

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 always it was lovely to see lots of parents in school this past week attending different activities and events. My week started with me talking about international school accreditation with parents attending the English Corner study group (a terrific opportunity to expose parents to the diversity of English-speaking accents amongst our faculty!) Speaking of diversity, LOTS of parents attended the **M(us)icA(rt)D(rama) Night** on Tuesday, an event celebrating just some of the wonderful artistic diversity of our talented students. On Wednesday parents also came into school to attend the PFO meeting, which was followed by Parent Forum presentations on preventing online fraud, college counselling, and Cornell notetaking. And this morning Grade 3 parents enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with their children at their 'states of matter' parent tea. IST students, parents, and teachers ... Working, Learning, Acting TOGETHER!

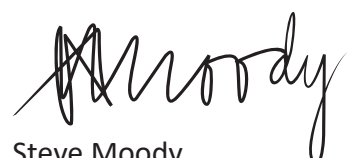
With the start of the new semester we also have new families in our community. It is my sincere hope that all new students and their parents are feeling warmly welcomed, and that you are starting to settle into your new lives here in Tianjin. A reminder that we will host a **New Parent Orientation Meeting at 10AM next Wednesday** in the Han Teacher Center. And a reminder also that our doors are always open, scheduled meeting or not, should you have questions or concerns!

Today you should have received a copy of your children's Semester 1 progress reports. I trust that you will enjoy the opportunity to celebrate your children's learning successes over the first semester, and that together you will take a little time to help them set goals for the second semester. Congratulations to all students on their learning progress over the first part of the school year!

A reminder that this week we will begin posting brief videos (with multiple AI translations!) on the **IST WeChat account (see 'Spotlight')**, including key items from the Blaze newsletter and an educational item, this week on Cornell Notetaking. But don't forget to read Blaze too!

Finally, as we race up on the end of the Year of the Rabbit, I would like to take this opportunity to wish our oldest rabbit (not quite a dragon!) a **very happy 60th birthday – TODAY** – have a wonderful birthday celebration Mr. Wallace!

All the best for a terrific weekend!



Steve Moody
Director



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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).



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

- a) Mathematics – testing mathematical skills and problem solving.
9:00am – 10:30am
- b) English – testing reading comprehension and essay writing.
10:45am – 12:15pm
- c) 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:				
		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:

Last Name

First Name

Nationality & Citizenship

Company Name:

Position:

Address _____

Telephone Number

Fax Number

E-Mail Address

Mother:

Last Name

First Name

Nationality & Citizenship

Company Name:

Position:

Address _____

Telephone Number

Fax Number

E-Mail Address

Signatures:

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FRIDAY 26 JANUARY 2024

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Student

Father

Mother

Date



the Parent Partnership

“One loyal friend is worth ten thousand relatives.”---Euripides, classical Athen’s great tragic dramatist.

Friendship impacts our mental and physical health hugely. Good friendship helps relieve stress, provide comfort and joy, and prevent loneliness and isolation. One Swedish study found that, along with physical activity, maintaining a rich network of friends can add significant years to our life.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR KIDS ABOUT BEING A GOOD FRIEND

What are 3 things good friends do for each other?

What is something you do that makes you a good friend?

How can liking different things make a good friendship?

Why is it important to be your unique self in a friendship?

Think of a really good friend. What makes them a good friend?



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IST Library & Information Literacy Center

Our Mission

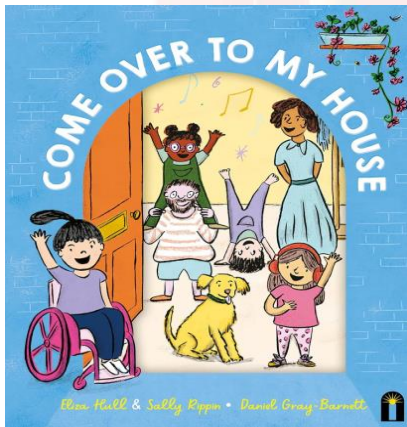
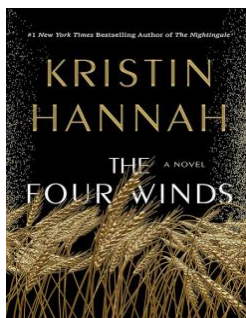
The IST Library is a friendly place where our community is inspired and challenged to think critically, read widely, act ethically, value creativity, and defend the right to access information.

Panda Book Awards

The Panda Book Awards is a reading initiative which invites students and teachers from participating international schools in China and beyond to vote for their favorite book published in the previous school year. To learn more about the Panda Book Awards, please visit:

<https://libguides.isb.cn/friendly.php?s=pandabookawards>.

Panda Book Awards voting will begin in late February. This week IST librarians recommend *Come Over to My House* by Eliza Hull and Sally Rippin, illustrated by Daniel Gray-Barnett, in the Younger Readers category. Eliza Hull is an Australian author and disability advocate. She believes that positive representation of disabilities is important and *Come Over to My House* does exactly that in an affirming and heartwarming way. Hull writes about this book, "I love being part of the disability community. Together, we hope to make positive change in the world, so that everyone can be accepted, celebrated and included".

Parent Book Club—February 20th @ 8:30 in the library

Our next Parent Book Club selection is the novel *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. We will meet to discuss this book on February 20th, in the library. The library has copies of the book in English, Chinese and Korean. 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



Happy Lunar New Year 2024

Year of the Dragon

The Elementary School is going to have their annual Chinese New Year celebration. We are warmly inviting everyone to join us in celebrating this important Chinese tradition.

Schedule of the Main Events

Feb. 5 th ~Feb.8 th	Activities	Time	Venue	Remarks
Monday	Opening Show by Action Group	9:45-9:50	Outside in front of Han Building	Whole school
Wednesday	Temple Fair (N-5)	8:30-9:30 N-G1 10:10-11:10 G2-5	Theater	Dress up in Chinese outfit if you like
Thursday	Closing show-Dragon Dance by Action Group	3:00-3:10	Gym	Whole school

INTERNATIONAL
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Chinese Bazaar

Wednesday Feb 7th
9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Come along to IST and enjoy
the joys and festivities of
the Chinese New Year!

With over 20 vendors



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PFO COOKING CLUB

Food theme: The Korean Cooking Class

Menu:

1. Geotjeri (fresh Salad Kimchi)
2. Kkakdugi (cubed Radish Kimchi)
3. Kimchi Jeon (Kimchi Pancake)
4. Pork Bossam (boiled Pork slices with wrapped into vegetables or Kimchi)
5. Tofu Kimchi (Oil grilled tofu and stirred Kimchi)



When: 31st Jan Wednesday 9:00am-2pm

Where: IST Elementary Kitchen

Host: Kim MiSuk

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 *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. The library has copies in English, Chinese and Korean.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 20th February 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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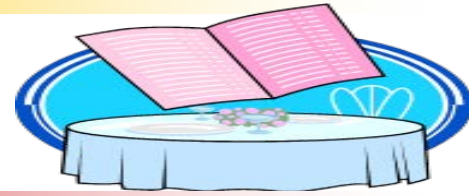


For more information please follow the link below or scan the QR code.

tinyurl.com/IST-notetaking



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EAT LEARN LIVE MENU G3 - G12					
	Monday 2024-01-29	Tuesday 2024-01-30	Wednesday 2024-01-31	Thursday 2024-02-01	Friday 2024-02-02
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	Italian Baked Rice with Vegetables and Cheese 意大利蔬菜芝士焗饭 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Allergy: milk, peas	Chicken Schnitzel 炸鸡排 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	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 Vegetable 炒时蔬 Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: beef, soya sauce
Asian From The Wok/Noodle Station	Spicy Noodle 重庆小面 Cucumber拌黄瓜 Fried Eggs 煎鸡蛋 Allergy: wheat, egg, seaweed, sesame	Noodle with Beef Soup 红烧牛肉面 Boiled Vegetable 煮蔬菜 Allergy: beef, flour	Hainanese Chicken Rice 海南鸡饭 Stir Fried Cabbage 素炒洋白菜 Allergy: soya sauce, chili	Kimbab 韩式饭卷 Fried Rice Cake 辣炒年糕 Allergy: seaweed, sesame, kimchi	Pork Chop with Curry Sauce 咖喱猪排饭 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Allergy: soya sauce, curry paste
Vegetarian		Noodles with Vegetable Soup 蔬菜面	Stir Fried Cabbage 素炒洋白菜	Vegetable rice rolls 蔬菜饭卷	Vegetable Curry 咖喱蔬菜
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 2024-01-29	Tuesday 2024-01-30	Wednesday 2024-01-31	Thursday 2024-02-01	Friday 2024-02-02
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	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, soya sauce	Pork Rolls 猪肉卷 Sweet Corn and Vegetables 玉米粒炒蔬菜 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Allergy: soya sauce	Baked Fusilli w/Meat ball in Bolognese Sauce 螺旋面配牛肉丸 Stir Fry Zucchini and Corn 西葫玉米 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Allergy: beef, onion, soya sauce	Stir Fried Beef Japanese Style 日式肥牛饭 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Rice 米饭 Allergy: 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 - January 29, 2024
Secondary Awards Assembly

Wednesday - January 31, 2024
New Parents Orientation

Thursday - February 1, 2024
Scholarship Applications Closed

Friday~Thursday - February 2~8, 2024
Grade 12 Mock Exams

Friday~Friday - February 9~16, 2024
Chinese New Year Holidays

Saturday - February 24, 2024
Scholarship Exam

Wednesday - February 28, 2024
MYP PP Exhibition & IB DP Option

SPORTS DATES

25-27 January –
ACAMIS HS Basketball

Saturday 27 January –
ISAC MS Volleyball (Boys @ IST; Girls @ ISB
Beijing)

Saturday 03 February –
MS Volleyball Invitational (Boys and girls @
IST)

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.

- ☺ Mr. Kennedy – Athletics Director
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- ☺ Mr. Silvis – Activities Director
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- ☺ Ms. Guo Ying – Activities Officer (CCA's)
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- ☺ Activity Office: telephone 022-28592003 /
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