

2023-24 IST Community-wide Goal: Understanding and Promoting the Diversity of Knowledge (IBLP)

Our community welcomes and values the multiplicity of interests, ideas, and beliefs and values that exist within our international community living here in Tianjin, and beyond, and we are committed to providing a safe, open-minded, and inclusive environment for all. In embracing physical and socio-cultural diversity, we also champion diversity of thought and the critical thinking and open-minded inquiry and learning across a range of topics and disciplines that deepens conceptual understanding and intellectual growth and independence. We listen carefully when considering alternative points of view, and we are willing to grow and change as a result of sincere intellectual inquiry and discourse. We will engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance, we challenge injustice, and we take personal and professional responsibility for our roles, responsibilities and actions, and their consequences.



Dear Parents and Students

I would like to begin this week's edition of Blaze by congratulating all of our students —and especially our new students— on a fine start to the year. For the most part students appear to have adjusted really well to new classes, teachers and routines, and the school year already feels as though it is in full swing. It is also wonderful to see so many new friendships forming and to see IST students interacting so willingly and positively with their peers and teachers. That said, the start of a new year can be stressful for new and returning students alike, and for those who are not yet able to communicate effectively in English, and we encourage parents to please come in to see us if you have specific concerns.

As part of our **annual community orientation programme**, our school hosts a series of events over the first few weeks that provide an opportunity for parents to learn more about our school and its programmes, to meet their children's teachers, and equally importantly, to meet one another. **Please be sure to make time in your calendars for the following important gatherings as we encourage you to try to attend if at all possible!**

TUESDAY 29 AUGUST

- **Secondary Open House** (See full details later in Blaze. A reminder email will be sent home on Monday)

THURSDAY 31 AUGUST

- **Parent Faculty Organization 'New and Returning Parent Meeting'** (09:00-09:45AM in Han Teacher Center) ... be sure to come along early for the welcome tea and coffee and snacks, from 08:00-09:00AM!
- **Elementary Open House** (details were sent home yesterday, and a reminder will follow next week) **KG1-G5: 10:00AM** in Han Theatre. A reminder e-notification will be sent home to elementary families next week, including details about transportation.

EVERY MONDAY MORNING, STARTING 4 SEPTEMBER

- **PFO English Corner: 09:30-11:30AM.** Come along and practice your English ... and enjoy an opportunity to chat with a member of the IST faculty!

Please accept my apologies but unfortunately I will miss this year's Elementary Open House and PFO Parent Welcome as I will be out of town on Thursday and Friday carrying out an ACAMIS membership inspection of an international school in Changchun. I will also be out of school for three days the following week (Wed. 6 Sept. to Fri. 8 Sept.) performing similar visits at two schools in Shanghai and Zhuhai. In my absence Mr. Conway will be the Acting Director.

Upcoming World Celebration Dates...

Thursday - August 31, 2023 Malaysia's Independence Day

Commemorates the independence of the Federation of Malaya from British colonial rule in 1957.



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Change of Contact Details

I would like to ask all parents to **please inform the school office if there have been any changes in your email/mobile contact details since last year.** It is a matter of great importance that we maintain your most up-to-date contact information so that we can contact you directly, especially in cases of emergency. If you are unsure or know that you have recently changed your contact details, please telephone the school (2859-2001) or email Christina Song at christina_song@istianjin.org.cn

Athletics and CCAs

IST's secondary athletics programmes started this week, with the general co-curricular activities (CCAs) sign-up forms sent out in preparation for the commencement of CCAs on starting on Monday 4 September. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Guo Ying at ying_guo@istianjin.org.cn in the activities office if you have any questions about the activities on offer.

I wish you all a most enjoyable weekend.



Steve Moody

Director



the Parent Partnership

When we talk about children's academic engagement, discussions about motivation always arise. Do you know that excess praise can be damaging to our children's intrinsic motivation (working just for the pure pleasure of it – not to please anyone else), but what should we do instead? Constant "good jobbing" is a habit, and habits can be hard to break. But it can be done! Here are 6 alternatives you can say to your children instead of "Good Job". Enjoy reading.

6 ALTERNATIVES TO SAYING "GOOD JOB" TO KIDS

"You kept going and figured it out."

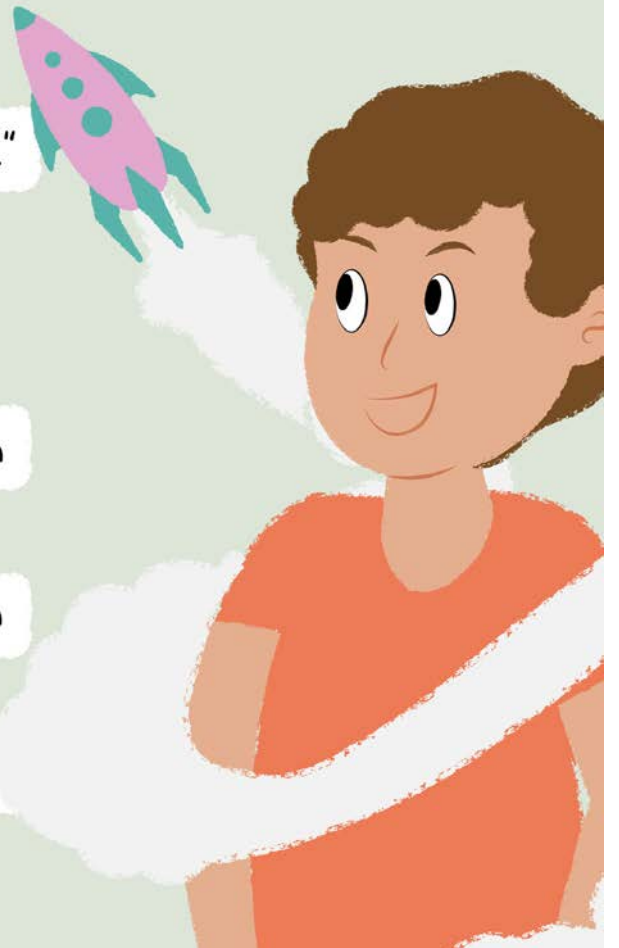
"That took a lot of patience."

"That was a brave decision."

"You managed your time so well on that project."

"You really used your creativity on this."

"You put so much detail into this."



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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.

New Books

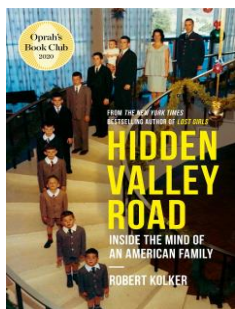
The IST librarians are continually ordering new books for the library to engage students with new and exciting books to read. Come in and check out all the new books that have hit the shelves since school started! We are also always happy to listen to student, parent and staff book recommendations. If we don't have a book you're looking for, let us know and we'll see if we can get it!



Birthday books

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.

Parent Book Club – Tuesday, Sept. 5th @ 8:30am in the library



Our next Parent Book Club selection is the nonfiction book *Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family* by Robert Kolker. We will meet to discuss this book when we return to school on September 5th. The library has copies of the book in English and Chinese. 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. Contact one of our library staff to join our WeChat group.



Dear parents and students,

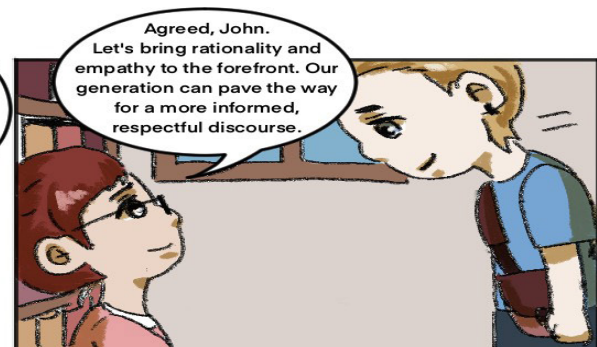
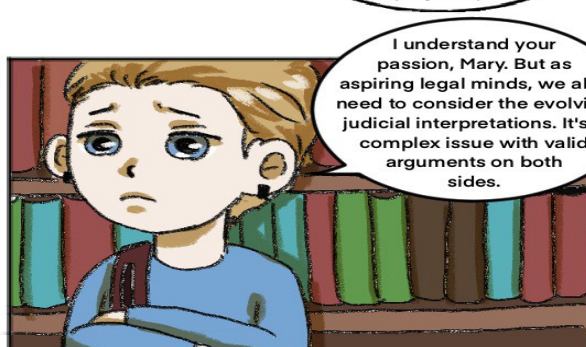
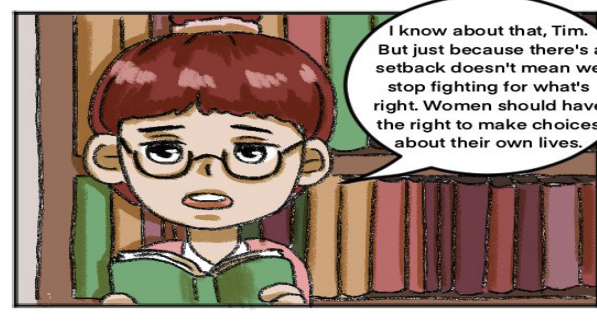
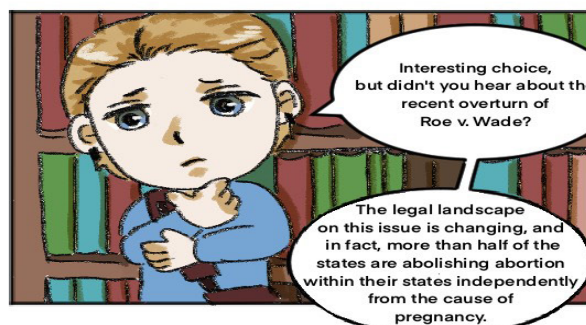
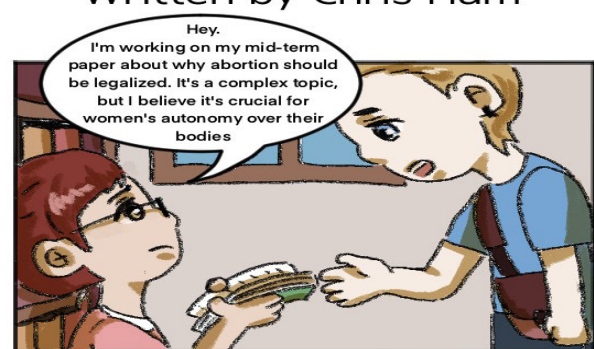
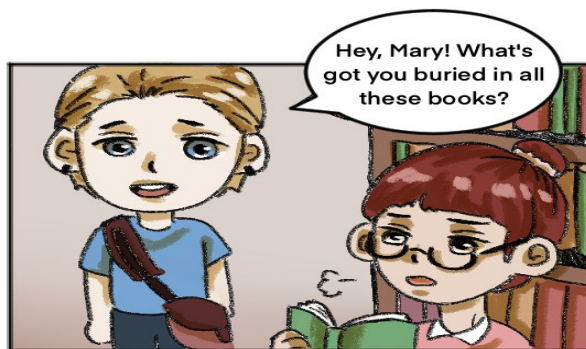
Unfortunately, we published a cartoon in the BLAZE today that did not contain the proper editorial citation. The following citation should have been included in today's BLAZE:

The student cartoon by Chris Ham and Mi Na Son, is part of a CAS project for the IB Diploma Programme. As such, the cartoon engages with a complex matter 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."

The purpose of this CAS project is to explore complex themes with care and attention to multiple points of view. The views expressed in the work are not necessarily representative of the International School of Tianjin.

Legalization of Abortion

Illustrated by Mi Na Son
Written by Chris Ham



New Merchandise for Schools

For this new school year, we have made some new IST sports water bottles, come by the advancement office (Han building 1st floor across from IT) to grab yours!



IST 2023 SPORTS WATER BOTTLE

SECURE LOCK

WITH STRAP

780 ML

¥38 FOR ONE
¥70 FOR TWO

***FOR COLD AND WARM WATER (≤50°C)**

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ACTIVITIES FOR PARENTS

Several activities and classes are available for Parents at IST. Want to enjoy Yoga or Chinese dance? To meet with other parents and do an activity that you like? Do not hesitate, come and try!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:15/9:15am Yoga with Vicky 80rmb/class	9:00/11:00am IST Baby Dragons Playgroup FREE Under 4's PFO Room	8:15/9:15am Yoga with Vicky 80rmb/class	8:15/9:15am Yoga with Vicky 80rmb/class	8:30/10:00am Chinese corner Free
	9:30am/12am Chinese Painting 5 & below 80rmb/class 5 above 50-80/class depending on the number of participants			
	9:30/11:00am Chinese Dance 60-80rmb/class			

All classes are held at IST, Black Box (Yoga/Chinese Dance) and in the room opposite to PFO room (Yoga/Painting). Scan the below QR codes to join the We Chat groups and get more information.

<p>Chinese Painting</p>	<p>Yoga with Vicky</p>	<p>IST Baby Dragons</p>	<p>Chinese Dance</p>	<p>Chinese corner</p>
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Chinese Corner

汉语角

Friday 9:30-11:30 am
starting from **August 18th**
Elementary Meeting Room



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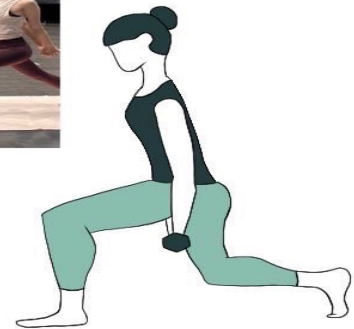
Yoga with Vicky



Healthy Life

start from 21st August

Every Monday Wednesday and Thursday from 8:15-9:15



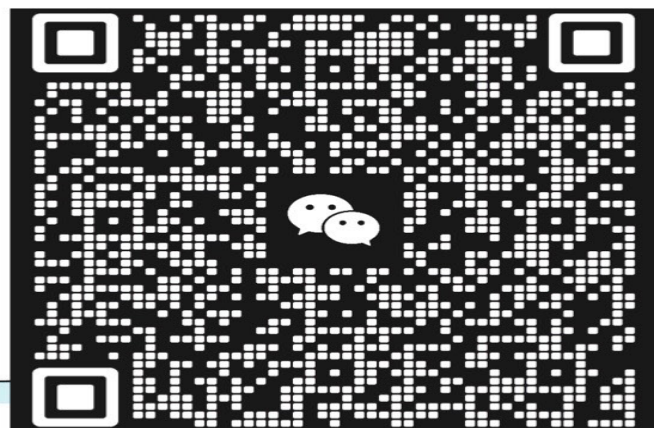
¥80 per person

OGA

location



Black box and Theater



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-Chinese Dance-



• Time •

Tuesday 9:30-11:00

TIPS

start from 22nd August

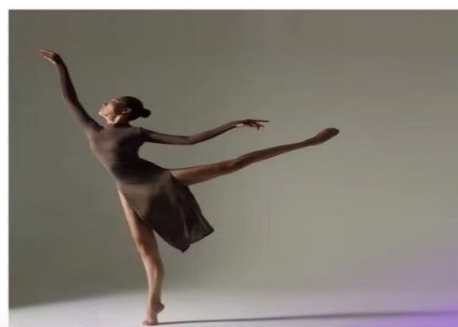
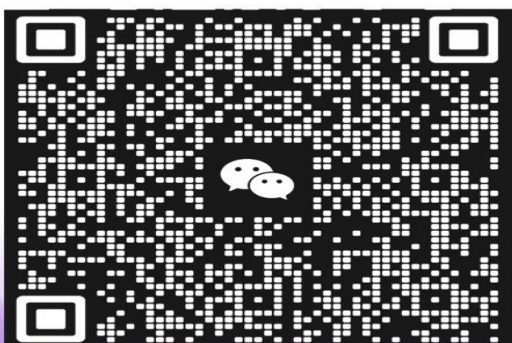
• cost •

¥60-¥80 per person

• Location •

Theater

Welcome to join us!



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PFO Meeting
Please come and
join in!

Thursday
31st August

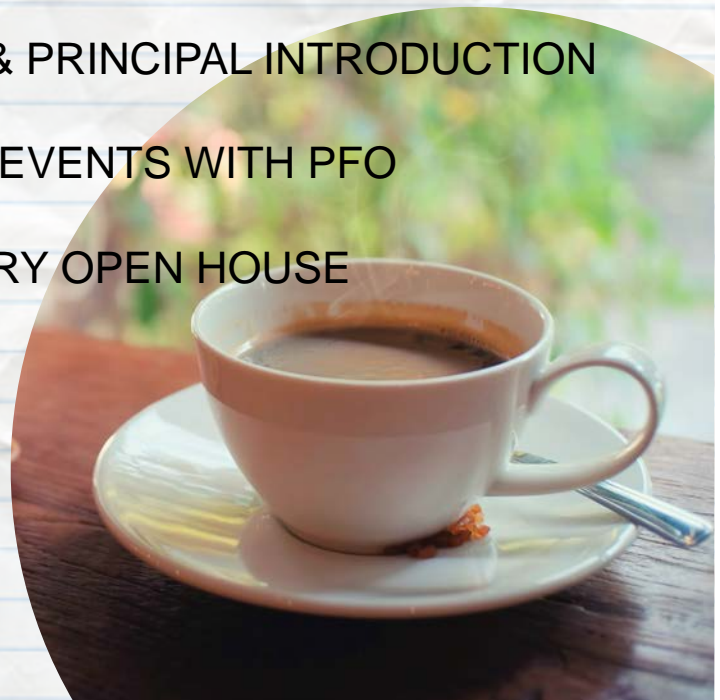
8.00 - COFFEE AND SNACKS

9.00 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO PFO

9.20 - DIRECTOR & PRINCIPAL INTRODUCTION

9.40 - UPCOMING EVENTS WITH PFO

10.00 - ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE



Meeting held in the Teacher's centre on 2nd floor in Han building.
Take the big black staircase to the left of the library.



Chinese Painting

Welcome to join us!



Cost

5 & below: RMB 80
5 above: RMB 50-80 depending
on the number of participants

Location

Elementary Meeting room
opposite the PFO room

Time

**Every Tuesday from
9:30-12:00**



**start from 5th of
September**

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PFO WELCOME LUNCH

Thursday 7th September
11am to 2pm

AT ST REGIS TIANJIN

PRICE 200 RMB

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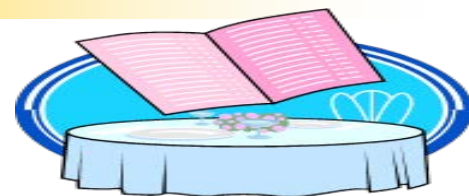
IST: 10AM
Ao Cheng
10:25 AM



TO JOIN PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE!



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MENU G2-G12

	Monday 2023-08-28	Tuesday 2023-08-29	Wednesday 2023-08-30	Thursday 2023-08-31	Friday 2023-09-01
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 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Roasted Potatoes 土豆角 Allergy: flour, cheese, tomato sauce	Chicken Schnitzel 炸鸡排 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Roasted Potatoes 烤土豆 Allergy: chicken, breadcrumb	Meat Loaf 牛肉面包 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Mashed Potato 土豆泥 Allergy: beef, cheese, onion, pepper, milk	Chicken Fajita 墨西哥鸡肉 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Roasted Potatoes 土豆角 Allergy: Cumin, cajun seasoning, pepper, sour cream, flour	Beef Goulash 红烩牛肉 Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: tomato sauce, beef
Asian From The Wok/Noodle Station	Fried Rice Noodle with Egg 鸡蛋炒牛河 Cucumber Salad 拌黄瓜 Allergy: egg, 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	Bibimbap 韩式拌饭 Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: chicken, onion, pepper, chili paste	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	Bibimbap 韩式拌饭	Fried 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		Energy 热量 (Kcal)	Protein 蛋白质 (g)	Carbohydrate 碳水化合物 (g)	Fat 脂肪 (g)
每周营养分析		731	26	104	23
Nutritional recommendation 营养建议		725	25	100	25

MENU NURSERY-G1

	Monday 2023-08-28	Tuesday 2023-08-29	Wednesday 2023-08-30	Thursday 2023-08-31	Friday 2023-09-01
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 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Allergy: flour, soya sauce, oyster sauce	Chicken Curry 咖喱鸡肉 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: coconut, curry paste	Pork Rolls 猪肉卷 Sweet Corn and Vegetables 玉米粒炒蔬菜 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Allergy: flour, pork, soya sauce, green garlic	Baked Fusilli w/Meat patty 螺旋面配牛肉饼 Stir Fry Zucchini and Corn 西葫玉米 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Allergy: Beef, onion, tomato sauce	Hamburger 牛肉汉堡 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Roasted Potato 烤土豆 Allergy: beef, onion, 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
Nutritional reading over the week		Energy 热量 (Kcal)	Protein 蛋白质 (g)	Carbohydrate 碳水化合物 (g)	Fat 脂肪 (g)
每周营养分析		730	26	105	24
Nutritional recommendation 营养建议		725	25	100	25

Morning snack offer available at 6 rmb, Snack are only available for daily set lunch consumers.

DIARY DATES

Monday - August 28, 2023
Secondary Portrait Photo Day

Tuesday - August 29, 2023
Elementary Portrait Photo Day
Secondary Open House

Thursday - August 31, 2023
Elementary Open House

Monday~Friday - September 11~15, 2023
WWWs (G6-12)

Saturday - September 23, 2023
PFO Picnic

Friday - September 29, 2023
Mid-Autumn Festival Day

Monday~Friday - October 2~6, 2023
National Holidays

Tuesday - October 24, 2023
UN Day

SPORTS DATES

4-Sep
HS Volleyball (vs TIS)

21-Sep
MS Football (vs TIS)

23-Sep
ISCOT MS Badminton Tournament

25-Sep
HS Volleyball (vs TGA)

26-Sep
MS Football (vs TGA)

28-Sep
MS Football (vs WC)

WELCOME TO THE IST SPORTS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CCA) PROGRAM FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Please take note of the following dates:

Season 1 Sport Schedule

- ☺ Starts Monday, 4 Sep and ends Friday, 17 Nov
- ☺ The program will run for approximately 10 school weeks
- ☺ No CCAs during holidays and PTSCs (conferences)

Season one 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
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- ☺ Ms. Guo Ying – Activities Officer (CCA's)
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- ☺ Ms. Durian Wang – Activities Officer (Sports)
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- ☺ Activity Office: telephone 022-28592003 / extension 8150.