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Weekly Friday 6 November 2026

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Dear Parents

I wish to draw your attention to two important messages that you will have received from the school this past week and to enlist your support in addressing the concerns outlined in them.

Firstly, we identified several **cases of head lice** in a lower elementary classroom last Friday, and following a schoolwide inspection of all students on Tuesday, we discovered several additional cases across both school divisions. All identified as having either live lice or nits (eggs) students returned home to undertake treatment and were checked again before being permitted to re-enter classes. I am hopeful that we managed to intervene quickly enough to prevent the outbreak from spreading further. However, as a further precaution, I have again hired additional nurses to return to school next Thursday (12 November, following the five-day weekend) to carry out a second schoolwide screening to catch any cases that may have been missed, or that did not respond fully to treatment.

The life cycle of a head louse is 7-9 days from an egg being laid to hatching, and another 7-9 days before the louse lays its own eggs. It will be nine days between this week's screening and next Thursday, so we expect that any residual cases will have already matured into live lice, as opposed to nits (eggs), which are harder to find and to confirm to be dead. I kindly ask you to **please check your children's hair several times over the next week** or so, and ideally next Wednesday before they returning to school on Thursday, to help us ensure that we have eliminated the current outbreak. Thank you!

The second message you will have received was delivered on Thursday and related to **updated protocols guiding students catching after-school buses and departing the campus.** It is a matter of great importance that we always know which students are on campus, but unfortunately there are many instances where students fail to catch their designated buses, choosing to stay at school, even though they are not registered for formal activities. While we allow students to stay at school until 5:05 PM if they are with a parent, we must always ensure that all students can be accounted for, and to this, end we are making some adjustments to our bus registration and campus exit protocols. Please do take a few minutes to familiarize yourselves with the document, which will also be posted on the school website and in next year's parent handbook. Thank you.

At this time of the year, we like to solicit feedback from our parents on their perception of our school's performance against five sets of indicators: Philosophy; Parental Partnerships; Teaching and Learning; Operations and Facilities; and Personnel. Next week parents will be sent a link to a short 25-question **'IST Parent Climate Survey'**, and I encourage you all to please take the few minutes required to provide us with your valuable insights into our

performance and how our school can continue to improve. Thank you!

A reminder that **Season 1 of CCAs conclude next Friday**. Please see the posters from the Activities Office later in Blaze providing details for your attention, including:

- 2–9 Nov: Season 2 registration opens
- 13 Nov: Season 1 ends
- 16 Nov: Season 2 placements are announced to the community
- 23 Nov: Season 2 starts

Finally, just in case you were unaware (!), **there is no school for students next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**, with the school closed so that our teachers and support staff can undertake a period of uninterrupted professional development, collaboration and planning. Please also note that there will be no edition of Blaze next week due to the very short week.

I wish you all the very best for a relaxing five-day weekend with your wonderful children!

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:

1. **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:

- All applicants **MUST** have a parent or legal guardian residing with them during their studies in Tianjin. **IST DOES NOT provide boarding facilities of any kind to students.**
- **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**:
  - Active involvement in CAS activities.
  - Promotion of the IB Diploma Programme.
  - Leadership within the school community.

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 5, 2027
- **Scholarship Examinations**: Saturday, February 20, 2027 (9:00am–2:30pm)
- **Interviews**: Around March 3, 2027
- **Award Anouncement**: Late March/early April 2027



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- **Financial Need**: Consideration for current IST students needing financial assistance. (Non-IST students **DO NOT** need to demonstrate financial need.)

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)
  - 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:

1. **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 5, 2027**. 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 20**, from **9:00am to 2:00pm**. Students will complete three papers:

1. **Mathematics** (9:00am–10:30am)
   Focus: Mathematical skills and problem-solving.
2. **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 3 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 Language	Language at Home		Other Languages
Email Address				
Schools Attended (Begin with current school)				
Grade(s)	School Name	Location (city/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.

Library Assembly Highlights

Library Week ended on a high note with our Elementary Library Assembly and Book Character Dress-Up Day! Students and teachers brought favorite stories to life with creative costumes, and the assembly was a joyful celebration of books, reading, and our library community.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the week so memorable. Please enjoy a few photo highlights from the assembly and Book Character Parade below!









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

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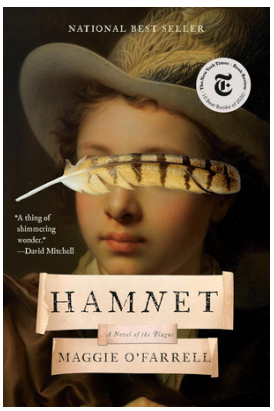






Parent Book Club: Nov. 26th

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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Monday 2 November 2026

What a weekend for IST Football and Volleyball.



Please congratulate Coach Wendy and her MSFB Team of winning Division 2 in ISAC.
Coach Williams and his girls' team became second, and as history tells us, IST was never so dominant on the football fields. So well done players and well-done coaches.

As ACAMIS came to a close and the girls just missed out on the podium, they did manage to win the Spirit of ACAMIS award. An award that truly shows that IST is a friendly place in which we treat everybody with respect at all times. Well done Coach Lily and your team for wining this prestigious award.

THANK YOU COACHES FOR MAKING ALL THIS POSSIBLE.



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Final ACAMIS Volleyball Update — Hong Kong

Dear all,

What a tournament! Three great days of volleyball in Hong Kong, very well organized by HKA, and plenty for the Blazing Dragons to be proud of.

Girls — 4th Overall

The girls had an outstanding run. After finishing the round robin in a solid 3rd place, they faced HBJ in the semi final. It was a nail-biter, but some small errors and some good plays from Harrows kept them out of the final. In the 3rd/4th place match against TIS, the girls pushed it to three sets, with TIS scoring some quality points late to take 3rd. A 4th-place finish overall — and a tournament full of fighting spirit.

Standout moments included the thrilling three-set win over NIS on day one, coming back from 12–7 down to take the third set 17–15, with nerves of steel from our last two servers, Sissy and Belize, and Karin unstoppable at the net in the deciding points.

Boys — 6th Overall

The boys fought hard throughout but couldn't quite break into the top 4, eventually contesting the 5th/6th place match against TIS. With some players getting extra playing time, it was a real team effort, though it wasn't quite enough to avoid 6th place. The boys showed clear progress in their game across the tournament, with consistency and smart play the focus points for next time.

Tournament Players

Congratulations to our tournament players: Belize and Karin for the girls, and Paul and Ivan for the boys and a big celebration for everybody on the team.

Well done, Dragons, a great three days!







DRAGONS

D – Dedication R – Respect A – Achievement G - Growth O – Openness N – Nurturing S – Spirit

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CCA SESSION 2 REGISTRATION CLOSES ON 9TH NOV.

Still available:

Monday:

Mindful Kid (PYP1-3)
Kungfu Tea Making(MYP2-4)

Tuesday:

Reading (MYP1-3)
Crochet (MYP1-DP2)
Dunggeons and Dragons(MYP1-DP2)

Wednesday:

Cooking (PYP1-3)
Art & Design Lab (MYP 1-3)

Thursday:

Fashion Design (PYP 4-6)
Ballet (PYP 1-3)

SIGN UP ON SCHOOLSBUDDY

SCAN TO REGISTER

Key Dates

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

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NOT SURE WHAT CCA MEANS OR HOW SIGN-UP WORKS?

Get help at the Activity Office



WE CAN

- Assist sign-up process
- Explain each activity
- Match options to your child's interests
- Suggest alternatives if a popular choice is full

CONTACT US

- Walk in for a chat at the Activity Office in Qin Gym, 7:45-8:45 during sign up weeks.
- Call - Ms. Guo at 28592001 ext. 8150
- Email - activity@istianjin.org.cn



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GRADE 3 SUPPORTING AND LEARNING WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY

As part of their Sharing the Planet unit, Grade 3 students visited local retirement home recently for their second visit, following their first visit two weeks earlier. Throughout the unit, students have been exploring how people from diverse backgrounds can work and learn together to build peaceful communities. Their lines of enquiry have focused on celebrating differences, building positive relationships, and learning from, promoting and celebrating diversity.

As part of their student-initiated action, the students designed and created inclusive games and activities that took into account the needs and abilities of the residents. They then shared these activities during their visit, demonstrating active involvement in the wider community and contributing to the social well-being of older adults. Through playing and learning together, the students helped foster meaningful connections, enhance the residents' quality of life, and promote a sense of community and belonging.

The students had a wonderful day and greatly enjoyed taking part in fun activities with the residents. They sang the "Hot Chocolate" song, which was warmly received, and one of the residents delighted everyone by performing a piece on the piano. This special moment created a joyful exchange between the students and residents.

The visit provided a valuable opportunity for students to put their understanding of peaceful and inclusive communities into action. By returning to the home and building on their previous experience, they continued to develop meaningful intergenerational relationships while learning from and celebrating the diversity within their community.

Global Citizenship Connection

Wonder (I care) | Explore (I am aware) | Build Community

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Every Second Counts: IHO Brings CPR & AED Training to 100+ Participants

On October 31, 2026, four members of the IST Health Organization (IHO)—Sol, Jiyeon, Vivian, and Ellie—provided CPR and AED training to over 100 participants at the 9th Korea-China Friendship Cultural Festival in Tianjin.

Bringing together Korean and Chinese participants across generations, the activity offered hands-on experience in responding to cardiac emergencies. Participants, ranging from children as young as five to adults in their late 70s, practiced CPR on training mannequins, including rescue breaths, and learned how to use an AED simulator.

IHO members also had the opportunity to meet the CEO of SECOM, connecting with others who share an interest in emergency preparedness and community safety. Through this initiative, IHO aimed to demonstrate that life saving skills are not limited to medical professionals—anyone can learn to take action when every second counts.







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PARENT FACULTY ORGANIZATION
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AI Translation Glasses will be provided!

Wednesday 18th November

8:15 - COFFEE AND KOREAN SNACKS

9:00 - WELCOME AND PFO UPDATE

9:10 - DIRECTOR & PRINCIPAL INTRODUCTION

9:30 - UPCOMING EVENTS WITH PFO

10:00 - PARENT EDUCATION FORUM



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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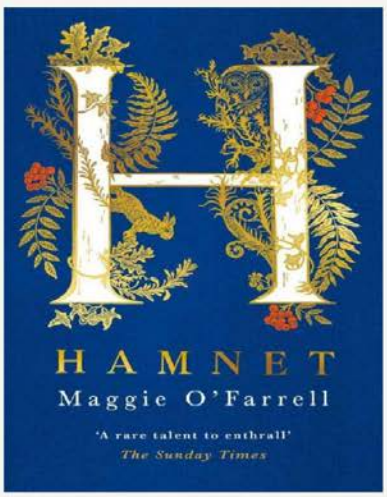


Welcome to IST Parent Book Club

Come along to our monthly meet up to discuss books and enjoy coffee & treats!

This month's book is historical fiction novel Hamlet by Maggie O'Farrell. The library has copies in English, Chinese and Korean. A digital copy in English is also available upon request.

Our next meeting is November 26th at 8.30am in the Library.



Please scan the QR code to join!

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Community-wide Goal:

In a world shaped by rapid technological change, including the continued rise of social media and Al, 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.



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MENU

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 *Allergy: wheat, cheese*	Fried Rice with Ham and Egg 火腿鸡蛋炒饭 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 *Allergy: egg*	Beef Lasagna 牛肉千层面 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 *Allergy: milk, wheat*	Chicken Burger 鸡肉汉堡 French Fries 薯条 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 *Allergy: wheat*	Kimbab 韩式饭卷 Japchae 韩式炒杂菜 *Allergy: egg, seaweed*
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 *Allergy: wheat*	Teriyaki Chicken Pizza 照烧鸡肉批萨 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 *Allergy: wheat*
			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) 9-13 Nov

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar Fruit of the Day	Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar Fruit of the Day
			Turkish Shawarma 土耳其烤鸡腿肉 French Fries 薯条 *Allergy: wheat*	Cottage Pie 牛肉派 Stir fry Vegetables 炒时蔬 *Allergy: beef, cheese*
			Fried Rice with Beef 麻辣牛肉炒饭 Stir fry Vegetables 炒时蔬 *Allergy: soy sauce*	Deep Fried Chicken Leg 香酥鸡腿 Steamed Chinese Cabbage 蒜蓉娃娃菜 *Allergy: soy sauce*
			Pork Dumplings 猪肉水饺 Mixed Vegetables 什锦菜/麻根粉 *Allergy: wheat*	Biangbiang Noodles with Ground Pork Biangbiang 面 Stir Fried Tomato with Egg 西红柿炒鸡蛋 *Allergy: egg, sesame, wheat*
			Fried Rice with Mixed Vegetables 蔬菜炒饭	Spicy Mixed Vegetables 麻辣蔬菜
			Millet Congee 小米粥	Tomato and Egg Soup 西红柿鸡蛋汤
			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) 779	Protein 蛋白质(g) 32	Carbohydrate 碳水(g) 116	Fat 脂肪(g) 23

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Diary Dates

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

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.

- ☺ Mr. Silvis – Athletics & 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)
- ☺ Activity Office: telephone 022-28592003 / extension 8150.

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