



# THE BLAZE

Working Learning Acting TOGETHER



## Dear Students and Parents

I would like to begin this week's edition of Blaze by congratulating all of our students — and especially our new students— on a fine start to the year. For the most part students appear to have adjusted well to new classes, teachers and routines, and the school year already feels as though it is in full swing. It is also wonderful to see so many new friendships forming and to see IST students interacting so willingly and positively with their peers and teachers. That said, the start of a new year can be stressful for new and returning students alike, and for those who are not yet able to communicate effectively in English, and we encourage parents to please come in to see us if you have specific concerns.

As part of our **annual community orientation programme**, our school hosts a series of events over the first few weeks that provide an opportunity for parents to learn more about our school and its programmes, to meet their children's teachers, and equally importantly, to meet one another. **Please be sure to make time in your calendars for the following important gatherings as we strongly encourage you to try to attend if at all possible!**

### TUESDAY 27 AUGUST

- **Secondary Open House** (See full details later in Blaze. A reminder email will be sent home on Monday)

### THURSDAY 29 AUGUST

- **Parent Faculty Organization New and Returning Parent Meeting** (09:00-09:45AM in Han Teacher Center) ... be sure to come along early for the welcome tea and coffee and snacks, from 08:00-09:00AM! See also, the PFO item later in Blaze.
- **Elementary Open House** (details were sent home yesterday, and a reminder will follow next week). A reminder e-notification will be sent home to elementary families next week, including details about transportation.

### **EVERY MONDAY MORNING, STARTING 26 AUGUST**

- **PFO English Corner:** 09:30-11:30AM. Come along and practice your English ... and enjoy an opportunity to chat with a member of the IST faculty!

### **Change of Contact Details**

I would like to remind all parents to **please inform the school office if there have been any changes in your email/mobile contact details since last year.** It is a matter of great importance that we maintain your most up-to-date contact information so that we can contact you directly, especially in cases of emergency. If you are unsure or know that you have recently changed your contact details, please telephone the school (2859-2001) or email Christina Song at [christina\\_song@istianjin.org](mailto:christina_song@istianjin.org)

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## **Athletics and CCAs**

IST's secondary athletics programmes started this week, with the general co-curricular activities (CCAs) sign-up forms to be sent out on Monday in preparation for the commencement of CCAs starting one week later on 2 September. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Guo Ying at [ying\\_guo@istianjin.org.cn](mailto:ying_guo@istianjin.org.cn) in the activities office if you have any questions about the activities on offer.

I wish you all a most enjoyable weekend.

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.

### New Books

The IST librarians order new books throughout the school year to help engage students with exciting new reads. Come in and check out all the new books that have hit the shelves since school started! We also welcome student, parent and staff book recommendations for the library collection. If we don't have a book you're looking for, let us know and we'll see if we can get it!



### 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](mailto:lisa_fang@istianjin.org.cn)).

### Summer Books

A gentle reminder that library books that were checked out for the summer holidays were due back the first week of school. Please ensure all books that were checked out over the summer have been returned so your child can borrow new books each week.

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> (before the secondary Open House). 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.



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



## Secondary Open House Event

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the IST Secondary Open House Event! The purpose of this event is to afford parents an opportunity to see the school in action and receive a basic introduction to some aspects of the school. We are also happy to offer Special Interest Presentations for parents who may wish to know more about these areas of the school.

### 10:00 – 10:15 Welcome Refreshments

Han Building Main Foyer

### Part One: Welcome Message – IST Theater

10:15-10:30 – Welcome by the Principal – Michael Conway

### Part Two: Special Interest Presentations (locations listed)

10:35-10:55 – Parents can choose to attend *one* of the following presentations:

- Parent Power! – **Han TC (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)** – Secondary Principal, Michael Conway
- The university applications process – **Literacy Lab 1** – College Counselor, Ambika Jyothi
- Toddle for Parents (English and Chinese) (中文/英文) – **Literacy Lab 2** – Joe Schaaf / Neo Zhang

11:00-11:20 Parents can choose to attend *one* of the following presentations:

- 青少年与健康心态: 讨论 (中文) – **Han TC (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)** – Counselor, Rebecca Jiang
- Projected vs predicted grades and the DP Core – **Literacy Lab 1** – DP Coordinator, Ellie Chuah
- Toddle for Parents (English and Chinese) (中文/英文) – **Literacy Lab 2** – Joe Schaaf / Neo Zhang

11:20-11:35 – Coffee / Tea / Refreshments – Atomic Cafe

11:35-11:55 Parents can choose to attend *one* of the following presentations:

- Criterion referenced assessment in the MYP and other facts – **Han TC (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)** – MYP Coordinator, Sarah McCord
- Mathspace in the secondary school – **Literacy Lab 1** – Math Department Chair, Trey Craig
- Toddle for Parents (English and Chinese) (中文/英文) – **Literacy Lab 2** – Joe Schaaf / Neo Zhang

### Part Three: Classroom Visits and Teacher Meet and Greet

11:55-12:05

- Parents are invited to freely visit classrooms throughout the school.
- Teachers who do not have a scheduled class will be available in the Atomic Cafe to meet with parent to discuss general issues.

**Please note that teachers are not able to conduct conferences about your child at this time.**

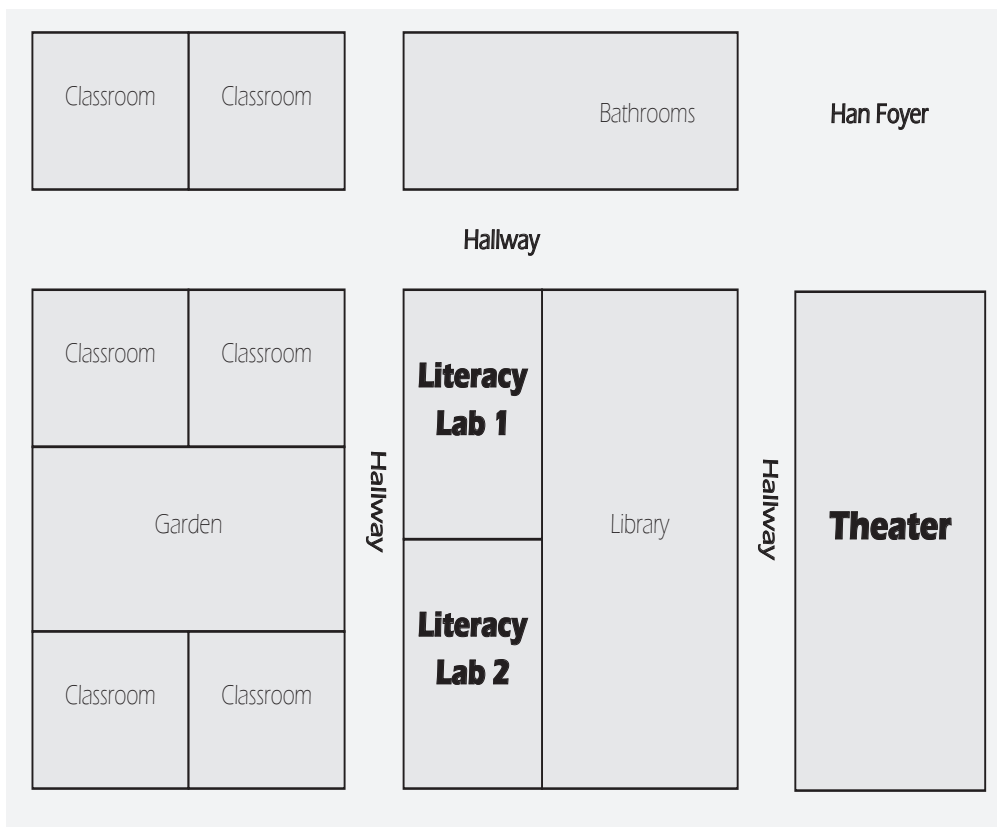


### Transportation Details

	Pick-up Time	Departure time
Bus 1	Aocheng 9:15am – Garden Villa 9:20am – Haiyi 9:35am – IST	12:10pm for all buses
Bus 2	Olympic Tower 9:00am – Ritz 9:15am – Arcadia 9:25am – IST	

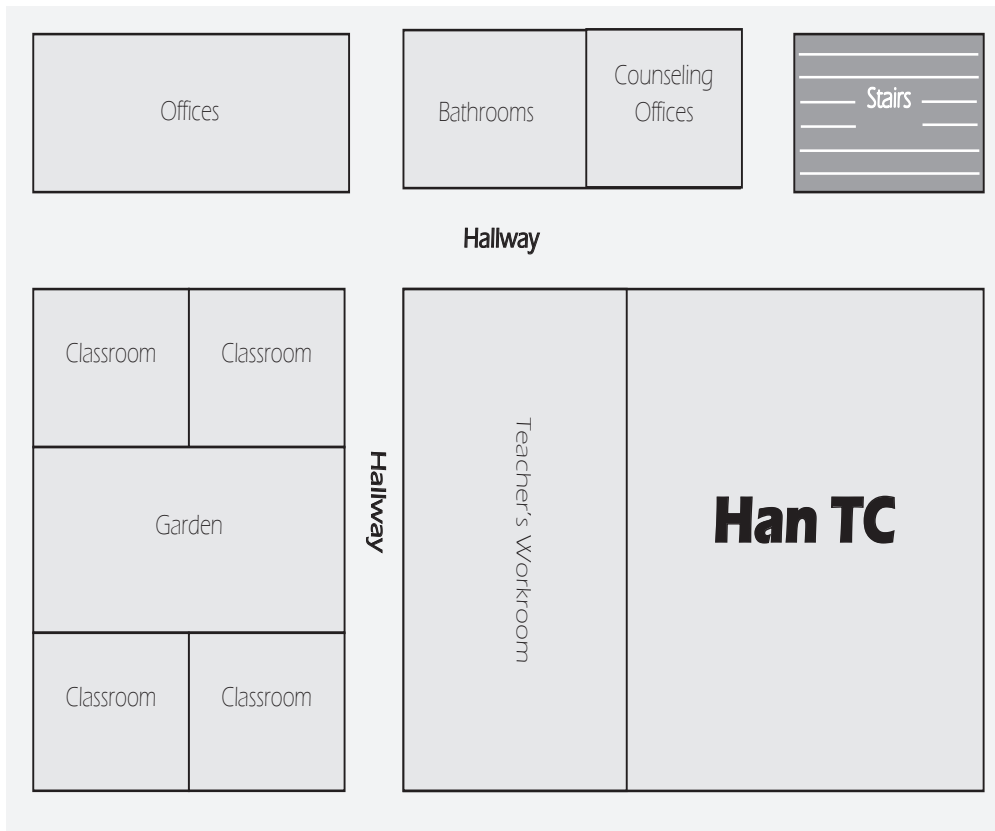
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## First Floor





## Second Floor





Dear Parents,

Next **Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> August**, we will be conducting our annual **Elementary Open House**, an opportunity for all parents and extended family members to visit their child's/children's school and classroom/s with a view to gaining further insight into the quality education we provide at IST.

***During Open House, parents will be able to:***

- Get to know the Grade Level Team
- Understand classroom organisation, routines and general expectations for all students
- Observe various resources used to deliver the curriculum
- Gain a deeper understanding of the curriculum and learning overview for the year
- View student displays and workbooks
- Interact with other parents and teachers
- Discuss ways to strengthen the home-school partnership and communication

***The following is a schedule for the day:***

**Bus Schedule:**

Bus 1: **8:15** Aocheng - 8:35 Haiyi - IST

Bus 2: **9:15** Aocheng - 9:20 Garden Villa - 9:35 Haiyi - IST

Bus 3: **9:00** Olympic Tower - 9:15 Ritz – 9:25 Arcadia - IST

<b>8:00am</b>	Tea, Coffee and Snacks with the Parent Faculty Organization (PFO-Han Building, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, for those arriving early)
<b>8:10am</b>	Early Learning Centre Presentation (Nursery/PreK) commences
<b>9:00am</b>	Welcome and introduction to the <b>PFO</b> (Teacher Centre, Han Building, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor) Upcoming events with the <b>PFO</b> (Teacher Centre, Han Building, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
<b>9:45am</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Principal's welcome in the Theatre (Han Building, Ground Floor)
<b>10:15am</b>	Bus Departure: <b>10:15am</b> IST - Haiyi Changzhou - Aocheng - Garden Villa
<b>10:30am</b>	K-G5 Classroom Presentations commence (1 <sup>st</sup> Session)
<b>11:15am</b>	K-G5 Classroom Presentations commence (2 <sup>nd</sup> Session, this is a repeat of session No. 1 for those families with more than one child)





**12:00pm**

**Lunch:** parents are welcome to join their children for lunch with a picnic lunch (outside) or a purchase from the cafeteria

**Bus Schedule:**

**12:35pm** IST - Haiyi Changzhou - Aocheng - Garden Villa

**12:35pm** IST - Olympic Tower - Ritz-Carlton - Arcadia

I look forward to meeting everyone and welcoming you into our school and classrooms. Should you have any questions or queries at any time, please don't hesitate to contact the office at your earliest convenience.

Kind Regards,

Cam Wallace

Elementary Principal





## Community Trip to Mongolia!

Discover the Wonders of Mongolia: Unveil its Rich Heritage, Culture, and Wildlife with Us!

This trip is designed for families and students from Grade 7 and above, who have the option to travel independently. It provides a chance to learn and collaborate, gaining a deeper understanding of our world and engaging with diverse individuals. This aligns with the IB curriculum and extends learning beyond the classroom.

Organized by Mongolia Quest, an experienced trip organizer catering to students and families from all around the world. All Quest staff are fluent in English.

While this is an out-of-school-hours trip and not organized by IST, two IST staff members (Mrs. Guo Ying and Mrs. Bekkenk) will accompany the group to ensure the experience of learning and well-being of both students and families.

Interested? Read more about the trip on the next page. Sign up with final payment deadline: 20 September.

Please get in touch with Mrs. Guo Ying or Mrs. Bekkenk through the following emails if interested.

[ying\\_guo@istianjin.org.cn](mailto:ying_guo@istianjin.org.cn)

[wendy\\_bekkenk@istianjin.org.cn](mailto:wendy_bekkenk@istianjin.org.cn)



Trip date: September 28-October 5, 2024

## MONGOLIA EXPLORER

An unforgettable 7-day adventure designed for students to explore Mongolia's rich history, culture, and wildlife. Experience nature hikes, visit historical landmarks, engage with local communities, and make a difference through volunteer activities!

 UB(Ulaanbaatar city) - Hustai National Park- Gorkhi-Terelj National Park - Ulaanbaatar city

 Starts from \$1,045(per student), \$1,465(per parents)

 All meals (B, L, D), accommodation,





## MONBOLI A MX PLORER

### Daily Itinerary overview

Day 1: Arrival in Ulaanbaatar and city tour.(Hotel Bayangol or similar; D)

Day 2: Visit Hustai National Park to see wild horses.

(Approx. 2.5 hrs driving, including stops;Moilt Eco-Lodge; B, L, D)

Day 3: Hiking in Hustai and travel to Gorkhi Terelj National Park.

(Ger camp; B, L, D)

Day 4: Explore Gorkhi Terelj National Park, visit Ariyabal Temple.

(Hotel Bayangol or similar; B, L, D)

Day 5: Visit ger districts and local schools for community engagement.

(Hotel Bayangol or similar; B, L, D)

Day 6: Volunteer at a local orphanage and enjoy a farewell dinner.

(Hotel Bayangol or similar; B, L, D)

Day 7: Departure from Ulaanbaatar.(B)

### Why Join This Trip?

Hands-on  
cultural  
experiences.

Educational and  
immersive  
activities

Safe itinerary  
tailored  
for students.





## MONGOLIA EXPLORER



### Students' land price:

**\$1,045**

(Based on 10-13 participants)

**\$945**

(Based on 14-16 participants)

Based on a twin occupancy;

### Parents' land price:

**\$1,465**

(Based on 10-13 participants)

**\$1,340**

(Based on 14-16 participants)

Based on a twin occupancy;

### Optional single supplement

**\$180** (Based on single occupancy)

### Land prices Include:

- Land transportation as indicated in the itinerary based on using a mid-size bus and luggage van;
- Accommodations based on a standard twin occupancy in UB hotel and ger camp;
- All meals indicated as B; L or D;
- All entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary;
- Mongolia Quest English Speaking guide throughout your stay;
- One faculty member free of charge for land costs;

### Net land prices do not include:

- International and domestic airfare; FOC's international airfare; personal laundry and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary; travel insurance; medical evacuation costs; excess baggage charges; visa fees; gratuities; photography and video fees and any other item not mentioned as included.
- Bottled waters per person per day.

*Estimating Flights cost will be RMB4500/head round trip.*

### How To Book This Trip?

- Fill out the Trip Application Form and email it to [info@MongoliaQuest.com](mailto:info@MongoliaQuest.com).
- You can download the form from our website: [www.mongoliaquest.com](http://www.mongoliaquest.com)
- A \$400 deposit per person is required, refundable until 90 days before the trip (minus \$250 fee).
- Final payment is due 90 days prior.
- Cancellation fees vary based on the timing.
- Payments can be made via wire transfer. Instructions will be provided.
- Tier pricing applies based on group size, with potential refunds if more participants join last minute.

### Contact us

✉ [Info@MongoliaQuest.com](mailto:Info@MongoliaQuest.com)  
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1 Every Friday

2 Chinese class ¥50/pp per class 3 times a month

3 The fourth class every month for free

## chinese class



Start from 23rd August

Friday 8:30-10:00

located at elementary meeting room

¥50 per week





## English corner

Talk with IST teacher



Start 26th August

Every Monday at 9:30



Scan the code to join







INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL of TIANJIN

*Weekly*

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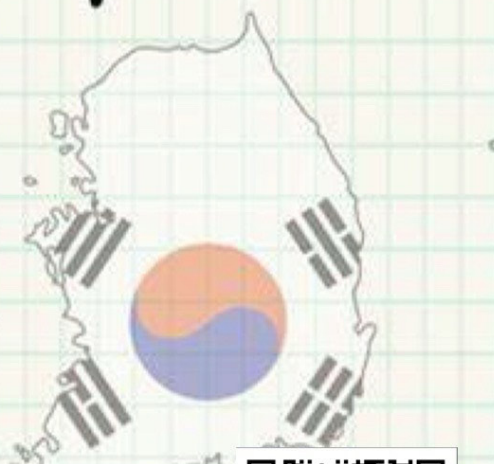
**KOREAN  
LANGUAGE  
CLASS**



감사합니다

**LEARN  
KOREAN**

Start from 26th  
August  
Every Monday



**Monday 1:00pm**  
Elementary Meeting Room  
50 RMB per person





## Chinese Painting

Welcome to join us!



### Cost

5 & below: **RMB100-110**  
5 above: RMB 50-80 depending on the number of participants

### Location

Elementary Meeting room opposite the PFO room

### Time

Every Tuesday from **9:30-12:00**







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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!





  
PARENT FACULTY ORGANIZATION  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF TIANJIN

*PFO Meeting  
Please come and  
join in!*

**Thursday  
29th August**

- 8.00 - COFFEE AND SNACKS
- 9.00 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO PFO
- 9.20 - DIRECTOR & PRINCIPAL INTRODUCTION
- 9.40 - UPCOMING EVENTS WITH PFO
- 10.00 - ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE

Meeting held in the Teacher's centre on 2nd floor in Han building.  
Take the big black staircase to the left of the library.





## MENU NURSERY-G2

	Monday 2024-08-26	Tuesday 2024-08-27	Wednesday 2024-08-28	Thursday 2024-08-29	Friday 2024-08-30
Snack	<b>Yoghurt</b> <b>Fruit Cut</b>	<b>Carrot Cake</b> <b>Fruit Cut</b>	<b>Mini Pizza</b> <b>Fruit Cut</b>	<b>Vegetable Pie</b> <b>Fruit Cut</b>	<b>Cheese Sandwich</b> <b>Fruit Cut</b>
Set Meal	<b>Fried Rice with Egg</b> 鸡蛋炒饭 <b>Cauliflower with Tomato Sauce</b> 番茄菜花 <b>Vegetable Sticks</b> 蔬菜条 <b>Allergy: egg, soya sauce</b>	<b>Pork Dumplings</b> 猪肉白菜水饺 <b>Sweet Corn and Vegetables</b> 玉米粒炒蔬菜 <b>Vegetable Sticks</b> 蔬菜条 <b>Allergy: flour, pork, soya sauce, green garlic</b>	<b>Stir Fried Chicken in Pita Bread</b> 荷叶饼夹鸡肉 <b>Stir Fry Potatoes</b> 炒土豆丝 <b>Vegetable Sticks</b> 蔬菜条 <b>Allergy: soya sauce</b>	<b>Baked Fusilli w/Beef Balls</b> 螺旋面配牛肉丸 <b>Stir Fry Zucchini and Corn</b> 西葫玉米 <b>Vegetable Sticks</b> 蔬菜条 <b>Allergy: beef, onion, tomato sauce</b>	<b>Pork Stew</b> 卤肉饭 <b>Vegetable Sticks</b> 蔬菜条 <b>Rice</b> 米饭 <b>Allergy: soya sauce</b>
Fruit	<b>Fruit of the Day</b>	<b>Fruit of the Day</b>	<b>Fruit of the Day</b>	<b>Fruit of the Day</b>	<b>Fruit of the Day</b>
<b>Nutritional reading over the week</b> 每周营养分析		<b>Energy 热量 (Kcal)</b> 730	<b>Protein 蛋白质 (g)</b> 27	<b>Carbohydrate 碳水化合物 (g)</b> 105	<b>Fat 脂肪 (g)</b> 26
<b>Nutritional recommendation</b> 营养建议		725	25	100	25

Morning snack offer available at 6 rmb

## MENU G3-G12

	Monday 2024-08-26	Tuesday 2024-08-27	Wednesday 2024-08-28	Thursday 2024-08-29	Friday 2024-08-30
Salad/Fruit	<b>Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar</b> <b>Fruit of the Day</b>	<b>Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar</b> <b>Fruit of the Day</b>	<b>Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar</b> <b>Fruit of the Day</b>	<b>Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar</b> <b>Fruit of the Day</b>	<b>Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar</b> <b>Fruit of the Day</b>
Western Food	<b>Cottage Pie</b> 土豆蔬菜派 <b>Stir fry Vegetable</b> 炒时蔬 <b>Allergy: milk, cheese</b>	<b>Grilled Chicken with Eggplant with Pesto Sauce</b> 罗勒煎鸡排 <b>Stir fry Vegetable</b> 炒蔬菜 <b>Roasted Potatoes</b> 烤土豆 <b>Allergy: chicken, breadcrumb</b>	<b>Pan-fried beef balls with gravy</b> 牛肉丸配肉汁 <b>Stir fry Vegetable</b> 炒时蔬 <b>Mashed Potatoes</b> 土豆泥 <b>Allergy: beef, pepper, onion</b>	<b>Pork Stewed with Plum Sauce</b> 西梅猪排 <b>Stir fry Vegetable</b> 炒蔬菜 <b>Roasted Potatoes</b> 烤土豆 <b>Allergy: cream, milk</b>	<b>Gilled Fish with Black Pepper Sauce</b> 黑椒煎鱼排 <b>Stir fry Vegetable</b> 炒时蔬 <b>Roasted Potatoes</b> 土豆角 <b>Allergy: fish, soya sace</b>
Asian Food	<b>Stir Fried Eggplant</b> 红烧茄子 <b>Tofu Stewed</b> 蔬菜炖豆腐 <b>Steamed Rice</b> 米饭 <b>Allergy: soya sauce</b>	<b>Thai Spicy Diced Pork</b> 泰式猪肉丁 <b>Stir fry Vegetables</b> 炒时蔬 <b>Steamed Rice</b> 米饭 <b>Allergy: soya sauce</b>	<b>Pork Chop Curry</b> 咖喱猪排 <b>Stir fry Cabbage</b> 炒洋白菜 <b>Steamed Rice</b> 米饭 <b>Allergy: curry paste, pork, garlic</b>	<b>Kung Pao Chicken</b> 宫保鸡丁 <b>Stir Fried Green Beans</b> 干煸豆角 <b>Steamed Rice</b> 米饭 <b>Allergy: chili, leek, soya sauce</b>	<b>Pork Stew</b> 台式卤肉饭 <b>Stir fry Vegetables</b> 炒时蔬 <b>Steamed Rice</b> 米饭 <b>Allergy: soya sauce</b>
Noodle Dishes	<b>Fried Udon</b> 日式乌冬面 <b>Fried Eggs</b> 煎鸡蛋 <b>Allergy: egg, sesame, soya sauce</b>	<b>Noodles with Beef in Tomato Sauce</b> 番茄肥牛面 <b>boiled Vegetable</b> 煮蔬菜 <b>Allergy: flour, egg</b>	<b>Stir Fried Chicken in Pita Bread</b> 荷叶饼夹炒辣鸡肉 <b>Cucumber Salad</b> 黄瓜拌面藕 <b>Allergy: wheat, soya sauce</b>	<b>Stir Fried Rice Noodle with Shrimps</b> 星洲虾仁炒米粉 <b>Stir Fried Vegetables</b> 桑巴蔬菜 <b>Allergy: shrimp, garlic</b>	<b>Noodle with Chicken soup</b> 川香鸡面 <b>boiled Vegetable</b> 煮蔬菜 <b>Allergy: soya sauce</b>
Vegetarian		<b>Noodle in Tomato Soup</b> 番茄面	<b>Vegetables in Pita Bread</b> 饼夹蔬菜	<b>Stir Fried Rice Noodles with vegetables</b> 素炒米粉	<b>Noodles with Vegetables Soup</b> 蔬菜汤面
Soup	<b>Tomato and Egg Soup</b> 西红柿鸡蛋汤	<b>Pumpkin Soup</b> 南瓜汤	<b>Green Pea Soup</b> 绿豆汤	<b>Vegetable and Egg Soup</b> 蔬菜鸡蛋汤	<b>Lotus Seed and White Fungus Sweet Soup</b> 银耳莲子羹
Dessert	<b>Banana Bread</b> 香蕉包	<b>Cookies</b> 饼干	<b>Swiss Roll</b> 瑞士卷	<b>Carrot Cake</b> 胡萝卜蛋糕	<b>Fruit Tart</b> 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](mailto:byron_kennedy@istianjin.org.cn))
- ☺ Mr. Silvis – Activities Director ([ben\\_silvis@istianjin.org.cn](mailto:ben_silvis@istianjin.org.cn))
- ☺ Ms. Guo Ying – Activities Officer (CCA's) ([ying\\_guo@istianjin.org.cn](mailto:ying_guo@istianjin.org.cn))
- ☺ Ms. Durian Wang – Activities Officer (Sports) ([durian\\_wang@istianjin.org.cn](mailto:durian_wang@istianjin.org.cn))
- ☺ Activity Office: telephone 022-28592003 / extension 8150.