

2022-23 Community-wide Goal:

IST community members recognize that we are all learners and understand the importance of enthusiastically sustaining our love of learning throughout our lives. We nurture curiosity across the diverse domains of human knowledge and experience, developing and fine-tuning skills for inquiry and research, and celebrating all kinds of learning success. We think for ourselves but also understand the importance of working together in teams.

Dear Parents and Students

It has been wonderful to see so many parents turn out to school over the last two afternoons/evenings in support of **parent-student-teacher conferences**. I trust that parents welcomed and enjoyed the opportunity to hear about their children's school experience and to celebrate aspects of their learning over the semester to date. Conferences are of course also an important opportunity to set goals for the final quarter, helping to ensure that students, parents and teachers work, learn and act together for each student's future. Please do feel free to contact your children's homeroom teachers or the school office should you wish to schedule an additional time to meet.

On Tuesday all parents should have received a link to a short 20 question survey, with four sets of five questions related to the school philosophy, teaching and learning, operations and services, and my own personal performance, especially in the aftermath of the worst period of Covid disruptions. I do apologize for bombarding you with reminders, but if you have not yet completed the survey, could you please take the 2-3 minutes needed: the broader the participation, the more valid and informative the data set collected. **The deadline is today**, and I have therefore asked to office to send out a final reminder!

Please note that another survey will be released by the school admissions office in the week following Spring Break, and this is the annual, and **non-binding 'Intent to Return' to school for the 2023-24 school year survey**. Parents will be given three 'non-binding' options from which to choose: 1). I plan for my child/ren to return to IST next year; 2). I do not plan for my child/ren to return to IST next year; and 3). I am uncertain at this time as to whether or not my child/ren will return to IST next year. The results of this survey provide incredibly important insights for the school administration as we plan for the new school year, especially given that enrolment has an significant impact on class sizes, on numbers of teachers, and on likely school revenues and expenditure.

Your willingness to keep us apprised of your current plans really does have a big impact on our ability to plan effectively! But I do stress again, that **this is a 'non-binding' survey**, and of course you are free to change your decision at any time without fear of sacrificing a place in the school. Thank you in advance for your kind support! Please also note that the survey will be accompanied by a letter from the IST Board of Governors related to any possible adjustments to fees for next year, as well as a reminder that the school will refund pro-rated bus and KG1-3 online learning tuition fees at the end of the year (these can also be transferred to offset next year's fees for those returning).

Upcoming World Celebration Dates...

Wednesday - April 5, 2023 Qingming Festival (Tomb Sweeping Day)

The festival is called Qīngmíng Jié in Standard Chinese, literally "Clear and Bright Festival". The name suggests a time for people to go outside and enjoy the greenery of springtime, but it is mostly noted for its connection with Chinese ancestral veneration and the tending of family graves.

Sunday - April 9, 2023 Easter

Easter is a festival celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Customs that have become associated with Easter and are observed by both Christians and some non-Christians include egg hunting, the Easter Bunny, and Easter parades.



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As we move into the warmer Spring weather (23 degrees yesterday), families will invariably want to start spending more time in the school following the completion of classes. I have copied below the **guidelines for building and campus access during the summer months** for your reference (effective 10 April through to 28 September). Please remember that **students must be supervised by their parents at all times** (unless participating in a CCA).

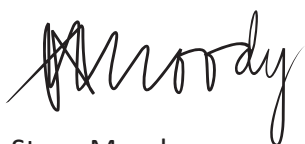
Venue	Days	Spring & Summer Months: April to September
Campus Grounds	Monday – Friday	07:30AM – 5:15PM
Qin & Han Buildings	Monday – Friday	07:30AM - 4:30PM
Library	Monday-Thursday	07:30AM - 4:30PM
	Friday	07:30 - 15:30 (3:30PM)
PFO Community Room	Monday- Friday	07:30 - 15:30 (3:30PM)
K-1 Playroom	Monday – Friday	<i>Note: the playroom is open after school so that children attending CCAs can collect their school bags. No play is permitted in the playroom after school from 3:15PM</i>

Exceptions:

1. Students are accompanied by an IST staff member.
2. The activity has been pre-approved in writing by a member of the school's senior administration.
3. Weekends: IST families may access the campus grounds between 8:00AM and 5:00PM. Please note that the Han and Qin Buildings are out of bounds during the weekend, including bathrooms (Note: there are outside toilets beside the school exit near the Han Building; children must be supervised by parents).

Finally, **today marked the final day of service here at IST for long-term IST employee Mr. Liang Chunxi**, one of our longest serving members of staff. Mr. Liang began working with our facilities and operational team at our Xinhua Lu campus (near Minyuan) way back on 15 November 1998, some 24 years ago! On behalf of our entire community – and especially the handful of us who welcomed him on his very first day – I extend to Mr. Liang the heartfelt thanks of our entire community for his wonderful service to our school, and our very best wishes for a very well-earned retirement!

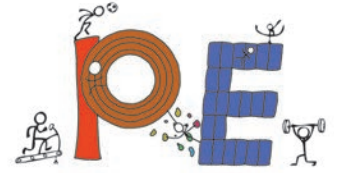
A reminder (as if you could forget!) that we have a week's holiday scheduled for Spring Break, with classes resuming on Monday 10 April. I wish you all a wonderful holiday!



Steve Moody
Director



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ATHLETICS SEASON 2 UPDATES

Last week was another busy week for our sports teams as we competed in multiple events and tournaments both in Tianjin and Beijing. Our teams performed exceptionally well showcasing not only their skills, but also their teamwork and sportsmanship. We are extremely proud of our student-athletes as they have not only excelled in their respective sports but also reflected the values and spirit of our school through their outstanding achievements.

Our HS Boys and Girls football teams hosted Teda Global Academy (TGA) on Friday afternoon 24 March:

IST delivered a commanding performance in their latest football match against TEDA, resulting in a resounding 5-0 victory. The game saw an exceptional performance from Yu Xin Zhao, who scored an impressive hat trick. Ellie McMulkin and Poppy McMulkin also made notable contributions to the scoreline, with both players scoring one goal each. The IST team displayed impressive teamwork and coordination throughout the match, dominating the game with almost total control and possession of the ball. The match also saw a strong showing from other members of the team, with players such as Ella Ross taking several shots on goal, Anna Nejezchlebova passing the ball accurately and Mathilda Stolte having a strong presence in goal. The overall match was a resounding success, with plenty of entertainment for the spectators in attendance. The IST community came out in full force to support their team, and their passion and energy were evident from start to finish. The team's dominant performance was a testament to their hard work and dedication. Overall, the IST vs TGA match was a great display of football, with IST delivering an outstanding performance and securing a well-deserved victory. (Poppy McMulkin)



The HS football team continued its strong start to the season in a 5-0 victory over TEDA Global Academy. We kept a solid defensive line and quickly moved the ball to safe spaces. On the attack, we created chances with good ball movement and through balls. Although we dominated possession in the early minutes of the game, we struggled to hit the target and put the ball in the back of the net. This did not last too long, however, and once the first goal went in the team seemed to find their range and accuracy in order to take complete control of the game. The team will continue to build towards the ACAMIS tournament in April, practicing different formations and tightening its defense. (Mr Diegel)

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Our MS Basketball teams travelled to Beijing on Saturday, 25 March, to take part in the ISAC middle school basketball exchanges with our boys playing at ISB and our girls competing at WAB:

The U14 ISAC girls' basketball exchange at WAB was a thrilling and competitive event, showcasing the talent and dedication of young athletes from IST, WAB, BCIS, and Daystar Academy. For many of our girls, this was the first-ever basketball exchange that they had attended. Despite tough competition from their opponents, the IST girls showed remarkable skill, teamwork and improvement, winning all three games of the exchange. Their success was a testament to their hard work and commitment to improving as a team, and they demonstrated impressive poise and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. As they continue to develop their young squad, the IST girls are sure to be a force to be reckoned with in future competitions. (Mr K)



The IST middle school basketball team had an exciting opportunity to travel to Beijing as part of an ISAC exchange program. The boys' team represented their school with pride and showed off their skills on the court, winning three out of their four games. The competition was a valuable learning experience for the players, as they could gain real game experience and work together as a team. Despite the intense competition, the boys showed excellent sportsmanship and displayed great camaraderie throughout the day. Congratulations to the team for their impressive performance and for being excellent ambassadors for their school. (Mr. Lobsey)



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IST hosted the ISCOT Badminton tournament on Monday 27 March with over 50 students competing for the title of ISCOT Badminton team champions:

Congratulations to our High School Badminton teams on a very successful performance at the 2023 ISCOT Badminton Championships. The tournament featured both girls' and boys' divisions, with TIS, Wellington, and TGA all bringing their best players to the courts. The matches were intense, with each school showcasing their best skills and strategies. The players displayed incredible agility, power, and precision as they battled for each point. The atmosphere was electric and there was a buzz of excitement throughout the venue. IST showed exceptional skill, discipline and effort in doubles play across all divisions. Our High School teams led a convincing run to take the title as tournament champions with our Boys teams placing 1st and 2nd in each pool and girls team placing 2nd and 3rd as tournament finalists. Well done to our student-athletes and good luck at ACAMIS in April! (Ms. Lily)



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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.

Birthday Book

Thank you to Jun Hee in grade 4 for his birthday book donation to the library. Jun Hee donated the book "The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza" by Mac Barnett and Shawn Harris. This book is the first in a new graphic novel series. Jun Hee enjoys reading graphic novels so we hope he will enjoy this book. Happy birthday, Jun Hee!

If you would like to celebrate a special birthday with the IST Library Birthday Book Club, please contact the librarians at linnea_simon@istianjin.org.cn or deb_kienzle@istianjin.org.cn for more information on how to join.



Panda Book Winners

The results are in! Here are the winners for each Panda Book category.

Winners 2022-2023



Younger Readers



Middle Readers



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Older Readers

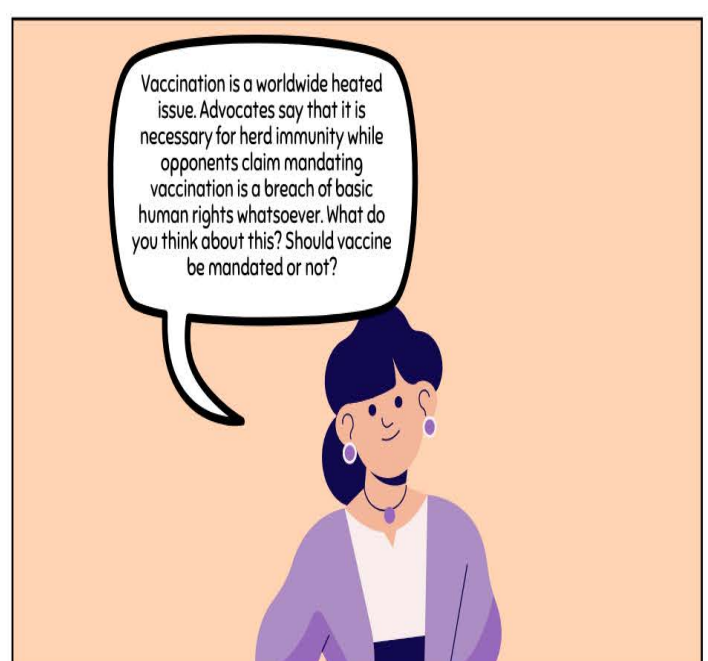


Mature Readers



Anti-Vaccination

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EARTH WEEK

17-21
APRIL
2023

SAVE
THE
EARTH



MONDAY 17

MEATLESS MONDAY
NOT JUST IN THE CAFETERIA
AND DELI MARCHE!
BEGIN WEIGHING FOOD
WASTE.

THURSDAY 20

DRESS WITH SUSTAINABLE
FASHION AND RECYCLED
CLOTHES.
SCIENCE FAIR

TUESDAY 18

SWAP DAY, USEFUL
QUALITY STUFF.

FRIDAY 21

WEAR GREEN!
EARTH WEEK ASSEMBLY
PHOTO ON FIELD.

WEDNESDAY 19

EARTH HOUR -
REDUCE POWER!





IST Swap Day

Tuesday April 18 during Lunch
Elementary: PFO Room
Secondary: Stu-co Room

What is IST Swap Day?

Students donate good quality reusable items such as games, toys, puzzles and books (no clothes, shoes, or expired items). Then they choose an item donated by others.

What is it about?

Swap Day provides opportunities for us to reduce waste by donating and trading with others, rather than buying new stuff.

Where do I bring my swap items?

Bring items to homerooms from now until Tuesday the 18th.

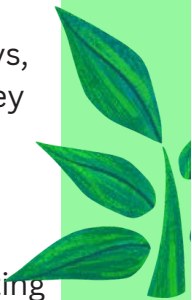
How will it work on the day ?

Students who donated will get the first pick:

QIN first pick: 12:10 - 12:40pm, everyone: 12:40 - 1:05pm

HAN first pick: 12:50 - 1:15pm, everyone: 1:20 - 1:45pm

Any questions please see or email:
Miss Reddaway or Mr. Thorns.
We look forward to seeing you there!



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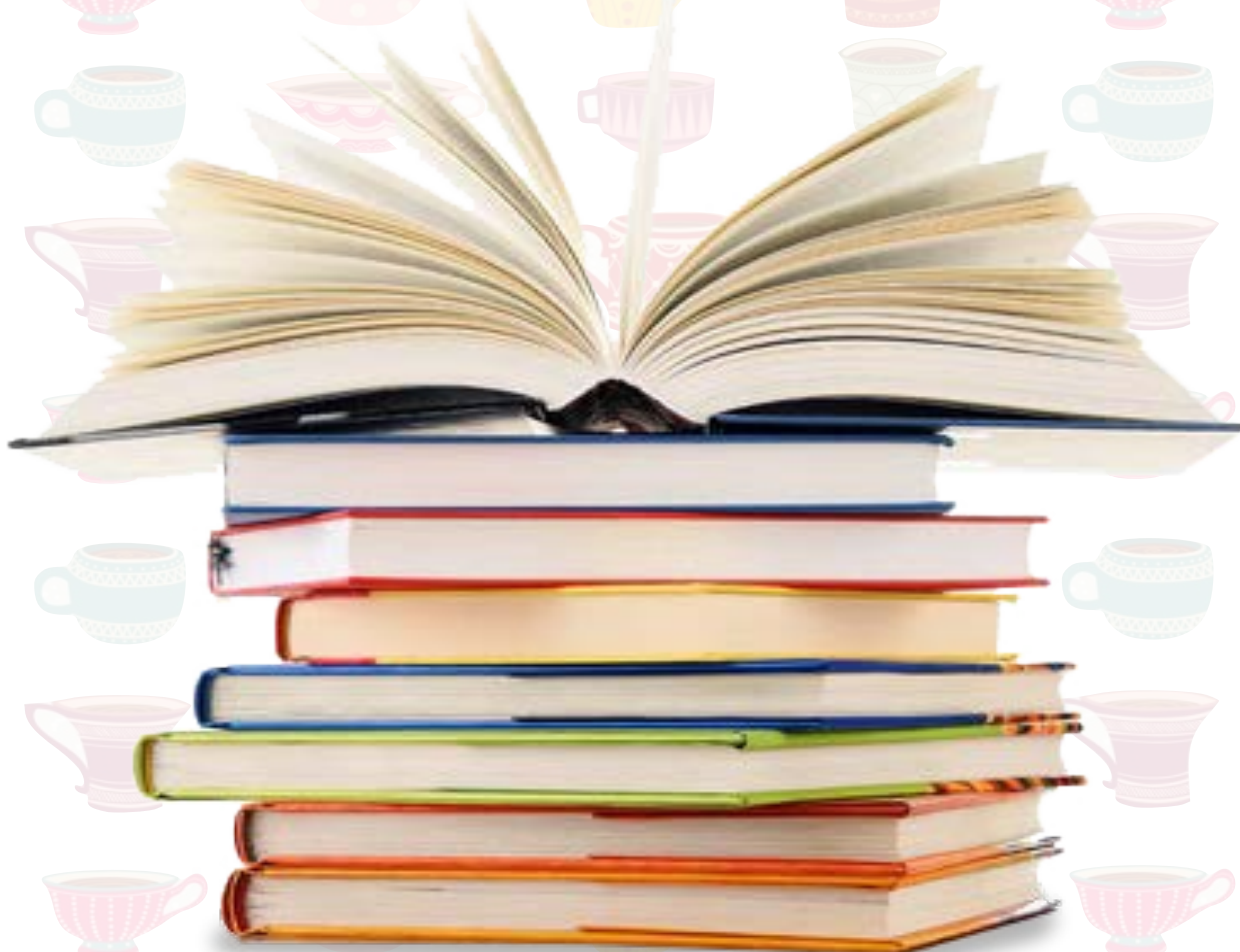
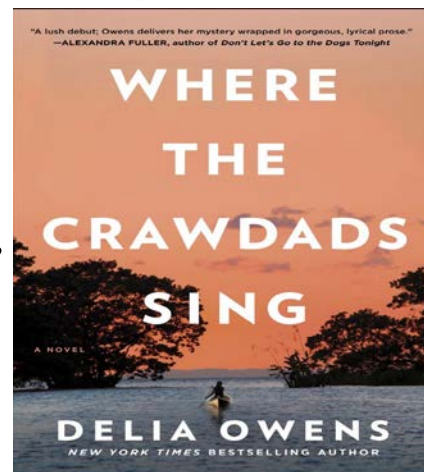
Come along to our monthly meet ups to discuss books and enjoy coffee & cakes!

This month's book is *Where The Crawdads Sing* by *Delia Owens*. The library has copies in Korean, English, Chinese and German.

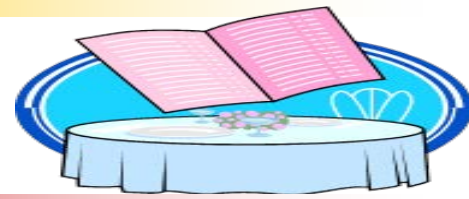
Our next meeting is Tuesday 25th April at 8.30am in the Library.

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

Book suggestions welcome. Hope to see you there!



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EAT LEARN LIVE MENU G2-G12					
	Monday 2023-04-10	Tuesday 2023-04-11	Wednesday 2023-04-12	Thursday 2023-04-13	Friday 2023-04-14
Salad/Fruit	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
Western From The Grill Station	Pizza Margherita 芝士比萨	Chicken Schnitzel 炸鸡排	Beef Lasagna 牛肉千层面	Chicken Fajita 墨西哥鸡肉	Beef Goulash 红烩牛肉
	Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Roasted Potatoes 土豆角 Allergy: flour, cheese, tomato sauce	Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Roasted Potatoes 烤土豆 Allergy: chicken, breadcrumb	Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Roasted Potatoes 烤土豆 Allergy: beef, cheese, onion, pepper, milk	Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Roasted Potatoes 土豆角 Allergy: Cumin, cajun seasoning, pepper, sour cream, flour	Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: tomato sauce, beef
Asian From The Wok/Noodle Station	Japanese Buckwheat Noodles 日式荞麦面 Cucumber 拌黄瓜 Allergy: buckwheat, egg, seaweed, sesame	Noodle with Beef Soup 牛肉面 Boiled Vegetable 煮蔬菜 Allergy: beef, flour	Chicken Curry 咖喱鸡 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: chicken, curry paste, coconut milk	Jajangmyeon 韩式炸酱面 Allergy: soybean, flour	Indonesia Fried Rice with Chicken 印尼炒米饭配鸡肉 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Shrimp Cracker 虾片 Allergy: samba sauce, onion, egg, ginger, shrimp cracker
Vegetarian		Noodles with Vegetable Soup 蔬菜面	Vegetable Curry 咖喱蔬菜	Jajangmyeon 韩式炸酱面	Friche Rice with Soya Sauce 酱油炒饭
Soup	Tomato and Egg Soup 西红柿鸡蛋汤	Pumpkin Soup 南瓜汤	Minestrone 通心粉汤	Tomato and Egg Soup 西红柿鸡蛋汤	Pumpkin Soup 南瓜汤
Dessert	Banana Bread 香蕉包	Cookies 饼干	Swiss Roll 瑞士卷	Apple Pie 苹果派	Fruit Tart 水果塔
Nutritional reading over the week 每周营养分析		Energy 热量 (Kcal) 731	Protein 蛋白质 (g) 26	Carbohydrate 碳水化合物 (g) 104	Fat 脂肪 (g) 23
Nutritional recommendation 营养建议		725	25	100	25

EAT LEARN LIVE MENU NURSERY-G1					
	Monday 2023-04-10	Tuesday 2023-04-11	Wednesday 2023-04-12	Thursday 2023-04-13	Friday 2023-04-14
Snack	Yoghurt Fruit Cut	Carrot Cake Fruit Cut	Mini Pizza Fruit Cut	Vegetable Pie Fruit Cut	Cheese Sandwich Fruit Cut
Set Meal	Stir Fry Noodles 炒面	Sweet and Sour Pork ball 酸甜猪肉丸	Pork Rolls 猪肉卷	Baked Fusilli w/Meat patty 螺旋面配牛肉饼	Italian Sausage with Beans and Vegetables 意大利烩香肠豆子蔬菜
	Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Allergy: flour, soya sauce, oyster sauce	Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: Pork, egg	Sweet Corn and Vegetables 玉米粒炒蔬菜 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Allergy: flour, pork, soya sauce, green garlic	Stir Fry Zucchini and Corn 西葫芦玉米 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Allergy: Beef, onion, tomato sauce	Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: chicken sausage, beans, herb, tomato sauce
Fruit	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day
Drinks	Milk/Yoghurt/Yakult	Milk/Yoghurt/Yakult	Milk/Yoghurt/Yakult	Milk/Yoghurt/Yakult	Milk/Yoghurt/Yakult
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Morning snack offer available at 6 rmb, Snack are only available for daily set lunch consumers.

DIARY DATES

Monday~Friday - April 3~7, 2023
Spring Break

Monday~Friday - April 17~21, 2023
Earth Week

Wednesday - April 19, 2023
MAD Night

SPORTS DATES

APRIL

Monday 10th
HS Football (Boys @ Wellington and Girls @
IST) (GIRLS HOME GAME)

Tuesday 18th
MS Basketball TIS @ IST (HOME GAME)

Thursday 20th
ACAMIS FOOTBALL @ IST (3 Day Tournament
@ IST)

Friday 21st
ACAMIS FOOTBALL @ IST (3 Day Tournament
@ IST)

Saturday 22nd
ACAMIS FOOTBALL @ IST (3 Day Tournament
@ IST)

Tuesday 25th
MS Basketball (Boys @ Wellington and Girls
@ IST) (GIRLS HOME GAME)

WELCOME TO THE IST SPORTS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CCA) PROGRAM FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Please take note of the following dates:

Season 3 Sport Schedule

- ☺ Starts Monday, 6 Mar and ends Friday, 19 May
- ☺ The program will run for approximately 10 school weeks
- ☺ No CCAs during holidays and PTSCs (conferences)

Season three includes:

- ☺ HS Football -(Mondays and Fridays 15:30 – 17:00)
- ☺ MS Basketball- (Tuesdays and Thursdays 15:30 – 17:00)
- ☺ HS Badminton – (Mondays and Fridays 15:30 – 17:00)

Please do not hesitate to contact our department with any questions.

- ☺ Mr. Kennedy – Athletics Director (byron_kennedy@istianjin.org.cn)
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- ☺ Ms. Guo Ying – Activities Officer (CCA's) - (ying_guo@istianjin.org.cn)
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