

**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

I am delighted to begin this week's edition of Blaze with a piece of truly wonderful news. You may recall that I wrote to you at the start of the school year to inform you that new Elementary EAL teacher Sara Derwish would have to return home to Sweden to undertake emergency medical treatment. We have been in regular contact with Ms. Derwish over the past few months and earlier this week she confirmed that she has been given the all clear to return to Tianjin. All going well, **we fully expect to be able to welcome Ms. Derwish back to school by the end of the month** – Welcome back!



Another piece of really positive news was that **our Emergency Telephone Tree practice this past Wednesday morning was almost flawless!** Thank you all so much for getting up early and supporting this community safeguarding exercise. I do know that parents sometimes wonder why we use mobile phones rather than WeChat, and the simple reason is that a telephone call is the only sure way to know that all of our community members have actually been alerted to a potential emergency situation; not all members of our community use WeChat, but most significantly a WeChat message can often go unnoticed for several hours, by which time children may have been inadvertently placed in harm's way. Thank you for your understanding and support!

I also want to thank parents for coming out to school last week to attend **Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences**. I trust that you enjoyed the opportunity to meet with your children's teachers and to learn more about their school experience and learning, and to set goals for the remainder of the semester. If by chance you were unable to attend, or missed a particular teacher, or felt you had insufficient time, you are very welcome to contact the school or the teacher to arrange an additional meeting time.

A reminder to all parents that we have engaged a mental health and wellbeing expert to spend two days with us in school next week. Dr. Hyatt, from CALM International in Beijing, will spend Wednesday in school, working with students and parents, and then Thursday working with our faculty. **Dr. Hyatt will be delivering a parent presentation in the Han Teacher Center from 11:45AM through until 1:00PM on Wednesday**, and parents are warmly welcomed to attend. Transportation has been arranged as follows:

**Upcoming World Celebration Dates...**

Sunday - November 5, 2023 Guy Fawkes Night

Guy Fawkes Night (also sometimes known as Bonfire Night) celebrates the foiling of an attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament in London on November 5, 1605. The attack was planned by a group of Catholic conspirators, which included Guy Fawkes. Many people light bonfires and set off fireworks.

Saturday - November 11, 2023 Armistice Day/ Remembrance Day/ Veteran's Day

Armistice Day is commemorated every year on 11 November to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I, which took effect at eleven o'clock in the morning—the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918.





- 1 bus will depart Aocheng at 10:55AM, then Garden Villa at 11:00AM
- 1 bus will depart Riz-Carlton at 10:55AM, then Arcadia at 11:00AM
- 2 buses will return to the above locations at 13:10PM

A reminder to parents also, that **Thursday and Friday are staff professional development days**, and therefore students will not come into school! **I wish you all a most enjoyable four day weekend!**

Warm regards



Steve Moody  
Director



## the Parent Partnership

It can make us feel embarrassed or angry when our children are rude to us or others. But it's normal for children and teens to be rude sometimes as they are learning how to communicate and be kind. Therefore it's essential for us to validate their feelings before working out alternatives.

### Instead of "Don't Be Rude" Try

"I understand you don't like the food. Here's a polite way to say that:"



"I see what you are trying to say. I wonder if you can find another way to say it?"



"I don't love the way we're talking to each other. How about a do over?"



"We have guests over. What can we do to make them feel welcome?"



"Hmmm... I wonder if you can ask me the same thing another way?"



"If you don't want to do that, you can say 'No, thank you'."





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## IST Library & Information Literacy Center

### Our Mission

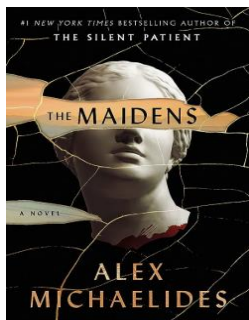
The IST Library is a friendly place where our community is inspired and challenged to think critically, read widely, act ethically, value creativity, and defend the right to access information.

### Library Week

A highlight of Library Week was the Library Assembly and Book Character Dress Up Day. Here are a few photos from this fun day that was all about celebrating the magic of books!



### Parent Book Club–November 28<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 in the library



Our next Parent Book Club selection is the novel *The Maidens* by Alex Michaelides. We will meet to discuss this book on November 28<sup>th</sup>, in the library. The library has copies of the book in English and Chinese. 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 3 NOVEMBER 2023

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## Clive Pig

### Author & International Storyteller

At IST

November  
6-8



Magical Myths

Laughable Legends

Fabulous Fables



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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF TIANJIN PRODUCTION

MUSIC & LYRICS BY  
QUEEN



STORY & SCRIPT BY  
Ben Elton

# WE WILL ROCK YOU

ADAPTED BY  
Marc  
Tumminelli

young@part®

NOVEMBER  
16-17 2023

TARTS AT  
7:00 PM

FOUR POINTS  
BY SHERATON

Tianjin National  
Convention and  
Exhibition Center  
福朋喜来登酒店  
国家会展中心天津



MARRIOTT  
TIANJIN  
NATIONAL CONVENTION  
AND EXHIBITION CENTER  
国家会展中心天津万豪酒店

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FISH & POTATO Cō  
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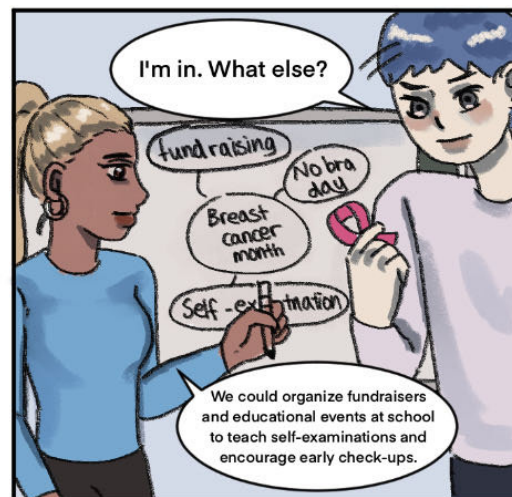
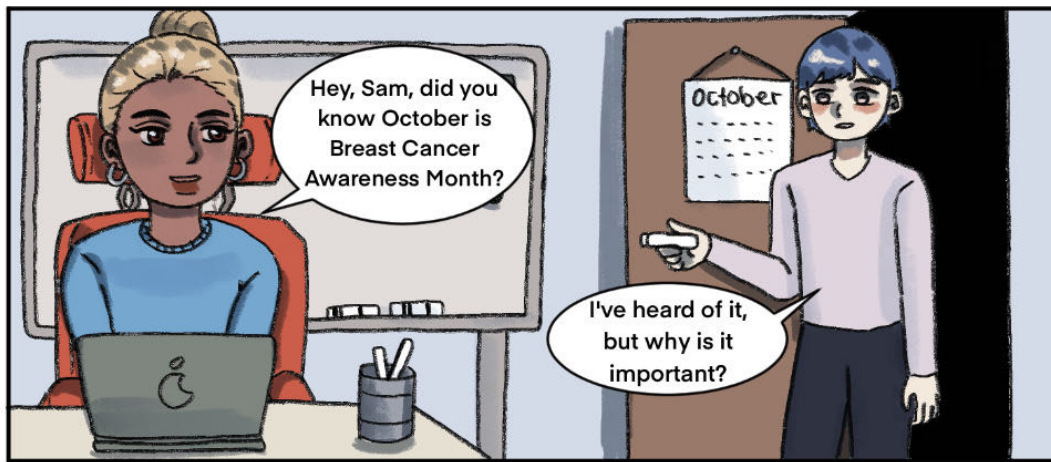


The student cartoon by Chris Ham, Mi Na Son and Ju Yeop Park, is part of a CAS project for the IB Diploma Programme. As such, the cartoon engages with a complex matter in an effort to bring nuance and perspective to a sensitive topic. This is in keeping with our schoolwide goal where we, "champion diversity of thought and the critical thinking and open-minded inquiry and learning across a range of topics and disciplines that deepen conceptual understanding and intellectual growth and independence."



## Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Illustrated by Mi Na Son G11  
Written by Seung Woo Ham G12



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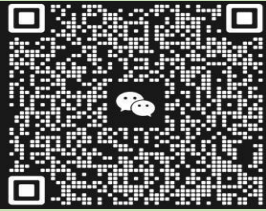
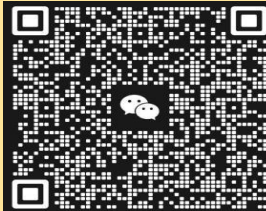
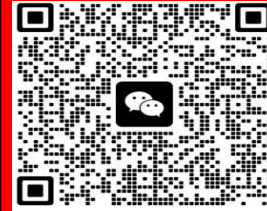
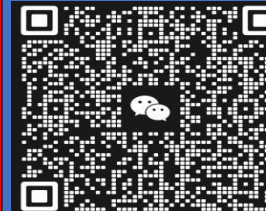


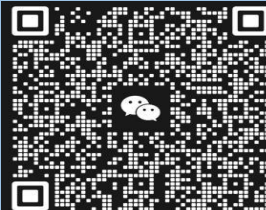
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### ACTIVITIES FOR PARENTS

Several activities and classes are available for Parents at IST. Want to enjoy Yoga or Chinese dance? To meet with other parents and do an activity that you like ? Do not hesitate, come and try!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:15/9:15am <b>Yoga with Vicky</b> 80rmb/class	9:00/11:00am IST Baby Dragons Playgroup FREE Under 4's PFO Room	8:15/9:15am <b>Yoga with Vicky</b> 80rmb/class	8:15/9:15am <b>Yoga with Vicky</b> 80rmb/class	8:30/10:00am <b>Chinese corner</b> Free
9:30/11:30am <b>English corner</b> FREE ELEMENTARY MEETING ROOM	9:30am/12am <b>Chinese Painting</b> 5 & below 100-110 rmb/class 6 above 50- 80even/class depending on the number of participants	10:00/10:50AM Zumba class ¥ 60/per person THEATER		
	9:30/11:00am <b>Chinese Dance</b> 60-80rmb/class			

All classes are held at IST, Black Box (Yoga/Chinese Dance) and in the room opposite to PFO room (Yoga/Painting). Scan the below QR codes to join the We Chat groups and get more information.

<b>Chinese Painting</b> 	<b>Yoga with Vicky</b> 	<b>IST Baby Dragons</b> 	<b>Chinese Dance</b> 	<b>Chinese corner</b> 
<b>ENGLISH Corner</b> 	<b>Zumba Class</b> 			



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## PFO COOKING CLUB

Food theme: 🇷🇺 The Russian Cooking class 🇷🇺

### Menu:

1. Eggplant rolls
2. Borsh
3. Stuffed Bell Peppers
4. Chocolate sausage



**When:** 15th Nov 9:30am-2pm

**Where:** IST Elementary Kitchen

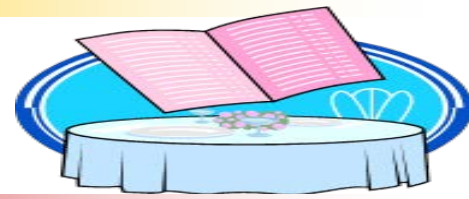
**Host:** Mayya Sinyushkina

**Cost:** 100 RMB per person

Please join the WeChat group by scanning this QR code:  
Max 16 participants, first-come first-served.



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EAT LEARN LIVE						MENU G3-G12							
		Monday 2023-11-6	Tuesday 2023-11-7	Wednesday 2023-11-8	Thursday 2023-11-9	Friday 2023-11-10							
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		Basil and Pine Nut Noodles 罗勒松子面		Pan-fried chicken steak with onions 煎鸡排洋葱汁		Pan-fried beef patties with gravy 煎牛肉饼配肉汁		Chicken Burger 鸡肉汉堡		Spaghetti Bolognese 肉酱面			
		Vegetarian Shepherd's Pie 蔬菜派		Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬		Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬		French Fries 薯条		Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬			
		Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬		Herb Baked Potatoes 香草烤土豆		Fried potato wedges 炸土豆角		Allergy: chicken, flour, tomato, cucumber, lettuce, mayonnaise		Allergy: beef, cheese powder, tomato sauce, herb			
Allergy: milk, cheese, Pine nuts		Allergy: onion, soy sauce		Allergy: beef, pepper, onion, cumin									
Asian From The Wok/Noodle Station		Noodle with Tomato and Egg Paste 西红柿鸡蛋面		Sweet and Sour Pork 咕嚕猪肉		Braised Pork Taiwan Style 台湾卤肉		Korean miso soup 韩式大酱汤		Chicken Teriyaki 日式照烧鸡排			
		Sliced Potatoes with Pepper 青椒土豆丝		Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜		Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜		boiled eggs 煮鸡蛋		Stir fry Cabbage 炒洋白菜			
Allergy: wheat, egg		Allergy: wheat, flour		Allergy: pork, soya sauce, egg, potato, sugar				Steamed Rice 米饭		Steamed Rice 米饭		Allergy: Soya sauce, green garlic, ginger, breadcrumb	
Vegetarian				pineapple vegetables 菠萝炒时蔬		Stir Fried Potatoes with Carrots 炒土豆胡萝卜		Korean vegetable miso soup 蔬菜大酱汤		Spaghetti with Tomato Sauce 番茄意大利面			
Soup		Tomato and Egg Soup 西红柿鸡蛋汤				Borch 罗宋汤		Tomato and Egg Soup 西红柿鸡蛋汤		Pumpkin Soup 南瓜汤			
Dessert		Swiss Roll 瑞士卷				Mousse 木司		Carrot Cake 胡萝卜蛋糕		Chocolate Cake 巧克力蛋糕			
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		715		26		102		16					
Nutritional recommendation 营养建议		725		25		100		25					

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		Monday 2023-11-6	Tuesday 2023-11-7	Wednesday 2023-11-8	Thursday 2023-11-9	Friday 2023-11-10							
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		Sauteed Chicken with Broccoli 西兰花炒鸡肉		Baked Beef Macaroni 小弯牛肉面		Teriyaki Chicken 日式照烧鸡排		Hamburger 牛肉汉堡			
		Sweet Corn and Broccoli 玉米粒西兰花		Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条		Stir Fry Zucchini and Corn 西葫玉米		Cauliflower with Tomato Sauce 番茄菜花		Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条			
		Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条		Rice 米饭		Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条		Rice 米饭		Roasted Potato 烤土豆			
Allergy: flour, tomato sauce, cheese, herb		Allergy: soya sauce		Allergy: flour, beef, tomato sauce, herb		Allergy: chicken, crumb, cauliflower, tomato		Allergy: beef, onion, 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		24		105		27					
Nutritional recommendation 营养建议		725		25		100		25					

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



## DIARY DATES

Thursday~Friday - November 9~10, 2023  
Staff PD

Friday - November 10, 2023  
Scholarship Announcement

Thursday~Friday - November 16~17, 2023  
Musical Production

Friday - November 24, 2023  
Christmas Tree Lighting@Shangri-La

## SPORTS DATES

02-04 November -  
ACAMIS HS Volleyball Tournament Nanjing

04 November -  
ISAC MS Football Tournament Beijing (Venues  
TBD)

## 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 1 Sport Schedule

- ☺ Starts Monday, 4 Sep and ends Friday, 17 Nov
- ☺ The program will run for approximately 10 school weeks
- ☺ No CCAs during holidays and PTSCs (conferences)

Season one includes:

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

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

- ☺ Mr. Kennedy – Athletics Director  
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