



# SHARK BITE

Yantai Huasheng International School

January 16, 2025

## SCHOOL-WIDE NEWS

### China Day

Chinese Spring Festival is one of the most important holidays in China. As a school, we would like to celebrate this time together! YHIS China Day will be on Friday, January 24. The Chinese Language Department is planning various engaging hands-on activities for all students in the morning. Our PTO is also planning to contribute by setting a snack booth

In the afternoon, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm, we will host a China Day Concert Performance in the large auditorium. Students will showcase traditional Chinese songs and dances to celebrate the festival. A dress rehearsal for all student performers is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. Transportation will be provided for performing students on that day.

We are also inviting parents to participate in the China Day performance. Suggested performances could include singing, dancing, or a fashion show. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Jenny Kim or Mrs. Winnie Zhang.

All parents are welcome to join us and cheer on our students during the celebrations. To make the day even more special, we encourage students to wear traditional Chinese clothing or red, China's main valued color.

### Recognizing LifePlus 9 Qualities for Life

Teaching students about the LifePlus 9 Qualities for Life is an integral part of the character education and development program at YHIS. Each month, YHIS 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. For the month of December, our focus was on "Compassion". We would like to congratulate and recognize the following students for leading with compassion among their peers!



The students showed empathy for others, looked for ways to make a difference by listening carefully and responding with understanding, both in the classroom and in the school community. We are proud of these students!

Junior Kindergarten (H) – SiYul P.

Junior Kindergarten (L) – RiAn J.

Kindergarten – Emmelyn W.

Grade 1 – JiWoo L.

Grade 2 – GangHan L.

Grade 3 (C) – ByeolHa K.

Grade 3 (L) – JuHa L.

Grade 4 – YoungIn W.

Grade 5 – Rongxi Z.

- Grade 6 – YaeJee C.
- Grade 7 – TaeRim K.
- Grade 8 – Kate B.
- Grade 9 – Gabriel M.
- Grade 10 – JinHee S.
- Grade 11 – HeeCHan C.
- Grade 12 – JiWon K.

## Chinese New Year Break

The Chinese New Year break starts from Monday, January 27, and runs until Friday, February 7. The school resumes on Monday, February 10. Have a wonderful holiday with your family.



## Updates on the Formal School Uniform

Thank you to everyone who participated in the formal uniform survey. Based on the survey results, the striped cardigan received the most votes and has been selected as the final design. We have ordered a sample cardigan to ensure it meets our standards. For the girls' ties, the second option received the most votes and will be adopted.

## School QR Codes for Payment

Parents can pay different kinds of fees for their child through two school QR codes. Please refer to the table below for more information. Our finance staff will take care of your requests within one working day. For tuition fees, please refer to [the school bank information](#), make a bank transfer, and send an email to the Finance Office ([finance@yhischina.com](mailto:finance@yhischina.com)) with a screenshot of the transfer, your child's name and grade.

QR Code		
Use of QR Code	Lunch Fee, After-School Activity Fee, Bus Fee	Shark Shop Item and Uniform
Payment Platform	WeChat Pay, Alipay	WeChat Pay, Alipay

## Communications Regarding Shark Shop

Our Shark Shop manager is accessible for communication on WeChat. Parents can easily inquire about uniforms and other items, as well as place orders through WeChat. Please scan the QR code to add the WeChat account. After making a payment, please take a screenshot of the transaction and send it to the manager for confirmation.



## Semester 1 Report Card Available on PowerSchool

To keep parents informed about their child's academic performance, the school provides digital copies of student report cards, accessible through PowerSchool. To view the report card, log in to PowerSchool and click the "Student Reports" icon in the menu on the left. Printed copies are available upon request. A printed copy is available upon request. Please contact Ms. Jess Li, Registrar, at [registrar@yhischina.com](mailto:registrar@yhischina.com) if you have further questions.

## Student Residence Permit Application

The school provides assistance in issuing or extending residence permits for students over 18 and for a parent whose spouse has returned to their home country. If one of your family members falls into one of these two categories and their residence permit is set to expire before November 30, 2025, please inform the school by completing this survey ([LINK](#)) by January 24, 2025. We will follow up with those who complete the survey to start the application process.

## Winter MAP® Testing

As part of the LifePlus network of schools, YHIS is conducting the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests as a form of standardized testing from Tuesday, January 7, to Friday, January 24. The testing date and time for each grade varies. For Elementary, new students will take tests in Math, Language, Reading, and Science, while those in the ELS program will only take the Reading test. For Secondary, MAP Testing will be administered only to new students from semester 1 and individuals who scored below their expected level. MAP Testing takes place in the Fall, Winter, and Spring of each school year. The tests 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.

## ELEMENTARY NEWS

### Semester 2 After-school Activity

The elementary after-school activities will run for 14 weeks, from February 17 to May 30. Please click [HERE](#) to view detailed information about the activities, schedule, and descriptions. You can sign up your child for activities through the following links:

[\[Grade 1–2 Registration Link\]](#)

[\[Grade 3–5 Registration Link\]](#)

If you choose not to register your child, please indicate this in the survey as well. Registration closes at 11:59 pm on Friday, January 24.

### ECC January Spirit Day

We are excited for our ECC January Spirit Day. <sup>zZ</sup> Students may wear pajamas to school on Friday, January 17. We look forward to seeing all the cozy pajamas (and slippers) in ECC!



## SECONDARY NEWS

### TED X Speaking Opportunity

YHIS is proud to host **TEDxYantai Huasheng Intl School** in April 2025. We are looking for some Secondary Student speakers to give presentations at the event. Giving a TED Talk would be a wonderful chance for students to develop public speaking skills, share thoughts with our school body, and challenge their own intellectual thinking. This year, topics are open to the interests of the speakers. (What ideas and knowledge can you contribute to our school community?) Applications will be closed on Tuesday, January 21, and six students will be selected to participate in the event. Students may apply by Ms. Lexi Forstrom's email ([lexi.forstrom@yhischina.com](mailto:lexi.forstrom@yhischina.com)). Please contact Ms. Forstrom if you have any questions.

## Yunnan Service Trip Opportunity

This summer, LifePlus high school students have the opportunity to take learning beyond the classroom walls as part of the Yunnan high school service trip. Join friends from LifePlus-China schools to make a real difference in a vibrant local community while exploring one of the most stunning regions China!

During this unforgettable experience, students will:

**Lend a Helping Hand:** Earn service hours by working alongside local farmers, taking part in small construction projects, and preserving a traditional guesthouse.

**Trek in Beautiful Nature:** After 5 days of meaningful service, venture into the breathtaking Yunnan mountains on a three-day backpacking trip filled with unforgettable views and fresh mountain air.

**Build Bonds & Reflect:** Create lasting friendships, participate in team-building activities, and take time for personal growth and reflection.

The journey costs just **¥2,500 RMB** plus airfare and spending money. Students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to apply!

**Application Deadline: February 15**

Ready to step into an adventure? Access the application using this [LINK](#).

High School Service Trip			
June 17-27, 2025	Cost: ¥2,500 + flights	For students currently in grades 9-12	Applications due February 14

Scan to apply!  LifePlus... Odyssey

## ECC/G1-2 Snack Menu

	Morning	Afternoon
<b>Monday</b>	Anhydrous Cake, Apple, Dragon Fruit	Butter Cookie, Mango, Cherry Tomato
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sponge Cake, Grape, Orange	Vegetable Cookie, Milk, Apple
<b>Wednesday</b>	Chocolate Cake, Orange, Melon	Chocolate Cookies, Banana, Pear
<b>Thursday</b>	Toast with Jam, Melon, Dragon Fruit	Animal Shape Cookies, Apple, Pear
<b>Friday</b>	Egg Pie, Grape, Cherry Tomato	Egg Tarts, Yogurt, Cherry Tomato

## Lunch Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Korean</b>	Multigrain Rice*, Soybean Paste Soup*#, Braised Pork Ribs*, Egg Rolls ^, Grilled Chicken Salad #*	Multigrain Rice*, Miso Soup#*, Stir-fried Pork*, Steamed Egg***, Seasoned Bean Sprouts*, Tornado Potatoes**&	Shrimp Fried Rice#^**, Egg Soup^*#, Hamburg Steak*&, Stir-fried mushroom- with perilla oil #*, Cobb salad with-wrench sauce &^	Multigrain Rice*, Bean Sprout Soup*#, Korean Braised Chicken*, Stir-fried Sausages and Vegetables*, Potato Salad ^	Stir-fried Beef Rice*, Udon*#^&, Sweet and Sour Fried Chicken*^, Stir-fried Broccoli*, Salad with Cherry Tomatoes
<b>Chinese/ Western</b>	Multigrain Rice, Millet Congee, Braised Beef with Radish and Carrot*, Black Pepper Pork Chop** Mung Bean Sprouts in Vinegar*	Multigrain Rice; Cornmeal Porridge, Stewed Ribs with Yam*; Chicken Wrap**&, Sauteed Potato, Green Pepper and Eggplant**#	Multigrain Rice, Cornmeal Porridge, Fried chicken fillet* Braised Pork with Mushroom*, Fried Gourd with Carrot*	Multigrain Rice, Rice Porridge, Roasted pork neck meat* Stir-fried Shrimp with Celery***, Stir-fried Egg and Tomato**	Multigrain Rice, Seaweed and Egg Soup^***, Braised Pork with Quail Eggs*, Ham and Bacon Sandwich*& Stir fried broccoli and cauliflower*
<b>Fruit</b>	<b>Seasonal Fruits</b>				

**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.