

# NEWSLETTER

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## SPRING BREAK

Spring break duration: begins on Monday, April 3 and runs until Friday, April 7.

School starting time: 2:00 pm, Sunday, April 9. All students and staff should get back to school.

During the spring break, YIA collaborated with the Publicity Department of the Huangbohai New District Work Committee to organize a social practice activity of "Youth New Area · YOUNG". YIA students individually or in groups choose a natural or cultural landscape in Yantai to explore, and submit their works in the form of pictures and videos. The works of the award-winning students will be exhibited and broadcasted on the official media of the Publicity Department of the Huangbohai New District Work Committee. The students will also receive honorary certificates issued by the government. More detailed information would be announced in the following days.

## ISC FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

High school selected students from YHIS and YIA choir, band, art, and drama will be traveling to Tianjin to participate in the iSC Fine Arts Festival from March 23–26. The festival will be a two-day all-day event for advanced Art, Band, Choir, and Drama students in iSC schools. Participating music students prepare for a performance under the leadership of professional choral and band conductors. Drama students will learn a production along with students from other schools.



Selected art students will participate in intensive workshops to fine-tune their art form. Our school will also send five art works from our students. These pieces will be judged and scored at the Festival. The first, second, and third place winners are given prizes. Please contact [lexi.forstrom@yhischina.com](mailto:lexi.forstrom@yhischina.com) with any questions about the trip.



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## PICTURE DAY

Picture Day will be held on both Tuesday, March 28, and Wednesday, March 29. On these days, your child will be included in a school group photo, classroom/advisory group photos, and individual student photos. Pictures taken on these days will be used for the Yearbook.

## SPRING PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, April 13, from 12:30 pm to 7:00 pm. More information will be provided next week.

## THE MUSICAL ADVENTURES OF OLIVER TWIST

We are excited to announce that YIA and YHIS is having its inaugural musical, *The Musical Adventures of Oliver Twist*, on April 14 and 15, at 7:00 pm, in the Theater/Large Auditorium. This musical is based on one of the most famous novels in western literature by one of the most important English authors, Charles Dickens. It features 45 students from YIA and YHIS playing leading and supporting roles. Information about the cast and a synopsis of the story can be found [HERE](#).

The YIA and YHIS community is welcome to join us for what is sure to be an excellent performance by our drama students. Interested students will need to choose which date (Friday or Saturday evening) to attend. The musical is free for students, and tickets for staff and the general



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public are available at 30 RMB through the QR code by Monday, April 10 or at the door. If you purchase tickets, you will receive your tickets as you enter the campus. Cast members will receive two free tickets.

Come support our drama students as they have been working hard. We look forward to a great performance!

## ANNUAL ISC PARENT SURVEY

We know that parents play an essential role in the success of students at school, and we thank you for your continued partnership and support. Family and community engagement is strong at iSC schools, and we aim to make it even better for our families, students, and teachers.

As part of our ongoing continuous improvement, we invite you to take part in our annual parent survey (<https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/217267/61365>). The survey will ask you questions about our school's learning environment, educational programs, your child's teachers, school safety, school-home communication, and parental involvement opportunities. We need your perspective as we evaluate these aspects of our schools, and we appreciate your comments. The iSC leadership team, principals, and school improvement teams will use the results to help guide both the consortium and individual schools.

All survey responses will be posted as anonymous and confidential. If you have already finished this survey, please ignore this information. If you have any survey questions, please contact with your national advisors.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY

The 2023 International Day will be held on Saturday, May 13. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.



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## YIA/YHIS COLLEGE FAIR

The 2023 YIA/YHIS College Fair will be held from 9am to 12am on Saturday, May 13. For more details, please refer to the upcoming announcements.

## IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES FOR 2023–2024 SCHOOL YEAR

The table below provides you with important calendar dates for next school year.

August 15	New Student Orientation / Start of Semester 1
August 16	First Day of School for All Students
September 29	Mid–Autumn Festival
September 29 – October 6	National Day Holiday
December 25 – January 5	Christmas Break
January 8	Staff Professional Development Day
January 9	Start of Semester 2
February 5–16	Spring Festival Vacation
April 1–5	Spring Holiday
May 1	May Day Holiday
June 10	Dragon Festival
June 12	Last Day of School

## ENGLISH CORNER

YIA English Corner in this semester has opened! This English corner is organized by YIA (Yantai International Academy), which is an English learning sharing space for the whole society. It also provides opportunities for YIA children to provide social services.

Activity time: every Saturday morning 9:00–11:00

Activity location: Yantai economic and technological development zone, 18 hengshan road 123 line ten thousand square base business D7 Bakery & Cafe Cafe



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Towards: Any teenagers who want to improve their English level

The improvement of oral English level is never in one day, but in a long term. If you want to improve your spoken English, scan the QR code to book our English Corner.



## RECOGNIZING ISC 9 QUALITIES FOR LIFE

Teaching students about the iSC 9 Qualities for Life is an integral part of the character education and development program at YIA. Each month, YIA teaches about a single characteristic and we award students from all grade levels who have demonstrated that characteristic the most. Teachers observe the students throughout the month and nominate winners. We For the month of January, our focus was on “Service”. We gave out custom T-shirts for the Month Stars in this school year. We would like to congratulate and recognize the following students leading with service awareness among their peers!



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Monthly Star Candidates:

- Grayson Guo
- Starry Liang
- Erin Wang
- Yoly Wang

Monthly Star of Service:

- Grayson Guo

For the month of February, our focus was on “Persistence”. We would like to congratulate and recognize the following students leading with persistence among their peers!

Monthly Star Candidates:

- Phoebe Li
- Magnolia Hua
- Johnson Zhang
- Zoe Wang
- Billy Wei

Monthly Star of Persistence:

- Magnolia Hua

## SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

School uniform is one of the symbols of team spirit and school honor, and also an important part of the campus culture construction. In order to standardize students' dress and show their spirit, YIA school uniform policies are as follows:

- The dark gray jacket or baseball jacket with YIA logo should be worn on the top, and the bottom is purple or white polo shirts. There could be with warm underwears inside the polo shirts.
- Pants should be black or khaki pants without logos. Sports pants are not allowed during non-sports classes time.



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## ATTENDANCE POLICY–EPIDEMIC PREVENTION REQUIREMENTS

If a student is unable to arrive at school on time, parents should contact the Chinese tutor at least before 7:50 in the morning and explain the specific reason for the absence. If a student is absent from school for a day, parents should measure their child's temperature in the morning, noon and afternoon, and report the results to the Chinese tutor.

The medical attention of a student is the responsibility of the parent. Please Work with schools to protect students' health. Students should not be sent to school if they have bad colds, bad cough, fever (above 99°F/37.3°C), nausea, or have vomited in the past 24 hours. If a student is sent home because of a fever, they should not return to school until they are fever-free for 24 hours without medication to reduce the fever. Parents will be asked to pick up their sick child as soon as they can considering students' safety and health.

## ABSENCE HANDLING PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

### 1. be late

If students are unable to arrive at school on time, parents should contact the Chinese tutor at least before 7:50 am on the same day. Students who arrive later than 8:00 a.m. should go to the Chinese tutor's office for registration with the "Late Arrival Form" issued by the front desk on the first floor before they can attend class.

Students are warned twice late. Students will be required to have a one-on-one meeting with the principal if they are late three times in a semester

talk. If a student is late frequently during a quarter, the principal will meet with the parents of the late student. The number of late arrivals will be

Cleared at the beginning of each new school season.

### 2. Leave early

If the student really needs to leave the school before the end of school (due to illness, handling public affairs, doctor's appointment, etc.), parents should contact the Chinese teacher in advance.

### 3. Excused absence from work

Excused absences include illness, death of family members, and pre-approved family activities.

In cases of excused absence, parents should contact the Chinese tutor at least before 7:50 am



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on the day of absence. Students who have accumulated more than three absences due to illness in a semester must come to school with a certificate issued by a doctor. If you are absent from work for 2 days or more due to work or illness, you must apply in writing to the principal at least one week in advance.

\*Students who are unable to attend classes due to illness will not be able to participate in sports activities.

#### 4. Unexcused absence from work

Students who are absent without a reasonable excuse will receive zero marks on assignments or exams for the day and will not be eligible for the day after-school activities. Unexcused absences on Friday will result in students not being able to participate in weekend activities.

## CAMPUS ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We would like to update you regarding the campus entry requirements. The guard will check the following: a) parent ID card b) mask c) temperature. If you plan to come to school for a purpose other than participating in a school-wide event for which the school has invited you, please continue to inform your child's teacher or parent liaisons about your visit beforehand, so that they can apply for approval from the Head Principal.



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## LUNCH MENU

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Choose one	Chinese	Sichuan Chicken in Chili Oil	Meat Ball with Soy Sauce	Stewed Shrimp with Radish	Pork and Cabbage Dumplings	Stewed Pork Spine with Yam
	Western	Pasta with Chopped Chicken	Irish Beef Stew	BBQ Roasted Chicken Drumsticks	Beef Burger	Bolognese Spaghetti
	Korean	Beef Bulgogi	Braised Pork Ribs	Chicken Curry	Black Bean Sauce on Rice	Stir-fired Spicy Pork with Vegetables
2	Meat	Stir-fried Pork with Kimchi	Roasted Drumsticks	Fried Sausage and Rice Cake	Korean Dry Boiled Chicken	Sweet and Spicy Chicken
3	Vegetable 1	Seasoned Bean Sprouts	Seasoned Shredded Potato	Stir-fried Bok Choy with Mushroom	Stir-fried Cabbage with Black Pepper	Stir-fried Cauliflower
	Vegetable 2	Stir-fried Glass Noodles with Vegetables	Butter Broccoli	Seasoned Bean Sprout	Potato Wedges	Braised Tofu
4 Choose one	Soup 1	Mixed Nuts Congee *	Millet Porridge *	Kimchi Soup	Corn Porridge *	Black Rice Porridge
	Soup 2	Egg Soup ^	Miso Soup	Rice Congee	Bean Sprout Soup	Beef Seaweed Soup
5	Fruits	Seasonal Fruits				
	Grain/ Appetizer	Black Rice, Steamed Buns *	Millet Rice, Steamed Buns *	Black Rice, Steamed Buns *	Millet Rice, Steamed Buns *	Rice, Steamed Buns *

### Allergies:

\*Wheat

#Seafood

&Dairy

^Eggs

@Nuts



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