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Dear Parents and Students

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

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

TUESDAY 25 AUGUST

- **Secondary Open House:** Details will be sent home directly from the Secondary Office.

THURSDAY 27 AUGUST

- **Parent Faculty Organization New and Returning Parent Meeting** (09:00-09:45 AM in Han Teacher Center) ... be sure to come along early for the welcome tea and coffee and snacks, from 08:00-09:00 AM! The PFO will circulate details in the coming days.
- **Elementary Open House:** Details will be sent home directly from the Elementary Office.

EVERY MONDAY MORNING, STARTING 7 SEPTEMBER

- **PFO English Corner:** 09:30-11:30 AM. Come along and practice your English ... and enjoy an opportunity to chat with a member of the IST faculty, beginning with special guest, Mr. Michael Conway (Secondary Principal).

Emergency Evacuation Drill (Fire)

As part of our commitment to community safeguarding, our school carries out routine emergency evacuation drills, starting this past Tuesday with a fire drill. I am delighted to say that student (and adult!) conduct was exemplary, and the entire campus was successfully evacuated with full attendance registration completed within our target of five minutes. I want to thank the parents who were on campus at the time for their active support of the process (no-one tried to hide or escape to their car!) We will hold another drill in a few more weeks, this time an Earthquake Drill. I will keep you apprised!

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Change of Contact Details

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

I wish you all a most enjoyable weekend.

Steve Moody
Director





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 this week to browse a large selection of new books that have recently arrived! From picture books and chapter books to nonfiction and adult titles, there's something for everyone to discover.

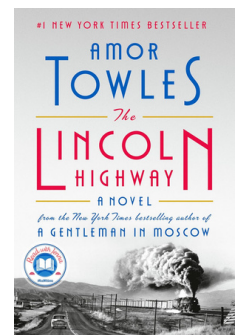
We're always working to develop our collection to best support the needs and interests of the IST community. If there's a book you'd love to see in the library, please let us know—we're always happy to consider suggestions for future orders.



Parent Book Club: August 20th

Our next book selection is the novel ***The Lincoln Highway*** by Amor Towles. We will meet to discuss the book on Thursday, August 20th at 8:30 am in the library. 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 10 August 2026

Sports Season Is Underway!

The sports season has started, and what a turnout! Teams are almost full, although Girls' Middle School Football still has room for a few more enthusiastic students. If you haven't signed up for football yet, no worries, there's still time!

Middle School Badminton has proven so popular that sign-ups are now closed. With nearly 50 students joining practice, we're working on arrangements to accommodate as many players as possible. Unfortunately, we may not be able to include everyone, and we appreciate your understanding.

The Blazing Dragons' first game of the season is coming up soon: our Middle School Football teams will face TEDA on August 27. Come out and cheer on our teams!

There is also a slight change in the Sports Calendar. The annual ISCT Cross country has been moved to the 21st of October. Plenty of time to practice and beat your PB :-)



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Go Blazing Dragons! 🐉🔥

A few important messages:

- MS and HS train on **MONDAY and THURSDAY**.
- MS Badminton also has a Wednesday session from **2:30-4:30pm**

Special Announcement

If you have a child in Middle School Sports (Monday and Thursday) who cannot come home with the 5pm sport bus they can join the CCA bus at 4:30pm starting from August 31.

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

Upcoming

August 2026

- 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): ISCT Badminton Invitational MS+HS @ IST
- Sep 18 (Fri): ISCT 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): ISCT ESFB G1-5 @ IST
- Oct 10 (Sat): ISAC XC Championships ES @ ISB
- Oct 12 (Mon): MSFB IST @ Wellington
- Oct 17 (Sat): @ IST; ISAC XC MS/HS @ KWA
- Oct 21 (Wed): ISCT CROss Country @ IST
- Oct 24 (Sat): ISCT MSFB Tournaments — B+G @ IST; ISAC HSVB Tournaments — Boys @ DSP, Girls @ IST; ISAC MS Badminton Tournaments — Boys @ ISB, Girls @ WAB ISCT 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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DON'T MISS
CCA SIGN UP
CLOSES
MONDAY 17TH
10:00 A.M.

**Scan to
register**



Need help?
Contact us via email:
Activity@istianjin.org.cn

UPCOMING

- 24TH FINAL SCHEDULES
RELEASED TO FAMILIES
- 31ST CCA START



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*AI Translation will be
provided.
Please come and join in!*

**Thursday
27th August**

8.00 - COFFEE AND SNACKS

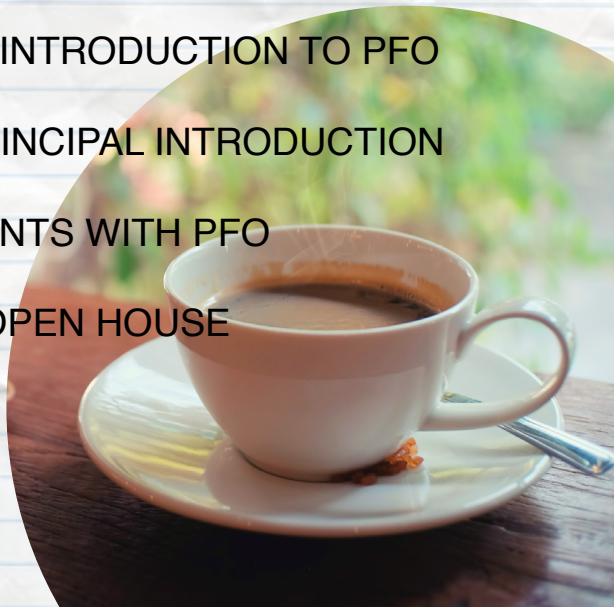
8:30 - MEETING WITH THE ELEMENTARY SPECIALISTS

9.00 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO PFO

9.20 - DIRECTOR & PRINCIPAL INTRODUCTION

9.40 - UPCOMING EVENTS WITH PFO

10.05 - ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE



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



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Community-wide Goal:

In a world shaped by rapid technological change, including the continued rise of social media and AI, as well as growing geopolitical tensions and a lack of empathy for the needs of others, at IST, our community shares collective commitment to nurture internationally minded learners who embody the IB learner profile disposition of **Thinker**.

Within our school and host city of Tianjin, we will ask thoughtful questions, evaluate information critically and ethically, and use reasoned evidence to understand complex challenges and choose actions that reduce harm. Together, we will think deeply about others' perspectives and work to help make our world a better place.





Weekly Menu (N-G2)

17-21 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
Pizza Margherita 芝士比萨 Stir fry Vegetables 炒蔬菜 <u>Allergy: wheat, cheese</u>	Spaghetti Bolognese 番茄肉酱面 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 <u>Allergy: wheat, cheese</u>	Chicken Teriyaki 照烧鸡排 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 <u>Allergy: breadcrumb</u>	Fried Rice with Ham and Egg 火腿鸡蛋炒饭 Stir fry Cauliflower 炒时蔬 <u>Allergy: egg</u>	Chicken Curry 咖喱鸡 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 <u>Allergy: coconut milk</u>
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) 729	Protein 蛋白质 (g) 27	Carbohydrate 碳水 (g) 109	Fat 脂肪 (g) 27

24-28 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
Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce Toast 意面吐司 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 <u>Allergy: wheat</u>	Chicken Quesadilla 鸡肉芝士饼 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 <u>Allergy: wheat, cheese</u>	Bolognese Pizza 肉酱披萨 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 <u>Allergy: wheat, cheese</u>	Chicken Burger 鸡肉汉堡 French Fries 薯条 <u>Allergy: wheat</u>	Steamed Pork Dumplings 小笼包 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 <u>Allergy: wheat</u>
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) 725	Protein 蛋白质 (g) 26	Carbohydrate 碳水 (g) 110	Fat 脂肪 (g) 25

Weekly Menu (G3-G12) 17-21 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
Pizza Margherita 芝士比萨 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Roasted Potatoes 烤土豆 <u>Allergy: wheat, cheese</u>	Spaghetti Bolognese 肉酱面 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 <u>Allergy: wheat, cheese</u>	Nacho Fries with Ground beef 墨西哥风味肉酱芝士配薯条 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 <u>Allergy: soy sauce, milk</u>	Pork Patty with Gravy 烧汁肉饼 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Mashed Potatoes 土豆泥 <u>Allergy: milk, cream</u>	Grilled Chicken with Black Pepper Sauce 黑椒鸡排 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Pasta 意大利面 <u>Allergy: wheat</u>
Stir Fried Tomato with Egg 西红柿炒鸡蛋 Sauteed Spicy String Beans 干煸豆角 Steamed Rice 米饭 <u>Allergy: egg, soy sauce</u>	Stir Fried Rice with Pork Sausage and Egg 腊肠蛋炒饭 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 <u>Allergy: soy sauce, egg</u>	Sweet and Sour Chicken 糖醋鸡柳 Green Vegetables 清炒时蔬 <u>Allergy: garlic, soy sauce</u>	Chicken Teriyaki 日式照烧鸡排 Stir Fried Vegetables 炒时蔬 <u>Allergy: wheat</u>	Pork Stew with Quail Eggs and Potatoes 五花肉炖土豆鹌鹑蛋 Stir Fried Chinese Cabbage and Tofu 白菜冻豆腐 <u>Allergy: soy sauce, egg</u>
Oil-Splashed Noodles 油泼面 Cucumber Salad 拌黄瓜 Fried Eggs 煎鸡蛋 <u>Allergy: wheat, egg</u>	Popcorn Chicken Wrap 鸡肉花卷饼 Mixed Vegetables 混合蔬菜/拌三丝 <u>Allergy: wheat</u>	Pork Dumplings 猪肉水饺 Stir Fried Cabbage 麻酱面筋/洋葱白菜 <u>Allergy: sesame, wheat</u>	Beef Pho 越南牛肉粉 Stir Fry Green Vegetables 炒青菜 <u>Allergy: chili</u>	Rice Noodle with Fish Ball Soup 咖喱鱼丸米线 Boiled Vegetable 煮蔬菜 <u>Allergy: fish, coconut</u>
	Vegetables Wrap 蔬菜卷	Vegetable Dumplings 蔬菜水饺	Rice Noodles in Vegetable Soup 河粉蔬菜汤	Rice Noodles in Tomato Soup 番茄汤米线
Mung Bean Soup 绿豆汤	Pumpkin Soup 南瓜汤	Red Bean and Job's Tears Soup 红豆薏米水	Tomato and Egg Soup 西红柿鸡蛋汤	Sweet Potato Congee 红薯粥
Strawberry Mousse 草莓慕司	Chocolate Cookies 巧克力饼干	Cream Puff 奶油泡芙	Banana Bread 香蕉包	Mini Muffins 小麦芬
Nutritional reading over the week 每周营养分析	Energy 热量 (Kcal) 790	Protein 蛋白质 (g) 30	Carbohydrate 碳水 (g) 122	Fat 脂肪 (g) 26



DIARY DATES

Monday - August 24, 2026
Secondary Student Photo Shoot Day

Tuesday - August 25, 2026
Elementary Student Photo Shoot Day
Secondary Open House

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

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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.

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