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Dear Parents

Just one week to go until the Winter Vacation - I do hope (like me!) that you are all looking forward to this opportunity to spend extended time together with your children, and perhaps also the opportunity to travel and visit family, friends, and far off and exotic places! As the parent of two daughters who have long since graduated and left home, any opportunity to visit them marks a very exciting time of the year for me, and after 29 years living away from my home in NZ, returning to see my aging mother is an equally important annual highlight. I would do just about anything to have another holiday with my daughters as children, so do be sure to embrace and treasure this special time together.

With the holiday rapidly approaching, we are very busy here at school with several important events and activities taking place. On Wednesday this week, our KG1 to Grade 2 students presented a wonderful collection of songs and performances about rainforest creatures for their parents and our community. Congratulations to our wonderful KG1-G2 performers, and the staff that helped prepare them; it really was a terrific show that delighted the audience.

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This evening our elementary choir and secondary quintet will be performing at the Shangri La Hotel Tree Lighting Ceremony, the second of two such performances in as many weeks. All parents and friends of IST are warmly welcomed to join in the celebrations and performances, running from roughly 6-7PM. Given that the Shangri La is located downtown beside the Hai River, do consider taking advantage of the lovely riverside location by also visiting one of the many terrific restaurants in the area!

Less exciting, but equally important, next week it is time for our high school students to undertake their Semester 1 examinations. This weekend will be an important time for Grade 9-11 students to update and review their notes and reflect on their learning over the past four months. While a little stressful, examinations at this age are an important practice experience for what is required for university matriculation, and university studies in general. But please do remind your children, that while important, these exams are just one of several assessments that have been administered this semester; there is therefore no need to feel overly anxious!

This morning our Senior Academic Leadership Team (aka SALT!) were given 'progress reports' on four major projects that teams of teachers have been working on this school year in preparation for our upcoming CIS/WASC/IB accreditation visit in May (you may recall that I was out of school last week chairing a similar team visit in another school). Several students and parents have been supporting these project groups, and over the next several months we will be providing a series of information sessions for parents to ensure that you





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too are fully apprised of the nature of the projects and of our efforts and progress towards preparing the school for their successful and meaningful implementation (some have already commenced while others are still in the planning stage). For your immediate reference, here are the four project goal statements:

1. Cutting Edge Tech

The school will empower educators and students to strategically and ethically leverage cutting edge technology like Extended Reality (XR) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to elevate teaching and learning, preparing students for a rapidly developing world.

2. Enhance the Writing Curriculum Across the School

The school will develop a rigorous, cohesive, continuous, and progressive writing curriculum based on evidence-based best practice that meets the needs of diverse learners and is aligned with the school's philosophy and definition of high-quality learning.

3. Physical Health and Well-being

The school will research, identify, and implement improved practices to promote and foster physical health and well-being.

4. Student Agency and the Duties of Citizenship

Through the cultivation of student agency and reflection and a genuine commitment to civic responsibility, the school will strengthen student engagement with the IST philosophy, emphasizing their pivotal role in fostering an international community.

I look forward to seeing many of you and your children this evening at the Shangri La Hotel, but regardless, please be sure to have wonderfully relaxing weekends!

Steve Moody Director





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International School of Tianjin Scholarship Program

The International School of Tianjin (IST) is excited to announce its scholarship program for students in their final two years of school. This initiative serves two key purposes:

- Support for Current IST Students: We offer exceptional educational opportunities to talented students facing financial challenges.
- 2. **Enrichment for Non-IST Students**: We welcome talented non-IST students to enhance our diverse community and the quality of our IB Diploma Programme.

Scholarship Details

Types of Scholarships

Scholarships are available for students entering Grade 11, with awards lasting up to two years:

- Full Scholarships: Cover all tuition and capital fees for Grades 11 and 12.
- Tuition Scholarships: Cover tuition fees only for Grades 11 and 12.
- Bursaries: Cover half the tuition fees for Grades 11 and 12.

Benefits

Students in the scholarship program will receive an excellent education, culminating in the IST High School Diploma. As an IB World School, students also have the chance to earn a full IB Diploma, *recognized by top universities worldwide*.

Selection Process

Each year, up to three scholarships or bursaries may be awarded to current IST students, with an equal number available for non-IST applicants. The selection includes:

- Examinations
- Formal Interviews
- Final Decision by the IST Scholarship Committee

Criteria for Selection:

- Academic Excellence:
 - Current IST students must have honors/high honors in at least 2 of the last 3 semesters.
 - Non-IST candidates should be in the top 25% of their class
- Community Contribution:
 - o Active involvement in CAS activities.
 - Promotion of the IB Diploma Programme.
 - o Leadership within the school community.
- Financial Need: Consideration for current IST students needing financial assistance. (Non-IST students DO NOT need to demonstrate financial need.)

Eligibility

Students of *all nationalities* are encouraged to apply. Current IST students with financial difficulties can apply, but families may receive only one full scholarship at a time.

A strong command of English is essential.

Application Process

To apply, candidates should request an application package from the school.

Key dates:

- Application Deadline:
 3:30pm, Friday, February 7,
- Scholarship Examinations: Saturday, February 22, 2025 (9:00am-2:30pm)
- Interviews: Around March 5, 2025
- Award Anouncement: Late March 2025





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Required Documents

From the Student:

- Personal statement covering your interests and reasons for applying.
- Previous two years' report cards from your school. (Including IST students)
 - o Certificates for any honors or awards received.
- At least two character reference letters (non-family).
 - IST students do not need a character reference but should give the names of two teachers who agree to support the application.
- Any other relevant details.

From the IST Parent (if applicable):

- A formal letter explaining financial circumstances.
- A letter from an employer stating that tuition is not covered by the company.
- Non-IST students DO NOT need to demonstrate financial need.

Application Fee

A 2,000 RMB application fee is required, with the following conditions:

- Refunds: Full scholarship recipients or those not awarded a scholarship will receive a complete refund.
- 2. Tuition Scholarships/Bursaries: The fee will be credited towards the standard application fee.
- 3. Declined Offers: Candidates who decline a scholarship offer forfeit the fee.

Scholarship Selection Process

Application

To apply for a scholarship, students must submit the **Scholarship Application Form** and **Fee** by **3:30pm on Friday, February 7, 2025**. This form collects personal details and educational history.

Important:

- Attach all required documents (see 'Required Documents' section).
- Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Examinations

Exams will take place at the school on **Saturday**, **February 22**, from **9:00am to 2:00pm**. Students will complete three papers:

- Mathematics (9:00am–10:30am)
 Focus: Mathematical skills and problem-solving.
- English (10:45am–12:15pm)
 Focus: Reading comprehension and essay writing.

3. **Science** (12:30pm–1:45pm)

Focus: General problem-solving, logic skills, and scientific writing (not based on specific course content).

Interview

After the exams, selected candidates will be invited for an interview with the selection panel, which includes the Director, Secondary Principal, Diploma Coordinator, and IST Board of Governors members. Discussion topics will include the student's potential contributions to the school and their short-and long-term goals. Feel free to bring supporting materials to the interview.

Interviews will be scheduled for March 5 unless otherwise notified.

Results

Candidates will receive their results by **late March**. Good luck!





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Scholarship Application Form

Student Information							
Family Name		First Name			Gender (Male / Female)		
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)		Age at time of application					
Nationality & Citizenship Native Lang		Native Langu	age	Language at Home		Other Languages	
Email Address							
Schools At	tended (Begin v	with current s	chool)				
Grade(s)	School Name			cation ty/country)	Language(s) of Instruction		Dates Attended mm/yy – mm/yy

Please complete all parts of this application form





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Parent Information			
MOTHER			
Family Name	First Name		Nationality & Citizenship
Company Name		Position	
Mother Signature	Cell Number	Email	
FATHER			
Family Name	First Name		Nationality & Citizenship
Company Name		Position	
Father Signature	Cell Number	Email	
GUARDIAN (If Applicable)			
Family Name	First Name		Nationality & Citizenship
Guardian Signature	Cell Number	Email	
Address in Tianjin			





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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

Stop by the library to browse the wide selection of new books that arrived last week, including fiction and nonfiction, graphic novels and picture books. With books for elementary and secondary students, as well as adults, there's something for everyone!



Winter Holiday Book Borrowing



All students have the opportunity to borrow up to ten books from the IST library over the winter holidays. This is a great opportunity to encourage reading over the holiday break.

Please ensure your child returns any overdue books and brings a signed permission slip, available from the homeroom teacher or the library circulation desk (secondary students do not need a permission slip).

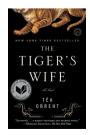
If you would like reading recommendations for the holidays, please stop by any time and speak to one of our friendly library staff members.

Parent Book Club

Our next Parent Book Club selection is the novel *The Tiger's Wife* by Tea Obreht. We will meet in the library to discuss the book on Thursday, Jan. 9 at 8:30 am. The library has copies of the book in English, Chinese, Korean, and German. 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.

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





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Elementary Student Council Update

Over the past two weeks, Angela Lu, our ESC Secretary in grade 4, raised a motion to implementent an awareness campaign to encourage the use of 'Friendly Language' across the school and on the school buses.





Curtis Liu, the ESC Communication Officer says this about the initiative: "The ESC has decided to support the IST philosophy by reminding everyone about using **Friendly Language** around the school and on the bus. We've done this by creating posters and making announcements across our school community, remember it is everybody's responsibility to make IST a friendly place!"

'Global Issues' is the Global Citizenship Spotlight for November and December. The Elementary Student Council wants to also recognise that by engaging in Friendly Language, we can make a difference and help curb the issue of bullying, empowering us all to stand up to those who want to belittle those around them. Maybe the whole world could use a little more Friendly Language to help resolve Global Issues that we see in the media.

When we return from vacation, the next **Global Citizenship Spotlight** will be on **China and Tianjin Context**. This is bound to help us get into the spirit for the coming Spring Festival celebrations to come!



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Nutrition

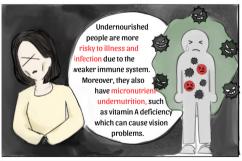


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Science Magazine Club's first article "Dark Oxygen" will be published soon on Young Scientist Journal!

Science Magazine Club的首个题目"暗氧" 即将在Young Scientists Journal上发表!

Science Magazine Club의 첫번째 주제 "암 흑산소"가 곧 Young Scientists Journal에 게 시됨니다!

Abstract

The article will explore the theoretical claims on the mechanism of dark oxygen production, how polymetallic nodules were used in the industry before, the possible impacts of the extraction of polymetallic nodules, the impact of dark oxygen on the scientific field, the ecological significance of dark oxygen, mining of dark oxygen and the ethical impacts.

摘要

本文将探索暗氧生成机理的理论、多金属结核过去在工业上的应用、多金属结核提取可能产生的影响、暗氧对科学领域的影响、暗氧的生态意义、多金属结核开采及其伦理影响。

초록

이 논문은 암흑산소 생성 메커니즘의 이론, 다금속 결절이 과거 산업에서 사용된 방식, 다금속 결절의 추출이 미칠 수 있는 영향, 암흑산소이 현존하는 과학지식에 미치는 영 향, 암흑산소의 생태적 중요성, 다금속 결절 의 채굴 및 윤리적 영향을 탐구합니다.





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High School Boys' and Girls' Basketball Teams dominate and enter ISCOT Tournament undefeated.

u19 Girls' Basketball

Friday, November 29: IST vs. TEDA

The IST High School Girls' Basketball Team showcased their dominance against TEDA with an outstanding performance. Experimenting with player combinations to counter their opponents' challenges, IST took an early lead and controlled the game with exceptional full-court press defense. The girls completely shut down TEDA in the second half, holding them scoreless and securing a 22-6 victory. (Mr Schaaf)

Monday, December 2: IST vs. Wellington

In their final game of the regular season, IST faced Wellington under challenging conditions due to a slippery, over-waxed court. Despite the increased risk of injury, the team played a composed and strategic game. After some early adjustments, their defense dominated once again, leading to a commanding 27-12 victory. IST closed the season undefeated, an incredible achievement. (Mr Schaaf)







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u19 Boys' Basketball

Friday, November 29: IST vs. TEDA

The IST U19 Boys' basketball team faced off against TEDA in a game that showcased their determination and teamwork. Despite missing several shots in the first quarter, IST took an early lead and never looked back. Experimenting with new combinations and structures, the team worked hard to implement their game plan, adapting well as the game progressed. Their efforts paid off as they dominated from start to finish, securing a commanding 35-12 victory. Well done to the boys for their focus and commitment on the court! (Mr Kennedy)

Monday, December 2: IST vs. Wellington

In their game against Wellington, the IST U19 Boys' basketball team once again took an early lead, but it was their composure under the hoop that truly stood out. With a remarkable 90% free throw shooting rate, the team showed significant improvement from their first two games of the season. Although they experimented with new combinations and the structures weren't as polished as hoped, the overall performance was a positive step forward. The boys now head into the weekend's ISCOT tournament with confidence, eager to maintain their unbeaten run. A strong display of growth and resilience as they continue to build momentum! (Mr Kennedy)



Both teams now head into the ISCOT tournaments undefeated and will be looking to keep it this way as they aim to bring the ISCOT trophies back to IST. Best of luck to them as they test their endurance and prepare for upcoming tournaments in Beijing and Shenzhen after the break! Go IST!

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U14 Boys' Volleyball

Tuesday, December 3rd: IST vs. TEDA

In our matchup against IST at TEDA, we faced a tough challenge, ultimately losing in two sets. Our team struggled to respond effectively to their serves, and our movement on the court was less than optimal. Despite these challenges, the team maintained a positive spirit and showed determination throughout the match. There's plenty to work on as we go forward but we are looking forward to the challenge and showcasing our improvement as the season moves on. (Mr Silvis)

U14 Girls' Volleyball

Tuesday, December 3rd: IST vs. TEDA

We travelled to TEDA International School for our second game of the season. The girls started off slowly, quickly falling behind by a significant margin. Despite this, they displayed resilience and made gradual improvements throughout the three sets, demonstrating determination to close the gap. We recognized that being aggressive on serves and cheering on little victories is important in building morale. (Mr Diegel).



This weekend both teams will travel to Beijing to take on some of the bigger schools in the area for the ISAC middle school volleyball exchange. This will be invaluable for our team as they gain experience and continue to improve their skills and gameplay.





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Season 2 sports have begun.

In season 2 we have:

HS Basketball with practices on Mondays and Fridays from 15:30 - 17:00. MS Volleyball with practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 15:30 - 17:00 We also have Wednesday Conditioning to help our athletes develop their athletic abilities.

CCA Season 2:

CCA season 2 signups have been sent out. Season 1 is still underway and will only conclude on Friday 15 November. Season 2 will begin on Monday 25 November.

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Weekly Menu 09 ~13 Dec

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yoghurt	Carrot Cake	Mini Pizza	Banana Bread	Cheese Sandwich
Fruit Cut	Fruit Cut	Fruit Cut	Fruit Cut	Fruit Cut
Pizza Margherita 芝士比萨 Stir fry Vegetables 炒蔬菜 <u>Allergy: wheat, cheese</u>	Steamed Pork Dumplings 小笼包 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 <u>Allergy: wheat, soya sauce</u>	Spaghetti Bolognese 毒蒜肉酱面 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 <u>Allergy: beef, cheese</u>	Hamburger 牛肉汉堡 French Fries 業条 <u>Allergy: wheat, soya sauce</u>	Chicken Finger 炸坞条 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Roasted Potatoes 烤土豆 Allergy: breadcrumb
Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day
Nutritional reading over the week 冬月昔非分析	Energy 热量(Kcal) 716	Protein 委台质(g) 25	Carbohydrate 碳水(g) 106	Fat 脂肪(g) 22

Weekly Menu 06 ~ 10 Jan

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yoghurt	Steamed Dumplings	Banana Bread	Carrot Cake	Ham Sandwich
Fruit Cut	Fruit Cut	Fruit Cut	Fruit Cut	Fruit Cut
Macaroni and Cheese	Pork Dumplings	Chicken Teriyaki	Hot Dog	Chicken Quesadilla
芝士小弯面	猪肉水绞	照烧鸡排	热 狗	鸡肉芝士饼
Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜	Stir fry Corn 炒玉米粒	Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜	Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜	Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜
Allergy: soya sauce, wheat	Allergy: soya sauce, wheat	Allergy: soy sauce, breadcrumb	Allergy: wheat	Allergy: wheat, cheese
Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day
Nutritional reading over the week 參用營养分析	Energy 热量(Kcal) 720	Protein 委布质 (g) 26	Carbohydrate 碳水(g) 102	Fat 脂肪 (g) 23

Weekly Menu 09 ~13 Dec

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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
Pizza Margherita 芝士比萨 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Roasted Sweet Potatoes 烤地瓜 Allergy: wheat, cheese	Chicken Stewed French Style 茶末奶油鸡 Stir fry Vegetable 炒 貯蔬 Mashed Potatoes 土豆泥 Allergy: milk, mustard	Spaghetti Bolognese 肉酱面 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Allergy: beef, cheese, milk	Hamburger 牛肉汉堡 French Fries 薯条 <u>Allergy: wheat, soya sauce</u>	Sausage and Potato Stew 西班牙风珠香肠炖土豆 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Pasta 意大利西 Allergy: wheat, soya sauce
Stir Fried Eggplant 红块茄子 Cabbage with Vermicelli 包葉炒粉丝 Fried Egg 虎皮鸡蛋 <i>Allergy: egg. soya sauce</i>	Stir Fried Shrimp with Gluten 虾仁独面筋 Deep Fried Green beans 干鍋豆角 Allergy: soya sauce, shrimp	Chicken Leg Stew 红烧鸡腿 Stir Fried Vegetable with Mushroom 香菇油菜 <u>Allergy: soya sauce</u>	Korean Soybean paste Soup 大酱汤 Plain Rice 米级 <u>Allergy: soya sauce, chili</u>	Sweet and Sour Pork 糖醋鸡柳 Stir fry Potatoes with Green Pepper 青椒土豆丝 Green Vegetables 炒青菜 Allergy: garlic, soya sauce
Noodles with Tomato and Egg Sauce 毒粉鸡蛋面 Dried Tofu with Green Pepper 青椒豆丝 Allergy: wheat, egg	Stir Fried Pork in Pita Bread 京醬肉丝配荷叶饼 Mixed Vegetables 素什锦/蕨根粉 Allergy: wheat, soya sauce	Steamed Pork and Chinese Cabbage Dumplings 猪肉白菜包子 Cabbage Salad 麻酱拌牛筋面/拌洋白菜 Allergy: seasame, wheat	Noodles with Spicy Chicken 大盘鸡配宽面 Stir Fry Green Vegetables 炒青菜 <u>Allergy: wheat, soy sauce</u>	Noodles in Beef Soup 垂 莊 牛 肉 面 Boiled Vegetable 煮 蔬 菜 Allergy: wheat, soya sauce
	Stir Fried Vegetables in Pita Bread 荷叶饼夹蔬菜	Vegetable Dumplings 蔬菜包	Vegetable Soybean Soup 蔬菜大酱汤	Noodles in Tomato Soup 番茄汤面
Tomato and Egg Soup 西红柿鸡蛋汤	Pumpkin Soup 南瓜汤	Red Bean and Job's Tears Soup 红豆薏米水	Vegetable and Egg Soup 蔬菜鸡蛋汤	Millet Congee 小来粥
Banana Bread 香蕉包	Cookies 併干	Swiss Roll 瑞士卷	Apple Pie 苹果派	Rice Balls 糯米糍
Nutritional reading over the week 卷周营养分析	Energy 热量 (Kcal) 782	Protein 麥甸质(g) 28	Carbohydrate 碳水(g) 105	Fat 脂肪(g) 23







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DIARY DATES

Monday~Friday - December 9~12, 2024 Secondary Exams (G9-11)

Wednesday - December 11, 2024 Departing Families' Session

Monday~Friday - Dec 16, 2024~Jan 3, 2025 Winter Holidays

SPORTS DATES

7-Dec (Sat) ISAC MS Volleyball Exchange Boys @ YCIS; Girls @ BWYA

7-Dec (Sat) ISCOT HS Basketball Tournament Boys @ IST; Girls @ TIS

> 10-Dec (Tues) MS Volleyball v Wel Boys & Girls @ IST

11-Jan (Sat) ISCOT MS Volleyball Tournament Boys @ TEDA; Girls @ WEL

11-Jan (Sat) ISAC HS Basketball Tournament Boys @ IST; Girls @ HBJ

15 Jan - 18 Jan (Wed - Sat) ACAMIS HS Basketball Tournament SIS (Shenzhen)

Welcome to the IST Sports and Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Program for the 2024-2025 school year

Please take note of the following dates:

Season 2 Sport Schedule

- Starts Monday, 25 Nov and ends Friday, 28 Feb
- $\,\,\,\,\,$ The program will run for approximately 10 school weeks
- No CCAs during holidays and PTSCs (conferences)

- 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)
- Ms. Durian Wang Activities Officer (Sports) (durian_wang@istianjin.org.cn)
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