

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

As the Winter holiday season races towards us, school is getting busy! Getting things started is the annual **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Shangri-La Hotel** this evening, where the Elementary Choir and Secondary Sextette will be performing. All community members are welcome to come along to this fun seasonal event, kicking off around 6:15PM. The students will also perform at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel next Friday evening!

The PFO are keeping up their end in promoting the seasonal spirit with **the annual Winter Bazaar** to be held on the second floor of the Han Building next **Wednesday from 9:30AM to 2:00PM**. Be sure to come along for some seasonal treats and some shopping ... and don't forget to give your children a little extra pocket money too ... they just might shop for you! A BIG thank you in advance to the PFO for arranging this fun annual event.

Next Friday (1 December) our KG1 to Grade 1 students will entertain our community with performances in the **'Just Imagine' Winter Show**. Seeing our youngest students on stage is always one of the highlights of any school year, and I do encourage you to come along with friends and family members. The show starts at 8:25AM in the Han Theatre. Grades 2-5 will perform the following week (Friday 8th) at the same time.

As part of our ongoing effort to reflect on our overall performance as a school, we carry out a series of annual staff, student and parent surveys. **On Monday all parents will receive a link to our annual 'Parent Climate Survey'** which includes 25 statements about various aspects of our school's philosophy, academic programmes, facilities, services, and staff. Parents are asked to rate these statements on a simple scale. The survey will be sent home in three languages (English, Chinese and Korean) and should only take a few minutes to complete. I kindly request that you please take the few minutes necessary to complete the survey (which also includes optional comments sections); your feedback really does help us in our commitment to continuous improvement. Thank you, and apologies in advance for the repeated reminders that we will send over the course of next week to encourage as many parents as possible to complete the survey (because the survey is anonymous, we have no way to determine who has and hasn't completed the survey, and we must then bombard everyone in an effort to secure a strong response rate that ensures validity in the results).

Visitors to the PFO Community Room this week will have noticed that **a wonderful new coffee machine has been installed**, ready to make the very best café lattes, flat whites, cappuccinos, espressos, and Americanos! On behalf of our school and all of our parent community I would like to thank **IST parent and Board member, Mirko Turrina** for the generous donation of this wonderful new machine to our school and community! IST will continue to provide the coffee, milk and sugar (as we did with the old 'percolating' machine), but the magic is really in the 'making' of the coffee, and this is done by the machine! Judging by the crowds of parents, it seems the new machine is already proving a huge hit!



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A reminder to all parents that **the second session of CCAs starts this coming Monday, 27 November**. Please be sure to make all necessary arrangements for your children, including ensuring that you know which activities they have signed up for, and on which days, and arranging transportation and any necessary clothing or equipment to support their activity.

Finally, in case you haven't noticed, it is getting colder - Please ensure that your children wear warm clothes to school, and a warm coat! Have a wonderful, and toasty, weekend!

Warm regards



Steve Moody
Director



the Parent Partnership

Parenting boys is all about raise them right-to become caring, confident and responsible men. Childhood lasts only a few years. Before you notice, your little boy has grown up to a man, ready to take up responsibilities of a career and a family. So we only have a few early years during which to lay the foundation of good characters in our sons. The values your little boy learns in his childhood will help shape his personality and determine the man he grows up to be.

PHRASES EVERY BOY NEEDS TO HEAR GROWING UP...

- ✓ "Crying does not make you weak."
- ✓ "Expressing emotions like anger and sadness is important and healthy."
- ✓ "You can choose your passion, no matter what it is, do not feel the pressure to do something just because you're a boy."
- ✓ "Strength doesn't mean NOT feeling our feelings, actually true strength is expressing our feelings."
- ✓ "Listen to your inner voice over peer pressure."
- ✓ "You are allowed to have friends that are girls."
- ✓ "When you are facing a problem, instead of ignoring it, express it."



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2024/2026 IST Scholarship Announcement

The International School of Tianjin is once again proud to announce its scholarship program for students in their final two years of school. The purpose of the scholarship program at IST is twofold: first, it provides an outstanding educational opportunity each year for a limited number of current IST students of exceptional talent who are experiencing clearly-demonstrated financial need; and second, it provides that same opportunity to a limited number of non-IST students of exceptional talent in order to enrich the overall quality of both our student population and our IB Diploma Programme. This latter group may or may not have financial need.

Description and Value of Scholarships

The IST scholarships are awarded for a period of up to two years to students about to enter 11th grade. The following scholarships are offered:

- Full scholarships: equivalent to the cost of all tuition (components A & B) for grades 11 and 12.
- Tuition scholarships: equivalent to the cost of tuition only (component B) for grades 11 and 12.
- Bursaries: equivalent to half the cost of tuition (half of component B) for grades 11 and 12.

IST scholarship students will benefit from an outstanding education in their final two years of school. Students who successfully complete the two-year programme will be awarded the IST High School Diploma. IST is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, and students have the opportunity to earn the full IB Diploma, which is highly regarded by competitive universities worldwide as an entrance qualification.

Selection Process

A maximum of three IST scholarships or bursaries may be awarded every year to current-IST-student candidates. A similar number will be awarded to students outside of the IST community. The selection process will include examinations, a formal interview, and a final selection by the IST Scholarship Committee of the IST School Board of Governors.

In making its recommendations, the IST Scholarship Committee will give consideration to:

- Candidates who demonstrate a high level of academic potential
 - IST candidates **must** have achieved honors/high honors or equivalent in at least 2 of the previous three semesters.
 - IST candidates **must** also include an outline of how they intend to contribute to the school culture and demonstrate the IST philosophy in their application statement.
 - Other candidates must be in the top 25 percent of their school class
- Candidates who have the ability to make a significant contribution to the life of the school
 - through heavy involvement in CAS activities
 - through active promotion of the IB Diploma programme
 - through active leadership within the school community
- Specifically for current IST students, candidates who have a demonstrated need for financial assistance.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

Students of all nationalities are invited to apply for an IST scholarship. Current students at IST with demonstrable financial difficulty are welcome to apply. A strong command of written and spoken English is essential. It is the policy of the school that a family cannot receive more than 1 full scholarship at any given time. Students with other family members currently receiving scholarships may not be offered scholarships for the full two years of the award.

Method of Application

All candidates should contact the school to receive an application package. **The closing date for applications is Thursday, February 1st, 2024.** Applications received after this deadline will not be considered. The scholarship examinations will be held on Saturday, February 24th from 9:00am to 2:30pm. Interviews with qualified candidates will be held on or about March 6th. Scholarship awards will be announced by early April.

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Required Documents

Students will need to obtain copies of their last two school reports. If they are in a language other than English, they must be translated and notarized.

From the Student

A Personal Statement that includes:

- Information about you and your interests.
- Why you are applying for the scholarship at the International School of Tianjin.
- Transcript from your current school that has reference to honor roll and/or class ranking
- A minimum of **two letters of reference** that detail the character of the applicant in terms of his/her honesty, integrity and maturity. Character references can be from teachers or other adults in a supervisory position but cannot be from family members or close acquaintances. *(For IST students, a brief email reference from a teacher can be sent directly to Mr. Conway)*
- For IST students, an outline of how they intend to contribute to the school culture and demonstrate the IST philosophy.
- Any other details relevant to your scholarship application.

From the IST Parent

If consideration of financial hardship is sought, parents must provide the following:

- Their own formal letter of explanation, detailing their financial circumstances.
- A letter from an employer which clearly states that tuition is not provided for by the company, either directly or indirectly (in the form of an employee stipend or a salary adjustment).

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The Scholarship Selection Process

Application

Students wishing to apply for a scholarship must submit the Scholarship Application Form **no later than 12:00 pm Thursday, February 1st, 2024**. This form includes personal details and educational background.

Students must also attach any and all required supporting documentation (see details in 'Required Documents' information).

Incomplete applications will not be considered and late submissions will not be accepted.

Examinations

Examinations will be held at the school on Saturday, February 24th from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Students will complete three examination papers

- Mathematics – testing mathematical skills and problem solving.
9:00am – 10:30am
- English – testing reading comprehension and essay writing.
10:45am – 12:15pm
- Science – a test of general problem solving, logic skills and scientific writing. This is not based on any specific course content.
12:30pm – 1:45pm

Interview

Following the examinations, selected candidates will be invited for an interview with the selection panel. The selection panel will consist of the Director, the Secondary Principal, the Diploma Coordinator and members of the IST Board of Governors. The contribution that the student can make to the school and their long term and short-term goals, will be the main points for discussion. Students are welcome to bring supporting evidence to the interview. Interviews are on Wednesday, March 6th.

Results

Candidates will be informed of their results by early April.

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Scholarship Application Form

| Student Information: | | | | |
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| _____ | | | Gender: Male / Female | |
| Family Name | | First Names | | |
| _____ | | _____ | | |
| Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) | | Age | | |
| _____ | | _____ | | |
| Nationality & Citizenship | | Native Language | | |
| _____ | | _____ | | |
| Language(s) Spoken at Home | | | | |
| _____ | | | | |
| Other Languages Spoken | | | | |
| _____ | | | | |
| E-mail Address | | | | |
| _____ | | | | |
| Schools Attended: (Begin with present school) | | | | |
| Grade(s) | School Name | Location (city/country) | Language(s) of Instruction | Dates Attended mm/yy – mm/yy |
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Please complete all parts of this application form.

Parent Information:

(Please attach a business card with your company name and address)

Father:

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| | | |
| Last Name | First Name | Nationality & Citizenship |
| Company Name: | | Position: |
| Address | | |
| | | |
| Telephone Number | Fax Number | E-Mail Address |

Mother:

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| | | |
| Last Name | First Name | Nationality & Citizenship |
| Company Name: | | Position: |
| Address | | |
| | | |
| Telephone Number | Fax Number | E-Mail Address |

Signatures:



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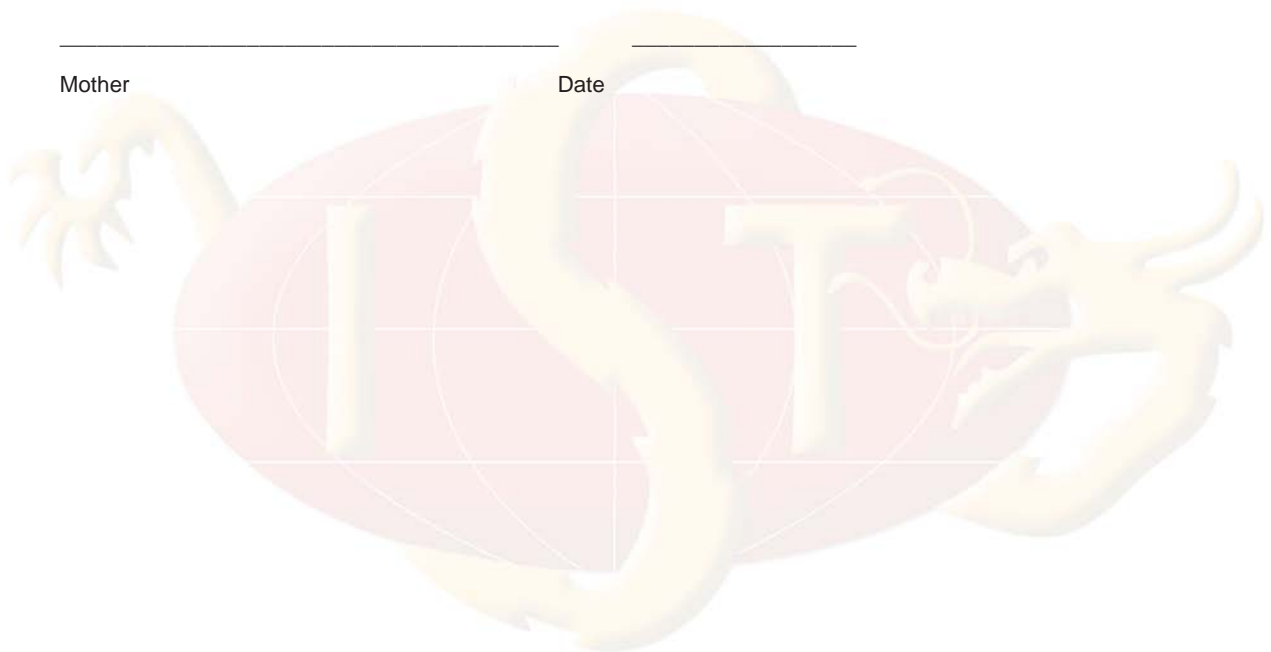
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Student

Father

Mother

Date



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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 Korean Books

We were pleased to receive an order of new Korean books for the library this week. It's always wonderful to see the students' excitement over new books, and these were flying off the shelves as soon as they were ready to be checked out! Special thanks to Caroline Park, IST's Korean liaison, for assisting the library with this book order.

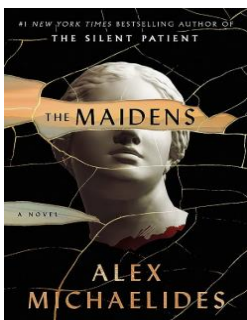


Birthday Book Club

Thank you to Hyun Woo, grade 5, for his birthday book club donation to the library. Hyun Woo is a fan of Pokemon, so for his birthday book donation the library purchased two Pokemon special edition Chapter books:

Pokemon: Galar Region and **Pokemon: Kalos Region**. These books will sure to be popular with many students and both will be excellent additions to the library. Hyun Woo was the first student to check out these books from the library. Happy birthday, Hyun Woo!

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–November 28th @ 8:30 in the library

Our next Parent Book Club selection is the novel *The Maidens* by Alex Michaelides. We will meet to discuss this book on November 28th, in the library. 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.

Library hours: Monday to Thursday 7:30 to 4:30 | Friday 7:30 to 3:30

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Good afternoon IST Community,

We are pleased to share that CCA registration and allocation is now complete. An email from SchoolsBuddy was auto generated with your child's CCA schedule for session two.

Session two will run from Monday, 27th November to Friday, 1st March. CCAs will not run during school holidays or on 8th February (CNY).

Please note: due to low enrollment, *FYLA Golf* and *Build Books Book Club* will not run in session 2.

The following activities are still available. Please contact Activities Office (activity@istianjin.org.cn) if interested.

| S2 CCA Options (27 Nov- 1 Mar) | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|-------|--|
| Day | Name | Grade | Location |
| Monday | Puzzle | 3-5 | QinC205 |
| | IST Rock Band | 6-12 | Han C203 |
| | LEGO Robotics | 6-8 | IT Center |
| | Crochet | 8-12 | Han C108 |
| Tuesday | Calming Coloring | 2-4 | K-2 playroom |
| | Hip Hop Dance | 6-12 | Black Box |
| | Orchestra | 6-12 | Secondary Music |
| | Rubik's Cube | 6-12 | Han C109 |
| Wednesday | Golf (Video) | 1-12 | GolfZon Indoor Range 高尔夫尊室内练习场 골프존 실내연습장 |
| | Physical literacy and Mobility Activities | 3-5 | Gym2 |
| | Pottery | 6-12 | Ceramic Studio |
| Thursday | Beginner Coding | 3-5 | Qin C101 |
| | Majiang | 7-10 | Han C207 |
| Lunch | Quintet Monday | 6-12 | Secondary Music |
| | Choir (Tuesday) | 6-12 | Secondary Music |

Thank you again for your support of the IST Co-Curricular Program. We look forward to offering a fun and memorable session 2 for all.

Regards

The Activities Office

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FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2023



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JUST IMAGINE

FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER

NURSERY-GRADE 1

FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER

GRADE 2-5

8:25AM

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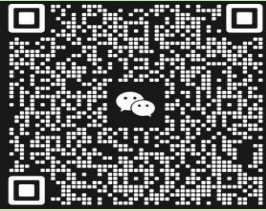
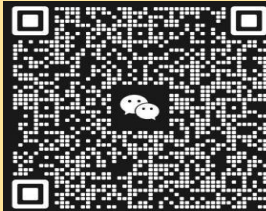
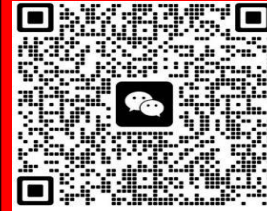
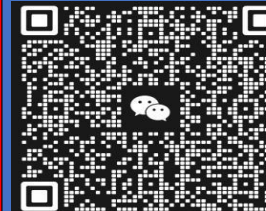


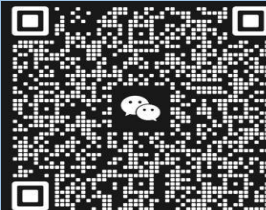
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ACTIVITIES FOR PARENTS

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 |
| 9:30/11:30am English corner FREE ELEMENTARY MEETING ROOM | 9:30am/12am Chinese Painting 5 & below 100-110 rmb/class 6 above 50- 80even/class depending on the number of participants | 10:00/10:50AM Zumba class ¥ 60/per person THEATER | | |
| | 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.

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| Chinese Painting  | Yoga with Vicky  | IST Baby Dragons  | Chinese Dance  | Chinese corner  |
| ENGLISH Corner  | Zumba Class  | | | |

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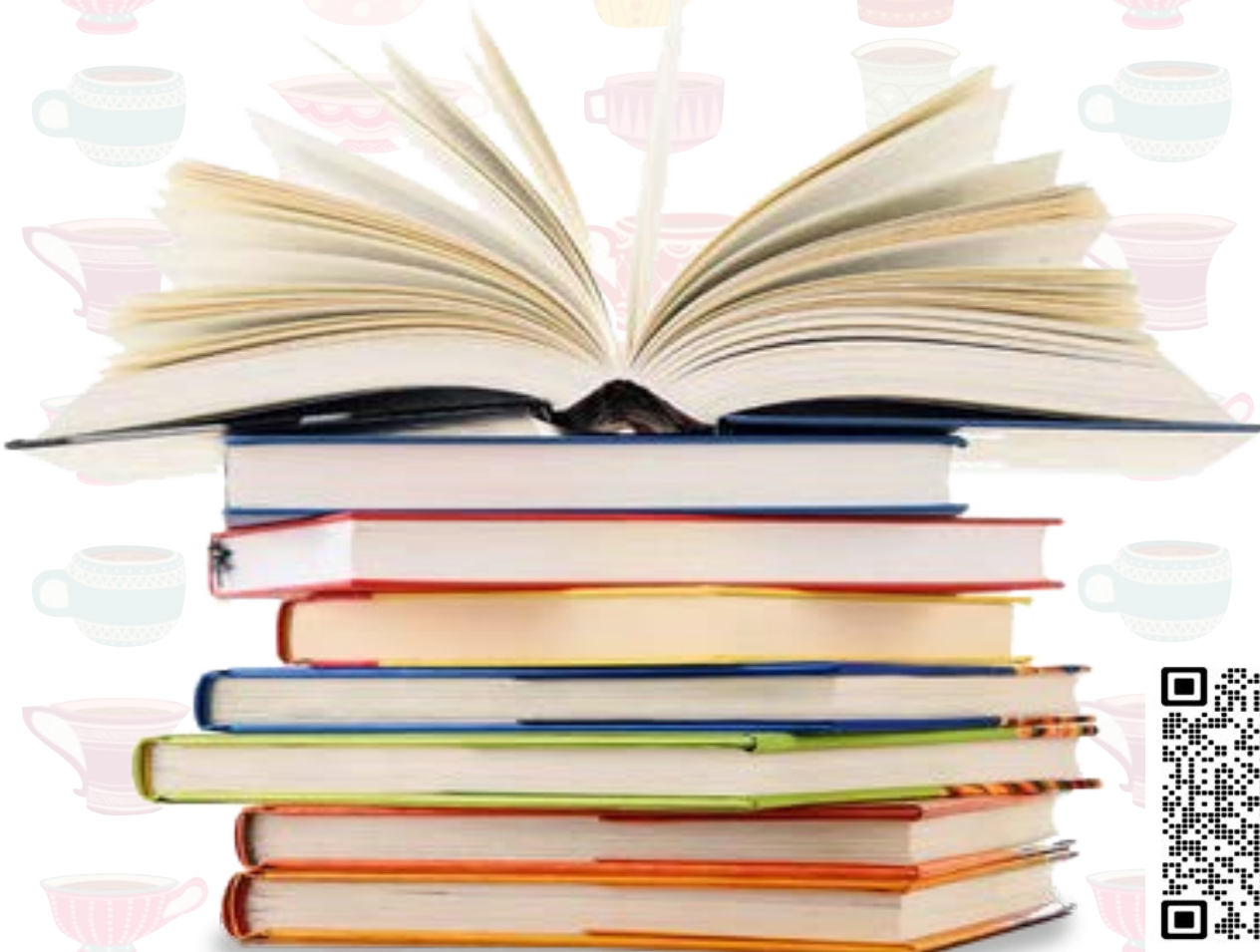
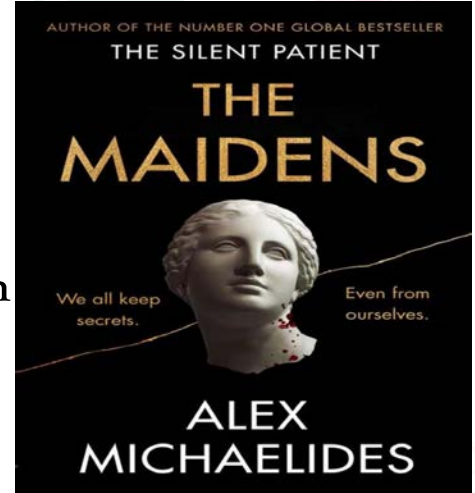
Come along to our monthly meet ups to discuss books and enjoy coffee & cakes!

This month's book is *The Maidens* by Alex Michaelides. The library has copies in English and Chinese.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 28th November 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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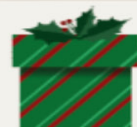
HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Come and Join the IST community to
celebrate the Holiday Season & Festivities
With over 20 vendors
Free Entry

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Wednesday, Nov 29th
From 9:30am to 2pm



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PFO COOKING CLASS

Food theme: German Cooking Class

Menu:

1. Grandma style beef roulades with Muskat Potatoes and Traditional Apple Red cabbage and Demiglace Souse German Style.
2. Christmas pear spice cake .
3. One dough - many variants. Let's bake cookies together to take away.



When: 6th December 9:30am-2pm

Where: IST Elementary Kitchen

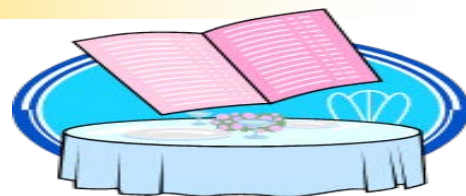
Host: German mums

Cost: 100 RMB person

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



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| EAT LEARN LIVE MENU G3 - G12 | | | | | |
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| | Monday 2023-11-27 | Tuesday 2023-11-28 | Wednesday 2023-11-29 | Thursday 2023-11-30 | Friday 2023-12-01 |
| 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 and Ham Roll 火腿芝士鸡肉卷 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Roasted Potatoes 烤土豆 Allergy: chicken, breadcrumb | Pan-fried beef balls with gravy 牛肉丸配肉汁 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Mashed Potatoes 土豆泥 Allergy: beef, pepper, onion, cumin | Hot Dog 热狗 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 French Fries 薯条 Allergy: pork, wheat, onion | Beef Goulash 红烩牛肉 Stir fry Cauliflower 番茄菜花 Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: beef, soya sauce |
| Asian From The Wok/Noodle Station | Fried Udon 日式炒乌冬面 Cucumber Salad 拌黄瓜 Allergy: wheat, 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 | Hainanese Chicken Rice 海南鸡饭 Stir Fried Cabbage 素炒洋白菜 Allergy: soya sauce, chili | 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 | Vegetable Wrap 蔬菜卷 | Frice 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 |

| EAT LEARN LIVE MENU NURSERY-G2 | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|
| | Monday 2023-11-27 | Tuesday 2023-11-28 | Wednesday 2023-11-29 | Thursday 2023-11-30 | Friday 2023-12-01 |
| 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 with Egg 鸡蛋炒牛河 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Allergy: flour, soya sauce, oyster sauce | Fried Rice with Soya Sauce 酱油炒米饭 Grilled Chicken with Teriyaki Sauce 照烧鸡肉 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Allergy: egg, wheat | Pork Rolls 猪肉卷 Sweet Corn and Vegetables 玉米粒炒蔬菜 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Allergy: soya sauce | Sauteed Chicken with Broccoli 西兰花炒鸡肉 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Plain Rice 米饭 Allergy: soya sauce | Pork Balls with Sweet and Sour Sauce 酸甜猪肉丸 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Plain Rice 米饭 Allergy: 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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| 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

Friday - December 1, 2023
Winter Show (N-G1)
Christmas Tree Lighting@RITZ

Friday - December 8, 2023
Winter Show (G2-5)

Monday~Thursday - December 11~14, 2023
Secondary Exams (G9-11)

Monday~Friday - Dec 18, 2023~Jan 5, 2024
Winter Holidays

Tuesday - January 9, 2024
ELA Entrance Testing

Wednesday - January 17, 2024
Semester 1 Ends

SPORTS DATES

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 2 Sport Schedule

- ☺ Starts Monday, 27 Nov and ends Friday, 1 Mar
- ☺ The program will run for approximately 10 school weeks
- ☺ No CCAs during holidays and PTSCs (conferences)

Season two 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.

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