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School-wide News

Special Assembly: Insights from a Legend

We are honored to welcome Olympic Champion Ma Yanhong—the first Chinese gymnast to win gold at both the World Championships and Olympic Games—for an exclusive assembly with our students.

In this special interview-style event, Mr. Miller will guide a conversation exploring Champion Ma's journey of discovering purpose through discipline, overcoming failure, and achieving extraordinary success. The session will be conducted in Chinese with English translation provided.

All students will gather in the Large Auditorium on Friday, May 16 from 11:45 AM to 12:30 PM. This is a unique opportunity to gain wisdom from a true sporting legend. Let's give Champion Ma a warm welcome as she shares her inspiring story with our community.

Please note that photography and videography will be strictly prohibited to ensure a distraction-free environment for our guest and students.

YHIS & YIA Spring Art Competition Winners

We are excited to announce the winners of the YHIS & YIA Spring Art Competition. The winners will receive a prize and a certificate from Mr. Miller. Congratulations to all the winners!

Spring Art Competition Winners:

Lower Elementary:

- 1st place: Jamila T. – Grade 1
- 2nd place: Pietro N. – Grade 1
- 3rd place : Brandon L.

Upper Elementary:

- 1st place: leun C. – Grade 4
- 2nd place: Emanuel L. – Grade 3
- 3rd place: LeeOn K. – Grade 3

Middle School:

- 1st place: JiMin Y. – Grade 8
- 2nd place: Xiaohan G. – Grade 8
- 3rd place: MeiXi J. – Grade 6

High School:

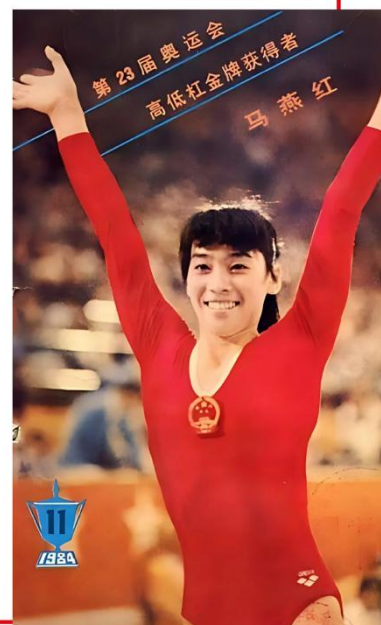


Insights from Legend: Champion Ma Yanhong

Ms. Ma Yanhong is the first Chinese gymnast to win gold medals at both the World Gymnastics Championships and the Olympic Games.

DATE: MAY 16, 2025
TIME: 11:45 - 12:30 PM
LARGE AUDITORIUM

PURPOSE



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- 1st place: Eugene L. – Grade 11
- 2nd place: SiWoo C. – Grade 11
- 3rd place: Jenna B. – Grade 12

Library Announcement

As we approach the end of the school year, our library will be conducting its annual inventory from May 19-30. To ensure an accurate count of all resources, we kindly ask that all borrowed books be returned during this two-week period.

Please note that while we complete our inventory, the library will temporarily suspend new book lending. We appreciate your understanding of this necessary measure, which helps us maintain a well-organized collection for all students. Regular lending services will resume once inventory is complete. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our library resources properly accounted for.

Career and Sports Week

We are excited to announce our upcoming Career & Sports Week, taking place from May 20 to 23! During this special week, students will explore various career paths through interactive workshops, learn essential skills for future professional development and participate in sports activities that promote teamwork and leadership. This event is designed to help students discover their interests while developing both career awareness and physical well-being.

Secondary Spring Concert

Secondary music students will perform their final concert of the year on Friday, May 30 at 3:35 pm. All students in middle school and high school music classes will perform. The students have been working hard to learn challenging music and are excited to share with our school community! We hope many parents, staff and classmates can attend.

The concert will take place directly after school from 15:35 - 17:00.

Dress: performing students should bring or wear these clothes to school that day:

- **Middle School** - All middle school music students should wear the new formal uniform. (black pants, black shoes, white formal shirt, blue sweater, tie).
- **High School Boys** - black shoes, black suit, white shirt
- **High School Girls** - black shoes, school dress

We look forward to seeing the talents of our students! Please contact Ms. Forstrom at lexi.forstrom@yhischina.com if you have any questions.

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, April 21 – Friday, May 23. The MAP test is for students from kindergarten to 10th



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Grade. Students will be tested in the fall, winter, and spring of each school year. The test will be administered on school computers or iPads.

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.

	19-May Monday	20-May Tuesday		
Block 1 8:00-9:32				
Block 2 9:40-11:10				
Block 3 1:00-2:30				
ASA 3:30-5:00	AP Students Reading	AP Students Writing		
Evening 5:30-7:00	AP Students Math	AP Students Science		

Lunch Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Korean	Multigrain Rice*, Egg Soup^*#, Beef Bulgogi*, Stir-fried Shredded Potatoes*, Pop Corn Chicken Cabbage Salad*^	Multigrain Rice*, Kimchi Bean-Sprout Soup##*, Fish Fillet*^#, Stir-fried Broccoli*, Teriyaki chicken-drumsticks*#	Mushroom Cream Soup*&, Tomato Pasta*^*, Egg Salad Sandwich*^&, 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^
Chinese/ Western	Multigrain Rice, Cornmeal Porridge, Hot dog *^& Braised Pork Ribs with Seaweed** Stir-fried Broccoli*	Multigrain Rice, Millet Porridge, Mushroom and Potato Stewed Meat , Pizza*^&, Fried Potato Wedges	Multigrain Rice; Rice Porridge; Stewed Beef with Tomatoes*#;, Popcorn Chicken*^ Stir-fried Mushroom and Bok Choy*	Multigrain Rice, Cornmeal Porridge, Stir-fried Shrimp with Chopped Vegetables*#;, Chicken Burger*^&, Stir-fried Broccoli with Carrots and Mushrooms*	Multigrain Rice, Seaweed and Egg Soup^**, Stewed Beef with Potatoes*#;, Cream Fusilli Pasta*^&, Stir-fried Celery with Lotus Slices*



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Fruit	Seasonal Fruits
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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.