

2023-24 IST Community-wide Goal: Understanding and Promoting the Diversity of Knowledge (IBLP)

Our community welcomes and values the multiplicity of interests, ideas, and beliefs and values that exist within our international community living here in Tianjin, and beyond, and we are committed to providing a safe, open-minded, and inclusive environment for all. In embracing physical and socio-cultural diversity, we also champion diversity of thought and the critical thinking and open-minded inquiry and learning across a range of topics and disciplines that deepens conceptual understanding and intellectual growth and independence. We listen carefully when considering alternative points of view, and we are willing to grow and change as a result of sincere intellectual inquiry and discourse. We will engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance, we challenge injustice, and we take personal and professional responsibility for our roles, responsibilities and actions, and their consequences.

Dear Parents

As Spring kicks into action and we begin to transition out of the greyish brown of a long winter into the dawn of a colourful new season, I am reminded why we have cause to feel so very grateful to live here in Tianjin! For some unfortunate folk –think of those poor souls stuck in locations such as Nanjing and Shanghai– all they have is green, green and more green, and they never get to experience the joyous colourful bursts of new life and promise that those of us enjoy here in Tianjin, a city of four seasons! I certainly feel appreciative of the change of season. As we move towards the conclusion of another wonderful and colourful school year, I trust that like me, the arrival of warmer weather and Spring blossoms will have you feeling energized and excited for the months ahead.

And speaking about colour, surely there is no truer observation than to say that **“art adds colour to life”**, for not only does it brighten our living environments, it allows us to have a deeper understanding of our emotions, opening our minds and hearts to new ideas, perspectives and experiences, and showing us what is possible in our world. Our school is itself a wonderful canvas of student artistic expression, and one of the annual highlights is **the IB Diploma Art Exhibition**, held in the Han Theatre yesterday afternoon. Our Grade 12 visual art students shared a selection of highly accomplished and thought-provoking works from portfolios developed over the two years of the course (and the Grade 11s one piece), showcasing their artistic talents, skills, and insights into a diverse range of challenging themes, and adding some real colour to all of our lives! Congratulations to our incredibly talented and hardworking students (and their equally amazing teacher, Ms. Hunter-James!)

A reminder to all parents that **Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for next Wednesday and Thursday** afternoons, with Thursday the 28th marking the end of the third quarter. By now you should have received a confirmed schedule for your assigned meeting times, but if you haven't, please contact your child's homeroom teacher or the school office so that they can be arranged. I would like to encourage parents to do their best to be punctual to their meetings so that they are able to start –and therefore finish– on time, thus not interfering with the next scheduled conference for the given teacher. If you find that you had insufficient time, you can contact the teacher or school office to arrange an additional time to meet. Please do attend these important meeting as they are a wonderful means by which to better understand your child's broader school experience, to celebrate their learning, and to set new goals for the final quarter of the school year. We look forward to seeing you next week!

Finally, as you may be aware, our school is accredited (professional validation relative to education related performance standards) by three separate international organisations (IB, CIS, and WASC) and this requires that the school to undergo five yearly audits by all three agencies. Our next full team visit is scheduled for Spring 2025, however, we also undergo a smaller 'Preparatory' visit one year earlier to ensure that the school is well on track and prepared for a full



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audit. **Our preparatory accreditation visit will take place this coming May (6-10)** when representatives of both CIS and WASC will fly in from the USA and Canada, respectively, to spend a week meeting with IST constituents, including parents and students. One component of the preparatory process is a written report that includes reflective statements from community representatives, including parents. I therefore asked the PFO Committee to prepare a statement, and I would like to share an extract with you, which while not suggesting that we're perfect (but perhaps close!) nevertheless paints a very positive and supportive picture of our school. I hope that you find these honest words, crafted by a diverse group of parents (including 13 representatives of our 35 nationalities), to be reflective of your own impressions and experience. Thank you to these parents for preparing the statement!

"... Our school has terrific assets, no matter how we define what is meant by assets. In a very transient and competitive expatriate market here in Tianjin, we are fortunate to have our children enrolled in a true non-profit school led by a Board, Administration and set of guiding statements that make our children's learning the number one school priority. We also have stability of leadership that lends a consistency to the culture and direction of the school. In spite of the occasional, less than perfect teacher, IST employs a strong, experienced faculty and maintains a very stable support staff who are dedicated to the school. We have highly supportive parents who appreciate the school and who for the most part embrace the philosophy of the school and work together to support it. And we have terrific facilities that the Board continues to reinvest in and improve..." [IST PFO Committee]

I wish you all a sunny and Spring-filled weekend in amongst the buds and blossoms!



Steve Moody
Director



the Parent Partnership

When children refuse to do their homework, it can be a source of frustration and concern for parents. However, it's important to approach the situation with understanding and patience. Creating a designated study space and establishing a consistent homework routine can contribute to a sense of structure and discipline. This week's parent partnership provides you some open lines of communication you can use to engage with your children.



WHEN YOUR KID REFUSES TO DO THEIR HOMEWORK, DO THIS...

- "What time should we start homework each night?"
- "I see you're frustrated with homework. Want to talk about it?"
- "During the week, homework comes before technology."
- "I see you have homework, what's the plan to get it done?"
- "Can I help you get started?"
- "I'd love if you could teach me what you're learning?"



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Elementary Student-Led Conferences

Wednesday 27 March: 14.30 - 18.30

Thursday 28 March: 15.30 - 18.30

We are looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress at our upcoming Student Led Conferences. Invitations were sent home on the 11th March and were due to be returned by the 15th March. If you haven't received one yet, please contact your child's homeroom teacher. For families with more than one child, we pre-scheduled your appointments so they are conveniently timed.

In student-led conferences, students actively participate in assessing and evaluating their learning progress and objectives by presenting and reflecting on their own performance. They present learning goals that they have achieved and those that they hope to achieve before the end of the year.

Confirm or Change Your Appointment

Parents are asked to return the reply half of the invitation as soon as possible (if you haven't already done so) to confirm the appointment or to request a different date or time.

Specialist Teachers

World Languages, PE, music, STEM and Library teachers will be available for visits from particular grades. If you would like a separate meeting, please schedule one through Angela in the Elementary Office.

Child Minding

There will be child-minding for IST students in the K-2 playroom and 3-5 Clubhouse on both days. This service is for IST-enrolled students only and only for the time period in which you have your conferences (supervising siblings). Please use this service throughout the conferences so that you can give your undivided attention to your child whose conference you are attending. If your child is remaining at school in the afternoon, you need to be here to either supervise them or book them into the child-minding service.

Bus Schedule

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Departing Aocheng	Departing Garden Villa (side gate)	Departing Hai Yi	Departing IST
12:25	12:30	12:50	14:45
13:25	13:30	13:50	15:45
14:25	14:30	14:50	16:45
15:25	15:30	15:50	17:45
16:25	16:30	16:50	18:45

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Departing Aocheng	Departing Garden Villa (side gate)	Departing Hai Yi	Departing IST
14:25	14:30	14:50	16:45
15:25	15:30	15:50	17:45
16:25	16:30	16:50	18:45

If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to contact your child's Homeroom teacher or me through the Elementary office.

Regards,

Cam Wallace
Elementary Principal



On March 27th, students in grades 9-12 are stepping out of class from 10:25 AM to 12:50 PM for the IST High School Wellbeing Day. Take a well-deserved break from intense school work and immerse yourself in a day designed for relaxation and rejuvenation.

Join us for a variety of activities, including soothing yoga sessions, hands-on basic cooking experiences, a spirited game of red light, green light, and expressive art sessions. Additionally, discover effective stress-relieving techniques to navigate the challenges of high school life. Don't miss out on this opportunity to unwind and prioritize your well-being. See you on March 27th!

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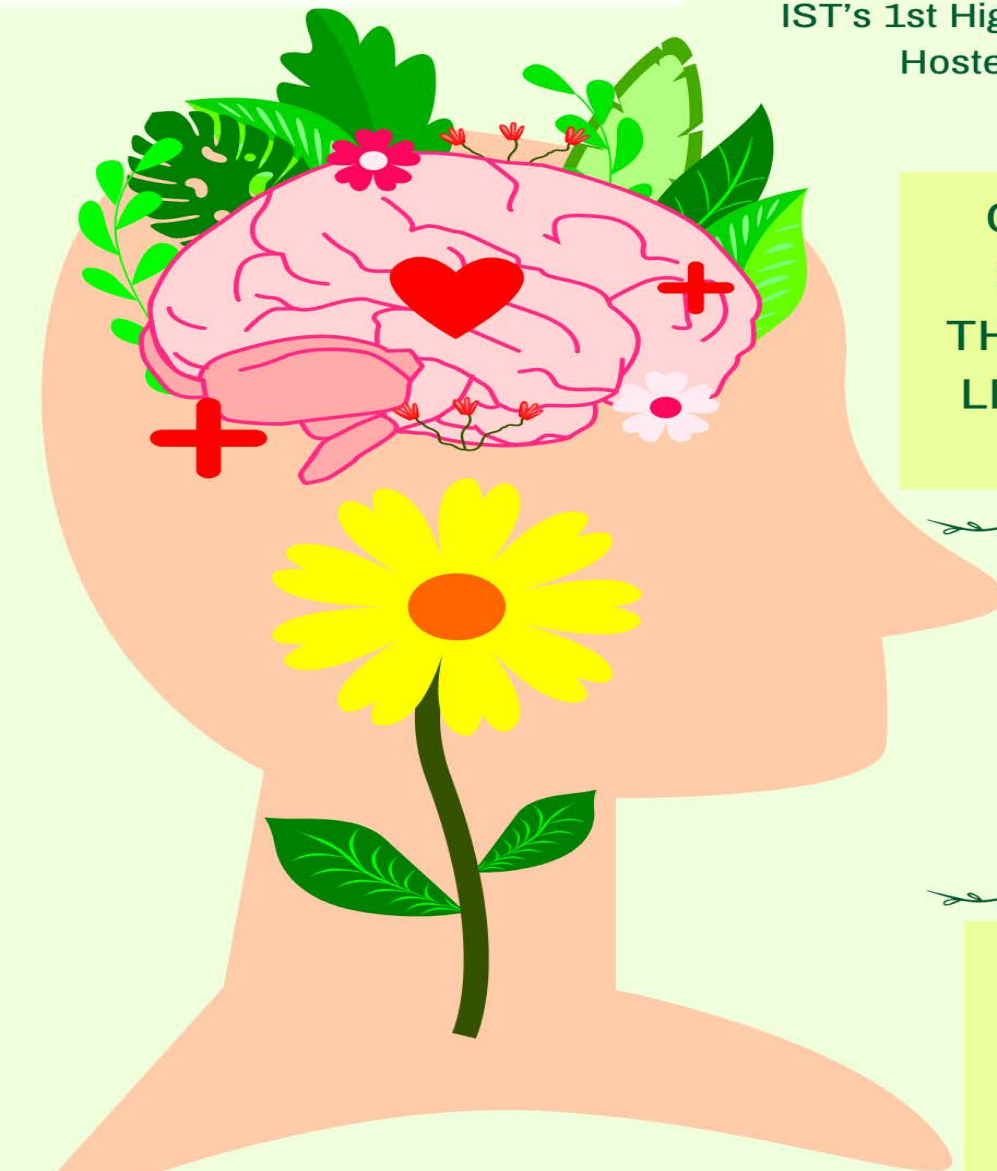
"HIGH SCHOOL WELLNESS WARRIORS"

IST's 1st High School Wellbeing Day
Hosted by G11 Students

COOKING, STRESS
STRATEGIES, ART
THERAPY, YOGA, RED
LIGHT/GREEN LIGHT,
MUSIC!

GRADES 9-12
& PFO

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ATHLETICS SEASON THREE IS UNDER WAY

Over the last two weeks, our HS Football teams and MS Basketball teams have had the opportunity to play multiple games. Our badminton team also had a chance to showcase their skills as they competed in the ISAC Badminton Tournament and prepare for this coming weekend's ISCOT Badminton Tournament. Below, are some write ups from these sporting events:

HS Boys Football

The high school boys' football team showcased their skills and determination as they faced off against TIS in two closely contested matches over the past week.

The first game took place on their home turf. IST reveled in the familiar surroundings and the uplifting cheers emanating from the sidelines. Although they struggled to maintain possession in the first half, they showcased remarkable improvement in team play during the second half. With the intensity of the game escalating, IST capitalized on their scoring opportunities. Ultimately, the final whistle blew with a thrilling 3-2 victory in favor of the home team.



For the second match, they traveled to TIS. Throughout the game, possession remained fiercely contested, with both teams displaying commendable skill and determination. Unfortunately, IST conceded a goal midway through the first half. Undeterred, they refused to be disheartened and exhibited commendable effort in moving the ball up the field. However, the opponents demonstrated exceptional defensive prowess, quickly closing down spaces and making it exceedingly challenging for them to break through and create scoring opportunities. Despite their valiant efforts, IST were unable to find the back of the net, resulting in a disappointing 1-0 loss.

The two matches highlighted the team's growth and adaptability in different environments. The players are eager to build upon their successes, further refining their skills and strategies as they prepare for future encounters. (Mr Diegel)

HS Girls Football

IST high school girls were facing off against a TIS team that was hungry for revenge after their last match in which IST took the honours. Fortunately for IST, a couple of quick goals stamped their authority early in the first half. The girls were playing with some new combinations, and players such as Da Hyeon, Na Ye, Jeongmin, Serim, Nina and Kanna got valuable game time. All of these girls took their opportunity to play a positive and energetic match. With Anna in the goal, the rest of the team was confident as she showed she could stop hard shots and she wasn't afraid to advance on the opposition attack. Wendy, Hee Yu, and Yuxin all played full games and never gave up their running game. Player of the day will have to be awarded to Yuxin as she scored four absolutely brutal goals that really took the wind out of the TIS girls. Overall, this was a great game as we experimented with a new formation and challenged our players to step up to a competitive arena. Great job IST! (Mr Williams).



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ISAC Boys Badminton

Singles: Owen, Brandon Moritz, Han Ho, Henry

Doubles: Owen/Eric, Brandon/Moritz, Henry/Han Ho, Bowen/Heesung

The recent ISAC (International Schools Athletic Conference) badminton tournament showcased the remarkable efforts of our boys as they displayed their skills and determination on the court. For some, it marked a thrilling new experience, while others drew upon their previous encounters with this prestigious tournament. The event was impeccably organized, offering a platform for athletes to compete at their best and fostering an atmosphere of healthy competition. Our boys' commitment and hard work were evident throughout, leaving a lasting impression on all those involved.

**ISAC Girls Badminton**

Singles: Isabelle

Doubles: Nuonuo/ Kirika, Annie/ Tina, Aimee/ Amy, Bernie/ Grace, Crystal/ Manaka, Jenaleen/ Louisa

The talented girls of the ISAC High School badminton team demonstrated their passion for the game on Saturday, March 9th, by overcoming challenges with determination and skill. Isabelle Chen earned an impressive 4th place in the singles division, while Annie and Tina emerged as champions in the doubles division 2. Aimee and Amy secured the second-place position in the same division with their skillful partnership. Through teamwork, sportsmanship, and a deep understanding of the game, these girls exemplified the true spirit of competitive sportsmanship, leaving a lasting impression on all who witnessed their remarkable achievements.

MS Basketball boys

TIS vs IST @ TIS

The basketball match between IST and TIS teams took place at TIS court, setting the stage for an intense competition. The game remained tightly contested until the third quarter, when the home team managed to gain a slight advantage. However, a combination of poor passing and positioning on the part of IST allowed TIS to capitalize on their mistakes. Despite their best efforts, IST struggled to regain control of the game, ultimately falling victim to TIS's strategic play. It was a challenging encounter that highlighted the importance of fundamental skills and disciplined gameplay.

MS Basketball Girls

Last week, our grade 6, 7, and 8 girls' basketball team played two games one against TIS and the other against Wellington. We witnessed a display of enthusiasm, sportsmanship, exceptional effort, and teamwork. The game started with us scoring, but our opponents caught up in the second quarter. We had to fight back to catch up and eventually take the lead. With our defense in order and seizing various opportunities to steal the ball, we were able to secure both games with a score of 6-12. We look forward to continuing to work on our strategies as a team and improving our defense.



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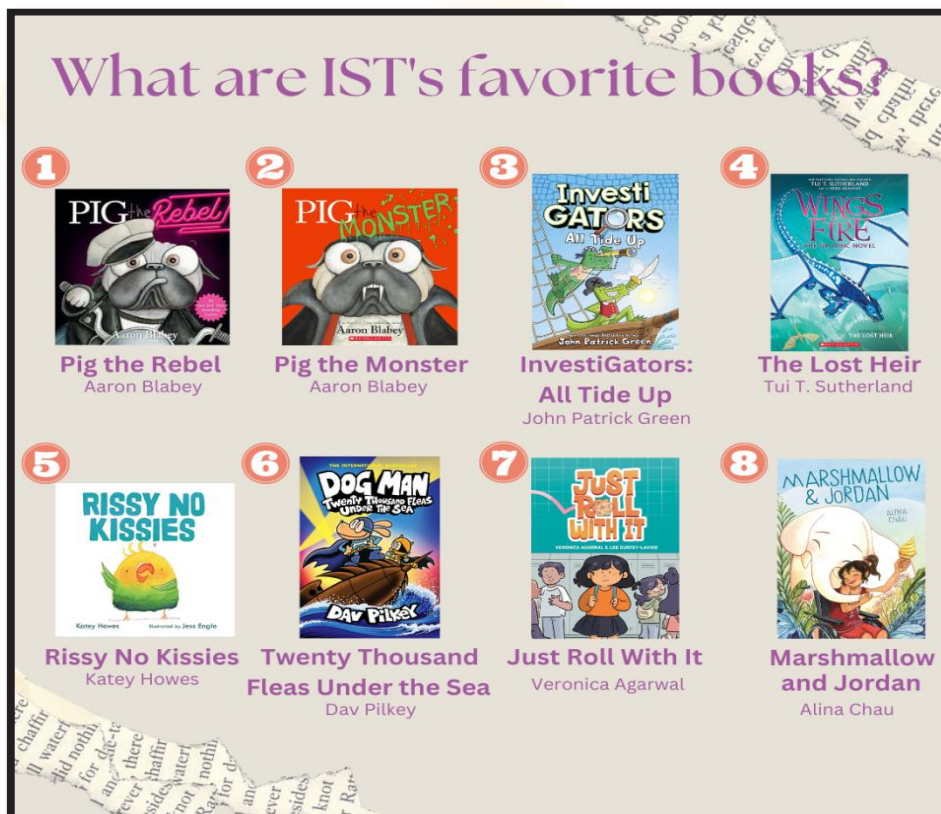
IST Library & Information Literacy Center

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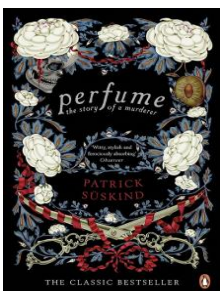
The IST Library is a friendly place where our community is inspired and challenged to think critically, read widely, act ethically, value creativity, and defend the right to access information.

IST's Favorite Books

These are the most popular books in the IST library right now. A few of these books are new arrivals that were immediately very popular, and there are a couple of Panda Book nominees on the list as well. Stop by the library to borrow one of these popular titles!



Parent Book Club—April TBD @ 8:30 a.m. in the library



Our next Parent Book Club selection is the novel *Perfume* by Patrick Suskind. We will meet to discuss this book in April (date TBD), in the library. The library has copies of the book in English, Chinese, French and Korean. A digital copy in English or Chinese is also available upon request.

All interested parents are welcome to join us for a book discussion, coffee, and treats, even if you haven't had a chance to read the book. Contact one of our library staff to join our WeChat group.

Library hours: Monday to Thursday 7:30 to 4:30 | Friday 7:30 to 3:30

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FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2024



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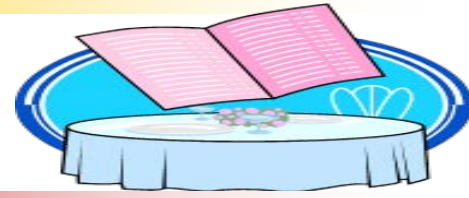
LEARN MORE ABOUT COFFEE AND TRY TO MAKE BARISTA ART

APRIL 10TH
9.30AM OR 11.15AM
EACH SESSION 1.5 HOUR
LOCATION - 1ST ELEMENTARY MEETING ROOM



Only 20 rmb/person
Scan the code to join the group

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MENU G2-G12

	Monday 2024-03-25	Tuesday 2024-03-26	Wednesday 2024-03-27	Thursday 2024-03-28	Friday 2024-03-29
Salad/Fruit	Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar Fruit of the Day	Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar Fruit of the Day	Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar Fruit of the Day	Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar Fruit of the Day	Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar Fruit of the Day
Western From The Grill Station	Pizza Margherita 芝士比萨	Chicken Schnitzel 炸鸡排	Beef Lasagna 牛肉千层面	Chicken Fajita 墨西哥鸡肉	Wellington Pork Chops 惠灵顿猪排
	Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜	Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜	Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜	Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬	Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬
	Roasted Potatoes 土豆角	Roasted Potatoes 烤土豆	Roasted Potatoes 烤土豆	Roasted Potatoes 土豆角	Steamed Rice 米饭
	Allergy: flour, cheese, tomato sauce	Allergy: chicken, breadcrumb	Allergy: beef, cheese, onion, pepper, milk	Allergy: Cumin, cajun seasoning, pepper, sour cream, flour	Allergy: soya sauce
Asian From The Wok/Noodle Station	Fried Rice Noodle with Vegetables 蔬菜炒牛河	Steamed Rice with Sausage 腊味煲仔饭	Chicken Curry 咖喱鸡	Noodles with Beef Soup 牛肉板面	Indonesia Fried Rice with Chicken 印尼炒米饭配鸡肉
	Cucumber Salad 拌黄瓜	Stir fry Beans 干煸豆角	Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬	boiled Vegetable 煮蔬菜	Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬
	Fried Eggs 煎鸡蛋		Steamed Rice 米饭		Shrimp Cracker 虾片
	Allergy: egg, sesame	Allergy: soy sauce, oyster sauce	Allergy: chicken, curry paste, coconut milk	Allergy: flour, beef	Allergy: samba sauce, onion, egg, ginger, shrimp cracker
Vegetarian		Steamed Rice with Vegetable 蔬菜煲仔饭	Vegetable Curry 咖喱蔬菜	Vegetable Wrap 蔬菜卷	Frice Rice with Soya Sauce 酱油炒饭
Soup	Tomato and Egg Soup 西红柿鸡蛋汤	Pumpkin Soup 南瓜汤	Minestrone 通心粉汤	Tomato and Egg Soup 西红柿鸡蛋汤	Pumpkin Soup 南瓜汤
Dessert	Banana Bread 香蕉包	Cookies 饼干	Swiss Roll 瑞士卷	Apple Pie 苹果派	Fruit Tart 水果塔
Nutritional reading over the week		Energy 热量 (Kcal)	Protein 蛋白质 (g)	Carbohydrate 碳水化合物 (g)	Fat 脂肪 (g)
每周营养分析		731	26	104	23
Nutritional recommendation 营养建议		725	25	100	25

MENU NURSERY-G1

	Monday 2024-03-25	Tuesday 2024-03-26	Wednesday 2024-03-27	Thursday 2024-03-28	Friday 2024-03-29
Snack	Yoghurt Fruit Cut	Carrot Cake Fruit Cut	Cookies Fruit Cut	Banana Bread Fruit Cut	Vegetable Sandwich Fruit Cut
Set Meal	Margherita Pizza 比萨	Steamed Rice with Sausage 广式香肠饭	Pasta with Cheese 蝴蝶芝士面	Pork Dumplings 猪肉白菜水饺	Chicken burger 鸡肉汉堡
	Sweet Corn and Broccoli 玉米粒西兰花	Stir Fried Cabbage 炒洋白菜	Grilled Chicken with Vegetable 煎鸡胸肉	Sweet Corn and Vegetables 玉米粒炒蔬菜	Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条
	Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条	Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条	Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条	Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条	Roasted Potato 烤土豆
	Allergy: flour, tomato sauce, cheese, herb	Allergy: oyster sauce, soya sauce	Allergy: flour, herb	Allergy: flour, pork, soya sauce, green garlic	Allergy: pork, soya sauce
Fruit	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day
Drinks	Milk/Yoghurt/Yakult	Milk/Yoghurt/Yakult	Milk/Yoghurt/Yakult	Milk/Yoghurt/Yakult	Milk/Yoghurt/Yakult
Nutritional reading over the week		Energy 热量 (Kcal)	Protein 蛋白质 (g)	Carbohydrate 碳水化合物 (g)	Fat 脂肪 (g)
每周营养分析		726	25	105	27
Nutritional recommendation 营养建议		725	25	100	25

Morning snack offer available at 6 rmb, Snack are only available for daily set lunch consumers.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday~Thursday - March 27~28, 2024
Parent Teacher Conferences (Afternoon)

Monday~Friday - April 1~5, 2024
Spring Break

Monday~Friday - April 15~19, 2024
Secondary Speaking Spectacular

Wednesday - April 24, 2024
Elementary Speaking Spectacular

SPORTS DATES

Saturday 23 March -
ISAC MS Basketball Exchange (Boys @ CISB;
Girls @ THIS)

Saturday 23 March -
ISCOT HS Badminton Tournament @ IST

Monday 25 March -
HS Football vs TEDA (Boys @ IST; Girls @
TEDA)

Tuesday 26 March -
MS Basketball vs TEDA (Boys @ TEDA; Girls
@ IST)

Saturday 13 April -
ISCOT HS Football Tournament (Boys @ WEL;
Girls @ IST)

Saturday 13 April -
ISCOT MS Basketball Tournament (Boys@
TEDA; Girls @ TIS)

WELCOME TO THE IST SPORTS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CCA) PROGRAM FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Please take note of the following dates:

Season 3 Sport Schedule

- ☺ Starts Monday, 11 Mar and ends Friday, 24 May
- ☺ The program will run for approximately 10 school weeks
- ☺ No CCAs during holidays and PTSCs (conferences)

Season three includes:

- ☺ HS Football - Mondays and Fridays - 15:30 - 17:00
- ☺ HS Badminton - Mondays and Fridays - 15:30 - 17:00
- ☺ MS Basketball - Tuesdays and Thursdays - 15:30 - 17:00

Please do not hesitate to contact our department with any questions.

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