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From the Director...

Dear Parents and Students,

I am delighted to inform our community that the school's report for the upcoming CIS/WASC/IB accreditation/evaluation visit was completed and sent to the various agents on Tuesday 10 March. As you are aware this was a pilot study for these three agencies, the first time (anywhere) that all three IB programmes have had a seamless and simultaneous 5-year visit with both CIS and WASC.

A number of key benefits will accrue from the visit (19-22 April), including:

- ✓ Formal affirmation of the many wonderful things that our school is doing
- ✓ The provision of principal areas in need of strengthening to make our programmes even better
- ✓ Extension of current CIS and WASC accreditation for another 5 years
- ✓ Full re-evaluation of all three IB programmes
- ✓ Alignment of both accreditation and all 3 IB evaluation cycles into the same year

The team will start arriving on Sunday 18 April and will convene officially on Monday the 19th. The visit proper will commence on Tuesday the 20th.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the board members, students, staff and parents who contributed to the preparation of this report, and in particular to thank Bill Elman for the enormous amount of time and effort that he put into leading and coordinating the entire process. Congratulations on a job well done Bill !

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IST YEAR BOOK ADVERTISING

The work on IST 09-10 academic year annual publication, the 'Year Book' has already started! IST is offering you the opportunity to advertise your company/business in the **International School of Tianjin 2009-10 Yearbook**.

Full page : 285mm width x 210 mm height with 3mm bleed on each edge

Half page : 143mm width x 210mm height with 3mm bleed on each edge

If you are interested in taking up this opportunity to advertise in the IST 2009-10 Yearbook, or if you have any further questions re: pricing, please contact **Ms. Radha Kulkarni** by phone on 022-2859 2001 extn: 8057 or email radha_kulkarni@istianjin.net.

The advert will need to be designed by your company and submitted to Ms. Radha Kulkarni, Publication Officer. Deadline for advert submission is **Monday, 12th April 2010**.

Photos Make-up Day

For 'New' students & students who missed their pictures the first time!

Back in mid-Nov '09 we took headshots for all students at IST for IST's annual publication, the 'Yearbook 2009-2010'. If your child missed taking their picture the first time, we will be having a headshots make-up day on **Monday 15th March '10**.

Only students who are required for the photo make-up day will get a note home today as a reminder. The timings have been distributed to the students' classroom teachers. This is also a photo-day for all 'New' students. Please ensure your child's attendance on Monday 15th March '10 for the photo session.

Thank you.

- The Publication Office.

THIS WEEK IN BLAZE

- ➔ Director's note
- ➔ Mock Exams !
- ➔ Ms Yang's visit to school
- ➔ Photo make-up day
- ➔ Snow make-up day
- ➔ Student-led conferences
- ➔ Grade 1 parent tea
- ➔ Grade 4 exhibition
- ➔ Highlights from library
- ➔ Sports brief
- ➔ PFO news and agenda
- ➔ Sports dates
- ➔ Diary dates
- ➔ Kids menu
- ➔ Weekly menu

The day when Ms. Yang came to visit our school !

On February 3rd Ms. Yang, a Chinese animal protector came to our school to tell our community and service group about the life of an animal protector. The students of our community and service group learned many things such as ways to protect animals and also how hard it is to protect animals.

Everyone in our community and service group was shocked when we heard about how hard it was to protect animals. Ms. Yang had made very many sacrifices just to protect animals. One of the many things that she sacrificed is the 2 apartments that she sold to raise money towards protecting animals. She had sold everything except the 2 earrings that she had on the day. However, even after sacrificing this much for animals she had a depth of over five hundred thousand RMB. Also she is spending about 10,000 RMB each month to look after 560 abandoned cats and dogs.

After she told us about how hard protecting animals are I personally thought why she would do all these things to protect animals just because she rescued a drowning cat in the river in 1998. Next she told us about the conditions of animals that were being protected in the protection agency. She told us again about a very shocking thing that many of the animals that were being protected didn't have a leg or an eye. After I heard about the condition of animals that were being protected I found the answer to the question I asked myself.

The students in our community and service group looked for ways that we can do to help Ms. Yang. We came up with several ideas such as to make a donation box and having a bake sale to raise money. Our community and service group will held a bake sale at cafeteria on 18 Thursday and 19 Friday March. I really want to tell people to help us raise money for Ms. Yang.

Dong Hoon Choi (9A)
Animal Protection Agency Community and Service Group.



ANNOUNCEMENTS - NOTICES - REMINDERS



Grade 4 Evening Exhibition Opening

You are invited to attend the opening of the Grade 4 Evening Exhibition and celebrate the creative artworks of the Grade 4 students.

Where: Main foyer at IST

When: March 15, 2010

Time: 6 p. m. – 7 p. m.

(Buses for Ao Cheng will depart at 7 p. m.)

Student Led Conferences – Mark your calendars!

The Student Led Conferences are an important milestone in the year of a PYP School. This year they will take place at IST on **Wednesday, March 31st (2.30—6.30pm)** and **Thursday, April 1st (3.30—6.30pm)**. More details and an invitation will be sent out to parents soon.

The Student Led Conferences are a special opportunity for students to take the lead as they explain their learning during the year and demonstrate some of the knowledge, skills and understandings they have developed in a broad range of subjects. Students and their parents will enjoy a very focused and intimate time together during the conferences and each person will have a particular role to play.

Snow Day Make-up Day

Friday 2 April is now a Regular School Day

The IST Board of Governors has decided to make Friday 2 April a normal school day to compensate for the day lost due to heavy snow on January 4. Sec Parent-Teacher conferences and Elem Student-led conferences will now take place after school on Wednesday and Thursday, 31 March and 1 April respectively.

All students should attend school as normal on Friday 2 April.

Event: Grade One Parent Tea

Focus: Grade one students will share their Human Body museum

When: Friday 19th March

Time: Straight after the assembly from approximately 9:10-10:00.

Where: Grade one classrooms (Qing 4,5,6)

MOCK EXAMINATIONS

The Grade 12 students start their mock examinations on Monday 15 March. These examinations will continue until the Friday 26 March and will provide the students with practice for their final examinations.

We wish the Grade 12 students every success as they prepare for their final assessments.

PFO News

PFO Committee 2010/2011

Please consider volunteering your time to be a part of this worthwhile organization. It is a great way to meet people from all over the world and help bring together members of the IST community for social and informative purposes.

For more information about PFO, go to <http://www.istianjin.org/page.cfm?p=235> (www.istianjin.org > Our Community > Parents Faculty Organization).

If you are interested or have questions, please, e-mail the current PFO Committee at IST_PFO@istianjin.net. Deadline for volunteers to sign up is March 24.

Dates to remember

March 17 – PFO Parents Meeting.

March 24 – Deadline for volunteers to sign up.

April 14 – PFO Parents Meeting and election of PFO Committee 2010/2011.

PFO Parents Meeting - Agenda

March 17, 2010, 8.30 – 9.40 a.m.

Location: IST Cafeteria

1. Welcome (PFO)
2. The Director has the floor (Mr. Moody)
3. What do they do in drama classes?
(Ms. Kate Oliverson)
4. IST Fundraiser Evening (PFO)
5. Environmental sponsoring (PFO)
6. PFO Committee 2010/2011

All parents are invited to join us for another exciting get-together where a lot of information will be shared. Your opinion on various issues is highly appreciated.

Light Refreshments: Coffee/tea and snacks.

Bus Transportation provided :

- Ao Cheng to IST @ 8.00am

(Note that 'Ao Cheng' is the 'Magnetic Capital Apts', Binshui XiDao, next to E-mart)

- IST to Ao Cheng @ 10.15am

An opportunity to talk to the members of current PFO Committee.

Sports Brief

Go *IST Blaze!*

The high school soccer teams have struggled in their first few games of the season. The boys' varsity team has lost 3-1 to Rego and 6-1 to last years ISAC division 1 champions DSP. The boys' junior varsity have done a little better, losing 3-1 to HISB and 3-2 to TEDA, in a very close game. Both teams will be working on tightening their defenses and making more of the chances they are creating. The girls' varsity team has been working hard in practice and is eager to play their first game of the season.

Sports Dates

March 13, ISAC MS BB Exchanges- U13 boys @ TEDA, U13 girls @ IST, U14 boys @ ISB, U14 girls @ DCB

March 13, HS Soccer- ISTV @ DCB boys 11:00, IST @ ISB blue boys 2:00 (non-league),

March 15, HS Soccer- TISV @ ISTV boys 4:00, ISTV @ TISV girls (non-league)

March 19, HS Soccer- DCB @ ISTV girls 4:00, ISTJV @ DCB2 boys 4:00

March 20, HS Soccer- WABJV @ ISTV boys 2:00, WABJV @ ISTV girls 1:00, ISB Blue @ ISTV girls 10:00, ISTJV @ ISB Blue boys 1:00, ISTJV @ BSB boys 10:00, ISAC HS Badminton @ WAB


March 26, HS Soccer- ISTV boys @ REGO boys 4:00, REGO @ ISTV girls 4:00


March 29, HS Soccer- ISTV @ TISV boys 4:00 (league game), TIS V @ ISTV girls 4:00 (league game)

April 12, HS Soccer- IST @ REGO girls 4:00

April 17, ISAC HS Soccer Tournament- Div 1 boys @ DCB, Div 1 girls @ WAB, Div 2 boys @ IST, Div 2 girls @ BISS, Div 3 boys @ BISS, ISAC MS BB Tournament- U13 boys @ DCB, U13 girls @ WAB, U14 boys Div 1 @ TIS, U14 girls Div 1 @ IST, U14 boys Div 2 @ TEDA, U14 girls Div 2 @ BSB



 Fri, 12 March
Elementary Assembly (KG)

 Thu-Sun, 11-14 Mar
BeiMUN (HS MUN)

 Mon, 15 Mar

Scholarship app deadline


Grade 4 Exhibition opening

 Mon 15 - Fri 26 Mar (2 wks)

MOCK Exams

 Wed, 17 Mar

PFO Parents Meeting

 Fri, 19 Mar


Elementary Assembly (Grade 3) performing arts unit presentation

Roots n Shoots Sleepover

Grade 1- Parent tea

 Fri - Sun, 19 - 21 Mar

GIN @ Chinese Int'l Sch, HK


 Sat, 20 Mar

Scholarship Exams


IST Football club 1st session of Spring program starts

 Thu - Sun, 25 - 28 Mar

EARCOS Teachers Conf, Manila

 Thurs, 25 Mar

Thursday Night Live

 Fri, 26 March

Elementary Assembly (Chinese teachers)

 Mon, 29 Mar

End of 3rd Quarter - 43 Days

Reports sent home

 Wed, 31 Mar

PFO Committee Meeting

Note : the MYP AOI Festival @ BCIS is on April 16 and 17th

Information Literacy and Library News

The library would like to thank the IST community for their support and participation during the author visit. The survey results indicate that the community was satisfied with the author visit. One author who is trying to cover the needs of the full school is difficult. It is recommended that the school consider an appropriate author for each school on alternate years: elementary one year and the following year secondary. As we continue to focus on oral skills, the skills and stories shared during the author visit will continue to be highlighted throughout the year. In fact, there are some Thursday Night Lives that will be featuring students and their oral skills.

On Wednesday, 16 boxes arrived with Scholastic book orders; the books were distributed to all eager readers.

Attention Grade 11 Parents! due to Parent Conferences that have been scheduled 31 March and 1 April, the Extended Essay — EE Tea has been changed to a "meet and greet." Please be sure to schedule a time with Ms. Gourley about the Extended Essay process.



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French Translation

I am delighted to inform the members of our French community that we have hired, on a casual basis, Ms. Liv Tardieux, to act as a French translator for our school. Liv will translate, in addition to other things, the weekly Blaze newsletter and important school-wide documents and announcements. Liv will also provide translation services at PFO meetings, parent meetings, and at parent-teacher conferences upon request. If French parents require Liv's translation services they should send a note addressed to Liv to school along with their contact details and Liv will arrange a time to meet. On behalf of our school and community, welcome Liv!

Thank you for our new CNC Milling Machines!!

On behalf of our entire school, and especially our secondary students and Design Technology teacher Mr. Baxter, I would like to thank one of our parents, Mr. Michael Tschoepel, for the two wonderful CNC milling machines that he arranged to have gifted to our school. Mr. Tschoepel also provided transport from Shanghai to his own work premises and then on to IST and then he arranged a forklift to move them into position at our school! The CNC machines will be used to teach students how to transform designs on computers into real life 3 dimensional objects - exciting stuff! Thank you Mr. Tschoepel!

Warm Regards,

Steve Moody
Director.



	<i>Monday</i> 2010.3.15	<i>Tuesday</i> 2010.3.16	<i>Wednesday</i> 2010.3.17	<i>Thursday</i> 2010.3.18	<i>Friday</i> 2010.3.19
<i>Main</i>	<i>Fish Fingers</i>	<i>Spaghetti w/ Meat Balls in Bolognese Sauce</i>	<i>Ham and Cheese Sandwich</i>	<i>Baked Penne w/Mozzarella Bolognese Sauce</i>	<i>Beef Boolgogi</i>
<i>Daily Starch</i>	<i>Mashed Potato</i>		<i>French Fries</i>		<i>Potato Sticks</i>
<i>Veggies</i>	<i>Sweet Corn</i>	<i>Steamed Carrot</i>	<i>Carrot and Cucumber Sticks</i>	<i>Boiled Carrot and Broccoli</i>	<i>Cherry Tomato</i>
<i>Dessert</i>	<i>Daily Fruit</i>	<i>Daily Fruit</i>	<i>Daily Fruit and Ice Cream</i>	<i>Daily Fruit</i>	<i>Daily Fruit</i>
<i>Drink</i>	<i>Juice/Water/Yoghurt</i>	<i>Juice/Water/Yoghurt</i>	<i>Juice/Water/Yoghurt</i>	<i>Juice/Water/Yoghurt</i>	<i>Juice/Water/Yoghurt</i>
	<i>Main Course</i>	<i>Starch</i>	<i>Veg</i>		

Set menu for Kids includes: 1 main dish + daily starch & veggie; 1 fruit cut; Choice of 1 (juice, water, or yoghurt).



IST MENU

Main A: Western & Main B: Asian



	<i>Monday</i> 2010.3.15	<i>Tuesday</i> 2010.3.16	<i>Wednesday</i> 2010.3.17	<i>Thursday</i> 2010.3.18	<i>Friday</i> 2010.3.19
<i>Main A</i>	<i>Parsley Fish Fingers</i>	<i>Spaghetti Bolognese</i>	<i>Grilled Pork Chop w/Creamy Mushroom Sauce</i>	<i>Baked Penne w/Mozzarella Tomato Basil Sauce</i>	<i>Sliced Grilled Chicken w/Chili Corn Sauce</i>
<i>Main B</i>	<i>Yellow Chicken Curry</i>	<i>Sweet and Sour Chicken</i>	<i>Chicken HongKong Rice Noodles</i>	<i>Stir-Fried Chicken in Soya Sauce</i>	<i>Beef Boolgogi</i>
<i>Daily Starch</i>	<i>French Fries</i> <i>Thai pineapple Rice</i>	<i>Fried Rice w/Spring Onions</i>	<i>Sauteed Potatoes w/Onions</i> <i>Steamed Rice & Corn</i>	<i>Spinach Fried Rice</i>	<i>Potato Sticks</i> <i>Stir Fried Korean Rice</i>
<i>Soup/Salad</i>	<i>Thai Chicken Soup</i> <i>Mixed Veg Salad w/Vinagrette</i>	<i>Cream of Cauliflower</i> <i>Garden Salad w/French Dressing</i>	<i>Russian Soup</i> <i>Cabbage and Carrot w/Vinagrette</i>	<i>Goulash Soup</i> Carrot & Cucumber Sticks <i>w/Thousand Island Dressing</i>	<i>Cream of Broccoli</i> <i>Tomato & Mozzarella w/Pesto Dressing</i>
<i>Hot Veggies</i>	<i>Spinach and Corn</i>	<i>Steamed Carrot and Broccoli</i>	<i>Roasted Zucchini & Tomato</i>	<i>Broccoli & Cauliflower</i>	<i>Mixed Veggies</i>
<i>Dessert</i>	<i>Fruit Mousse</i> <i>Daily Fruit</i>	<i>Cookies</i> <i>Daily Fruit</i>	<i>Ice Cream</i> <i>Daily Fruit</i>	<i>Banana Bread</i> <i>Daily Fruit</i>	<i>Fruit Tart</i> <i>Daily Fruit</i>
<i>Drink</i>	<i>Juice/Water/Yoghurt</i>	<i>Juice/Water/Yoghurt</i>	<i>Juice/Water/Yoghurt</i>	<i>Juice/Water/Yoghurt</i>	<i>Juice/Water/Yoghurt</i>
	<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).