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Dear Parents and Students,

A very warm welcome to you all after what I hope was a most enjoyable Chinese New Year vacation and welcome to Semester 2! The second semester of the school year is an extremely busy and important time for students, a time during which teachers look for significant growth and development – especially in relation to learning goals identified in Semester 1 Progress Reports. As a school and community we look forward to a highly productive semester and to the continued blossoming of our students.

IST Logo Wear: Tracksuits / Hoodies /Beanies

It has been wonderful to see so many members of our school community purchasing the new IST logo-wear in recent weeks. At this relatively early stage we still have the majority of items in stock, although the black hoodies have sold like hotcakes and we have already run out of stock in several sizes. A new order will be placed shortly to replenish supplies. If you have not yet purchased any of these new clothing items please feel free to approach any of the secretaries in the main office, and in the elementary and secondary offices. I think it is also worth mentioning what great gifts these items make for friends overseas and here in Tianjin - we have already had a couple of orders from former families now living outside of China!

PE Uniforms

A reminder to all parents that all students in grades K through 10 are expected to wear PE uniforms (either the older style or the new dragon version) when participating in PE classes. I have attached a copy of the guideline to this newsletter.

School IDs

A reminder also to parents that school IDs are required for immediate access to the school – this applies to all adults, including parents and drivers. Those without IDs can enter but must formally register. The school guards have been reporting a number of incidents in which parents and drivers without IDs are becoming upset and angry about this expectation and who are refusing to comply with this school safety and security measure. I wish to reinforce to all community members that the IDs are intended to maintain a safe and secure environment for our students, and that presentation of an ID is not an unrealistic expectation. Please discuss this with your driver if you are aware that s/he may occasionally disregard this expectation. Thank you for your support.

Security

The TICC recently circulated a cautionary note to the community about theft and pick-pocketing in Tianjin, especially in the Binjiang Dao, Isetan and Da Hu Tong area. Please do be careful, and please do discuss with your children the importance of keeping valuables close to their person.

I look forward to a terrific semester here at IST, and to a wonderful Year of the Dragon.

Warm regards,

Steve Moody
Director

1214 SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCEMENT

Please see Ms. Song in the main office for all relevant documentation and a scholarship application package.

Friday, 16 March, noon – New application deadline (**updated—from 12 March**)

Saturday, 17 March, 9:30-2:30 – Scholarship exams

26-30 March – Scholarship interviews

Mid April – notification for candidates.



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2011-2012 IST PE Uniform Use School Regulations

All students at the International School of Tianjin in Grades K through 12 are expected to wear **Physical Education and Athletic uniforms** when participating in curricular and extra-curricular activities in accordance with the following guidelines:

Where: At IST or if visiting other schools

When: If engaging in regularly scheduled events or activities

In What Manner: Physical Education and Athletic uniforms in an appropriate manner to represent IST

By Whom: All K-12 students will wear the IST PE or Athletic uniform while participating in IST PE classes or scheduled IST sports events

The system of consequences outlined below will be put into place to ensure consistent use of IST uniforms at all times.

Secondary school:

- Warning
- Detention
- Detention and parent meeting
- Detention and suspension
- Detention and escalating consequences (example: removal from all school activities, further suspension/expulsion)

All participants on IST sports teams will wear the IST PE uniform at all practice sessions. Failure to wear the PE uniform for sports practices for the third time in any one sports season will result in the student being removed from the sports team.

IST Open House for Elementary and Secondary School

Greetings IST Parents,

On Wednesday February 8, 2012 there will be New Parent Orientation meeting for both the IST Elementary and Secondary School divisions. This is an opportunity for parents new to IST to learn more about our programs, meet the school counselors and program coordinators, and ask questions.

Meeting Schedule for February 8, 2012

08:45 – 09:45	Elementary New Parent Orientation Meeting (<i>Ming 1, Elem. Meeting Room</i>)
09:45 – 10:05	Break time
10:05 – 11:15	Secondary New Parent Orientation Meeting (<i>TC204, Sec. Teacher Centre</i>)

Transportation Schedule for February 8, 2012

From Ao Cheng to Lakepark Ave to IST			From IST to Lakepark Ave to Ao Cheng		
08:10	08:25	08:40	09:50	10:00	10:30
09:15	09:45	09:55	11:20	11:30	12:00

Please join us to discuss matters of interest and concern. We look forward to welcoming you.

Warm regards,

Bill Elman
Secondary Principal

Catherine Nicol
Elementary Principal

From Secondary Student Council...

Winter Formal! One of the biggest events of IST is coming up!

The Winter Formal Dance will be held on the 17th of February.

The theme is "**MUSICIANS' NIGHT!**"

We, thus, expect to see many fascinating performances by musicians of IST!

The **audition** for those interested will be on next Tuesday, February 7th.

The location is the music ENSEMBLE room (to the right of Mr. Garrett's classroom)

Please feel free to show your talents!

Thank you.

Best regards,
Young Jin Lee

News from the Library and Information Literacy Center

Panda Book Awards Voting



Voting took place today and we hope to have the results to share very soon. Thank you all for your enormous support.

The Panda Book Awards started only 4 years ago and IST was one of the initial 6 schools involved. Now there are 27 schools worldwide participating in this reading initiative. We are now considering titles for next year's reading lists and welcome your suggestions. Any books that fall into one of the four categories and that were published since 2010 will be considered.

Parent book club reading *Girl in Translation*

There is a parents' book club meeting on Thursday afternoons in the library. They've chosen to read Jean Kwok's *Girl in Translation*, and it is not too late to join. Please contact Josianne Fitzgerald at josianne_fitzgerald@istianjin.net

Library happenings

The library has been a very busy place this first week of the second semester. Visit our blog at istianjinelearning.org/library to see updates and photos of students at work on research and writing assignments.

Scholastic Book Orders

You can look forward to receiving your orders in the next couple of weeks.

From The Writing Center

We are very excited to announce the inaugural edition of *The Writers' INK: The anthology of exemplary IST student writing*. This first edition includes cover art by Jessica Liang and articles by 8 students representing grades 6 to 11 and from a variety of subject areas. We are thrilled that this publication will be in your hands before the end of February. Look for more from The Writing Center in the weeks to come.





Sports Brief

High School Girls Basketball

On Saturday, January 14, the IST Varsity Girls Basketball Team went to the International School of Beijing to play the ISAC tournament. Our first game was against ISB; if we were to lose this game then we would go home in 5th place. Since we had a stronger and more experienced team than ISB, we beat them easily 31-17. The next game we had was against DCB (the strongest team in the tournament). If we were to win that game then we would be in the finals playing against Harrow. Since we just had a game against ISB, our energy had simply been used up in the 4th quarter where DCB outscored us 12-2, and we lost the game that we had led at the half by 1 point and trailed by 1 point after 3 quarters, 30-19. This made us move down to play for 3rd/4th place against BSB. Before going into the game everyone on the team decided to give it their all and fight for this so that we could bring home a cup. In the end we did give it our everything. We beat BSB 25-7 and won 3rd place! Even though it isn't 1st or 2nd place, all the girls on the team are super proud to have come third place in the ISAC tournament and we all hope to have continued success at the ACAMIS tournament in February.

High School Boys Basketball

On Saturday, February 4, the IST boys' basketball team will play in the ISAC Division 1 boys' basketball tournament at TIS in the new TIS school facility here in Tianjin.

Both the IST boys and girls basketball teams travel to Hong Kong on February 9-12 to participate in the ACAMIS Red Division Basketball Tournament hosted at the Australian International School Hong Kong.

Best of luck to the IST high school basketball teams!

IST Middle School Volleyball

The IST Middle School U12, U13 and U14 boys and girls volleyball teams play in the ISAC MS volleyball tournaments on February 11 with the U12 boys and girls at the International School of Beijing, the U13 boys at Dulwich College Beijing, the U13 girls at home here at the International School of Tianjin, the U14 boys at Harrow International School Beijing, and the U14 girls at the British School Beijing.

Best of luck to the IST middle school volleyball teams!

Go IST Blaze!



Sports Dates

Saturday, February 4

ISAC HS Div 1 Basketball Tournaments, Div 1 Boys @ IST (hosted by TIS) (IST Varsity boys play in this tournament)

Thursday to Saturday, February 9-11

ACAMIS Basketball @ AISHK

Saturday, February 11 ISAC MS VB Tournaments- U12 boys @ ISB, U12 girls @ ISB, U13 boys @ DCB, U13 girls @ IST, U14 D1 boys @ DCB, U14 D2 boys @ HISB, U14 D1 girls @ BSB, U14 D2 girls @ CISB by IAB

GO IST BLAZE!



China Week--- The Key that can open the doors for the Chinese Culture

Xie Shuchen, Yolanda 9B

China is an old country with a very long history and a lot of traditional culture. People also think China is a very mysterious old country, where people have yellow skin and black eyes. The language they use is a difficult one to learn. China also has a unique and enigmatic symbol – the Dragon.

At IST, if you want to understand about the Chinese culture, we can give you a key to open the doors of the Chinese history and culture.

During January 9th to 20th, 2012, MYP and PYP programs organized a very interesting week of activities—The PYP Chinese Temple Fair and also our MYP Chinese A, B and C students organized our own China Week. In that week, staff and visitors enjoyed the activities about the Chinese traditional culture. I think I can say the China Week at IST was very successful.

From January 9th to 19th was PYP China Week. In these almost two weeks we studied Kong Fu with Mr. Sun and we studied about Chinese Pen Calligraphy with IT specialist, Mr. Sun.

In the first week we studied some very basic Kong Fu movements with Mr. Sun, such as fist, palm and so on. Although there were many Chinese B and C students and they had a hard time understanding what Mr. Sun said, they did very well in the movements and listened to the teacher very carefully. During the practice, most students had questions and we could see that all of the students were very keen to learn. Chinese A students were better than Chinese B and C students. Their movements were very similar to Mr. Sun.

After one week classes practice we were had a Kong Fu quiz, when we had a chance to show the movements we studied. When everybody did the quiz they were very serious and everybody did a nice job.

In the second week we studied about the Chinese Pen Calligraphy with Mr. Sun. The Pen Calligraphy is more difficult than Kong Fu, but we still could do it very well! In the first class of Pen Calligraphy, Mr. Sun told us some stories about the Chinese Calligraphy and very simple stroke of a Chinese character. Then we needed to do some practice. During that time, all students were very quiet and focused on their calligraphy practice. No matter Chinese A, B or C, all students worked very hard and practiced time after time. At the end of the Pen Calligraphy studies, everybody had finished their work. I think who won the competition is not important. What matters is that after these two weeks, the students learned a lot China and Chinese traditional culture.

On January 20th was the MYP China Week Temple Fair. The Temple Fair had many different kinds of Chinese cultural activities and art projects such as the Chinese Zither, Peking Opera, and Chinese Painting. All the projects showed the Chinese traditional culture and the whole Temple Fair was very interesting.

The Grade 9 Temple Fair topic was ‘Wenfangsibao’ and Chinese Painting. When small visitors came and listened, I could tell they were very interested in the Chinese culture, when they were attentively listening and when they were using Chinese painting brush to draw. They really wanted to learn it, they wanted to know it well.

When I saw that I was very happy and proud—right now so many people want to know about China, want to come to China. I believe if it continues like this, Chinese culture could be forever spread all over the world. That’s a key can help to open a special door.

Library Server Backup and Upgrade

We will carry out backup and upgrade to our library server on the times given below. The **library OPAC will not be available** from school or home during those times. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Tuesday, 7 February, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8 February, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.



Diary / Sports Dates

Saturday, 4 Feb 2012

ISAC High School Div 1 Basketball Tourn.

Wednesday, 8 February 2012

Elementary & Secondary School Open House
(displayed as New Parents Orientation on the Calendar)

Thursday to Saturday, 9-11 Feb 2012

ACAMIS Basketball @ AISHK

Friday, 10 Feb 2012

Elementary Assembly, 8:25-9:05AM, N-G5, Cafeteria, Class Presentation (Kindergarten)

Saturday, 11 Feb 2012

ISAC Middle School Volleyball Tourn.

Wednesday, 15 Feb 2012

Elem G3-5 Badminton @ REGO, 3:45 PM

Wednesday-Sunday, 15-19 Feb 2012

ACAMIS Choral Music Festival , Dulwich College Beijing

Friday, 17 February 2012

Winter Formal Dance (see below for details)

Friday-Sunday, 17-19 Feb 2012

GIN (Global Issues Network) @ Manila

Thursday, 23 Feb 2012

Thursday Night Live (TNL)

Monday, 20 Feb 2012

HS season 2 sports practice/tryout starts-boys and girls varsity soccer, boys and girls badminton

Tuesday, 21 Feb 2012

MS season 3 sports practice starts-boys and girls basketball

Winter Formal Dance, Friday, 17 February 2012

(Secondary Student Council Winter Prom Night)

Tickets: 150 RMB each, available to purchase from any of the student council members from Wed, 1 Feb

Theme: MUSICIANS' NIGHT! A wonderful chance to enjoy the night with excellent musicians!

AUDITIONS: The audition for those interested in performing will be on next Tuesday, 7 February. The location is the music ENSEMBLE room (to the right of Mr. Garrett's classroom)



IST MENU

Main A: Western & Main B: Asian



	<i>Monday</i> 2012.2.6	<i>Tuesday</i> 2012.2.7	<i>Wednesday</i> 2012.2.8	<i>Thursday</i> 2012.2.9	<i>Friday</i> 2012.2.10
<i>Main A</i>	<i>Roasted Chicken w/Sicilian Sauce</i> 西西里烤鸡	<i>Baked Fusilli w/Sausage Tomato Bechamel</i> 螺旋面香肠番茄汁	<i>Roasted Meat Loaf w/Gravy</i> 牛肉面包	<i>Beef Lasagna</i> 牛肉千层面	<i>British Chicken Steak</i> 英式鸡排
<i>Main B</i>	<i>Deep Fried Pork Chop</i> 炸猪排	<i>JinJiang Chicken</i> 京酱鸡丝	<i>Chicken Teriyaki</i> 日式酱油鸡	<i>Grill Chicken w/Lemon Sauce</i> 柠檬鸡	<i>Pork Udon Noodles</i> 猪肉炒乌冬面
<i>Daily Starch</i>	<i>French Fries</i> 薯条 <i>Spinach Fried Rice</i> 菠菜炒米饭	<i>Steamed Rice</i> 米饭	<i>Mashed Potato</i> 土豆泥 <i>Steamed Yellow Rice w/ Sesame and Peas</i> 芝麻豌豆米饭	<i>Fried Rice</i>	<i>Roasted Potato Wedge with Thyme</i> 香草烤土豆
<i>Soup/Salad</i>	<i>Pumpkin Soup</i> 南瓜汤 <i>Sausage Potato Salad</i> 香肠土豆沙拉	<i>Hot Sour Soup</i> 酸辣汤 <i>Spinach Glass Noodle Salad</i> 菠菜面条沙拉	<i>Coconut Curry Soup</i> 咖喱椰子汤 <i>Chicken Chat</i> 小鸡肉沙拉	<i>Potato Leek Soup</i> 土豆汤 <i>Garden Salad w/Italian Dressing</i> 田园沙拉	<i>Mexican Bean Soup</i> 墨西哥豆子汤 <i>Cucumber Salad w/Yogurt</i> 黄瓜沙拉
<i>Hot Vegetable</i>	<i>Garlic Zucchini w/Cherry Tomato</i> 炒西葫芦和圣女果	<i>Green Bean Carrot and Corn</i> 青豆胡萝卜玉米	<i>Steam Pumpkin w/Green Pea</i> 蒸南瓜豌豆	<i>Cauliflower/ Carrots/Celery</i> 菜花胡萝卜芹菜	<i>Green Beans & Cherry Tomatoes</i> 炒扁豆和圣女果
<i>Dessert</i>	<i>Strawberry Mousse Cake</i> <i>Daily Fruit</i>	<i>Chocolate Cookies</i> <i>Daily Fruit</i>	<i>Ice Cream</i> <i>Daily Fruit</i>	<i>Apple Pie</i> <i>Daily Fruit</i>	<i>Chocolate Éclair</i> <i>Daily Fruit</i>
<i>Drink</i>	Juice/Water/Yoghurt	Juice/Water/Yoghurt	Juice/Water/Yoghurt	Juice/Water/Yoghurt	Juice/Water/Yoghurt
	<i>Main Course</i>	<i>Dessert</i>	<i>Potato</i>	<i>Soup</i>	<i>Vegetable</i>

Set menu includes: Choice of 1 main dish from (A or B) + daily starch & hot veggie; Choice of 1 (dessert or daily fruit cut); Choice of daily soup or salad; Choice of 1 (juice, water, or yoghurt).



Name: _____

Grade: _____



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Morning Snacks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Yoghurt Fruit Cut</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Pancake Fruit Cut</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Banana Bread Fruit Cut</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Tomato Cheese Bread Fruit Cut</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Chocolate Danish Fruit Cut</i>
Set Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Steamed Pork Dumpling</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Baked Penne w/Meat Ball in Bolognese Sauce</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Roasted Meat Loaf w/Gravy Sauce</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Beef Lasagna</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Chicken Burger</i>
		<i>Potato Sticks</i>				<i>Mashed Potato</i>				<i>French Fries</i>
		<i>Sweet Corn</i>				<i>Boiled Broccoli</i>				<i>Lettuce and Tomato</i>
		<i>Daily Fruit</i>				<i>Fruit and Ice Cream</i>				<i>Daily Fruit</i>
		<i>Juice/Water/Yoghurt</i>				<i>Juice/Water/Yoghurt</i>				<i>Juice/Water/Yoghurt</i>
<p><i>Morning snack offer available at 4 rmb, Snacks are only available for daily set lunch consumers.</i></p>										

Please deadline to return the form to your classroom assistant teacher by Feb 3 (Friday)