

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 and Students

Today's edition of Blaze is the last for the 2023-24 school year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire IST community for their incredible support of our school over the past year, support once again exemplified by a wonderful end of year PFO Picnic this past Saturday, when, in spite of the rain, students, parents and staff came together in the spirit of common purpose and community. I am so very proud to have the honor of leading a school in which parents are consistently unflagging in their efforts to work together with teachers and support staff to provide the best possible learning environment for our students. I know that each IST employee joins with me in thanking you for this support.



I wish to inform our community that our catering company (Compass) was recently bought out by Sodexo, a provider that we had previously contracted but terminated due to dissatisfaction with their service. The Board has subsequently chosen to replace Compass (soon to be Sodexo) with a new company that will be managed by IST's current long term catering team, led by Ms. April Wang. We are confident that the team will continue to strive to provide a quality service to our community. Please note that any residual funds held by Compass on lunch cards will be transferred to a new account and made available to students and parents in the new school year (parents may wish to allow their children to retain the balance of accounts to purchase items from the caterers that are not included in the new daily meal provided but the school, or request a cash refund).

The past year has had many special events and highlights, and there are still a few more to come!

- On Monday Secondary students will participate in **Secondary Sports Day** activities, before attending the **Athletics Awards Ceremony** at 1:50PM. The athletics awards celebrate student sporting participation and success throughout the school year.
- On Monday students and parents are permitted to start checking out library books for summer reading.
- On Wednesday afternoon at 12:50PM we will celebrate the completion of Elementary school studies for our Grade 5 students at the **Grade 5 Transition Ceremony**. Congratulations to the Grade 5 students who now move onto the exciting adventures of middle school.

**Upcoming World Celebration Dates...**

Sunday - June 2, 2024 Italy's Republic Day

Republic Day, also known as Festa della Repubblica in Italian (Festival of the Republic), is a national holiday in Italy on June 2 each year. It celebrates the day when Italians voted to abolish the monarchy in 1946 so their country could become a republic.

Wednesday - June 5, 2024 Denmark's Constitution Day

Constitution Day (Grundlovsdag), observed on June 5, commemorates the anniversary of the signing of the Danish constitution of 1849, which established Denmark as a constitutional monarchy, and honors the constitution of 1953, which was adopted on the same date.

Thursday - June 6, 2024 National Day of Sweden

This is the date on which Gustav Vasa was crowned king in 1523, which laid the foundation of Sweden as an independent state, and on which a new, important constitution was adopted in 1809.



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- On Thursday morning at 8:25AM we will celebrate the academic progress and achievements of many of our Secondary students at the end of year **Secondary Awards Ceremony**.

The last day of school for the 2023-24 school year will be next Friday, 7 June. Friday is a half-day only and **school will end at 11:45am.** Buses will depart school at 12PM (noon). Please note that there will be no lunch service on Friday. **Please also note that all departure forms must be completed no later than next Thursday!**

Students will be issued with their personal copy of the **2023-24 International^{ist} Yearbook** on Friday morning. Special thanks to the Marketing and Communications Office for producing such a wonderful memento for us all to enjoy.

Students will also be given their Semester 2 Progress Reports before returning home on Friday. I wish to congratulate all of our students on the wonderful progress that they have made this year. We are all very proud of their many accomplishments and know that next year will bring even more. If parents have any questions or concerns about the reports, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the school administration. **Please also note that if departure documentation is not completed by Thursday afternoon, we will be unable to issue report cards and yearbooks on Friday.**

The end of year is an exciting time for us all as we look forward to a well-earned rest and possibly a return to our homes and families, or an exciting adventure here in China or in another country. Unfortunately, it is also a time at which we must bid farewell to students, friends, and colleagues. **On behalf of all of us who will remain in Tianjin next year, I would like to wish the IST families that will be leaving our school every happiness in their new schools and homes.**

Every year we must also farewell members of our school staff and I would like to take this moment to thank the following staff members for all that they have contributed to our students and community:



Frances Tschöepel
(Marketing)



Lori Zhai
(English)



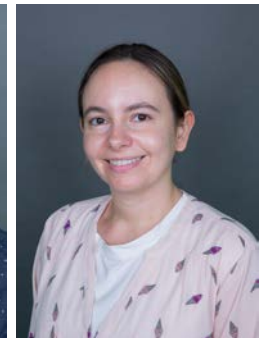
Mike Silber
(Humanities)



Deb Kienzle
(Library)



John Altamirano
(STEM)



Katie Guye
(Grade 2)

Finally, on behalf of all of us here at the school, I wish to once again thank our parent community for entrusting their children's education to our school, and our students for being such fine representatives of their own countries and cultures. Thank you to the IST Board of Governors for their constant guidance and support, and to the committed staff of IST for being such a terrific team and for making IST a friendly place where the needs of our students come first. **I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday!**

Warmest regards

Steve Moody
Director

PS: The first day of school for the 2024-25 school year is Monday 12 August!

the Parent Partnership

While our students are getting ready for their summer free time, some parents might become concerned about “Summer Slide.”

“Summer slide” is a phenomenon in which students lose some of the learning and skills they achieved in the previous school year over the summer break, especially their knowledge in reading and math.

This week’s Parent Partnership offers you some tips on how to prevent this academic slide over the summer and ensure that your child’s educational progress continues uninterrupted.



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IST Library & Information Literacy Center

Our Mission

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.

Summer Reading

Summer checkout permission slips went home with students this week and are also available at the library circulation desk. Please return by Monday if you would like for your child to borrow books over the summer holidays.

Ebooks and audiobooks are also available through Sora (Overdrive). This is a great alternative to physical books when traveling, and there is a wide-range of new and high-interest titles available.

All students in grades 4 and up have IST library Sora accounts. Parent accounts can also be created upon request! Please contact the IST Elementary librarian to request an account or login details at Linnea_Simon@istianjin.org.cn.

Scan the QR code below or use this link to access the digital library: <https://soraapp.com/library/istianjin>. Sora is also available as an app. *VPN may be required to access.

SUMMER BOOK CHECKOUT

My child, _____ in class _____ has my permission to check out books over the summer holiday.

My child may check out up to ten (10) books for the summer holiday.

My child may check out up to twenty (20) books for the summer holiday.

Parent signature: _____

Please Note:

- All books are due the first week of the 2024-25 school year.
- You are responsible for any lost or damaged books.
- Please do not take IST library books out of China.

Return this form by
Monday,
June 3

Summer Checkout:
June 3-6

Please send an extra bag to take the books home

IST LIBRARY SUMMER CHECKOUT PERMISSION SLIP



Parent Book Club in August

Our next Parent Book Club selection is the memoir *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. We will meet to discuss this book in August when we return to school. The library has copies of the book in English, Chinese, 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.



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FRIDAY 31 MAY 2024



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THURSDAY
6 JUNE

MIDDLE YEARS UNIVERSITY

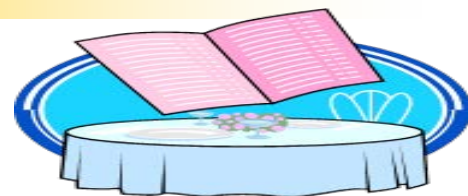
MIDDLE YEARS UNIVERSITY (MYU) PROVIDES MYP STUDENTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN PROJECT-BASED LEARNING. JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS!

WHERE: DELI MARCHE
WHEN: 10AM - 12:50PM

DON'T MISS THE CHANCE TO EXPLORE THIS YEAR'S EXCITING PROJECTS, INCLUDING "AXIS AND ALLIES," "BOARD GAME PARTY," "DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS," AND "THE CULINARY COMPASS." AND THAT'S NOT ALL—THERE'S EVEN MORE TO DISCOVER!



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EAT LEARN LIVE						MENU G2-G12					
	Monday 2024-06-03	Tuesday 2024-06-04	Wednesday 2024-06-05	Thursday 2024-06-06	Friday 2024-06-07						
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	Penne Tomato with Creamy Cheese Sauce 奶油芝士焗面 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Allergy: milk, flour, cheese	Chicken and Ham Roll 火腿芝士鸡肉卷 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Roasted Potatoes 烤土豆 Allergy: milk, herb	Chili Con Carne 墨西哥炒牛肉馅 Steamed Black Beans 蒸黑豆 Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: beef, pepper, onion, cumin, cajun seasoning, black beans	Chicken Burger 鸡肉汉堡 French Fries 薯条 Allergy: chicken, flour, tomato, cucumber, lettuce, mayonnaise							
Asian From The Wok/Noodle Station	Eggplant and Potato Stewed 地三鲜 Spicy Tofu 麻辣豆腐 Allergy: chili, soya sauce	Beef Teriyaki 日式肥牛饭 Stir fry Cabbage 炒洋白菜 Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: beef, flour	Pork Dumplings 猪肉水饺 Cucumber Salad 拌黄瓜 Allergy: wheat, soya sauce	Noodles with Pork Soup 豚骨拉面 boiled Vegetable 煮蔬菜 Allergy: flour, pork							
Vegetarian		Sauteed Potatoes 干锅土豆	Vegetables and Egg Dumplings 蔬菜鸡蛋水饺	Vegetables Burger 蔬菜汉堡							
Soup	Tomato and Egg Soup 西红柿鸡蛋汤	Pumpkin Soup 南瓜汤	Borch 罗宋汤	Tomato and Egg Soup 西红柿鸡蛋汤							
Dessert	Swiss Roll 瑞士卷	Mini Muffin 小玛芬	Mousse 木司	Carrot Cake 胡萝卜蛋糕							
Nutritional reading over the week 每周营养分析		Energy 热量 (Kcal) 715	Protein 蛋白质 (g) 26	Carbohydrate 碳水化合物 (g) 102	Fat 脂肪 (g) 16						
Nutritional recommendation 营养建议		725	25	100	25						

EAT LEARN LIVE						MENU NURSERY-G1					
	Monday 2024-06-03	Tuesday 2024-06-04	Wednesday 2024-06-05	Thursday 2024-06-06	Friday 2024-06-07						
Snack	Yoghurt Fruit Cut	Carrot Cake Fruit Cut	Mini Pizza Fruit Cut	Vegetable Pie Fruit Cut							
Set Meal	Stir Fry Noodles 炒面 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Allergy: flour, soya sauce, oyster sauce	Chicken Curry 咖喱鸡肉 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: coconut, curry paste	Pork Rolls 猪肉卷 Sweet Corn and Vegetables 玉米粒炒蔬菜 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Allergy: flour, pork, soya sauce, green garlic	Baked Fusilli w/Meat patty 螺旋面配牛肉饼 Stir Fry Zucchini and Corn 西葫芦玉米 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Allergy: Beef, onion, tomato sauce							
Fruit	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							
Nutritional reading over the week 每周营养分析		Energy 热量 (Kcal) 730	Protein 蛋白质 (g) 27	Carbohydrate 碳水化合物 (g) 105	Fat 脂肪 (g) 26						
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

Monday - June 3, 2024
Library Summer Books Check Out

Wednesday - June 5, 2024
Grade 5 Transition Ceremony

Friday - June 7, 2024
Last Day of School (Half Day)
Reports Sent Home
Semester 2 Ends

SPORTS DATES

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.

- ☺ Mr. Kennedy – Athletics Director
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- ☺ Mr. Silvis – Activities Director
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- ☺ Ms. Guo Ying – Activities Officer (CCA's)
(ying_guo@istianjin.org.cn)
- ☺ Ms. Durian Wang – Activities Officer (Sports)
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- ☺ Activity Office: telephone 022-28592003 / extension 8150.