiences to all students, that put them all in a confident position to be agents of positive change in our world. Trinity International School is a community that is committed to helping all students grow their confidence as learners and people.



This is my 16th year with TRIS as Assistant Headmaster, Dean of Student Discipline, Community Service Coordinator, and Accounting Teacher to our grade 12 students. I would like to welcome everyone back to another great year of learning. As we approach this new school year, we will continue to keep student achievement as our top priority. We will continue to meet every child where they are and move them forward. Parents are valuable partners and we encourage our parents to consult with our staff and participate in all the great activities that we have planned this school year. Furthermore, we invite you to become aware of what our curriculum has to offer and the resources used to educate your children. We realize that an optimum kindergarten to high school education is essential preparation to student's long-term success.

With your support, TRIS will continue to be a positive environment where everyone is successful. We value and appreciate our students, staff and families! Thanks again and if you wish to talk to me or need assistance or would just like to have a chat you can contact me through our school number at +66-2661-3993 ext. 133 or at vicente@trinity.ac.th.

Sincerely,

Vicente “Jojo” Retales Jr.

Elementary Coordinator

Jannet Chayasutabutr

Hello! My name is Jannet Chayasutabutr. The students call me Ms. Jannet. As the Elementary School Coordinator at TRIS, I oversee the curriculum and instruction for grades Kindergarten 1 up to Grade 5. This will be my third year in this position, my twenty-first year as an educator, and my fourteenth year at TRIS. In addition to my role as the elementary school coordinator, I am also the grade 2 homeroom teacher.



Our core curriculum for Reading, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies follow the California Common Core State Standards. In addition, students have instruction in the Adventurer and Pathfinder program, Art, Computer, Music, Physical Education, and Values. Throughout the school year, students also have opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities, apply the skills they learn in class, collaborate on projects, present and perform in front of the class and for larger audiences at special events.

While COVID-19 has shifted school to an online experience, our team of elementary teachers are evermore committed to providing quality teaching and learning. With the new school year starting online it comes with new challenges and opportunities. Thankfully, we've learned a great deal last year teaching online and will use that experience to improve our practice. We have been hard at work, preparing for this new school year. One of our first priorities will be building a caring and supportive classroom community with our students despite the distance.

We are here for you! We expect there will be some challenges along the way, especially in the first few days. Please communicate any challenges or concerns you experience with me (jannet@trinity.ac.th). Our team of dedicated teachers and staff will do what we can to address and fix the concerns that may arise.

Language Arts Coordinator (Middle & High School)

Gil Mueller

Greetings parents and students,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to School Year 2021-2022. In my lengthy educational career, seven countries and more years, I have often worked with seniors and happily have previously taught most of this year's students in other classes.

I welcome your input as we navigate this crucial year. Much of the curriculum will address post-secondary concerns, college admissions and other transitions. Additionally, as a class project we will compile a Senior Newsletter. If you have pictures, particularly baby and elementary age pictures, I'd like to include them in the final draft.

To best follow the class, I urge you to review the course outlines noting ZOOM and Edmodo codes and I hope we may meet in person soon.

Regards,

Gil Mueller

Language Arts Coordinator (Middle & High School)

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Science, Math & I.T. Coordinator (Middle & High School)

Rachen Singhakumar

Welcome to the new academic year! I am Dr. Rachen Singhakumar and I will be teaching Biology (Grade 9), Health Education (Grade 10 – 12) and AP Biology (Grade 11 – 12) in addition to coordinating the Science, Math and I.T. department (SMIT department) this year. This is going to be my 10th year here at TRIS and I am very excited to be seeing some new and returning faces. As a department coordinator, I will be overseeing and working together with the brilliant and highly enthusiastic G6 – 12 Science and Math teachers and schoolwide Computer teachers. My responsibility is to ensure that our students receive great learning experiences are challenged with the most exciting and up to date curriculum, so they are ready to face



the ever-changing world. Science classes here are conducted in accordance with the NGSS curriculum. Our science lab sessions adhere to the core Science classes so students get both theoretical and practical experiences. Math classes follow the Common Core standards and our I.T. classes follow the California standards and the Robotics standards (Mindstorm EV3 - Carnegie Mellon University). We will be continuing to incorporate Robotics as a part of the G4 – 9 Computer classes and Python in the G9 Computer classes. This year, TRIS will be offering a new diploma program called “Computer Science”. Students who wish to graduate with this diploma will experience courses like Animation & Graphics, Advanced Programming and learn more about Robotics, Artificial Intelligence and Web development and applications. Four of the five AP classes offered by TRIS are also under our department (Chemistry, Physics II, Biology and Calculus AB). From the past results, I am pleased to mention that a lot of our students perform exceedingly well in the official exams. The SMIT department organizes two big school events which are the Science Fair and the Math Meet. We anticipate including Robotics competition in the future as well. Additionally, our department also offers an after-school club called the Math league. Last year, some of our very keen students have also facilitated their own clubs like Coding, STEM and Engineering. I am sure there will be more of such once we return to school. With that said, I hope to welcome you all back in person very soon. In the meantime, I hope you have a great online learning experience and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. rachen@trinity.ac.th.

English as a Second Language Coordinator (E.S.L)

Katherine Höglund

Dear Parents,

My name is Katherine Höglund, and I am the ESL Coordinator at Trinity International School. I am originally from the United States of America, and it is my 9th year teaching at Trinity International School. Along with coordinating the ESL program, I also teach grade 11 reading and English. I am looking forward to getting to know all of the ESL students this year and working alongside the ESL teachers to help them progress in their English language proficiency. The ESL program aims to boost the students' language skills by spending extra time building vocabulary and providing the students with leveled materials that will help them better grasp the English language. English language learning is a process, and it is important to have patience. Every child learns at a different pace, which is why we strive to accommodate the ESL students with either beginner or intermediate courses wherever possible. For further information about the ESL program, please view the ESL handbook or contact me directly with your questions.



Online learning is challenging at the best of times, and even more so for English language learners. It is very important that your child has a calm and quiet environment in which to join in with their ESL classes, that they have access to an electronic device for all of their lessons, and that they ask their teacher for help when they need it. All of the ESL teachers can be reached through email if you have questions or concerns. If you do not know which teacher to contact, please send the email to me with your child's name and grade, and I will make sure to forward it to the correct teacher(s).

Throughout the year I will be hosting a few ESL parent events. These will be opportunities for you to meet with some of the other ESL parents, ask questions about the ESL program, and learn some skills or strategies that might help you and your child at home. If you have any topics that you would like to see discussed in one of these get-togethers, please let me know and I will try and plan accordingly. Let's have a great year!

Regards,

Ms. Katherine Höglund
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Guidance Counselor

Angelina Tarning

Dear TRIS family,

My name is Mrs. Angelina Tarning I have had the pleasure of working at Trinity for over 10 years. I currently work as the school's guidance counselor and high school psychology teacher. My roles and responsibilities as counselor involve meeting with students, parents and faculty to best help all K-12 students solve any social, emotional or academic problems through a variety of means. I also run several intervention programs and psychoeducational lectures throughout the year to target issues surrounding both our school and the greater community at large. Furthermore, I run a senior college prep class where students meet with university representatives and professionals to improve their applications and gain insights into scholarships and other possible programs. My role as the university counselor has me working with students individually to meet benchmarks and goals needed for applications into their universities and degrees of choice.



I look forward to getting to know you all. Should you have any questions or would like to chat to discuss your child's future, don't hesitate to get in contact.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Angelina Tarning
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Curriculum, Assessment & Learning Support Coordinator

Marjune Acut

Dear TRIS Community,

I am Mr. Marjune Acut, the Coordinator for Curriculum, Assessment and Learning Support. It is my pleasure to work with you this academic year 2021-2022. Should you need additional information about the curricular programs of the school and/or assistance with your child's academic journey with us at TRIS, please feel free to communicate with me through email.

For the Learning Support Department, we aim to bridge the gap between academic challenges and expected learning of our students. We believe that no student should be left behind in terms of their learning. Therefore, giving them the sufficient support and individualized plan can help them maximize their potential in learning and the necessary information and skills that are expected at their level.

As one community, let us all pray for each other's safety. Thank you very much!

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Thai Department Coordinator

Piyanart Traipoj

Dear Parents and Students,

I would like to welcome you to our school and introduce myself. I am the Thai Department Coordinator at TRIS.

The Thai classes at TRIS follow the curriculum for Thai Language and Culture based on the criteria set by the Office of the Private Education Commission (OPEC) for international schools in Thailand. Thai history and Thai geography are also integrated into the curriculum.

Our Thai department provides various Thai cultural activities such as teaching Thai manners, cooking Thai desserts and Thai food, and other activities related to Thai holidays such as Father's Day, Mother's Day, Loy Krathong, and Songkran. Students also learn about royal projects. I am looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Best regards,

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