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Dear Parents

Last week I spent several days at the **East Asia Regional Council of Schools (EARCOS) Leadership Conference**, along with Mr. Haines and Ms. Chuah, our IB-MYP and IB-Diploma Coordinators, respectively. EARCOS is the leading association of international schools globally, with over 150 leading schools from across the region amongst its members, and with IST one of the long serving members. As always, it was a terrific opportunity to learn more about global trends and innovations in education and to discuss these trends with colleagues from around the region. And, as always, I can honestly say that I returned home to IST feeling inspired and proud about the status and direction of our school and its programmes!

One of the other leading, though more localized, international school associations is our very own **Association of China and Mongolia International Schools (ACAMIS)**. IST is one of ACAMIS's eight original founding schools, with the association now having 92 members, all of which must be Schools for the Children of Foreign Nationals (SCFN). ACAMIS affords our staff and students numerous and valuable opportunities to work, learn and act together with other schools across our region, including in the core student domains of Service, Arts, Cultural Enrichment and Athletics.

On Wednesday our high school teams headed down to Hong Kong to participate in this year's **ACAMIS Volleyball** competition, and whether they win or lose in the actual games, I know that they will win through the experience and will represent our school with distinction. I can say from personal experience (both my daughters) that participation in these sorts of events leave deep and lasting impressions on the students and that they will return with improved skills and game sense, a better understanding of the meaning of teamwork and community, and with memories for a lifetime. **Go Blazing Dragons!**

On Wednesday our school was delighted to be able to host **28 elementary and secondary STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) teachers from the Ulsan Metropolitan Office of Education in Korea**. The teachers travelled to Tianjin as part of an inter-city educational exchange and in our case with the purpose of learning more about how our school leverages the use of cutting-edge technologies, and specifically XR (AR/VR/MR) and AI technologies. The feedback I received was extremely complimentary, not only about our programmes but also about our students, equipment and facilities, and our school's welcoming and inclusive environment. Special thanks to Mr. Zhai for leading the group, and Ms. Park for translation services.

Finally, a couple of reminders to parents and children regarding school IDs and buses. Firstly, please note that **Secondary students are required to bring their school IDs with them every day**, and this is especially important for registering their free daily school lunch (elementary

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student cards remain with teachers), and we ask for your support to ensure that they develop the routines and responsibility to be afforded the right to use these IDs independently. Secondly, we are experiencing difficulties in monitoring Secondary students on campus after 3:25 PM, when they choose not to catch their buses or to remain on campus without approval. While our school likes to maintain a relatively open campus, for students and parents, for safeguarding and security reasons, it is necessary that we know exactly who is on campus, when and where.

Please ensure that your children understand that they do not have permission to make decisions about what they do on campus after school, unless they have permission from BOTH parents AND the school administration both parental and school approval. In response to this situation, **next week we will be releasing some updated guidelines about student activity on campus after the 3:15 PM bell** so that there is no confusion and so that we can ensure that your children always remain safe. Thank you for your support.

All the best for a relaxing weekend!

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.

Celebrating Library Week!

This week, we've been celebrating books, reading, and our library community throughout IST! Students have taken part in DEAR (Drop Everything and Read), explored this year's Panda Book Award selections, and celebrated stories and reading across the school.

Library Week will wrap up with our Elementary Library Assembly and Book Character Dress-Up Day. We look forward to sharing more photos from the celebration next week!



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



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Parent Book Club: Nov. 26th

Our next book selection is the novel ***Hamnet*** by Maggie O'Farrell. We will meet to discuss the book on Thursday, November 26th 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 join 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.



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CCA SESSION 2 REGISTRATION

OPEN

2-9

NOVEMBER

SIGN UP ON
SCHOOLSBUDDY

SCAN TO
REGISTER



Contact us via email:
Activity@istianjin.org.cn

Key Dates

- S1 CCA will continue till 13 Nov.
- S2 placement announced on 16 Nov.
- S2 CCA: 23 Nov- 26 Feb



Sleep Well, Live Well





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IST PFO

Christmas LUNCH

Good Food ★ Fun Games ★ Great Company

Thursday, November 19, 2026 11:00 AM – 1:45 PM Four Seasons Hotel

Secret Santa
Bring a gift (at least ¥50) and exchange with other members!

Raffle Tickets
Buy raffle tickets and win amazing prizes!

Fun Games
Enjoy lots of fun games and get a little gift from each game!

¥200 per person

Dress Code
Red & Green (Christmas Style!)

Let's celebrate the season together! ♥



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Holiday Bazaar

*Come along to IST and enjoy
the festivities of the
holiday season!
With over 30 vendors and
free entrance!*

**When: Wednesday,
25th November 2026
from 9:30am to 2pm**

**Where: IST Han Building 2nd floor
(outside teacher center)**



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IST PFO Parent Activities 2026-2027



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>Yoga</i> 08:15 - 09:15 Start Date: 09/02	<i>German Class</i> 09:00 - 10:30 Start Date: 09/01	<i>Yoga</i> 08:15 - 09:15	<i>Zumba Main Class</i> 09:00 - 09:50 Start date: 09/03	<i>Zumba Breakdown Class</i> 09:00 - 10:00
<i>English Corner</i> 09:30 - 11:30 Start Date: 09/07	<i>IST Baby Dragon Playgroup</i> 09:00 - 11:00 Start Date: 09/15			<i>Chinese Corner</i> 09:00 - 10:30 Start Date: 09/11
<i>Korean Class</i> 13:30 - 14:30 Start Date: 09/07	<i>Japanese Class</i> 13:30 - 14:30 Start Date: 09/08			<i>IST Parents' Choir</i> 11:30 - 12:30 Start Date: 08/28

- The PFO offers a variety of fun activities and classes for parents at IST! Whether you want to stay active, explore a new language, or simply connect with other parents, there is something for everyone. Come join us and enjoy some time together!
- Please check the poster for each class for more information and sign-up. We hope to see you there!





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IST PFO

YOGA CLASS

With: **Vicky**

Class schedules:

Mon. 8:15-9:15 am

Wed. 8:15-9:15 am

RMB 80/person



REGISTER NOW!
SCAN THE CODE
TO JOIN!



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1ST PFO

ENGLISH CORNER

Conversation with native English
speaking teachers to build confidence,
friendship and community.

The more you practice
the better you get.

Join Our English Corner to practice and
boost your English Skills in a welcoming,
casual, community setting !

Starting Date: 2026/09/07(Monday)

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 am

Location: 1ST Elementary meeting room





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IST PFO

LEARN

GERMAN

*Take your German
to the next level!*

GERMAN CLASS
FOR INTERMEDIATE LEARNERS

A2 / B1



STARTS
1 SEPTEMBER



TUESDAYS
9:00 – 10:30



ELEMENTARY
MEETING ROOM

RMB 50 per person.
Scan the code to join.





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Welcome to the IST Baby Dragons Playgroup



Come along and meet other parents, enjoy free play and music time with snacks and outside play!

Friends and their children from outside IST are invited too - must be a foreign passport holder.



Every Tuesday, 9:00 - 11:00 AM.
It will be held in the Nursery room.
Starting from 15th September.





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NEW Sessions available
starting on 3rd September!



Zumba Main: Thursday, 9:00-9:50 am
Zumba Breakdown: Friday, 9:00-10:00 am
RMB 50 per person (Minimum 4 to start the class)

Scan the code to join and Dance with Summer!





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CHINESE
CORNER



走近汉语 自在交流 乐在中国

Discover Chinese, Enjoy China

Starting date: 11th September
Every Friday 09:00 - 10:30am
Scan the code to join in!





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JAPANESE CLASS

JOIN OUR CLASS AND
IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE
CULTURE AND CHARM OF
JAPAN

IST PFO

CLASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday

1:30 - 2:30 PM



BASIC GRAMMAR



CULTURAL INFO



SIMPLE VOCABULARY

RMB 40 PER PERSON
Scan the code to join
Classes starts on 8th September





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PFO
game club

Come relax, have fun, and socialize!

Card games

Board games

Table games

SCAN TO JOIN!



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Love to sing?

Join our new
IST Parents'
Choir!

Whethre you have choir
experience or simply enjoy
singing, everyone is welcome!

Let's sing, have fun,
and make beautiful
music together!

Interested?
Scan the QR code
and join our group!





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IST PFO

let's

Join us!

LEARN KOREAN

안녕하세요

Hello

감사합니다

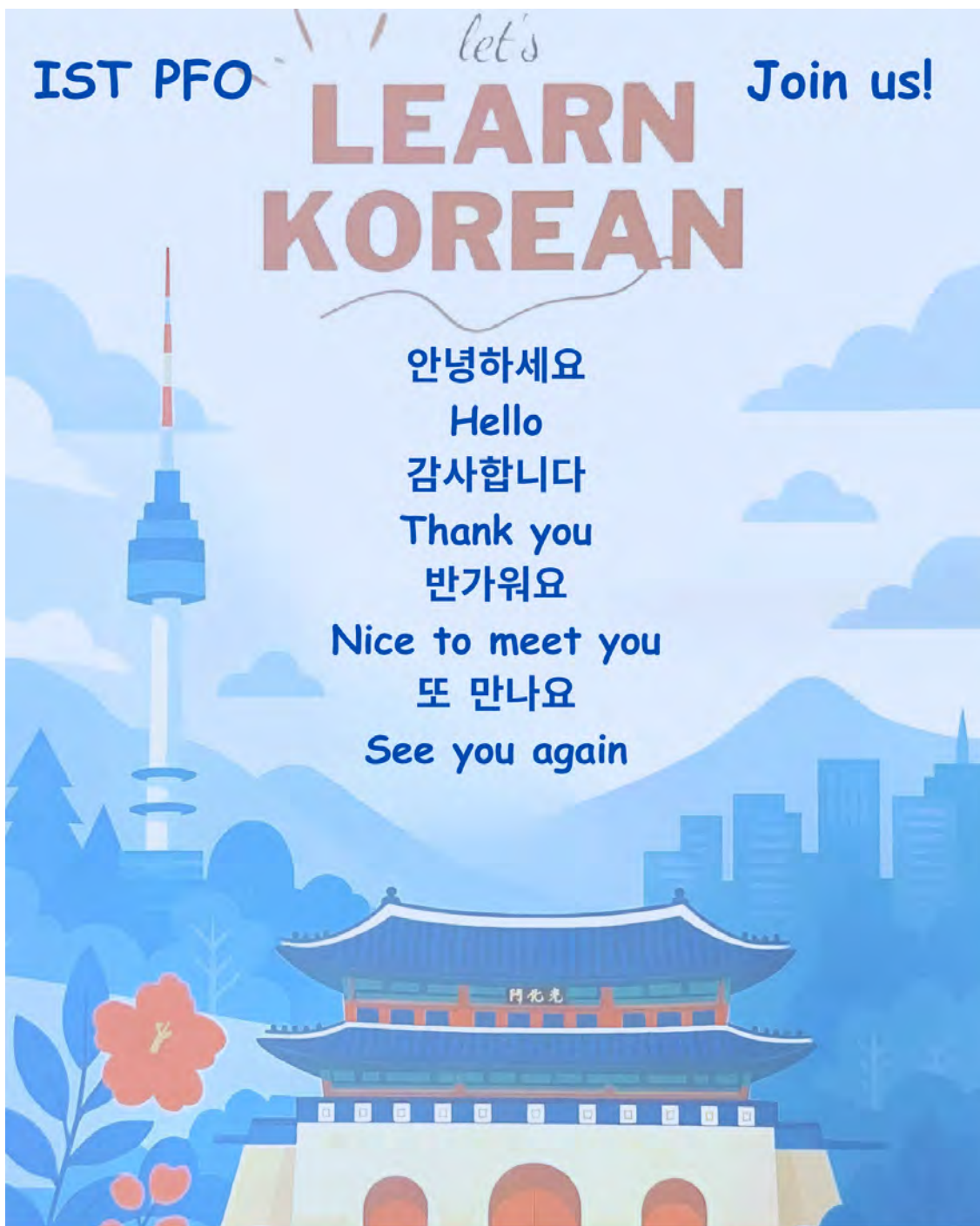
Thank you

반가워요

Nice to meet you

또 만나요

See you again



Class time: Monday 1:30 - 2:30 PM

Class fee: RMB40/person

Class starts on 7th September

Scan the code to join!





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Crochet & Knitting Workshop

LEARN TO CREATE YOUR OWN
BEAUTIFUL HATS AND SCARFS FOR WINTER!

- Thursday, 05 November
2026 from 09:30 - 11:30 AM
- Scan the QR code to register
and for more details





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) 2-6 Nov

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>	Fried Rice with Ham and Egg 火腿鸡蛋炒饭 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 <u>Allergy: egg</u>	Beef Lasagna 牛肉千层面 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 <u>Allergy: milk, wheat</u>	Chicken Burger 鸡肉汉堡 French Fries 薯条 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 <u>Allergy: wheat</u>	Kimbab 韩式饭卷 Japchae 韩式炒杂菜 <u>Allergy: egg, seaweed</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) 712	Protein 蛋白质 (g) 33	Carbohydrate 碳水 (g) 112	Fat 脂肪 (g) 22

Weekly Menu (N-G2) 9-13 Nov

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Carrot Cake Fruit Cut	Ham Sandwich Fruit Cut
			Pork and Chinese Cabbage Dumplings 猪肉白菜水饺 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 <u>Allergy: wheat</u>	Teriyaki Chicken Pizza 照烧鸡肉批萨 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 <u>Allergy: wheat</u>
			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) 2-6 Nov

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 土豆角 <u>Allergy: wheat, cheese</u>	Masala Chicken Leg 马萨拉鸡腿 Vegetable curry 咖喱蔬菜 Plain Rice 白米饭 <u>Allergy: chili</u>	Beef Lasagna 牛肉千层面 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Roasted Potatoes 烤土豆 <u>Allergy: beef, milk, wheat</u>	Beef Burger 牛肉汉堡 French Fries 薯条 <u>Allergy: wheat, beef</u>	Pork Stewed with Plum Sauce 西梅猪排 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Mashed Sweet Potatoes 红薯泥 <u>Allergy: cream, milk</u>
Vegetable Curry Omelette Rice 咖喱蔬菜蛋包饭 Stir Fried Green Vegetables 清炒小白菜 <u>Allergy: egg (served on the side)</u>	Steamed Rice with Vegetables and Sausages 广式腊肠饭 Stir fry Vegetables with Mushroom 香菇油菜 <u>Allergy: soy sauce</u>	Chicken Teriyaki 日式照烧鸡排 Stir Fried Vegetables 炒时蔬 <u>Allergy: wheat</u>	Kung Pao Chicken 宫保鸡丁 Steamed Vegetables with Garlic 蒜蓉蒸时蔬 Steamed Rice 米饭 <u>Allergy: soy sauce, peanut</u>	Kimbab 韩式饭卷 Japchae 韩式炒杂菜 <u>Allergy: egg, seaweed</u>
Mixed Doodle and Vegetable in Chili Sauce 重庆小面 Fried Egg 煎鸡蛋 <u>Allergy: sesame, wheat, egg (served on the side)</u>	Spicy Hot Pot 麻辣烫 Noodle 面条 <u>Allergy: wheat</u>	Noodles with pork in Soybean paste 老北京炸酱面 Mixed Vegetables 拌蔬菜 <u>Allergy: soybean, wheat</u>	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 <u>Allergy: wheat</u>	Noodles and Vegetables in Chicken Broth 川香鸡面 boiled Vegetable 煮蔬菜 <u>Allergy: wheat</u>
	Spicy Vegetable Hot Pot with Noodle 麻辣蔬菜辣面	Noodles with Soybean Paste 炸酱面	Vegetable and Bean Burger 蔬菜豆子汉堡	Vegetable Kimbab 蔬菜饭卷
Tomato and Egg Soup 西红柿鸡蛋汤	Pumpkin Soup 南瓜汤	Millet Congee 小米粥	Vegetable and Egg Soup 蔬菜鸡蛋汤	Job's Tears and Red Bean Soup 薏米红豆水
Rice balls 糯米糍	Cookies 饼干	Strawberry Mousse 草莓慕斯	Banana Bread 香蕉包	Chocolate Cookies 巧克力饼干
Nutritional reading over the week 每周营养分析	Energy 热量 (Kcal) 788	Protein 蛋白质 (g) 32	Carbohydrate 碳水 (g) 118	Fat 脂肪 (g) 25



DIARY DATES

Wednesday - November 4, 2026
Musical Production Rehearsal

Monday~Wednesday - November 9~11, 2026
Long Weekend

Tuesday~Wednesday - November 10~11, 2026
Staff Workdays

Thursday~Saturday - November 12~14, 2026
TIANMUN

Tuesday - November 17, 2026
Musical Production Rehearsal

Thursday~Friday - November 19~20, 2026
Musical Production

Friday - November 27, 2026
Christmas Tree Lighting@RITZ

SPORTS DATES

Oct 28-31 (Wed-Sat):
ACAMIS Volleyball @ HKA

Oct 31 (Sat):
ISAC MSFB Tournaments — Boys @ BCIS;
Girls YCIS @ DCB

Nov 1 (Sun):
BISGL Golf — Universal Handicap @ ISB

Nov 14 (Sat):
ISAC MS/HS Table Tennis @ Keystone

Nov 21 (Sat):
ISAC ES (U11) Table Tennis Exchange @ WAB

Nov 23 (Mon):
HSBB Wellington @ IST

Nov 30 (Mon):
HSBB TEDA @ IST

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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