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Dear Parents and Students

As the Winter holiday season races towards us, things are getting busy, and what better way to kick off the final weeks of 2024 than with our annual musical production. Yesterday's **opening night performance of 'Stepsisters'** was delightful, and in every regard: 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 wonderful. Congratulations to our talented performers and to all the other students and staff who have worked so very hard to bring this production to our community. I believe that there may still be a few final tickets available at the door for this evening's final performance - don't miss out!

Following immediately on the heels of the musical production, we dive deeper into the seasonal spirit with the annual **PFO Winter Bazaar** to be held on the second floor of the Han Building on **Wednesday from 09:30AM to 2:00PM**. Be sure to come along for some seasonal treats and some shopping ... and don't forget to give your children a little extra pocket money too ... they just might shop for you! A BIG thank you in advance to the PFO for arranging this fun annual event.

Next up on the seasonal agenda are the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies, with performances by IST's Elementary Choir and Secondary sextet at the Ritz Carlton Hotel next Friday evening, and at the Shangri La Hotel on Friday 6 December. All community members are warmly welcomed to come along to join in these fun seasonal events, kicking off around 6:15PM!

A reminder to all parents that Session 2 of after school activities (CCAs) commences this coming Monday. Please ensure that your children are aware of any activities that they are registered for, and that drivers and ayis who may be scheduled to pick them up after school (either at IST or at a school bus stop) are aware of changes in their after-school schedule. If you have any questions or concerns, please be sure to email Ms. Guo Ying at Ying_Guo@istianjin.org.cn

Finally, I departed Tianjin earlier today to travel to the United Nations International School in Hanoi, Vietnam to co-chair a team of 12 representatives from international schools across the region who are tasked with carrying out a week-long evaluation of the school as part of its ongoing self-improvement efforts within each of the CIS, WASC and IB accreditation processes. IST will undergo an identical team evaluation visit in May 2025! The visit will require that I be away from school throughout next week, and Mr. Conway will therefore be the Acting Director in my absence.

I wish you all a most enjoyable weekend, and a 5-star musical performance tonight!

Steve Moody
Director



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International School of Tianjin Scholarship Program

The International School of Tianjin (IST) is excited to announce its scholarship program for students in their final two years of school. This initiative serves two key purposes:

1. **Support for Current IST Students:** We offer exceptional educational opportunities to talented students facing financial challenges.
2. **Enrichment for Non-IST Students:** We welcome talented non-IST students to enhance our diverse community and the quality of our IB Diploma Programme.

Scholarship Details

Types of Scholarships

Scholarships are available for students entering Grade 11, with awards lasting up to two years:

- **Full Scholarships:** Cover all tuition and capital fees for Grades 11 and 12.
- **Tuition Scholarships:** Cover tuition fees only for Grades 11 and 12.
- **Bursaries:** Cover half the tuition fees for Grades 11 and 12.

Benefits

Students in the scholarship program will receive an excellent education, culminating in the IST High School Diploma. As an IB World School, students also have the chance to earn a full IB Diploma, **recognized by top universities worldwide.**

Selection Process

Each year, up to three scholarships or bursaries may be awarded to current IST students, with an equal number available for non-IST applicants. The selection includes:

- **Examinations**
- **Formal Interviews**
- **Final Decision by the IST Scholarship Committee**

Criteria for Selection:

- **Academic Excellence:**
 - Current IST students must have honors/high honors in at least 2 of the last 3 semesters.
 - Non-IST candidates should be in the top 25% of their class.
- **Community Contribution:**
 - Active involvement in CAS activities.
 - Promotion of the IB Diploma Programme.
 - Leadership within the school community.
- **Financial Need:** Consideration for current IST students needing financial assistance. (Non-IST students **DO NOT** need to demonstrate financial need.)

Eligibility

Students of **all nationalities** are encouraged to apply. Current IST students with financial difficulties can apply, but families may receive only one full scholarship at a time.

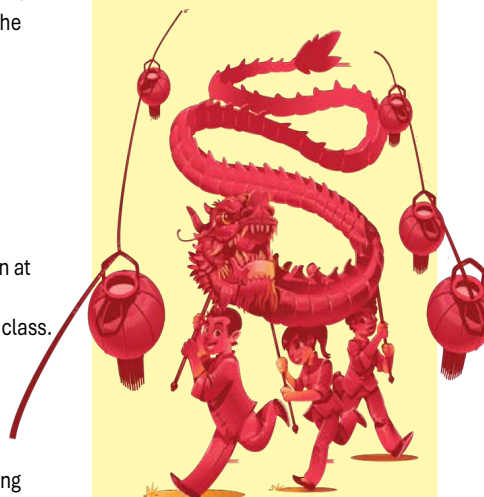
A strong command of English is essential.

Application Process

To apply, candidates should request an application package from the school.

Key dates:

- **Application Deadline:** 3:30pm, Friday, February 7, 2025
- **Scholarship Examinations:** Saturday, February 22, 2025 (9:00am–2:30pm)
- **Interviews:** Around March 5, 2025
- **Award Announcement:** Late March 2025





Required Documents

From the Student:

- Personal statement covering your interests and reasons for applying.
- Previous two years' report cards from your school. (Including IST students)
 - Certificates for any honors or awards received.
- At least two character reference letters (non-family).
 - IST students do not need a character reference but should give the names of two teachers who agree to support the application.
- Any other relevant details.

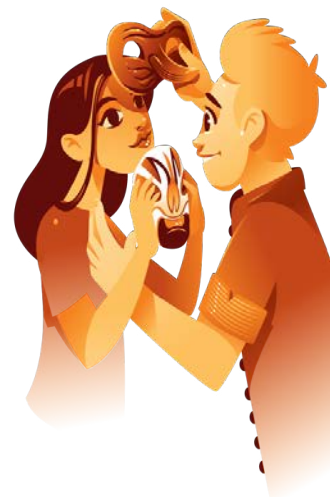
From the IST Parent (if applicable):

- A formal letter explaining financial circumstances.
- A letter from an employer stating that tuition is not covered by the company.
- Non-IST students **DO NOT** need to demonstrate financial need.

Application Fee

A **2,000 RMB** application fee is required, with the following conditions:

1. **Refunds:** Full scholarship recipients or those not awarded a scholarship will receive a complete refund.
2. **Tuition Scholarships/Bursaries:** The fee will be credited towards the standard application fee.
3. **Declined Offers:** Candidates who decline a scholarship offer forfeit the fee.



Scholarship Selection Process

Application

To apply for a scholarship, students must submit the **Scholarship Application Form** and **Fee** by **3:30pm on Friday, February 7, 2025**. This form collects personal details and educational history.

Important:

- Attach all required documents (see 'Required Documents' section).
- Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Examinations

Exams will take place at the school on **Saturday, February 22**, from **9:00am to 2:00pm**. Students will complete three papers:

1. **Mathematics** (9:00am–10:30am)
Focus: Mathematical skills and problem-solving.
2. **English** (10:45am–12:15pm)
Focus: Reading comprehension and essay writing.

3. **Science** (12:30pm–1:45pm)

Focus: General problem-solving, logic skills, and scientific writing (not based on specific course content).

Interview

After the exams, selected candidates will be invited for an interview with the selection panel, which includes the Director, Secondary Principal, Diploma Coordinator, and IST Board of Governors members. Discussion topics will include the student's potential contributions to the school and their short- and long-term goals. Feel free to bring supporting materials to the interview.

Interviews will be scheduled for March 5 unless otherwise notified.

Results

Candidates will receive their results by **late March**. Good luck!



Scholarship Application Form

Student Information				
Family Name		First Name		Gender (Male / Female)
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)			Age at time of application	
Nationality & Citizenship	Native Language	Language at Home	Other Languages	
Email Address				
Schools Attended (Begin with current school)				
Grade(s)	School Name	Location (city/country)	Language(s) of Instruction	Dates Attended mm/yy – mm/yy

Please complete all parts of this application form



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Parent Information		
MOTHER		
Family Name	First Name	Nationality & Citizenship
Company Name		Position
Mother Signature	Cell Number	Email
FATHER		
Family Name	First Name	Nationality & Citizenship
Company Name		Position
Father Signature	Cell Number	Email

GUARDIAN (If Applicable)		
Family Name	First Name	Nationality & Citizenship
Guardian Signature	Cell Number	Email
Address in Tianjin		



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.

Celebrating Nonfiction November



This November, explore the real world through our diverse nonfiction collection at the library.

With books for all age levels, there's something for everyone. Whether you're interested in history, science, or personal stories, find books that inform and engage.

Celebrate learning and discovery with us this month during Nonfiction November.

Stop by and pick up something new to read!

Parent Book Club

Our next Parent Book Club selection is the novel *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. We will meet in the library to discuss the book in December (date TBD). 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



Dear IST Parents,

I hope this message finds you well.

As we navigate through the first semester of the school year, I have noticed that some of our students, particularly in the secondary grades, are skipping lunch regularly. Many of these students also report that they do not eat breakfast often. I want to draw your attention to an important matter concerning our students' well-being: the risks associated with skipping meals.

Skipping meals, especially breakfast, can significantly impact students' academic performance, behavior, and overall health. When students skip meals, they miss out on essential nutrients crucial for their growth and cognitive function. This can lead to decreased concentration, fatigue, irritability, and potential long-term health issues. A well-balanced diet is vital not only for physical health but also plays a crucial role in mental well-being and academic success.

I understand that IST families lead busy lives, and mornings can be hectic. However, a nutritious breakfast sets a positive tone for the day and can greatly enhance their learning abilities and overall mood.

Here are a few simple tips to help ensure your child is getting the nutrition they need:

- Encourage a Healthy Breakfast: Include foods like whole grains, fruits, and proteins to provide sustained energy throughout the morning.
- Pack Nutritious Snacks: Providing healthy snacks can help keep their energy levels up during the school day.
- Utilize the IST Cafeteria: Remind your children that they can purchase breakfast from the IST cafeteria during morning recess if they miss breakfast at home.
- Review the Weekly Menu: Check the weekly menu provided by Amashine together with your children to plan meals they will enjoy.
- Plan Packed Lunches Together: If the lunch provided by the school doesn't suit your child's preferences, involve them in planning and preparing a packed lunch.

IST works with Amashine to provide free lunch for all students. The school regularly encourages Amashine to create nutritionally balanced meals, and the counseling department works with them to clearly label nutritional elements for each lunch. I urge you to prioritize regular meals for your children.

If you have any concerns about your child's eating habits or need support in ensuring they have regular meals, please do not hesitate to reach out to the counseling office.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

IST Counseling Office



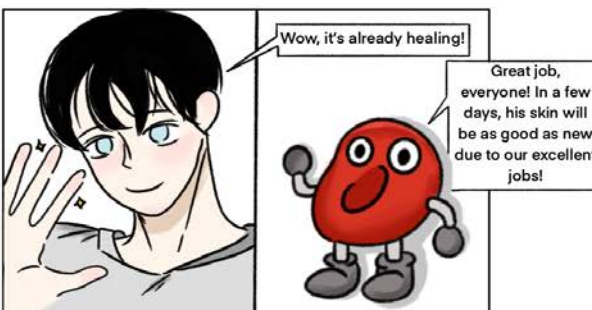
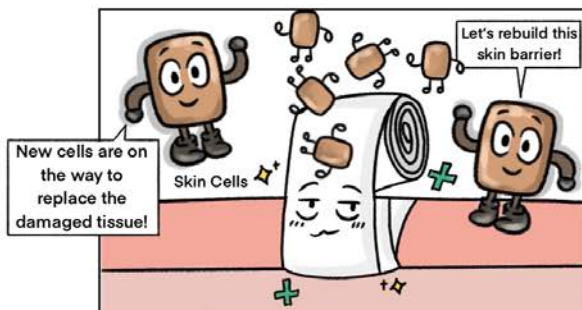
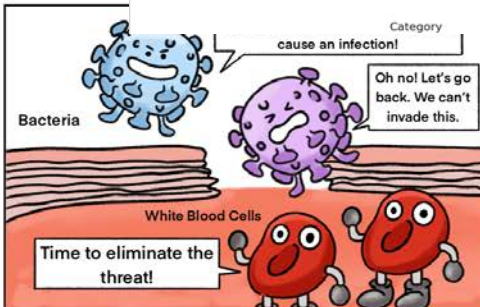
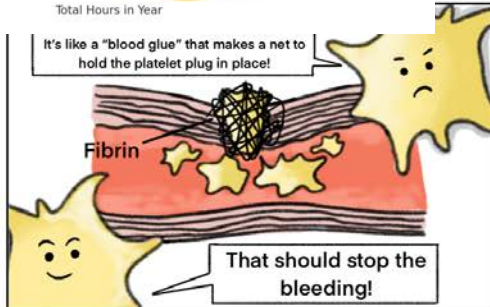
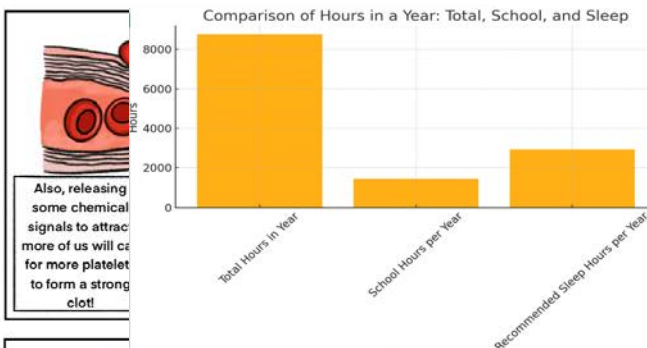
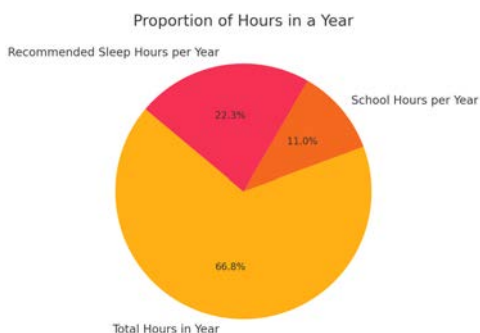


The student cartoon by Jiyun Lee, Ji Yoon Jung, Jeong Min Park, Ye Seo Choi, and Eun Sung Cho is part of a CAS project for the IB Diploma Programme. As such, the cartoon engages with complex health issues in an effort to bring nuance and perspective to a sensitive topic. This is in keeping with our schoolwide 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."



The Fight Against a Cut: Wound Healing

Illustrated by Ye Seo Choi G11
Written by Jiyun Lee G11



Credit Box:

- <https://www.webmd.com/first-aid/ss/slideshow-how-does-your-wound-heal>
- <https://www.healthline.com/health/skin/stages-of-wound-healing#stages-of-wound-healing>
- <https://medlineplus.gov/ency/patientinstructions/000741.htm>
- <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/treatment-tests-and-therapies/how-wounds-heal>



Dear Parents,

Get ready for a delightful treat,
Our show, "Singin' in the Rainforest,"
can't be beat!

From Nursery to Grade 2, the stage will
be bright,
As students sing of animals, a marvelous
sight.

With agoutis and toucans, they'll dance
and play,
Red-eyed tree frogs will hop in a joyful
display.

Ocelots and spider monkeys will join in
the fun,
While blue morpho butterflies shimmer
in the sun.

Boa constrictors will slither and sway,
Join us for this show—it will brighten your day!
We can't wait to share this musical delight,
Come cheer for our students, it's sure to be right!

Victoria Lee
Elementary Music



REMEMBER:

HS Volleyball Practices = Mondays and Fridays: 15:30-17:00

MS Football Practices = Tuesdays and Thursdays: 15:30 – 17:00

MS Badminton Practices = Wednesdays 15:30 – 16:30; Thursdays 15:30 – 17:00

Season 2 sports sign-ups went out this week.

In season 2 we have:

HS Basketball with practices on Mondays and Fridays from 15:30 – 17:00.

MS Volleyball with practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 15:30 – 17:00

We also have Wednesday Conditioning to help support our athletes to develop their athletic abilities.

If you want to sign up for a sport for season 2, please scan the below QR code.





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BLANKET COLLECTION

Bring your unwanted dog beds, blankets, pillows and towels
to the IST PFO Holiday bazaar
on November 27th!



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MONEY DONATIONS
ALSO WELCOMED

11.27.2024
FROM 9 AM TO 2 O'CLOCK



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Wednesday
Nov 27th
9:30am-2pm

Holiday Bazaar

Come and Join the IST
community to celebrate the
Holiday Season & Festivities

With over 30 vendors
Free Entry

International School of Tianjin, No. 22, Weishan Nan Lu, Shuanggang, Jinnan District, Tianjin,
300350,
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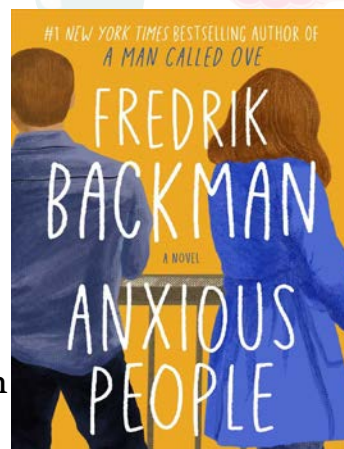
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Come along to our monthly meet ups to discuss books and enjoy coffee & cakes!

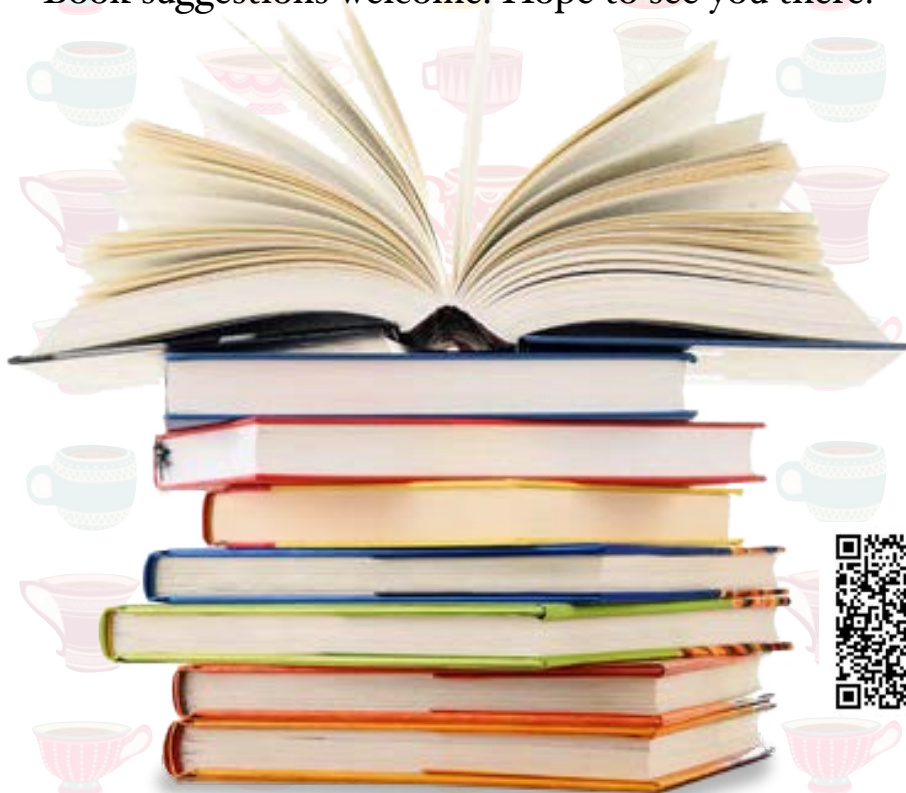
This month's book is *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. The library has copies in English, Chinese, and Korean.

Our next meeting is December 5th at 8.30am in the Library.



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

Book suggestions welcome. Hope to see you there!





Weekly Menu 25 Nov~29 Nov

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yoghurt Fruit Cut	Carrot Cake Fruit Cut	Mini Pizza Fruit Cut	Banana Bread Fruit Cut	Cheese Sandwich Fruit Cut
Pizza Margherita 芝士比萨 Stir fry Vegetables 炒时蔬 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 <i>Allergy: wheat, cheese</i>	Baked Fusilli w/Beef Balls 螺旋面配牛肉丸 Stir Fry Zucchini and Corn 西葫玉米 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 <i>Allergy: beef, soy sauce</i>	Chicken Curry 咖喱鸡排 Plain Rice 米饭 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 <i>Allergy: wheat, soy sauce</i>	Steamed Pork Dumplings 小笼包 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 <i>Allergy: wheat, soy sauce</i>	Fish and Chips 鱼条薯条 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 <i>Allergy: wheat</i>
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) 710	Protein 蛋白质(g) 25	Carbohydrate 碳水(g) 105	Fat 脂肪(g) 20

Weekly Menu 2 Dec~6 Dec

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yoghurt Fruit Cut	Steamed Dumplings Fruit Cut	Banana Bread Fruit Cut	Carrot Cake Fruit Cut	Ham Sandwich Fruit Cut
Stir Fried Cauliflower with Egg 番茄鸡蛋菜花 Sweet Corn 玉米粒 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 <i>Allergy: soy sauce, egg</i>	Stir Fried Chicken with Broccoli 西兰花炒鸡肉 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Plain Rice 米饭 <i>Allergy: soy sauce</i>	Pork Rolls 肉龙 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 <i>Allergy: wheat, soya sauce</i>	Chicken Burger 鸡肉汉堡 Sweet Corn and Vegetables 玉米粒炒蔬菜 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 <i>Allergy: wheat</i>	Macaroni Bolognese 牛肉通心面 Stir Fry Zucchini and Corn 西葫玉米 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 <i>Allergy: wheat</i>
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) 715	Protein 蛋白质(g) 26	Carbohydrate 碳水(g) 102	Fat 脂肪(g) 19

Weekly Menu

25 Nov~29 Nov

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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
Pizza Margherita 芝士比萨 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Roasted Potatoes 土豆角 <i>Allergy: wheat, cheese</i>	Grilled Chicken with Pesto Sauce 罗勒煎鸡排 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Roasted Potatoes 烤土豆 <i>Allergy: soy sauce</i>	Pan-fried beef balls with gravy 牛肉丸配肉汁 Stir fry Vegetables 炒时蔬 Mashed Potatoes 土豆泥 <i>Allergy: soy sauce</i>	Pork Stewed with Plum Sauce 西梅猪排 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Roasted Sweet Potatoes 烤地瓜 <i>Allergy: cream, milk</i>	Fish and Chips 鱼条薯条 Vegetable Salad 蔬菜色拉 <i>Allergy: fish, wheat</i>
Eggplant and Potato Stewed 地三鲜 Tofu Stewed 蔬菜炖豆腐 Fried Egg 虎皮鸡蛋 <i>Allergy: soy sauce, egg</i>	Steamed Rice with Vegetables and Sausages 广式腊肠饭 Stir fry Vegetables 炒时蔬 <i>Allergy: soya sauce</i>	Chicken Curry 咖喱鸡排 Stir fry Cabbage 炒洋白菜 Steamed Rice 米饭 <i>Allergy: curry paste, milk</i>	Kung Pao Chicken 宫保鸡丁 Stir Fried Green Beans 干煸豆角 Steamed Rice 米饭 <i>Allergy: chili, leek, soy sauce</i>	Pork Stew 台式卤肉饭 Stir fry Vegetables 炒时蔬 Steamed Rice 米饭 <i>Allergy: soy sauce</i>
Mixed Doodle and Vegetable in Chili Sauce 重庆小面 Fried Egg 煎鸡蛋 <i>Allergy: egg, sesame, soy sauce</i>	Noodles with Beef in Tomato Sauce 番茄肥牛面 boiled Vegetable 煮蔬菜 <i>Allergy: wheat, soy sauce</i>	Stir Fried Chicken in Pita Bread 荷叶饼配炒辣鸡肉 Cucumber Salad 黄瓜拌面藕 <i>Allergy: wheat, soya sauce</i>	Stir Fried Rice Noodle with Shrimps 星洲虾仁炒米粉 Stir Fried Vegetables 桑巴蔬菜 <i>Allergy: shrimp, garlic</i>	Noodle with Chicken soup 川香鸡面 boiled Vegetable 煮蔬菜 <i>Allergy: soya sauce</i>
Tomato and Egg Soup 西红柿鸡蛋汤	Noodle in Tomato Soup 番茄面	Vegetables in Pita Bread 饼夹蔬菜	Stir Fried Rice Noodles with vegetables 素炒米粉	Noodles with Vegetables Soup 蔬菜汤面
Banana Bread 香蕉包	Pumpkin Soup 南瓜汤	Millet Congee 小米粥	Vegetable and Egg Soup 蔬菜鸡蛋汤	White Fungus Sweet Soup 银耳红豆羹
Nutritional reading over the week 每周营养分析	Energy 热量(Kcal) 780	Protein 蛋白质(g) 30	Carbohydrate 碳水(g) 105	Fat 脂肪(g) 25
	Cookies 饼干	Swiss Roll 瑞士卷	Rice balls 糯米糍	Fruit Tart 水果塔



DIARY DATES

Friday - November 29, 2024

Christmas Tree Lighting @Ritz

Wednesday - December 4, 2024

Singin' in the Rainforest Show (ELC-G2)

Friday - December 6, 2024

Christmas Tree Lighting @Shangri-La

Monday~Friday - December 9~12, 2024

Secondary Exams (G9-11)

Wednesday - December 11, 2024

Departing Families' Session

Monday~Friday - Dec 16, 2024~Jan 3, 2025

Winter Holidays

SPORTS DATES

25-Nov (Mon)

HS Basketball v TIS-
Boys @ IST; Girls @ TIS

28-Nov (Thurs)

MS Volleyball v TIS
Boys @ TIS; Girls @ IST

29-Nov (Fri)

HS Basketball v TEDA
Boys & Girls @ IST

30-Nov (Sat)

ISAC MS Table Tennis
Boys & Girls @ KEY

30-Nov (Sat)

ISAC HS Table Tennis
Boys & Girls @ KEY

30-Nov (Sat)

ISAC Table Tennis
11 & under Boys & Girls @ WAB

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 2 Sport Schedule

- ☺ Starts Monday, 25 Nov and ends Friday, 28 Feb
- ☺ 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)
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