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Dear Students and Parents

It is my pleasure to offer a very warm welcome back to school to all students and parents, and an especially warm welcome to all of the new members of our school community. I do hope that new families are starting to feel settled and that you have all felt warmly welcomed and supported throughout the application process and your move to our school. I also extend a warm welcome to the new members of the IST faculty, all of whom are already making a positive impression on the daily life of our school: Welcome Marium Ahmad (Secondary Science/Math), Kate Bark (Secondary Design), and Celeste Staal (Grade 4). I trust that everyone enjoyed the long summer break and feels well rested and ready for the busy year ahead!

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Marium Ahmad



Kate Bark



Celeste Staal

Outstanding IB Diploma Examination Results

One of the most objective means by which parents can judge the ongoing quality of a school's educational programmes is through its university matriculation examination results. I am proud to report that our Graduating Class of 2026 have again upheld IST's long tradition of academic excellence, as evidenced by their outstanding IB Diploma Results!

- Average score of 35.9 points (vs World average of 30.8)
- 83% of students $\geq$ World average
- 30% of students $\geq$ gold standard threshold of 40 points (vs World average of 9%)
- IST again ranked in the top 10 IB Diploma schools in China (#8 out of 164 schools): <https://ib-schools.com/china-league-tables>
- IST again ranked in the top 100 IB schools in the world (#67 out of 3000+ schools, narrowly missing #58 by 0.1 point): <https://www.ib-schools.com/league-tables/global-top-ib-schools>
- Congratulations to the entire Class of 2026 on their outstanding examination success!

As important as academic results may be, they mean little if the character development of the students is not similarly valued and supported, and at IST we therefore maintain a deep commitment to ensuring that our students develop and uphold the best intent of our philosophy and learner profile dispositions. **One of the ways that parents can support the**





school in this commitment is to actively support our yearly community-wide goal. This year IST teachers, staff and students (and hopefully you too!) will pay special attention to the IST learner dispositions of being a 'Thinker'.

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Annual School Days, Events and Holidays Calendar

As you plan for your next holidays, please be sure to consult our published annual calendar for the school year to ensure that planned vacations align with the days on which the school is closed for students. You can access the calendars (website, traditional hardcopy, and Community Curriculum version at the following link: <https://www.istianjin.org/school-calendar-2/>). Please note, however, that there is an error on the traditional hardcopy issued to all families, with Friday 25 September incorrectly showing as a school day; it is not. **The National Holiday will span Friday 25 September through Sunday 4 October.**

Toddle

At IST we use a teaching, learning and communication management platform called Toddle. If you are a new parent, you should have received email notifications and instructions inviting you to join the platform. If you're still having trouble logging in to Toddle, please contact our database manager, Neo Zhang, at Neo_Zhang@istianjin.org.cn

Up-To-Date Contact Information

It is always important for the school to have your most up-to-date contact information to ensure that you receive important school messages. Please email Ms. Christina Song, the Admissions & Administrative Offices Manager at christina_song@istianjin.org.cn by next Friday 22 August if you have recently changed your mobile phone number, and/or home and/or email addresses. Thank you!

Transport Liaison, Ms. Tracy Feng

Parents of students using IST transportation routes are members of route-specific WeChat groups, coordinated by transport liaison, Ms. Tracy Feng. Please note that Ms. Feng uses her private WeChat account to support this channel of communication, and therefore it should only to be used for transport related matters. We ask that you kindly not WeChat Tracy with questions or concerns unrelated to transport. Instead, please use Toddle, the main switchboard (2859-2001), teacher or relevant support staff emails (firstname_familyname@istianjin.org.cn), or the generic school email (info@istianjin.org.cn). Thank you.

After School Play and Parental Supervision

As you are aware, our school likes to make our facilities and campus grounds available to community members, including after school and during weekends. We must, nevertheless, have certain supervision expectations to ensure student safety and ask that parents please adhere to these guidelines:



- **Children are allowed to play at school until 5:10PM** (in the rear, outside playgrounds and sports fields only), so long as they are directly supervised by one of their parents (but not their ays). PLEASE NOTE that we play the traditional tune “Fishing Boats Singing at Dusk” (... time to come home!) on loudspeakers at the rear of the school at 5:10PM to let parents and students know that they must exit the campus within 5 minutes.
- **Children may not play outside if unsupervised (and this is especially true on our play equipment!)**
- **Students and parents are asked to exit the school buildings by 3:30PM (2:30PM on Wednesdays)**
- Families can, however, remain in the PFO Community Lounge or Library until 4:30PM; however, children are not permitted to play inside the building and are required to be supervised and engaged in quiet activities, such as reading or homework. If children wish to play, they need to be taken outside to do so.

Health and Safety: Fire Drill

As part of our community safeguarding efforts, we carry out routine evacuation drills. Early next week we will practice a standard fire evacuation drill and it is important that parents also understand and follow evacuation and registration protocols. Please note the following key points:

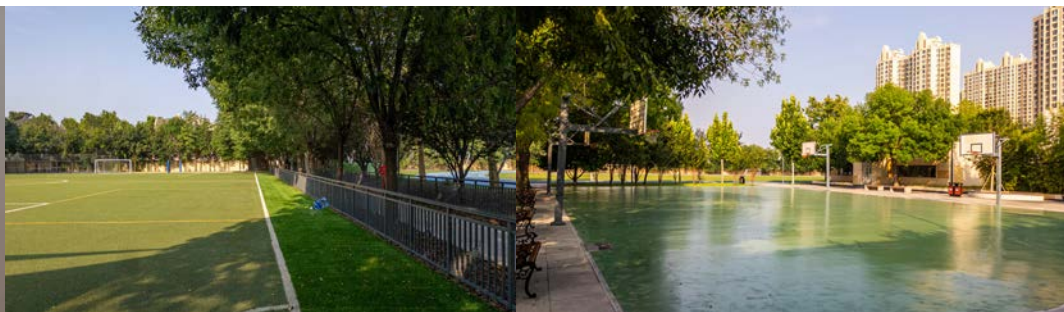
- Once an alarm is sounded, you may not leave the campus.
- You must report immediately to the parent registration station (#31), which is located on the running track and is the final station and to the northern side (new gym) of the staff and student registration lines.
- Please review protocols on our school website at the following link: <https://www.istianjin.org/emergency-procedures/>

IST Publications

All new families should have by now received a welcome packet containing a hard copy of the Parent-Student Handbook, and all families should have received a hard copy of the annual Calendar. The school's events calendar and handbooks are also posted on the school website as PDFs for your convenience. Returning parents can also be issued hard copies of the Parent-Student Handbook upon request. Please contact the school office if you did not receive your copies.

Facility Updates

I am pleased to report that several significant facility projects were completed over the summer, including formal certification of the new gymnasium, new frontage for the secondary office, repairs to the running track and 7-side soccer field, and re-surfacing of the outdoor basketball courts. Unfortunately, work is just a little behind schedule with the outdoor basketball courts, due to consistent rain over the summer which has delayed installation. Nevertheless, the courts can still be used, but will not receive their final surface sealing and painting until this weekend and next.





Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Sign-ups: The activities office will open registration for the first session of CCA activities on Monday and will also promote the process in Toddle. Please feel free to email our activities officer Guo Ying at Ying_Guo@istianjin.org.cn should you have any questions of concerns. Please note the relevant dates:

- 10th August: Registration opens
- 17th August: Registration closes
- 24th August: Enrollment announcement to families
- 31st August: Session 1 starts
- 13th November: Session 1 ends

The new school year is an exciting time for us all, but it can also be a rather stressful one for children and their families – and especially so for those who are new to our school and to Tianjin. We understand these stresses and encourage all families to maintain close contact with the school to ensure that the needs of your family are understood and so that your transition is as smooth and positive as possible.

Again, it is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the new school year. Please remember that our doors are always open.

With warm regards

Steve Moody
Director





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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.

Welcome Back!

A warm welcome back to all new and returning families! As a reminder to parents, the library is your space too. If you'd like to borrow books for yourself or your children, please do! Just bring your IST ID card, and the library staff will create an account for you. Our library has a diverse collection with books in many languages, including English, Chinese, Korean, French, and German. Parents are welcome to spend time in the library any time during or after school.

Throughout the year, we look forward to offering a variety of activities and events that celebrate reading, stories, and our IST community. Please keep an eye on the library newsletter for updates and opportunities to join us!

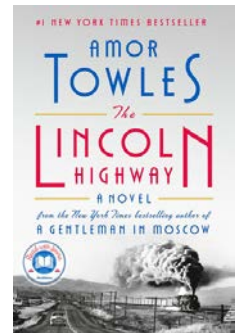


Parent Book Club: August

Our next book selection is the novel ***The Lincoln Highway*** by Amor Towles. We will meet to discuss the book this month (date to be confirmed). The library has copies of the book in English, Chinese, and Korean. A digital copy in English is also available upon request.

Please consider joining us for coffee, treats, and lively discussion—even if you didn't have a chance to read the book! Ask our library staff how to join our WeChat group, where we share information about the book club.

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





Week of 3 July 2026

Welcome to a new school year. I hope you had a great holiday and managed to stay healthy and active.

Coaches are ready for a fantastic new season. **Let's go BLAZING DRAGONS!** It will be a great year in which we can truly show our DRAGONS hearts and focus on the following DRAGON values.

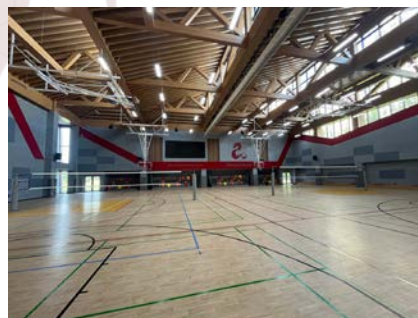
- **D – Dedication:** We are committed to our team, our school, and our community. We show up, put in the effort, and stand by each other through challenges and successes.
- **R – Respect:** We treat everyone with kindness and courtesy, valuing the differences that make our community unique. Respect for teammates, opponents, coaches, and ourselves is fundamental to our culture.
- **A – Achievement:** We strive for excellence in athletics and academics. We set high standards and work hard to meet them, knowing that success is a journey of continual improvement.
- **G – Growth:** We embrace challenges as opportunities for learning. We understand that setbacks are part of the process and remain resilient as we evolve into better athletes and individuals.
- **O – Openness:** We celebrate diversity and practice inclusivity. A true Dragon welcomes everyone, knowing that different perspectives enrich the team and strengthen our bonds.
- **N – Nurturing:** We support one another on and off the field, fostering a positive environment where everyone feels valued and heard. We lift each other up and cultivate a culture of encouragement.
- **S – Spirit:** We work together, celebrating our collective achievements and creating a sense of belonging. Dragons embody camaraderie and collaboration, knowing that we succeed together.

A few important messages:

- Our Sports season will start on the **Monday 10th of August**.
- MS and HS train on **MONDAY and THURSDAY**.
- MS Badminton also has a Wednesday session

On Monday 10 August all registered athletes meet in the Steve Moody Athletic Center (NEW Gym)

*NOTE: No food allowed in both Gyms! Qin Gym and the SMACK Gym.



Upcoming

August 2026

- Aug 10 (Mon): First practice
- Aug 27 (Thu): MSFB TEDA @ IST
- Aug 28 (Fri): HSVB IST @ TEDA

September 2026

- Sep 3 (Thu): ISAC ADs Fall Meeting @ Keystone
- Sep 12 (Sat): ISCOT Badminton Invitational MS+HS @ IST
- Sep 18 (Fri): ISCOT G3-5 Table Tennis @ IST
- Sep 19 (Sat): ISAC MSFB Exchange — U14 Boys @ BWYA; U14 Girls YCIS @ DCB
- Sep 21 (Mon): HSVB IST @ TIS
- Sep 24 (Thu): MS Girls IST @ Wellington; Boys Wellington @ IST; MSFB TIS @ IST

October 2026

- Oct 9 (Fri): ISCOT ESFB G1-5 @ IST
- Oct 10 (Sat): ISAC XC Championships ES @ ISB
- Oct 12 (Mon): MSFB IST @ Wellington
- Oct 14 (Wed): XC @ IST
- Oct 17 (Sat): @ IST; ISAC XC MS/HS @ KWA
- Oct 24 (Sat): ISCOT MSFB Tournaments — B+G @ IST; ISAC HSVB Tournaments — Boys @ DSP, Girls @ IST; ISAC MS Badminton Tournaments — Boys @ ISB, Girls @ WAB ISCOT HSVB Tournaments — B+G @ IST;
- Oct 28–31 (Wed–Sat): ACAMIS Volleyball @ HKA
- Oct 31 (Sat): ISAC MSFB Tournaments — Boys @ BCIS; Girls YCIS @ DCB

Athletic Director Ben Silvis
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CCA REGISTRATION OPEN 10-17 AUG

SIGN-UP ON
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**Scan to
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Help needed?
Contact us through email
Activity@istianjin.org.cn



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Weekly Menu (N-G2) 3-7 Aug

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yoghurt Fruit Cut	Carrot Cake Fruit Cut	Mini Pizza Fruit Cut	Banana Bread Fruit Cut	Cheese Sandwich Fruit Cut
		Beef Lasagna 牛肉千层面 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 <i>Allergy: milk, wheat</i>	Beef Burger 牛肉汉堡 French Fries 薯条 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 <i>Allergy: wheat, beef</i>	Kimbab 韩式饭卷 Japchae 韩式炒杂菜 <i>Allergy: egg, seaweed</i>
		Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day
Nutritional reading over the week 每周营养分析	Energy 热量 (Kcal) 712	Protein 蛋白质 (g) 33	Carbohydrate 碳水 (g) 112	Fat 脂肪 (g) 22

Weekly Menu (N-G2) 10-14 Aug

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yoghurt Fruit Cut	Steamed Dumplings Fruit Cut	Banana Bread Fruit Cut	Carrot Cake Fruit Cut	Ham Sandwich Fruit Cut
Teriyaki Rice with Cheese 照烧芝士饭 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 <i>Allergy: cheese, seaweed, sesame</i>	Beef Goulash 红烩牛肉 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Plain Rice 米饭 <i>Allergy: beef, soy sauce</i>	Pork Rolls 肉卷 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 <i>Allergy: wheat</i>	Fried Chicken, Curry Omelette Rice 日式炸鸡咖喱蛋包饭 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 <i>Allergy: egg</i>	Pork and Chinese Cabbage Dumplings 猪肉白菜水饺 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 <i>Allergy: wheat</i>
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 每周营养分析	Energy 热量 (Kcal) 715	Protein 蛋白质 (g) 35	Carbohydrate 碳水 (g) 118	Fat 脂肪 (g) 23

Weekly Menu (G3-G12) 10-14 Aug

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
Spaghetti with Pesto /Tomato/Cream Mushroom Sauce 意大利面配罗勒/番茄/奶油蘑菇汁 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Roasted Egg with Herb 烤鸡蛋 <i>Allergy: cheese, egg (served on the side)</i>	Beef Goulash 红烩牛肉 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Plain Rice 米饭 <i>Allergy: beef, soy sauce</i>	Cottage Pie 牛肉派 Stir fry Vegetables 炒时蔬 <i>Allergy: beef, cheese</i>	Turkish Shawarma 土耳其烤鸡腿肉 French Fries 薯条 <i>Allergy: wheat</i>	Chicken Cordon Bleu 蓝带鸡排 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Sweet Potatoes Sticks 红薯条 <i>Allergy: breadcrumb, cheese</i>
Bibimbap 韩式拌饭 Boiled Egg 煮鸡蛋 <i>Allergy: egg (served on the side)</i>	Fried Chicken, Curry Omelette Rice 炸鸡块咖喱蛋包饭 Stir Fried Vegetables 清炒时蔬 <i>Allergy: egg</i>	Deep Fried Chicken Leg 香酥鸡腿 Steamed Chinese Cabbage 蒜蓉娃娃菜 <i>Allergy: soy sauce</i>	Beef Curry 牛肉咖喱肉酱饭 Stir fry Vegetables 炒时蔬 <i>Allergy: coconut milk</i>	Taiwanese Braised Pork Rice 台式卤肉饭 Stir Fried Cauliflower with Chili 辣炒菜花 Stir fry Vegetables 炒时蔬 <i>Allergy: soy sauce</i>
Noodles with Tomato and Egg Sauce / Spicy Egg Sauce 番茄鸡蛋面/辣炒鸡蛋面 Stir Fried Potato with Green Pepper 青椒土豆丝 <i>Allergy: wheat, egg</i>	Noodle with dumplings 广式云吞面 boiled Vegetable 煮蔬菜 <i>Allergy: wheat</i>	Biangbiang Noodles with Ground Pork Biangbiang 面 Stir Fried Tomato with Egg 西红柿炒鸡蛋 <i>Allergy: egg, sesame, wheat</i>	Stir Fried Pork in Pita Bread 京酱肉丝/辣椒炒肉配荷叶饼 Mixed Vegetables 混合蔬菜/拌面藕 <i>Allergy: wheat</i>	Spicy Hot Pot 麻辣拌 Noodle 面条 <i>Allergy: wheat</i>
	Ratatouille 意大利炖蔬菜	Biangbiang Noodles with Tomato and Egg Sauce Biangbiang 面	Curry Vegetables 咖喱蔬菜	Spicy Vegetables 麻辣蔬菜
Laver and Egg Soup 紫菜鸡蛋汤	Pumpkin Soup 南瓜汤	Job's Tears and Red Bean Soup 薏米红豆水	Mung Bean Soup 绿豆汤	Tomato and Egg Soup 西红柿鸡蛋汤
Rice balls 糯米糍	Cookies 饼干	Chocolate Cake 巧克力蛋糕	Banana Bread 香蕉包	Mango Mousse 芒果慕斯
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DIARY DATES

Monday - August 24, 2026
Secondary Student Photo Shoot Day

Tuesday - August 25, 2026
Elementary Student Photo Shoot Day

Thursday - August 27, 2026
Elementary Open House

Saturday - September 5, 2026
IST Birthday
PFO Picnic

Monday~Friday - September 14 ~18, 2026
Week Without Walls (G6-G12)

Friday - September 25, 2026
Mid-Autumn Festival

Monday~Friday - September 28 ~ October 4, 2026
Chinese National Holiday

SPORTS DATES

WELCOME TO THE IST SPORTS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CCA) PROGRAM FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Please take note of the following dates:

Season 1 Sport Schedule

- ☺ Starts Monday, 31 Aug and ends Friday, 13 Nov
- ☺ The program will run for approximately 10 school weeks
- ☺ No CCAs during holidays and PTSCs (conferences)

Please do not hesitate to contact our department with any questions.

- ☺ Mr. Silvis – Athletics & Activities Director
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- ☺ Ms. Guo Ying – Activities Officer (CCA's) (ying_guo@istianjin.org.cn)
- ☺ Ms. Durian Wang – Activities Officer (Sports) (durian_wang@istianjin.org.cn)
- ☺ Activity Office: telephone 022-28592003 / extension 8150.