

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 parent and students,

Once again, I have the opportunity to write this week's message for BLAZE due to Mr. Moody's absence from campus. These weekly messages to our school community always remind me of the importance of the work that we do here at IST. And the reason for Mr. Moody's absence is a perfect example of what makes the International School of Tianjin, such a tremendous place for working, learning and acting together. Schools are built on the importance of routines. And so, a weekly newsletter can become a matter of routine much like consistent homework or a regular classroom expectation. But much like students in a class, we can often see the strength of a community when it is put to the test through difficult challenges and unexpected situations.

As you will all know, our music teacher Mr. Wiemers suffered a medical event that has prevented his return to the classroom for the remainder of the year. In many schools, such an event could easily paralyze the community as they struggle to fill in the gap left by the sudden departure of an important teacher. At IST however, no such paralysis occurred, and instead, what we witnessed was the awesome community spirit that is the true hallmark of our school. Our arts department teachers quickly adapted to the departure of their colleague and have absorbed all those students into their classes for the remainder of the year. This means that the normal running of the school could continue without significant interruption.

But apart from that, there were a truly astonishing number of kindnesses and generous efforts offered on behalf of Mr. Wiemers: Students across the secondary school made dozens and dozens of cards, notes and letters wishing him a speedy recovery. Colleagues from both the secondary and elementary school arranged for meals and regular hospital visits while our office staff worked tirelessly to ensure that he always received the best possible care under difficult circumstances. Our Director of Human Resources, Frances Zhang, made routine visits to the hospital to provide clarity and help assuage Mr. Wiemers, who often had difficulty communicating with the Chinese medical staff. And of course, Mr. Moody has never failed to provide much needed leadership during this time. So much so, that he has personally accompanied Mr. Wiemers on his return trip to Australia where he can begin his lengthy recovery. Each of these actions clearly demonstrate the purpose of a place like IST. This amazing community came together at a time of stress and each member of the community responded with kindness, generosity of spirit and a willingness to think of the needs of others.

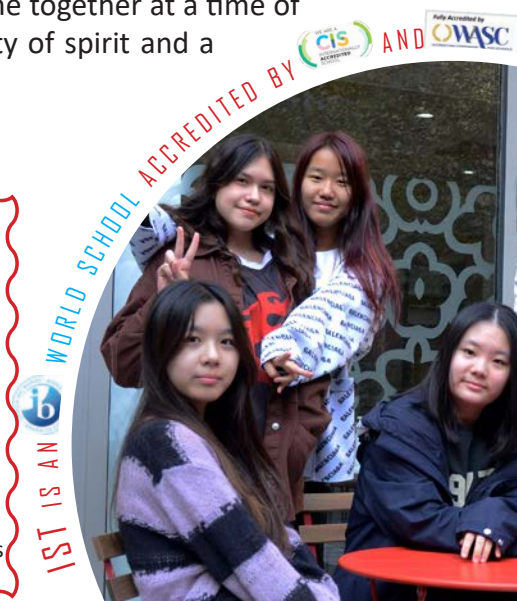
Upcoming World Celebration Dates next week...

Thursday~Friday - April 20~21, 2023 Ramadan ends/ Eid-al-Fitr

Eid al-Fitr also called Feast of Breaking the Fast, is an important religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting. The religious Eid is a single day during which Muslims are not permitted to fast. The holiday celebrates the conclusion of the 29 or 30 days of dawn-to-sunset fasting during the entire month of Ramadan. The day of Eid, therefore, falls on the first day of the month of Shawwal. This is a day when Muslims around the world show a common goal of unity.

Saturday - April 22, 2023 Earth Day

Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on April 22. Worldwide, various events are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First celebrated in 1970, Earth Day events in more than 193 countries are now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network.



IST undergoes an accreditation process every five years or so to evaluate the quality of our school. Each time, we insist that IST is a “philosophy driven” institution. If we look back on the events of the past month or so, the veracity of this assertion is perfectly clear: IST truly is a place “where the needs of the student come first”. We embrace challenges and we learn and accept that we, “have a duty to the wider community”.

In other areas, please be reminded that we have a few terrific events coming up in the next few weeks:

- This coming weekend, about a dozen members of the IST staff will attend the ACAMIS Leadership Conference in Guangzhou. In addition to staff, IST will be the only school in attendance who will have student presenters at this conference! I am sure that Mr. Moody will provide some updates in next week’s BLAZE.
- Tuesday 18th MS Basketball TIS @ IST (HOME GAME)
- Thursday 20th to Saturday 22nd ACAMIS FOOTBALL @ IST (3 Day Tournament @ IST)

Spring is now in full swing at IST. We have only a handful of weeks remaining in the school year before we can begin yet another summer vacation. But in between those times when we look forward to taking a break and being able to travel and do other things, it is deeply heartening to know that we are all fortunate enough to each be members of such a caring, dedicated and vibrant community as this!

Have a lovely weekend!

Warm regards,

Michael Conway
Secondary Principal / Deputy Director





Medi-Comics

:Excessive Artificial Light Exposure

Written by Chris Ham G11

Illustrated by Mi Na Son G10



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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.

April is Poetry Month



We're celebrating Poetry Month with fun activities all month. Stop by the library to read some poetry, send a poetry postcard, or make a poem with our magnetic poetry board!



Book Fair

We are looking forward to hosting Share Kids Books for a book fair in the library on the 26th & 27th of April. There will be many English-language books for sale. See the accompanying flyer for more information.

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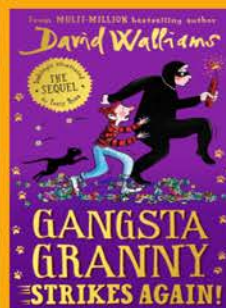
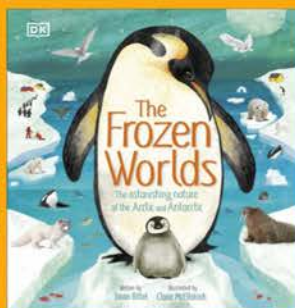
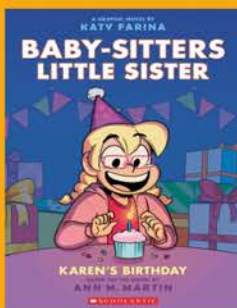
Welcome to Our April 26-27

BOOK FAIR!

April 26th - April 27th
Wednesday to Thursday



Follow Us for More New Books!



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ATHLETICS SEASON 2 UPDATES

On Monday, our football teams played their final weekday league games for the season. Both teams played against Wellington with our girls playing at home and our boys traveling to Wellington.

The IST girl's football team played against Wellington this past Monday, April 10th. Everyone got a chance to play and have fun on the field, with all the girls very enthusiastic and ready to help. This match was a seven-a-side game, with 2 defenders, 3 midfielders, 1 striker and 1 goalkeeper. The match ended with an outstanding score of 8-0, living up to the expectations that were set from previous matches. Both teams put great effort into their play and it gave the girls a chance to put to practice everything they've learned while encouraging them to take risks. Overall, we had a very satisfactory result and came out excited to keep giving it our best! Now we prepare for the ACAMIS tournament which takes place at IST next week.

(by Valeria Roa Cedeno)



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The HS IST football team secured a 2-0 win in an eventful match against Wellington College on Monday. The team travelled to Wellington in the afternoon, making it the first away game of the season. Though the team struggled at first to adapt to the smaller playing field, our movement and passes created a number of chances which were unlucky to have not gone into the back of the net. Though the Wellington team fought hard to create chances on their end, they were unable to convert their chances following a very commanding display from our teams defence, holding firm to earn us a clean sheet. As the game went on, we were able to create some quality plays and chances which led to the two exceptional goals that gave us the edge in the end. This was the teams last game prior to the ACAMIS tournament which will be held at IST towards the end of next week. The team will have two remaining practices to continue practicing different tactics, formations, and skills in order to ensure that we are prepared for the tournament.



Next week, our MS basketball teams will be playing TIS at home so please come out and support. On Thursday the ACAMIS football tournament will start where IST is hosting. The tournament will see 6 schools compete to be ACAMIS Orange division champions with 40 football games being played over two and a half days.

Please wish our students luck.

GOOOOO BLAZE!!!!

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MAD Night † ^{IST} IST Artists

features with musical performances, fine art projects, drama improv, and more from IST artists for you to explore!



2023

April 19 6:30

Music Art Drama

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MAD NIGHT BLAZE announcement

MAD Night is back on Wednesday April 19th. The event is free for all IST Community members. Students were invited to show off their CCA's and their work from Music, Art and Drama classes. MAD Night is broken into two sessions, and begins at 6.30pm in the HAN Building.

Session 1: Rotations: 6:30pm-7:00pm: Collect a map from the front desk in the HAN foyer and explore at your own pace. There are six different areas to explore, each one offering different performances and experiences for you to try.

Each area has performances that run for 7-10minutes. The performers may take short breaks throughout this time. This is to allow them to regroup and you the audience to move to a new performance.

We ask that you respect the space limitations of some of these performances (limits posted on the door) and if a room is too full, come back for the next performance.

Snacks will be available for purchase during this time. Look for the snack stalls run by the Secondary Student Council.

Raffle tickets will also be for sale, as well as information about the Earthquake Relief. Tickets are 20rmb with some big prizes up for grabs, including overnight hotel stays. The more tickets you purchase the better your chances of winning. Look for the Raffle Booth outside the Library.

All rotations will finish at 7:00pm.

Session 2: Concert Performances: 7:15pm-8:00pm: This session is dedicated to larger group performances put together by student CCA's. Performances will begin at 7:15pm sharp, so please come find a seat in the theatre.

Performances include songs from the school musical; Creepytown, the secondary school Orchestra (conducted by Tina Xu G12), Heart Rate Dance group (choreographed by G9 students; MinHee Park, Grace, Xu and Tina Gou), Service Circus (organized by Grade 9 students Sigge Centreman and Jason Zhou) and the Music Lab (performed by G11 and G12 students).

We will also be drawing the raffle winners throughout this session. So make sure you have your tickets ready to go!

Students are also working behind the scenes, operating lighting and sound (Kaja Bradley (G10) and Juliette Meignen (G10)) and assisting back stage with organizing cast members and moving sets.

You may collect a program, outside the theatre, to learn more about each performance. Please remember no food or drink is to be consumed inside the theatre.

Performances should finish at 8:00pm.

Bus Schedule: To assist you in getting to and from MAD Night **buses have been provided** by the school. Please see the bus schedule below.

- BUS COMING TO MAD NIGHT: 5PM
17:00 Aocheng – 17:05 Garden Villa(side gate) – 17:30 Haiyi Changzhou – IST

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- BUS GOING HOME FROM MADNIGHT: 8PM
- Route 1: 20:00 IST – 20:30 AoCheng – 20:35 Garden Villa – 20:40 Fraser Place
- Route 2: 20:00 IST – 20:15 Crystal City – 20:20 – Haiyi Changzhou – 20:35 AoCheng

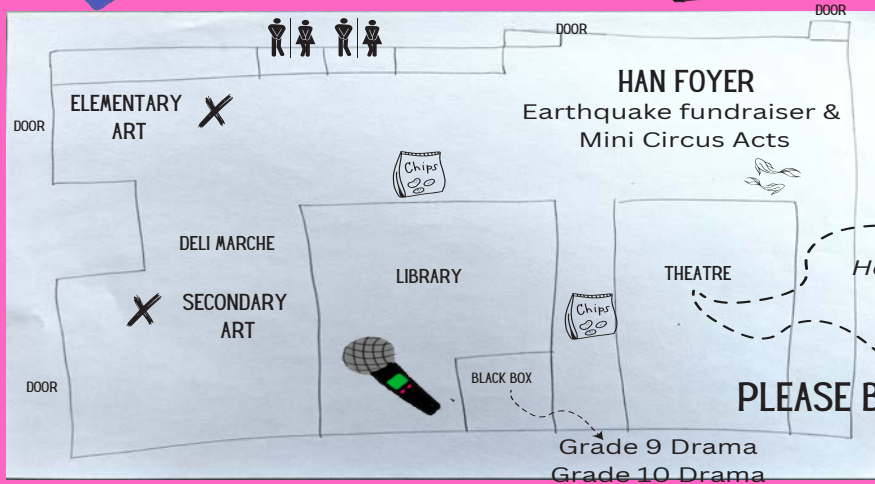
After School Supervision: A reminder that all students on campus after school hours (4.30-6.30) must be supervised by a parent. If your child is performing and staying after school, they need to be supervised by a parent. Please arrange accordingly.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!
IST ARTS TEAM

Becca Alosi
MYP Language Acquisition Teacher
MYP Drama Teacher

MAD Night

GROUND FLOOR



Front of School

FINALE:

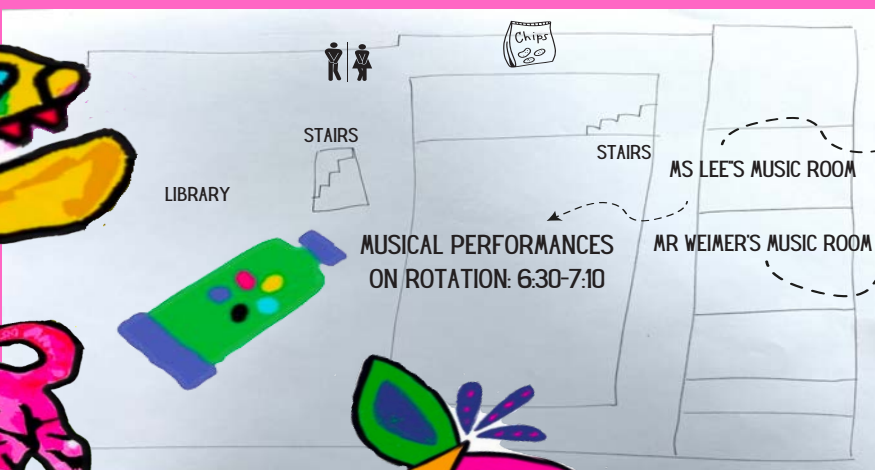
- Creepy Town
- Forge of Vulcan
- Heart Rate K-Pop Medley
- Service Circus
- Bohemian Rhapsody and more!

PLEASE BE SEATED BY 7:15 PM

Front of School

MAD Night

UPSTAIRS



- Secondary Flute Ensemble
- Grade 4 Recorders

- Steve plays a Violin Solo
- Adonia sings & plays guitar
- Jihoon & Tina plays a Shubert piano duet





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!



Please pack only plant-based school lunches and snacks for Meatless Monday. It is not too late to bring in items for Swap Day on Tuesday (see the poster).

Parents are welcome to join us on Friday April 21 for the Earth Week Assembly in the Theatre starting 1:55pm and the Drone photo on the grass field from about 2:40pm.

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Science Fair:

All the IST community is invited to the Science Fair on Thursday, April 20 next week, from 1:50pm.

You'll find it on the second floor of the Secondary Han building.

The Grade 8 Science students have spent a whole quarter, planning, experimenting, processing data, researching and writing all about a Science topic of their choice. Come along, see their work and ask them questions.



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.

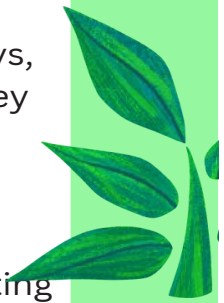
How will it work on the day ?

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!





Food theme: Delicious Indian cooking class

Menu:

1. Basmati rice
2. Chicken curry
3. Egg fry
4. Kheer Desert



When: 19th April 09:00am-2pm

Where: IST Elementary Kitchen

Host: Sharmi

Cost: 100 RMB per person

Please join the WeChat group by scanning this QR code:
Max 16 participants, first-come first-served.



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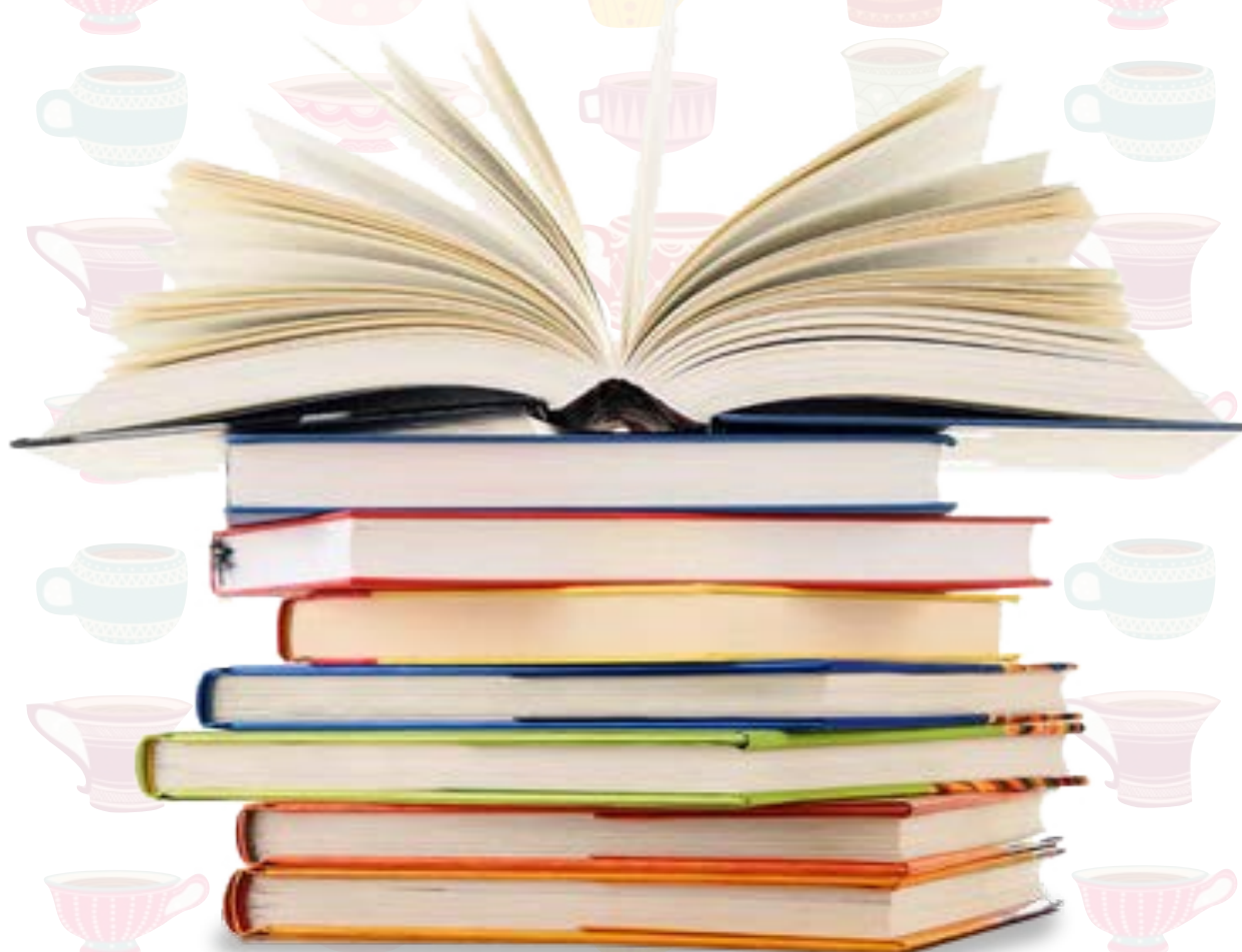
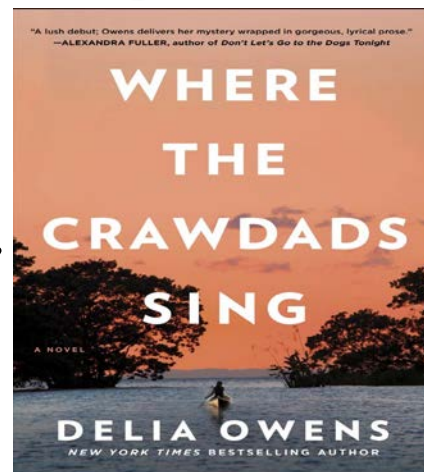
Come along to our monthly meet ups to discuss books and enjoy coffee & cakes!

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

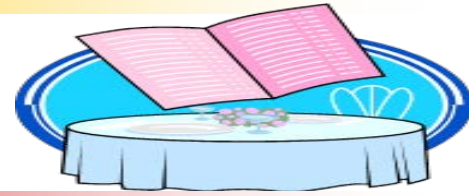
Our next meeting is Tuesday 25th April at 8.30am in the Library.

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

Book suggestions welcome. Hope to see you there!



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MENU G2-G12

	Monday 2023-04-17	Tuesday 2023-04-18	Wednesday 2023-04-19	Thursday 2023-04-20	Friday 2023-04-21
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	Penne Tomato with Creamy Cheese Sauce 奶油芝士焗面 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Allergy: milk, flour, cheese	Grilled Chicken with Pepper Sauce 黑椒汁煎鸡排 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Sauteed Potatoes with Onion 洋葱炒土豆 Allergy: onion, black pepper sauce	Chicken Burger 鸡肉汉堡 French Fries 薯条 Allergy: chicken, flour, tomato, cucumber, lettuce, mayonnaise	Chili Con Carne 墨西哥炒牛肉馅 Steamed Black Beans 蒸黑豆 Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: beef, pepper, onion, cumin, cajun seasoning, black beans	Meat Loaf 牛肉面包 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Mashed Potatoes 土豆泥 Allergy: beef, herb
Asian From The Wok/Noodle Station	Doenjang Jjigae 大酱汤 Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: wheat, egg	Fried Noodles with Chicken and Vegetables 蔬菜鸡肉炒面 Allergy: flour, oyster sauce, soya sauce, cabbage, egg	Braised Pork Taiwan Style 台湾卤肉 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: pork, soya sauce, egg, potato, sugar	Noodles with Pork Soup 豚骨拉面 boiled Vegetable 煮蔬菜 Allergy: flour, pork	Chicken Teriyaki 日式照烧鸡排 Stir fry Cabbage 炒洋白菜 Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: Soya sauce, green garlic, ginger, breadcrumb
Vegetarian		Fried Noodle with Vegetable 蔬菜炒面	Vegetable Burger 蔬菜汉堡	Noodles with Vegetable Soup 蔬菜面	Spaghetti with Tomato Sauce 番茄意大利面
Soup	Tomato and Egg Soup 西红柿鸡蛋汤	Pumpkin Soup 南瓜汤	Borch 罗宋汤	Tomato and Egg Soup 西红柿鸡蛋汤	Pumpkin Soup 南瓜汤
Dessert	Swiss Roll 瑞士卷	Mini Muffin 小玛芬	Mousse 木司	Carrot Cake 胡萝卜蛋糕	Chocolate Cake 巧克力蛋糕
Nutritional reading over the week 每周营养分析		Energy 热量 (Kcal) 715	Protein 蛋白质 (g) 26	Carbohydrate 碳水化合物 (g) 102	Fat 脂肪 (g) 16
Nutritional recommendation 营养建议		725	25	100	25

MENU NURSERY-G1

	Monday 2023-04-17	Tuesday 2023-04-18	Wednesday 2023-04-19	Thursday 2023-04-20	Friday 2023-04-21
Snack	Yoghurt Fruit Cut	Carrot Cake Fruit Cut	Cookies Fruit Cut	Banana Bread Fruit Cut	Vegetable Sandwich Fruit Cut
Set Meal	Margherita Pizza 比萨 Sweet Corn and Broccoli 玉米粒西兰花 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Allergy: flour, tomato sauce, cheese, herb	Sauteed Chicken with Broccoli 西兰花炒鸡肉 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Rice 米饭 Allergy: soya sauce	Baked Beef Macaroni 小弯牛肉面 Stir Fry Zucchini and Corn 西葫玉米 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Allergy: flour, beef, tomato sauce, herb	Teriyaki Chicken 日式照烧鸡排 Cauliflower with Tomato Sauce 番茄菜花 Rice 米饭 Allergy: chicken, crumb, cauliflower, tomato	Pork Stew 卤肉饭 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Rice 米饭 Allergy: pork, soya 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 17~21, 2023
Earth Week

Wednesday - April 19, 2023
MAD Night

Monday - May 1, 2023
May Day Break

Monday~Thursday - May 1~18, 2023
IB Diploma Exams

Thursday - May 4, 2023
ELA Entrance Testing

Friday - May 12, 2023
Elementary Sports Day

Monday~Friday - May 22~26, 2023
Secondary Exams (G9-11)

SPORTS DATES

APRIL

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)

Wednesday 26th
ISCOT MS Basketball Tournament (Girls @ TGA and Boys @ TIS)

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