

## School-Wide News

### MUNTAI

The Yantai MUN Club is excited to host MUNTAI “Convergence through Turbulence” on Thursday-Saturday, March 5-7. MUNTAI is a three-day United Nations simulation for students. Students from 9 international schools in China are coming to Yantai to develop and debate innovative solutions to pending global issues. We look forward to a wonderful conference!



### LifePlus Fine Arts Festival

The 2026 Fine Arts Festival will be held from March 19-22 at Tianjin International School. Selected high school students will attend and participate in various fine arts workshops for choir, band, drama, or visual art. We look forward to celebrating the arts!

## 6th Creative Writing Contest

The sixth annual Creative Writing Contest is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, from 8:30-12:00. Creative Writing is important because it gives everyone an opportunity to communicate the “human experience.” Through writing, you can reflect on the world around you—the needs, wants, evils, and good in humanity—and express those reflections artistically.

You will have the exciting opportunity to enhance your creative writing skills this year! During the workshop, you will explore a new style of creative writing, and afterward, you will apply what you’ve learned by writing your own masterpiece in the independent writing competition.

If you are interested, please complete the survey ([LINK](#)) by Friday, March 13. Please refer to the detailed schedule of the contest below. You do not need to bring anything besides a pencil or pen and your creative mind!

Time	Program
8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:40	Workshop
9:40-10:00	Break and Snacks
10:00-12:00	Writing Contest

## Lunch Menu Updates

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance our lunch program, we have made several updates to the lunch menu. We remain committed to continually improving the meals we provide for students. Please note that on certain days, some Western dishes will replace Korean dishes that were previously served. The updated lunch menu can be found [HERE](#), and new dishes are highlighted in yellow.

## Math Kangaroo Competition

YHIS/YIA will host the Math Kangaroo Competition 2026 on Saturday, March 28, 2026. The competition is open to students from Grade 1 to Grade 12.

Math Kangaroo is the world’s largest international mathematics thinking competition. Established in 1980, it now reaches students in 109 countries and regions, with approximately 6.5 million participants worldwide each year. The competition emphasizes logical reasoning, critical thinking, and creative problem-solving rather than simple memorization of formulas.

The exam is bilingual (Chinese and English), and Level A includes a reading support function.

## Competition Levels

The competition is divided into six levels:

- **Level A** – Grades 1–2
- **Level B** – Grades 3–4
- **Level C** – Grades 5–6
- **Level D** – Grades 7–8
- **Level E** – Grades 9–10
- **Level F** – Grades 11–12

Students from Grades 1–12 may participate. The six levels are designed according to grade bands to ensure appropriate challenge and fairness.

## Exam Schedule

**Saturday, March 28, 2026**

- **Level A:** 9:00–10:15
- **Levels B & C:** 10:30–11:45
- **Levels D, E & F:** 14:00–15:15

Each session is 75 minutes.

## Awards & Recognition

Each level includes two grade groups, and awards are given separately by grade. Outstanding students (Gold Award and above) may have opportunities to participate in international Math Kangaroo camps.

## Competition Format

- Individual participation
- Multiple-choice format

## Allowed and Prohibited Items

- **Allowed items:**
  - Valid ID
  - 2B pencil, eraser, black/blue pen, blank scratch paper
  - A plain English-Chinese dictionary (no notes or markings)
- **Prohibited items:**
  - Calculators
  - Smartwatches, mobile phones, or electronic devices
  - Any items other than approved stationery

**Registration & Payment Deadline:** March 17, 2026

Payment will share tomorrow.

## 2026 Spring Art Competition

We are excited to announce that YHIS&YIA are having a Spring Art Competition. Every student will be given a chance to create the best artwork to be displayed in different offices, including Mr. Miller's office. Participants can choose their own themes, but themes must be appropriate. We accept only 2D artwork for submission, and digital artwork is not permitted. The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 13. Please submit your artwork to the art classrooms (Secondary 417).

Mr. Miller and a panel of teacher & parent judges will choose the best eight art pieces. There will be two pieces of art chosen from each age category (see categories below).

Middle and High School students are encouraged to meet with Mrs. Zhong if they would like some basic art supplies or help with their artwork at home.

### Age Categories:

Lower Elementary (G1-2)

Upper Elementary (G3-5)

Middle School (G6-8)

High School (G9-12)

If you have any questions about the competition, please email [bonnie.zhong@yhischina.com](mailto:bonnie.zhong@yhischina.com).

## Lunch Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Korean	Multigrain Rice*/ Garlic rice, Egg Soup^*#, Beef Bulgogi*, Mashed potato*&, Black Bean Dish, Apple Cabbage Salad^	Multigrain Rice*, Kimchi Bean- Sprout Soup##*, Fish Fillet**#, Stir-fried Broccoli*, Teriyaki chicken- drumsticks*#	Mushroom Cream Soup*&, Spaghetti Bolognese*, Garlic bread*&, Steamed Chicken Salad*, Pickles	Multigrain Rice*, Soybean Paste Soup*#, Grilled Marinated Pork* Steamed Egg^*, Lettuce Salad*#	Bean Sprout Soup#*, Chicken Curry Rice*, Fried shrimp fish cake*#^ Roasted vegetables Corn Salad^

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Chinese/ Western	Multigrain Rice, Cornmeal Porridge, Hot dog ^^& Braised Pork Ribs with Seaweed <sup>#</sup> Stir-fried Broccoli* Scrambled Eggs and Tomato <sup>*</sup>	Multigrain Rice, Millet Porridge, Braised Chicken Legs with Mushrooms and Potatoes* , Pizza <sup>^^&amp;</sup> , Stir-fried Mountain Celery with Shredded Potatoes* Braised Cabbage with Glass Noodles and Tofu*	Multigrain Rice; Rice Porridge; Stewed Beef with Tomatoes <sup>#</sup> ; Popcorn Chicken <sup>^^</sup> Stir-fried Mushroom and Bok Choy* Stir-fried Shredded Potatoes <sup>*</sup> ,	Multigrain Rice, Cornmeal Porridge, Stir-fried Shrimp with Chopped Vegetables <sup>#</sup> , Chicken Burger <sup>^^&amp;</sup> , Stir-fried Broccoli with Carrots and Mushrooms* Stir-fried Potato, Green Pepper and Eggplant <sup>#</sup>	Multigrain Rice, Seaweed and Egg Soup <sup>^#</sup> , Stewed Beef with Potatoes <sup>#</sup> , Cream Fusilli Pasta <sup>&amp;</sup> , Stir-fried Celery with Lotus Slices* Scrambled Eggs and Tomato <sup>^*</sup>
	Fruit	Seasonal Fruits			

### 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.