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Dear Parents

If you were to ask many elementary students what the highlight of their week was, you would invariably hear tell of excursions to the TV Tower and Natural History Museum as part of the Grade 3 'how we organise ourselves' and Grade 1 'sharing the planet' units of inquiry, respectively. However, I think it is fair to say that the true highlight of the week was surely the **Grade 5 PYP Exhibition** on Wednesday evening. In addition to a wonderful group presentation and performance in the theatre, parents, staff and students had the opportunity to view and interact with the individual Grade 5 students and to learn about their diverse and thought provoking inquiries into topics such as the importance of friendships in fostering positive personal development; the significance of celebrating cultural and linguistic heritage in order to preserve the wonderful diversity of our world's peoples; and the terrible waste and destruction to our ocean ecosystems resulting from exploitative fishing practices such as shark-finning just for a bowl of soup!

Under the rallying cry of "**We see it, we fix it!**", Grade 5 students challenged us all to take personal and collective responsibility for making our world a better place through ethical choices and actions. Congratulations to our Grade 5 students on a wonderful exhibition – we are all very proud of you! Oh, and one further outcome of the exhibition must surely be the impact that it has on our younger students ... I was delighted to learn from a Grade 1 student that she was already planning her exhibition, one that would focus on praying mantises!

I wish to draw parental attention to an **issue associated with the efficient operation of the food service lines in our school cafeteria**. Because IST pays the caterer based on the actual number of students who eat lunch each day rather than on a fixed number tied directly to enrollment, it is necessary that each student's daily lunch be registered in the system by tapping their student ID. Unfortunately it seems that a number of secondary students (10-20% per day) are failing to bring their IDs to the cafeteria, which then requires that time be taken to manually register their names and ID codes, thus slowing down the speed of service lines and negatively impacting other students who must wait as a result. I understand that part of the problem is also that some students may have lost their IDs and do not wish to pay the RMB 40 cash required to purchase a new one from the school's main office.

From Monday, we will introduce a new system in which **students without their ID must first collect a 'Lunch Service Pass'** and then get it signed by a duty Teacher Assistant before joining the service lines. Students who repeatedly fail to bring their ID will then be identified and steps will be taken to ensure that they take responsibility for bringing them each day, including purchasing a new one if they lose it. Students will also no longer be permitted to purchase additional food items on credit (i.e., no money on their ID card) and/or without their ID. Please note that students will never be refused a school lunch, ID or no ID!

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While on the topic of IDs, I again need to remind parents (and their drivers and ayis) that **all adults must wear an ID at all times when on campus**. It is not acceptable to leave IDs in cars or handbags or pockets. IDs must always be visible so that we are able to ensure that adults on campus are permitted to be here. Many schools will not allow adults on campus in the manner that we do at IST, but in order to ensure that your children are safeguarded, we do need all adults in our community to adhere strictly to this requirement, or, unfortunately, risk having the ID cancelled, in which case the adult will not be permitted on campus. Thank you for your support!

Please note that **Mr. Conway, our IB Coordinators and I will be travelling to Singapore next week** in order to attend the Asia Pacific IB Conference. The annual regional conference is an important opportunity for us to learn first-hand about programme developments in order that our school remains fully compliant with any new programme requirements and informed about the latest in quality programme delivery. **In my absence, Mr. Wallace will be Acting Director** (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday).

I wish you all a most enjoyable and relaxing 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.

### Xi Chuan at IST

On the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of March IST welcomed the Chinese poet Xi Chuan to our campus. Xi Chuan is a poet, thinker and writer of world renown. He is also much beloved within China. Xi Chuan presented himself as an affable and deep thinker. He visited Chinese and English classes and talked to the students about philosophy, history, poetry, writing, inspiration, culture, traditions, writing essays and other topics. The students enjoyed Xi Chuan's erudition and free-wheeling conversations. The highlight of his visit was a poetry salon on Friday afternoon. Xi Chuan read out several of his exquisite poems in Chinese. Musical accompaniment was provided on piano by Xuan Zhang and Natchaphon Tangtula (Sunsun) from Juilliard Tianjin. English translations were read by our students. His poem 'City' was translated by our own language classes into Korean, German and French. This was a wonderful way to celebrate the linguistic diversity of our community. Xi Chuan was quite impressed. He finished with a spirited reading of 'Travels in Xichuan Province' that had the rhythm of a Chinese folk song and his own stomping to keep the rhythm. This really brought down the house.

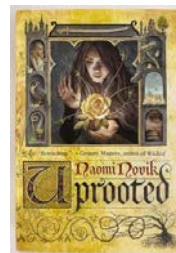


### Parent Book Club

Our next Parent Book Club selection is the novel **Uprooted** by Naomi Novik. We will meet in the library to discuss the book on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. 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





## **Elementary Student-Led Conferences**

**Wednesday 26 March: 14.30 - 18.30**

**Thursday 27 March: 15.30 - 18.30**

We are looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress at our upcoming Student Led Conferences. Invitations were sent home on the 10th March and were due to be returned by the 14th March. If you haven't received one yet, please contact your child's homeroom teacher. For families with more than one child, we pre-scheduled your appointments so they are conveniently timed.

In student-led conferences, students actively participate in assessing and evaluating their learning progress and objectives by presenting and reflecting on their own performance. They present learning goals that they have achieved and those that they hope to achieve before the end of the year.

### Confirm or Change Your Appointment

Parents are asked to return the "reply half" of the invitation as soon as possible (if you haven't already done so) to confirm the appointment or to request a different date or time.

### Specialist Teachers

World Languages, PE, music, STEM and Library teachers will be available for visits from particular grades. If you would like a separate meeting, please schedule one through Angela in the Elementary Office.

### Child Minding

There will be child-minding for IST students in the K-2 playroom and 3-5 Clubhouse on both days. This service is for IST-enrolled students only and only for the time period in which you have your conferences (supervising siblings). Please use this service throughout the conferences so that you can give your undivided attention to your child whose conference you are attending. If your child is remaining at school in the afternoon, you need to be here to either supervise them or book them into the child-minding service.

### Bus Schedule

#### **Wednesday, March 26, 2025**

##### **Bus 1**

Departing Aocheng	Departing Garden Villa (side gate)	Departing Hai Yi	Departing IST
12:25	12:30	12:50	14:25
13:25	13:30	13:50	15:35
14:25	14:30	14:50	16:35
15:25	15:30	15:50	17:35
16:25	16:30	16:50	18:45



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**Bus 2**

Departing Olympic Tower	Departing Ritz-Carlton	Departing Arcadia	Departing IST
12:10	12:25	12:35	14:25
13:10	13:25	13:35	15:35
14:10	14:25	14:35	16:35
15:10	15:25	15:35	17:35
16:10	16:25	16:35	18:45

**Thursday, March 27, 2025**

**Bus 1**

Departing Aocheng	Departing Garden Villa (side gate)	Departing Hai Yi	Departing IST
14:25	14:30	14:50	16:35
15:25	15:30	15:50	17:35
16:25	16:30	16:50	18:45

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Departing Olympic Tower	Departing Ritz-Carlton	Departing Arcadia	Departing IST
14:10	14:25	14:35	16:35
15:10	15:25	15:35	17:35
16:10	16:25	16:35	18:45

If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to contact your child's Homeroom teacher or me through the Elementary office.

Regards,

Elementary Principal

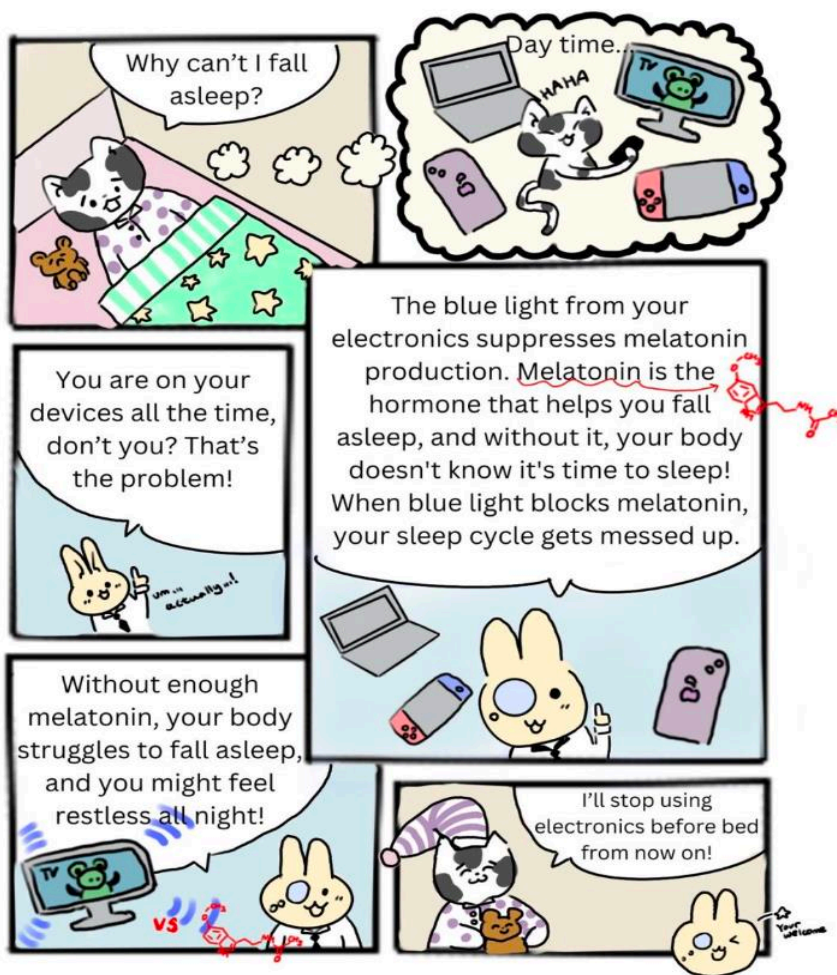


The student cartoon by Jiyun Lee, Ji Yoon Jung, Jeong Min Park, Ye Seo Choi, Eun Sung Cho, Heeyu Cho, and Emi Wen is part of a CAS project for the IB Diploma Programme. As such, the cartoon engages with complex health issues in an effort to bring nuance and perspective to a sensitive topic. This is in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



## Electronic Devices and Sleep

Illustrated by Heeyu Cho G11  
Written by Heeyu Cho G11



**Credit Box:**

- <https://www.sleepfoundation.org/how-sleep-works/how-electronics-affect-sleep>
- <https://www.uclahealth.org/news/article/are-electronic-devices-impacting-your-sleep>
- <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC8906383/>



## Calling All IST Alumni in Singapore!

Mark your calendars for 21<sup>st</sup> March because we have an exciting opportunity to reconnect with the IST family!

Mr Moody, Mr Conway, Ms Chuah, Ms McCord, and Ms Suarez from the International School of Tianjin are coming to Singapore and would love to meet YOU!

This is your chance to catch up with old friends, share your post-IST adventures, and celebrate the amazing network of our alumni community. Details on the time and location will be announced soon – stay tuned!

If you are interested in joining, let us know by filling out this quick survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/vWDrRsqqcU> or contacting us via IST's official WeChat account.

Let's relive the IST spirit and create more wonderful memories together. We cannot wait to see you there!



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OFFICIAL EVENT:  
MARCH 28, 2025



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## University Visit

**Thursday, 13 March**

10:30 AM – Korea Aerospace University  
(한국 항공 대학교)

**Thursday, 20 March**

10:00 AM - Chung-Ang University  
(중앙대학교)

@ IST HAN Teacher Center

### Bus Schedule

13 March

9:40 AM Ao Cheng – 9:55 Hai Yi

12: 30 PM Return to Hai Yi, Ao Cheng

20 March

9:10 AM Ao Cheng - 9:25 Hai Yi

12:00 PM Return to Hai Yi, Ao Cheng



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Every parent longs to raise responsible kids who feel secure, helping them grow into confident teens and mature adults. Being responsible means making thoughtful choices and being accountable for actions, like managing time, prioritizing schoolwork, and fulfilling commitments. Teaching children personal responsibility builds their confidence as they learn to do things for themselves. It encourages honesty, open communication, and an understanding of the impact of their decisions. Ultimately, fostering responsibility helps children develop trust and respect, preparing them for a successful future.

IST Counseling

## BEING RESPONSIBLE LOOKS LIKE:



Choosing to do the right thing, even when it's hard.

Following through with what you say you will do.

Doing the things that need to get done, even if you don't feel like it.

Taking ownership for your actions, like trying to make a situation better when you make a mistake.



### High School Football teams remain undefeated

On Saturday 08 March, our HS Badminton teams played in the ISAC Badminton tournament against some of the top international schools in Beijing. Our students showed great skill and effort and performed admirably with Ivan and Yuntse claiming 3rd place in the boys 2nd division.

To see the highlights, interviews and photos from the games, please follow the link below:

[HS Badminton](#) – Use the Password: GoBLAZE\_GO

### REMEMBER:

Season 3 sports have begun.

SEASON 3		
15-Mar	ISCOT HS Badminton Tournament	IST
17-Mar	HS Football v TIS	Boys & Girls @ TIS
22-Mar	ISAC MS Basketball Exchange	Boys @ HBJ; Girls @ KWA
22-Mar	ISCOT HS Football Tournament	Boys @ WEL; Girls @ TIS
25-Mar	MS Basketball v WEL	Boys & Girls @ IST
09 April - 12 April	ACAMIS HS Football Tournament	IST (Tianjin)
16 April - 19 April	ACAMIS HS Badminton Tournament	KEY (Beijing)
17-Apr	MS Basketball v TIS	Boys & Girls @ IST
19-Apr	ISAC HS Football Tournament	TBD
25-Apr	ISCOT ES Football (G1-5) (12:00-15:30)	WEL
26-Apr	ISCOT MS Basketball Tournament	Boys @ IST; Girls @ TEDA
10-May	ISAC MS Basketball Tournament	Boys @ IST; Girls @ THIS

### CCA Season 3:

CCA Season 3 will begin on Monday afternoon. Please make sure you are signed up and ready to attend your sessions.

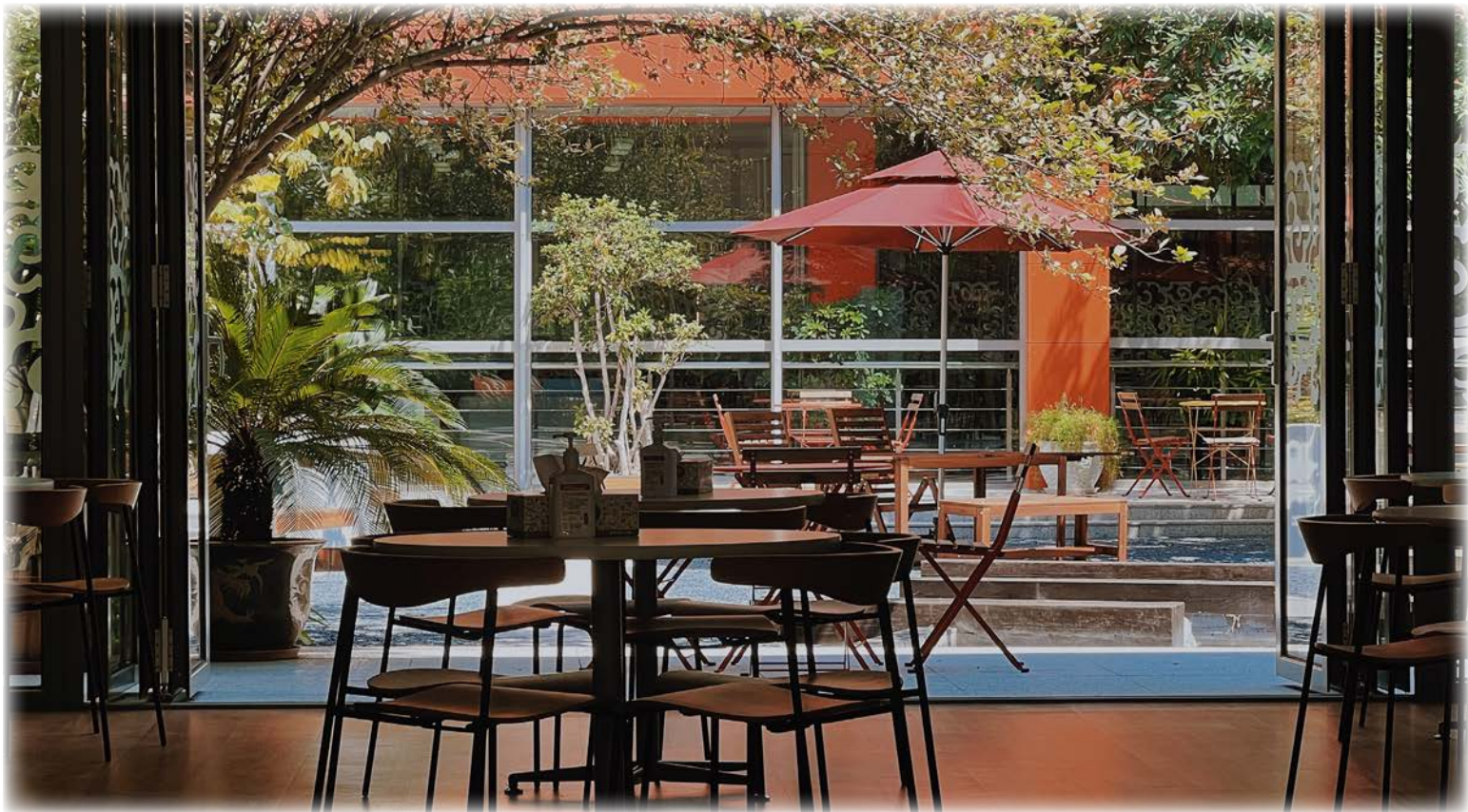
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## Community-wide Goal: Cultivating a Climate of Reflective Inquiry (IBLP)

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.
- 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.





Weekly Menu (N-G1) 17-21 Mar

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 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
<b>Nutritional reading over the week</b> 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 (N-G1) 24-28 Mar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yoghurt Fruit Cut	Steamed Dumplings Fruit Cut	Banana Bread Fruit Cut	Carrot Cake Fruit Cut	Ham Sandwich Fruit Cut
Fried Rice with Egg 鸡蛋炒饭 Green Vegetables 炒青菜 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 肉卷 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
<b>Nutritional reading over the week</b> 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 (G2-G12) 17-21 Mar

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>	Cottage Pie 牛肉派 Stir fry Vegetables 炒时蔬 <i>Allergy: beef, herb, 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 with Mushroom 香菇油菜 <i>Allergy: soy sauce</i>	Chicken Curry 咖喱鸡 Stir fry Green Vegetables 清炒时蔬 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 Soup 牛肉清汤面 boiled Vegetable 煮蔬菜 <i>Allergy: wheat, soy sauce</i>	Stir Fried Pork with Cumin in Pita Bread 饼夹孜然五花肉 Cucumber Salad 黄瓜拌面筋/素什锦 <i>Allergy: wheat, soya sauce</i>	Fried Noodle with Beef and Vegetables 牛肉炒河粉 Green Vegetables 清炒小白菜 <i>Allergy: soy sauce</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 素炒河粉	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
	Cookies 饼干	Swiss Roll 瑞士卷	Rice balls 糯米糍	Fruit Tart 水果塔
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## DIARY DATES

Wednesday~Thursday - March 26~27, 2025  
Parent-Teacher Conferences (Afternoon)

Thursday - March 27, 2025  
DP Arts Exhibition

Monday~Friday - March 31~April 4, 2025  
Spring Break

Friday - April 4, 2025  
Qingming (Tomb Sweeping) Day

Saturday~Sunday - April 12~13, 2025  
ACAMIS Arts Conferences@IST

## SPORTS DATES

22-Mar (Sat)  
ISAC MS Basketball Exchange Boys @ HBJ;  
Girls @ CISB

22-Mar  
(Sat)  
ISCOT HS Football Tournament  
Boys @ WEL; Girls @ TIS

25-Mar (Tues)  
MS Basketball v WEL Boys & Girls @ IST

## 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 3 Sport Schedule

- ☺ Starts Monday, 10 Mar and ends Friday, 23 May
- ☺ 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)
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