



Friday
16 August
2024

Working Learning Acting TOGETHER



Dear Students and Parents

It is my pleasure to offer a very warm welcome back to school to all students and parents, and an especially warm welcome to all of the new members of our school community. I do hope that new families are starting to feel settled and that you have all felt warmly welcomed and supported throughout the application process and your move to our school. I also extend a warm welcome to the new members of the IST faculty and support staff, all of whom are already making a positive impression on the daily life of our school: Welcome Maddy and Kit Haines (Geography and History), Ted Guggenheim (MYP EAL), Jeff Errington (Library), Troy Pearce (Grade 3), and Yang Xiaomei (Marketing and Communications). I trust that everyone enjoyed the long summer break and feels well rested and ready for the busy year ahead!

Toddle: Teaching Learning and Communication Management Platform

As you are aware we have decided to move from our previous management platforms (ManageBac and Seesaw) to a new integrated platform called Toddle. All parents should have received email notifications and instructions yesterday inviting you to join the platform. If you're still having trouble logging in to Toddle with the instructions emailed yesterday (and sent home in hard copy today), please contact our database manager, Neo Zhang, at Neo_Zhang@istianjin.org.cn

Up-To-Date Contact Information

It is always important for the school to have your most up-to-date information to ensure that you receive important school messages. Please be sure to email Ms. Christina Song, the Admissions & Administrative Offices Manager at christina_song@istianjin.org.cn by next Tuesday 20 August if you have recently changed your mobile phone number, and/or email address. Thank you!

Amashine Cafeteria Service ... and Free Daily Lunch

This year IST chose not to renew our contract with our previous catering company (Eurest, which was being sold to Sodexo) and instead hired a new company called Amashine, who thus far, judging by student feedback, appear to be doing an excellent job! At the same time, the Board of Governors decided to not only not increase school fees but also to provide a free daily lunch service to all students (one of the wonderful benefits of a non-profit school!) If you have any questions about the character of the free lunch service or Amashine, please visit the school website at the following link: <https://www.istianjin.org/school-services/>

New Playgrounds

If you haven't yet had a chance to pop into the school, you may not yet have seen some of the latest developments on our campus (though I imagine your children will have informed you!) Over the summer we installed several new pieces of playground equipment, including new climbing struc-

CONTENTS

- [IST Library](#)
- [Secondary](#)
- [PFO](#)
- [Menu](#)
- [Diary Dates](#)
- [CCA](#)



Upcoming World Celebration Dates...

Saturday - August 17, 2024 Independence Day of Indonesia

The Independence Day of Indonesia is a national holiday in Indonesia commemorating the anniversary of Indonesia's proclamation of independence on 17 August 1945. It was made a national holiday by government decree in 1946.



tures (with slides, etc.) for the Qin internal gardens, a new three story 'Cubic' climbing structure at the end of the main avenue, three ziplines along the south-western end of the track, and new beach volleyball and padel ball courts near the OC gates. It is our hope that this new equipment, together with the new playground recently at the rear of the Han Building and our existing equipment will provide ongoing motivation for our students to get outside and to get exercise during their break times. I am also pleased to share the news that the new gymnasium to be constructed behind the current one, is on schedule for ground breaking in late September or early October! There were numerous other developments over the summer, but I will leave it to the Board to share this in their beginning year letter. In the meantime, get out there and have some fun!



Outstanding IB Diploma Examination Results

One of the most objective means by which parents can judge the ongoing quality of a school's educational programmes is through its university matriculation examination results. For the past five years IST has remained in the top 100 IB schools in the world (out of over 3500, currently #68) and top 10 in China (out of 159, currently #7). Not only have our student results been consistently excellent, we have continued to maintain a 100% pass rate over these 5+ years (and 99% over 20+ years). I am proud to report that our Graduating Class of 2024 have upheld IST's long tradition of academic excellence, as evidenced by their outstanding IB Diploma Results!

- 100% pass rate
- Average score of 36.3 points (vs World average of 30.3)
- 82% of students \geq World average
- 41% of students \geq gold standard threshold of 40 points (vs World average if 8.9%)
- Congratulations to the entire Class of 2024 on their outstanding examination success!

As important as academic results may be, they mean little if the character development of the students is not similarly valued and supported, and at IST we therefore maintain a deep commitment to ensuring that our students develop and uphold the best intent of our philosophy and learner profile dispositions. **One of the ways that parents can support the school in this commitment is to actively support our yearly community-wide goal.** This year IST teachers, staff and students (and hopefully you too!) will pay special attention to the IST learner dispositions of being 'reflective inquirers', with a focus on developing attitudes to learning that promote thoughtful consideration of the world and of our own ideas and experiences.

Community-wide Goal: Cultivating a Climate of Reflective Inquiry

As an internationally minded school community, we will strive to develop learners who thoughtfully consider the world and their own ideas and experiences. We will work together to cultivate a culture of reflective inquiry where all members of our community:

- Carefully consider their own learning and growth.
- Analyze issues from multiple viewpoints, seeking to understand diverse experiences and consider alternative solutions.
- Learn from mistakes and failures, using setbacks as opportunities for deeper learning and development.



THE BLAZE

Working Learning Acting TOGETHER



- Pause to think critically about assumptions, biases, and the reasons behind one's beliefs and decisions.
- Engage in ongoing self-assessment, setting goals for continued intellectual, social, and personal development.

After School Play and Parental Supervision

As you are aware, our school likes to make our facilities and campus grounds as open as possible to community members, including after school and during weekends. We must, nevertheless, have certain supervision expectations and ask that parents please adhere to these guidelines:

- **Children are allowed to play at school until 5PM** (in the rear, outside playgrounds and sports fields only), so long as they are directly supervised by one of their parents (but not their aiyis)
- **Children may not play outside if unsupervised (and this is especially true in our playgrounds!)**
- **Students and parents are asked to exit the school buildings by 3:30PM (2:30PM on Wednesdays)**
- Families can, however, remain in the PFO Community Lounge until 4:30PM; however, children are not permitted to play inside the building and are required to be supervised and engaged in quiet activities, such as reading or homework. If children wish to play, they need to be taken outside to do so.

Health and Safety: Fire Drill

As part of our community safeguarding efforts, we carry out routine evacuation drills. This morning we practiced a fire drill, and I am delighted to report that the conduct of students and adults alike was exemplary. The entire school was evacuated and registered in just 4 minutes 30 seconds! I am regularly involved in the evaluation of other schools, and one area that I know we excel in, is the quality of our evacuation protocols and behavior; today's drill really was something to be proud of!

IST Publications

All new families should have by now received a welcome packet containing a hard copy of the Parent-Student Handbook, and all families should have received a hard copy of the annual Calendar. The school's events calendar and handbooks are also posted on the school website as PDFs for your convenience. Returning parents can also be issued hard copies of the Parent-Student Handbook upon request. Please contact the school office if you did not receive your copies.

The new school year is an exciting time for us all, but it can also be a rather stressful one for children and their families – and especially so for those who are new to our school and to Tianjin. We understand these stresses and encourage all families to maintain close contact with the school to ensure that the needs of your family are understood and so that your transition is as smooth and positive as possible.

Again, it is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the new school year. Please remember that our doors are always open.

With warm regards

Steve Moody
Director





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.

Welcome back!

A warm welcome back to all new and returning families! As a reminder to parents, the library is your space too. If you'd like to borrow books for yourself or your children, please do! Just bring your IST ID card and the library staff will create an account for you. Our library has a diverse collection with books in many languages, including English, Chinese, Korean, French, and German.



Volunteers welcome

The library is always grateful to the parents that come in and assist with shelving books or other library tasks. If you are interested in volunteering for an hour once a week or every few weeks, please contact Lisa Fang in the library (lisa_fang@istianjin.org.cn).

Summer Books

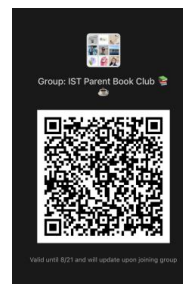
A gentle reminder that library books that were checked out for the summer holidays are due back this week. Please contact library staff at LibraryGroup@istianjin.org.cn or stop by the library if you would like a list of books that are currently checked out to you or your child.

Parent Book Club: Tue., Aug. 27th @ 8:30am in the library



Our next Parent Book Club selection is the memoir *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. We will meet in the library to discuss the book on August 27th. 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. Scan the QR code to join our WeChat group!



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



THE BLAZE

Working Learning Acting TOGETHER



We are A Jin and Henry from Grade 12, and we are excited to announce that IST has switched to using reusable cups instead of single-use plastic cups! This initiative is part of our CAS project, Plastic-Free IST, aimed at making our school an eco-friendlier environment. Given the significant environmental impact of plastic waste, we're adopting reusable cups to reduce our footprint and promote sustainability.

Starting now, the 'Atomic Café' (prior Delimarche) and 'Amashine' (Cafeteria) will offer three types of cups. For students who prefer to drink indoors, we have prepared 400ml to 500ml reusable bottle cups. If a lid is needed, students can request one to prevent spills when bringing drinks into the classroom, so teachers don't have to worry about accidents. Milkshakes and iced teas will be served in 400ml reusable cups, while iced coffee, smoothies, and cappuccinos will be offered in 500ml cups.

However, it is crucial that students return their reusable cups after finishing their drinks. In the Atomic Café, simply hand the cup to the staff. In the Cafeteria, return it to the designated tray where you place your dishes. For those who prefer to take their drinks outside, we also offer paper cups in the same sizes as the reusable ones. These cups are biodegradable, making them a more environmentally friendly alternative to plastic.

This initiative is a significant step toward making IST a greener and more sustainable school. We encourage everyone to participate in this effort by using and returning the reusable cups, and by choosing biodegradable options when taking drinks outside. Together, we can reduce our environmental impact and create a more eco-friendly community!





THE BLAZE

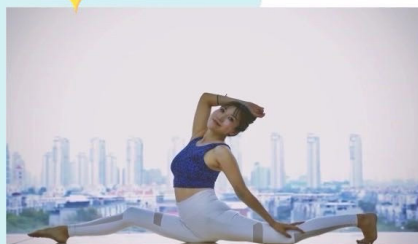
Working Learning Acting TOGETHER



Yoga with Vicky



- 1 Every Monday 8:15
- 2 Every Wednesday 8:15
- 3 Start from 19th August



Y

¥80 per person

OGA

location

Black box and Theater





THE BLAZE

Working Learning Acting TOGETHER

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

This month's book is *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. The library has copies in English, Chinese and Korean.

Our next meeting is August 27th at 8.30am in the Library.

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

Book suggestions welcome. Hope to see you there!





MENU NURSERY-G2

	Monday 2024-08-19	Tuesday 2024-08-20	Wednesday 2024-08-21	Thursday 2024-08-22	Friday 2024-08-23
Snack	Yoghurt Fruit Cut	Carrot Cake Fruit Cut	Mini Pizza Fruit Cut	Vegetable Pie Fruit Cut	Cheese Sandwich 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	Noodles with Tomato Sauce 西红柿鸡蛋打卤面 Stir Fry Zucchini and Corn 西葫玉米 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Allergy: dried tofu, egg	Chicken burger 鸡肉汉堡 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Roasted Potato 烤土豆 Allergy: chicken, wheat
Fruit	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day
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

MENU G3-G12

	Monday 2024-08-19	Tuesday 2024-08-20	Wednesday 2024-08-21	Thursday 2024-08-22	Friday 2024-08-23
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	Parmigiana Eggplant 意式芝士烤茄子 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Mashed Potatoes 土豆泥 Allergy: milk, wheat, 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, cheese, 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	Chicken Burger 鸡肉汉堡 French Fries 薯条 Allergy: chicken, flour, mayonnaise	Beef Goulash 红烩牛肉 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: beef, tomato sauce, herb
Asian From The Wok/Noodle Station	Stir Fried Tomato with Egg 西红柿鸡蛋 Stir Fried Potatoes with Green Pepper 青椒土豆丝 Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: egg	Stir Fried Pork with Chili 韩式辣椒炒猪肉 Stir fry Cabbage 炒洋白菜 Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: chili, pork, garlic	Stir Fried Chicken with Lemon 柠檬炒鸡 Stir fry Vegetables 炒时蔬 Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: soya sauce	Pork Teriyaki 日式照烧猪排 Stir fry Vegetables 炒时蔬 Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: Soya sauce, garlic	Indonesia Fried Rice with Chicken 印尼炒米饭配鸡肉 Stir fry Vegetables 炒时蔬 Shrimp Cracker 虾片 Allergy: samba sauce, onion, egg, ginger, shrimp cracker
Noodle Dishes	Noodle with Pork in Korean Bean Paste or Chili Pasta 韩式炸酱面/火鸡面 Fried Eggs 煎鸡蛋 Allergy: egg, bean	Noodles with Pork Soup 豚骨拉面 boiled Vegetable 煮蔬菜 Allergy: flour, pork	Pork Stewed in Pita Bread 白吉馍夹五花肉 Stir fry Potatoes 炆土豆丝 Allergy: soy sauce, oyster sauce	Noodles with Seafood Broth 三鲜打卤面 boiled Vegetable 煮蔬菜 Allergy: dried tofu, shrimp	Eggplant with Ground Pork 大饼茄夹 Mixed Vegetables 素什锦 Allergy: pork, eggplant
Vegetarian		Noodle with Tomato Sauce 番茄面	Vegetables in Pita Bread 饼夹蔬菜	Noodles in Vegetable Sauce 打卤素面	Frice Rice with Vegetables 蔬菜炒饭
Soup	Tomato and Egg Soup 西红柿鸡蛋汤	Pumpkin Soup 南瓜汤	Red Bean Soup 红豆薏米汤	Tomato and Egg Soup 西红柿鸡蛋汤	Vegetable and Egg Soup 蔬菜鸡蛋汤
Dessert	Banana Bread 香蕉包	Cookies 饼干	Swiss Roll 瑞士卷	Apple Pie 苹果派	Fruit Tart 水果塔



DIARY DATES

Tuesday - August 27, 2024
Secondary Open House

Thursday - August 29, 2024
Elementary Open House

Thursday - September 5, 2024
IST Birthday

Monday~Friday - September 9~13, 2024
Week Without Walls (G6-12)

Saturday - September 14, 2024
Staff PD

SPORTS DATES

WELCOME TO THE IST SPORTS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CCA) PROGRAM FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Please take note of the following dates:

Season 1 Sport Schedule

- ☺ Starts Monday, 2 Sep and ends Friday, 15 Nov
- ☺ The program will run for approximately 10 school weeks
- ☺ No CCAs during holidays and PTSCs (conferences)

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

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