

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 trust that you all had a pleasant long weekend last week, enjoying the opportunity to spend a little extra time with your children. As you know our faculty and support staff spent the two days engaged in a range of school related work tasks and professional development. On the Thursday we spent the day with Dr. Hyatt from CALM International in Beijing examining ways in which we can better understand and support the wellbeing of our students, and then on Friday we focused on a number of curriculum related tasks, including beginning planning for our upcoming CIS/WASC accreditation evaluation visit in May. I was delighted to welcome a number of parents and students to school this past Wednesday afternoon to help us prepare for the visit by actively collaborating with our faculty and support staff to develop a series of inquiry goals related to learning and teaching here at IST. I will share these goals in the coming weeks once they are further refined!

Speaking of wellbeing, we are delighted to be able to welcome Ms. Sara Derwish back to school next week following a period of extended medical leave and treatment at her home in Sweden – welcome back Sara!

Last week I was chatting with a couple of parents who asked if our school was planning to publish some new promotional videos. Both parents were surprised to learn that we did in fact post three new videos last year when we first launched our new website. Unfortunately, it seems that the frame for the videos don't always launch immediately and it is possible that some parents accidentally skip over the videos, not realizing that they are still in the process of loading. Just in case you haven't yet seen the videos, I have copied the website links below for your reference; they are well worth a look! The first video is the longest and looks at our school as a whole. The other two focus on the elementary and secondary sections. Enjoy!

Whole school: https://share.plvideo.cn/front/video/view?vid=87099fb7156cbc8f3f855b850a1478e4_8

Elementary: https://share.plvideo.cn/front/video/preview?vid=87099fb7155699f9ccd5142fcedd5a96_8

Secondary: https://share.plvideo.cn/front/video/preview?vid=87099fb7159204b2216fb0a2b934d462_8

Upcoming World Celebration Dates...

Wednesday - November 22, 2023 Lebanese Independence Day

Eid Al-Istiqlal, lit. "Festival of the Independence" is the national day of Lebanon, celebrated on 22 November in commemoration of the end of the French Mandate over Lebanon in 1943, after 23 years of Mandate rule.

Thursday - November 23, 2023 Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day in the United States is a holiday on the fourth Thursday of November. It is traditionally a day for families and friends to get together for a special meal. The meal often includes a turkey, stuffing, potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, pumpkin pie, and vegetables. Thanksgiving Day is a time for many people to give thanks for what they have. The day is also marked by parades and festivities and the start of the Christmas shopping season.



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And while on the topic of school promotion, what could be better than a school musical production! Last night (and again tonight) our students wowed our community and friends with a tremendous performance of the musical **'We Will ROCK You!'** The stage and costumes and make-up all looked amazing; the sound and lighting was carefully and skillfully controlled; and the acting and singing were truly incredible. Congratulations to our wonderful performers and all of the other students and staff who have worked so very hard to bring this production to our community – the first in several years due to Covid. Ticket sales have been very hot for this evening but there may still be a few, so don't miss out!

While I was preparing this week's Blaze, I received the exciting news that Grade 8 student Ruby Yu recently won the Rotax MAX Kart Racing Challenge Cup and is the sole representative from the greater China area selected to compete in the 23rd Rotax Max Challenge Grand Finals in Bahrain in December! Congratulations to Ruby and her family; we will eagerly await Ruby's triumphant return!

Finally, a reminder to all parents that the first session of CCAs ended today. Session 2 will begin in just over a week on 27 November. Have a wonderful weekend!

Warm regards



Steve Moody
Director



the Parent Partnership

There have always been discussions about the association between resilience and children's well-being, and this becomes even more important in the post-Covid era. Resilience refers to the ability to bounce back from stress, failure, or even trauma.

While it may seem uncomfortable to some, it is crucial to provide opportunities for learning that arise from making mistakes. In fact, allowing children to learn from their mistakes helps cultivate resilience and is essential for fostering confidence, capability, happiness, and future success in adulthood.

At IST, we frequently remind students that "It's okay to make mistakes."

WHEN A CHILD MAKES A MISTAKE

Avoid shame, blame and punishment.

Instead of

- × "How could you do that?"
- × "I can't believe you forget that!"



Normalize making mistakes:

- ✓ "Mistakes can be good."
- ✓ "Mistakes show us where we need support."

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2024/2026 IST Scholarship Announcement

The International School of Tianjin is once again proud to announce its scholarship program for students in their final two years of school. The purpose of the scholarship program at IST is twofold: first, it provides an outstanding educational opportunity each year for a limited number of current IST students of exceptional talent who are experiencing clearly-demonstrated financial need; and second, it provides that same opportunity to a limited number of non-IST students of exceptional talent in order to enrich the overall quality of both our student population and our IB Diploma Programme. This latter group may or may not have financial need.

Description and Value of Scholarships

The IST scholarships are awarded for a period of up to two years to students about to enter 11th grade. The following scholarships are offered:

- Full scholarships: equivalent to the cost of all tuition (components A & B) for grades 11 and 12.
- Tuition scholarships: equivalent to the cost of tuition only (component B) for grades 11 and 12.
- Bursaries: equivalent to half the cost of tuition (half of component B) for grades 11 and 12.

IST scholarship students will benefit from an outstanding education in their final two years of school. Students who successfully complete the two-year programme will be awarded the IST High School Diploma. IST is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, and students have the opportunity to earn the full IB Diploma, which is highly regarded by competitive universities worldwide as an entrance qualification.

Selection Process

A maximum of three IST scholarships or bursaries may be awarded every year to current-IST-student candidates. A similar number will be awarded to students outside of the IST community. The selection process will include examinations, a formal interview, and a final selection by the IST Scholarship Committee of the IST School Board of Governors.

In making its recommendations, the IST Scholarship Committee will give consideration to:

- Candidates who demonstrate a high level of academic potential
 - IST candidates **must** have achieved honors/high honors or equivalent in at least 2 of the previous three semesters.
 - IST candidates **must** also include an outline of how they intend to contribute to the school culture and demonstrate the IST philosophy in their application statement.
 - Other candidates must be in the top 25 percent of their school class
- Candidates who have the ability to make a significant contribution to the life of the school
 - through heavy involvement in CAS activities
 - through active promotion of the IB Diploma programme
 - through active leadership within the school community
- Specifically for current IST students, candidates who have a demonstrated need for financial assistance.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

Students of all nationalities are invited to apply for an IST scholarship. Current students at IST with demonstrable financial difficulty are welcome to apply. A strong command of written and spoken English is essential. It is the policy of the school that a family cannot receive more than 1 full scholarship at any given time. Students with other family members currently receiving scholarships may not be offered scholarships for the full two years of the award.

Method of Application

All candidates should contact the school to receive an application package. **The closing date for applications is Thursday, February 1st, 2024.** Applications received after this deadline will not be considered. The scholarship examinations will be held on Saturday, February 24th from 9:00am to 2:30pm. Interviews with qualified candidates will be held on or about March 6th. Scholarship awards will be announced by early April.

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Required Documents

Students will need to obtain copies of their last two school reports. If they are in a language other than English, they must be translated and notarized.

From the Student

A Personal Statement that includes:

- Information about you and your interests.
- Why you are applying for the scholarship at the International School of Tianjin.
- Transcript from your current school that has reference to honor roll and/or class ranking
- A minimum of **two letters of reference** that detail the character of the applicant in terms of his/her honesty, integrity and maturity. Character references can be from teachers or other adults in a supervisory position but cannot be from family members or close acquaintances. *(For IST students, a brief email reference from a teacher can be sent directly to Mr. Conway)*
- For IST students, an outline of how they intend to contribute to the school culture and demonstrate the IST philosophy.
- Any other details relevant to your scholarship application.

From the IST Parent

If consideration of financial hardship is sought, parents must provide the following:

- Their own formal letter of explanation, detailing their financial circumstances.
- A letter from an employer which clearly states that tuition is not provided for by the company, either directly or indirectly (in the form of an employee stipend or a salary adjustment).

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The Scholarship Selection Process

Application

Students wishing to apply for a scholarship must submit the Scholarship Application Form **no later than 12:00 pm Thursday, February 1st, 2024**. This form includes personal details and educational background.

Students must also attach any and all required supporting documentation (see details in 'Required Documents' information).

Incomplete applications will not be considered and late submissions will not be accepted.

Examinations

Examinations will be held at the school on Saturday, February 24th from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Students will complete three examination papers

- a) Mathematics – testing mathematical skills and problem solving.
9:00am – 10:30am
- b) English – testing reading comprehension and essay writing.
10:45am – 12:15pm
- c) Science – a test of general problem solving, logic skills and scientific writing. This is not based on any specific course content.
12:30pm – 1:45pm

Interview

Following the examinations, selected candidates will be invited for an interview with the selection panel. The selection panel will consist of the Director, the Secondary Principal, the Diploma Coordinator and members of the IST Board of Governors. The contribution that the student can make to the school and their long term and short-term goals, will be the main points for discussion. Students are welcome to bring supporting evidence to the interview. Interviews are on Wednesday, March 6th.

Results

Candidates will be informed of their results by early April.

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Scholarship Application Form

Student Information:				
_____			Gender: Male / Female	
Family Name		First Names		
_____		_____		
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)		Age		
_____		_____		
Nationality & Citizenship		Native Language		
_____		_____		
Language(s) Spoken at Home				

Other Languages Spoken				

E-mail Address				

Schools Attended: (Begin with present school)				
Grade(s)	School Name	Location (city/country)	Language(s) of Instruction	Dates Attended mm/yy – mm/yy



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Please complete all parts of this application form.

Parent Information:

(Please attach a business card with your company name and address)

Father:

Last Name	First Name	Nationality & Citizenship
Company Name:		Position:
Address		
Telephone Number	Fax Number	E-Mail Address

Mother:

Last Name	First Name	Nationality & Citizenship
Company Name:		Position:
Address		
Telephone Number	Fax Number	E-Mail Address

Signatures:



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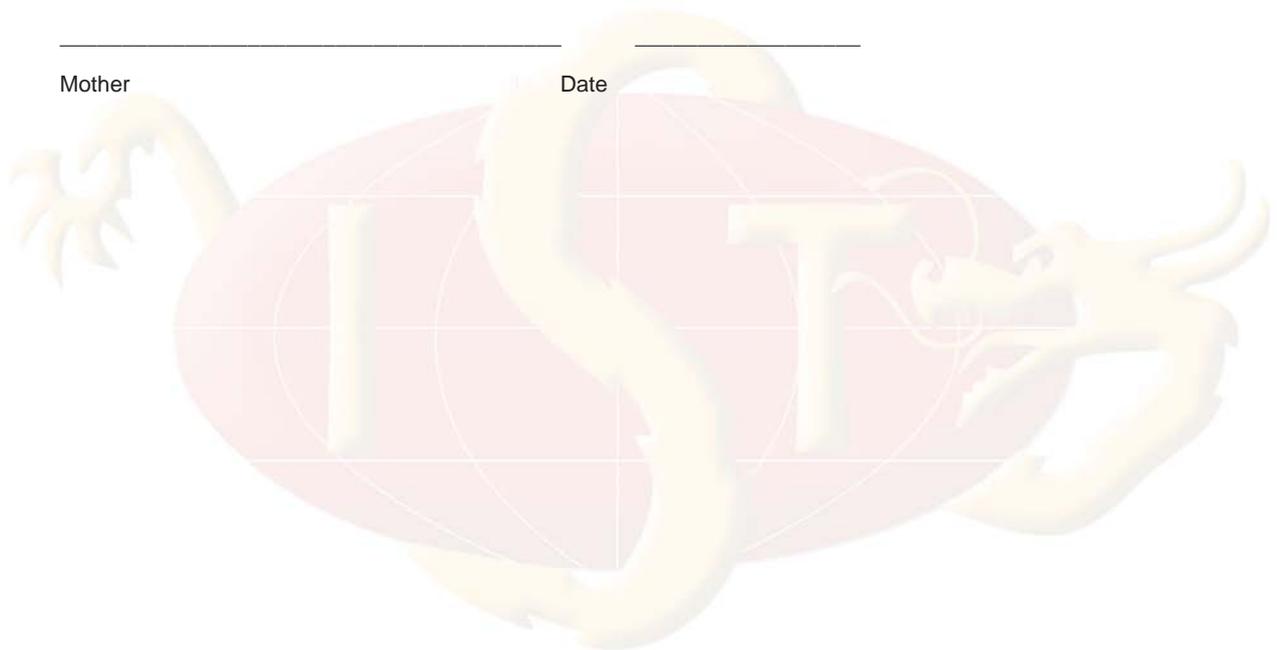
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Student

Father

Mother

Date



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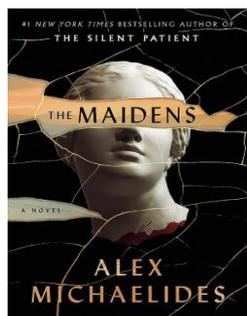
IST Library & Information Literacy Center

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.

Author Visit

The IST Library was pleased to welcome author Clive Pig for three days of storytelling and workshops from November 6-8. Clive, who is based in the UK, specializes in traditional and original fairytales and folktales from around the world. Over his 3-day visit, he captivated students in Nursery to grade 9 with his passion for storytelling and writing.

Parent Book Club—November 28th @ 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 28th, 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.

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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 Yoga with Vicky 80rmb/class	9:00/11:00am IST Baby Dragons Playgroup FREE Under 4's PFO Room	8:15/9:15am Yoga with Vicky 80rmb/class	8:15/9:15am Yoga with Vicky 80rmb/class	8:30/10:00am Chinese corner Free
9:30/11:30am English corner FREE ELEMENTARY MEETING ROOM	9:30am/12am Chinese Painting 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 Chinese Dance 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.

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



NOVEMBER 21TH

PFO tour to Tianjin Planning museum

Leave IST 9:30am come back at 2pm
Please scan this QR code to join the group



Come along and learn more about Tianjin city layout

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HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Come and Join the IST community to
celebrate the Holiday Season & Festivities
With over 20 vendors
Free Entry

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Wednesday, Nov 29th
From 9:30am to 2pm



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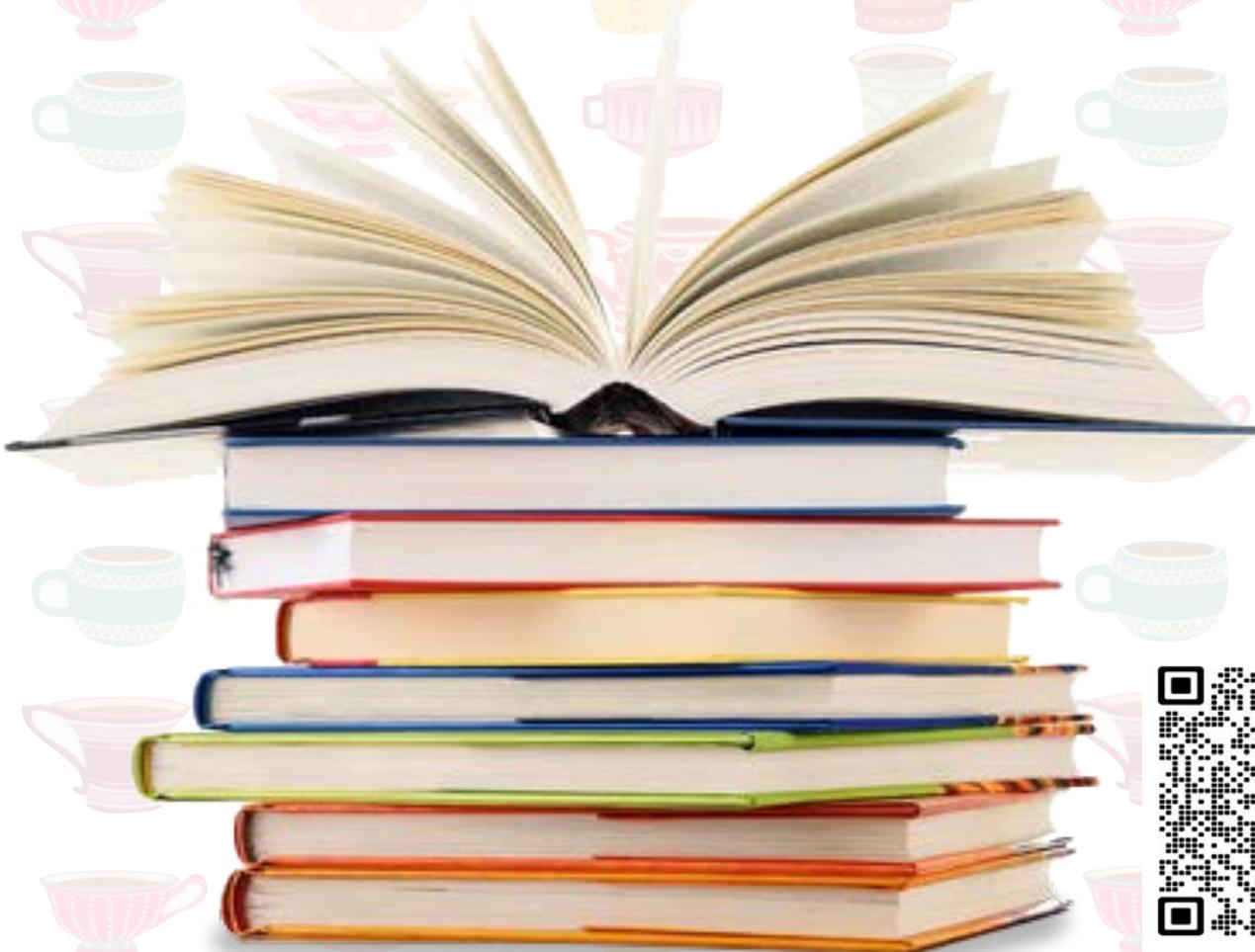
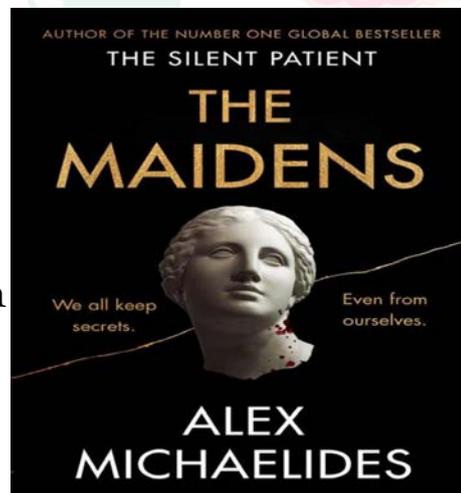
Come along to our monthly meet ups to discuss books and enjoy coffee & cakes!

This month's book is *The Maidens* by Alex Michaelides. The library has copies in English and Chinese.

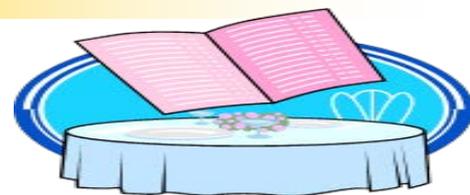
Our next meeting is Tuesday 28th November at 8.30am in the Library.

Even if you haven't read the book come along.

Book suggestions welcome. Hope to see you there!



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EAT LEARN LIVE						MENU G3-G12					
	Monday 2023-11-20	Tuesday 2023-11-21	Wednesday 2023-11-22	Thursday 2023-11-23	Friday 2023-11-24						
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	Grilled Chicken with Pepper Sauce 黑椒汁煎鸡排	Chili Con Carne 墨西哥炒牛肉馅	Chicken Burger 鸡肉汉堡	Spaghetti Bolognese 肉酱面						
	Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬	Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬	Steamed Black Beans 蒸黑豆	French Fries 薯条	Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬						
	Allergy: milk, flour, cheese	Allergy: onion, black pepper sauce	Allergy: beef, pepper, onion, cumin, cajun seasoning, black beans	Allergy: chicken, flour, tomato, cucumber, lettuce, mayonnaise	Allergy: beef, cheese powder, tomato sauce, herb						
Asian From The Wok/Noodle Station	Sauteed Tomato and Egg 西红柿鸡蛋	Steamed Rice with Sausage 腊味煲仔饭	Sauteed Chicken with Chili 辣子鸡	Korean miso soup 韩式大酱汤	Chicken Teriyaki 日式照烧鸡排						
	Stir Fried Eggplants with Green Beans 茄子炖豆角	Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜	Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜	boiled eggs 煮鸡蛋	Stir fry Cabbage 炒洋白菜						
	Steamed Rice 米饭	Steamed Rice 米饭	Steamed Rice 米饭	Steamed Rice 米饭	Steamed Rice 米饭						
	Allergy: wheat, egg	Allergy: soy sauce, oyster sauce	Allergy: wheat, flour	Allergy: egg, bean, pork	Allergy: Soya sauce, green garlic, ginger, breadcrumb						
Vegetarian		Steamed Rice with Vegetable 蔬菜煲仔饭	Stir Fried carrot and Cucumber 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	Pumpkin Soup 南瓜汤	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	Mini Muffin 小玛芬	Mousse 木司	Carrot Cake 胡萝卜蛋糕	Chocolate Cake 巧克力蛋糕						
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-G2					
	Monday 2023-11-20	Tuesday 2023-11-21	Wednesday 2023-11-22	Thursday 2023-11-23	Friday 2023-11-24						
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	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	Stir Fried Cabbage 炒洋白菜	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	Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条	Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条	Rice 米饭	Roasted Potato 烤土豆						
	Allergy: flour, tomato sauce, cheese, herb	Allergy: oyster sauce, 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						
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Morning snack offer available at 6 rmb, Snack are only available for daily set lunch consumers.

DIARY DATES

Friday - November 24, 2023

Christmas Tree Lighting@Shangri-La

Friday - December 1, 2023

Winter Show (N-G1)

Christmas Tree Lighting@RITZ

Friday - December 8, 2023

Winter Show (G2-5)

Monday~Thursday - December 11~14, 2023

Secondary Exams (G9-11)

Monday~Friday - Dec 18, 2023~Jan 5, 2024

Winter Holidays

Tuesday - January 9, 2024

ELA Entrance Testing

Wednesday - January 17, 2024

Semester 1 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 2 Sport Schedule

- ☺ Starts Monday, 27 Nov and ends Friday, 7 Mar
- ☺ The program will run for approximately 10 school weeks
- ☺ No CCAs during holidays and PTSCs (conferences)

Season two 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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- ☺ Mr. Silvis – Activities Director
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