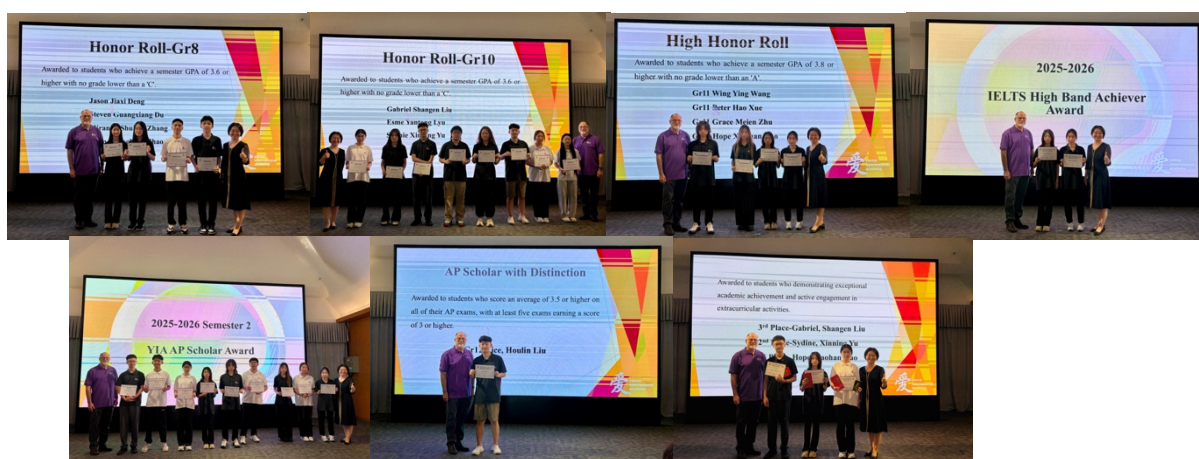


School-Wide Newsletter

The 2026-2027 Academic Year Begins

The opening ceremony of the 2026–2027 academic year was successfully held in an atmosphere of warmth and glory. We presented the High Honor Roll, Honor Roll Awards, AP Scholar Awards, and annual scholarships to students with outstanding academic achievements, bearing witness to their diligent efforts and growth. Dr. Belcher delivered an encouraging address, urging students to set clear goals and tap into their full potential. Principal Deng Yujie set the theme for the new academic year: “Stay true to your passions, cultivate your character, and embrace long-termism.”



Drawing on her insights from school visits and study tours in the United States, Principal Deng also gave a special talk on the significance of a global perspective in today’s world, unpacked the core values that top Ivy League universities look for in admissions, and elaborated on our “Learn–Love–Lead” educational philosophy to guide students toward holistic development—so that they may grow into well-rounded, principled young people of vision and integrity.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all parents for your continued trust and support. Let us continue to join hands in fostering an inspiring and caring environment for our children and look forward to seeing them stride forward with confidence and achieve even more wonderful things in the year ahead!

Handbook Signature Page

The Welcome Packet sent home includes the Handbook Signature Page. LifePlus requires all students and parents to complete and return the page by Friday, August 14. We kindly ask for your support in signing the page and sending it back with your child to their homeroom teacher.

Attendance Policy

Parents should send a message to homeroom teacher by 7:30 am on the day their child will be unable to attend school. The specific reason for the absence should also be given at this time.

Students should not be sent to school if they have:

1. Severe colds
2. Fever (above 99.86°F/37.7°C)
3. Nausea or vomiting
4. Diarrhea
5. Undetermined rash or spots
6. Lice

Parents should not give medicine in the morning to reduce fever, and then send their child to school.

If a student is sent home with fever, diarrhea, or vomiting, the student may not return to school the next day.

Students may return to school:

- Nasal discharge or phlegm is clear
- No fever for 24 hours (no medication to reduce fever for 24 hours)
- Has not vomited or had diarrhea for 24 hours

MAP® Testing

As part of the LifePlus network of schools, YIA is conducting the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests as a form of standardized testing from Monday, September 7, to Thursday, September 24. The MAP test is designed for students from HS-pre to 10th Grade. Different grades will test at different times. Students take the MAP test in the fall, winter, and spring each school year.



MAP tests determine your child's instructional level and measure academic growth, both throughout the school year and from year to year, in the areas of Math, Language, Reading, and Science. MAP tests are unique in that they are adaptive tests. That means that the test becomes more difficult with the more questions your child

answers correctly. When your child incorrectly answers a question, the test becomes easier. Therefore, your child will take a test specifically catered to his or her learning level.

Since MAP Growth tests provide immediate and accurate information about your child's learning, teachers use this information to identify students with similar scores that are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics. They then plan their instruction accordingly so that students learn optimally.

There is no additional studying that students need to put in for this test. Rather, the test serves as an assessment tool for where a student's levels are currently. The school is excited to focus on your child's individual growth and achievement.

Lunch Menu Updates

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the school lunch experience, we are transitioning from country-themed menus to a more flexible, choice-based system. With this new approach, students will have greater variety and more choice in their meals.

On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, students will choose four dishes from seven available options. Each meal will also include rice, soup, kimchi, seasonal fruit, and other standard side dishes. On Thursdays, students will choose one of three special meal options, served with a beverage and the usual side dishes.

To begin, we will pilot this new system with a two-week rotating menu. Based on feedback and any necessary adjustments, we plan to expand it to a four-week cycle in the future.

You can view the lunch menu [HERE](#).

Medical Report for New Students

All new students for the 2026-2027 school year are required to complete a Student Medical Report (SMR) and submit it by the end of the first week of school.

For your convenience, we recommend the following local hospital for health screening. It is located near the campus and has printed SMR forms available specifically for our students:

KunLunShan Hospital (烟台市昆仑山医院)

Address: 山东省烟台市福山区昆仑山路 88 号

Work hours for health screening: 7:30-11:00, 13:30-16:30 on Monday - Friday

Cost: 60 RMB

Parent Open House

The Secondary Parent Open House will be postponed. Detailed information will be shared with you soon.

Fall Play Audition

The YIA/YHIS Drama Department will present the classic play "Little Women" this fall. Auditions, open to all secondary students, will be Wednesday, August 19, from 3:35 to 4:50 pm in the drama room (418).

Rehearsals will be on Mondays & Wednesdays, August 24 – November 18, 3:30 -4:50 pm. Dress Rehearsals will be held from November 23rd to 26th, from 3:35 to 5:30 every day. Performances are scheduled for Nov. 27, 7:00 p.m.



The classic story by American author, Louisa May Alcott, comes alive for four modern school girls who are assigned the book for a school project. Enjoy the March Sisters' trials and triumphs as they are intertwined with contemporary life. Please encourage your child(ren) to audition!

Lunch Menu

	MONDAY 월요일 星期一	TUESDAY 화요일 星期二	WEDNESDAY 수요일 星期三	THURSDAY 목요일 星期四	FRIDAY 금요일 星期五
SOUP 국 汤	Chicken Soup* 닭곰탕* 韩式鸡汤*	Soybean Paste Soup*# 두부된장국*# 大酱汤*#	Kimchi Bean-Sprout Soup*# 김치콩나물국*# 辛奇豆芽汤*#	특별식 Special Meal 特色餐	Beef Radish Soup* 소고기무국* 牛肉萝卜汤*
MAIN 메인 요리 主菜	① Fried shrimp fish cake*#^ 알새우어묵튀김*#^ 油炸虾仁鱼饼*#^ ② Tomato Sauce Meatballs*#^ 토마토소스미트볼*#^ 番茄酱肉丸*#^	① Beef Bulgogi* 소불고기* 炒牛肉* ② Chicken steak 그릴드치킨 煎烤鸡肉 ③ Salt and Pepper Pork T-Bone Chops*^	① Korean Braised Chicken* 간장찜닭* 酱油炖鸡块* ② Fried Shrimp*#^ 새우튀김*#^ 炸虾*#^ ③ Braised Ribs with White Gourd*	↓ CHOOSE 1 1 가지 선택 选一个 ① Spam Tuna Mayo Rice*#^	① Sweet and Sour Pork*^ 탕수육*^ 糖醋肉*^ ② Chicken Curry* 치킨카레* 鸡肉咖喱* ③ Shredded Pork in Beijing Sauce* 경장육*^
CHOOSE 2 2 가지 선택 选两个菜					

	③ Poached Beef Slices#* 매콤소고기조림#* 水煮牛肉片#*	소금 후추 돼지갈비** 椒盐丁骨猪排**	동과갈비찜* 冬瓜炖排骨*	참치스팸마요덮밥#** 金枪鱼午餐肉盖饭#**	京酱肉丝*
				② Chicken Burger**& 치킨버거**& 鸡排汉堡**& ③ MaLaTang#* 마라탕* 麻辣烫#*	
SIDE DISH 사이드류 配菜	① Stir-fried Broccoli + Mushroom* 버섯브로콜리볶음* 炒蘑菇西兰花* ② Potato Wedges 웨이감자 薯角 ③ Stir-fried Mountain Celery with Potatoes* 셀러리감자볶음* 山芹菜土豆条* ④ Corn Salad^ 콘샐러드^ 玉米沙拉^	① Egg Rolls ^ 계란말이^ 鸡蛋卷^ ② Lenting Bean Dish 렌틸콩요리 炖扁豆菜 ③ Stir-fried Potato, Green Pepper and Eggplant#* 지삼선#* 地三鲜#* ④ Sweet Potato Salad^& 고구마샐러드^& 地瓜沙拉^&	① Candied Sweet Potatoes* 고구마맛탕* 糖汁地瓜* ② Roasted vegetables 구운채소 烤蔬菜 ③ Stir-fried Broccoli* 브로콜리볶음* 炒西蓝花* ④ Grilled Chicken Salad #* 구운닭가슴살샐러드#* 烤鸡肉沙拉#*	+ Yakult 아쿠르트 养乐多&	① Egg Rolls ^ 계란말이^ 鸡蛋卷^ ② Black Bean Dish 검은콩요리 炖黑豆菜 ③ Scrambled Eggs and Tomato** 토마토계란볶음** 西红柿炒鸡蛋** ④ Salad with Cherry Tomatoes 방울토마토샐러드 西红柿沙拉
DAILY SIDES 기본 제공 毎日供应	Kimchi & Seasonal Fruit / 김치 & 제철 과일 / 泡菜 & 水果				

Allergies:

*Wheat

#Seafood

&Dairy

^Eggs

@Nuts

*If a salad is served with a specific dressing, the allergens are listed on the menu. However, for the salad with optional dressings, the allergens are not listed.