



# SHARK BITE

Yantai Huasheng International School

January 18, 2024

## SCHOOL-WIDE NEWS

### MATH KANGAROO COMPETITION

We are excited to announce that YHIS will be hosting a Math Kangaroo Competition on Saturday, March 30. It is open to students from Grade 1 to Grade 12. The testing time for Grade 1-6 and Grade 6-12 is from 10:00 am to 11:15 am and from 2:00 pm to 3:15 pm, respectively. Math Kangaroo is the largest international mathematical competition in the world. The competition tests logical combination, not just memorization of formulas.

For students interested in participating, please complete the interest survey ([LINK](#)) by Friday, February 2. Subsequently, you will receive information on how to register for the competition and pay for the participation fee of 160 RMB.

### 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, February 2. The Chinese Language Department is planning various hands-on activities for all participants. Our PTO is also planning to contribute by setting a snack booth and preparing a performance.

In the afternoon from 1:00-3:10 pm, we will have a China Day Concert Performance in the large auditorium where students will perform various Chinese songs and dances to celebrate the festival. A dress-up rehearsal for all performing students is scheduled for Wednesday, January 31, from 3:30-5:00 pm. Transportation will be provided for performing students. All parents are welcome to join and support our students. We would like to suggest that students dress in traditional Chinese clothes or wear red, China's main valued color.

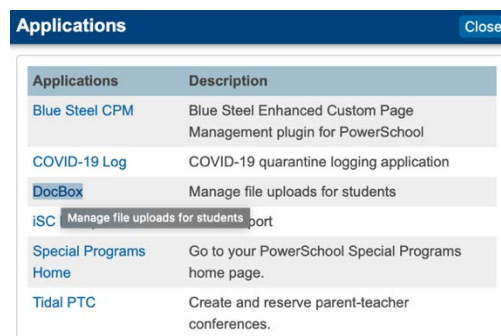
### SEMESTER 1 REPORT CARD AVAILABLE ON POWERSCHOOL

To keep parents informed about their student's academic performance, the school provides a digital copy of students' report cards, which are available through PowerSchool DocBox. Once you log into PowerSchool, click the "Applications" icon in the top right corner and then click "DocBox" on the list. 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.

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## 2024 SPRING ART COMPETITION

We are excited to announce that YHIS is having a Spring Art Competition. Every student at YHIS and YIA 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 Wednesday, March 20. Please submit your artwork to the art classrooms (Elementary 317 or Secondary 417).

Mr. Miller and a panel of teacher & parent judges will choose the best ten art pieces. However, all artwork submitted in the competition will be displayed around the school. There will be two pieces of art chosen from each age category (see categories below).

Elementary students will have class time with Mrs. Zhang to work on their artwork, and 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.

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

### Age Categories:

ECC

Lower Elementary (G1-2)

Upper Elementary (G3-5)

Middle School (G6-8)

High School (G9-12)

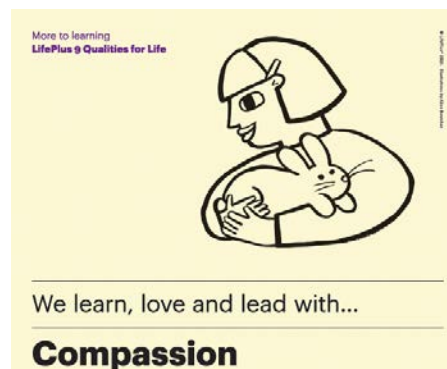


## TRANSPORTATION COSTS FOR VOLUNTARY STUDENT TRIPS

In the recent school board meeting, the board gave a directive that the school use its budget in a way that equally benefits all students. In response to this directive, the school has decided to implement a policy where parents are responsible for covering transportation costs associated with voluntary student trips, including sports tournaments, Model United Nations (MUN), Fine Arts Festival, Robotics Competition, etc. However, the school will continue to cover costs for hotels and meals. Please note that for trips involving all students, the school will fully cover all associated costs.

## 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!

Foundations – Evelyn W.  
Junior Kindergarten – NaGeum L.  
Kindergarten – Nathaniel D., WonHyuk S.  
Grade 1 – Iasmin K.  
Grade 2 – SiYun P.  
Grade 3 – SeoWoo L.  
Grade 4 – JiYoon L.  
Grade 5 – HaYul K.  
Grade 6 – TaeRim K.  
Grade 7 – Ania L.  
Grade 8 – EunChae S.  
Grade 9 – SeoHa L.  
Grade 10 – YuAn J.  
Grade 11 – Jenna B.  
Grade 12 – JinHyun S.



## ASK UNCLE PRINCIPAL 7.7



We are excited to launch a new initiative - Ask Uncle Principal 7.7! Imagine having our head principal as a personal guide for life's big questions. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to dive into a sea of wisdom and get answers to those burning questions. Encourage your child to participate and submit their questions by completing this survey ([LINK](#)). Selected students will have the chance for an interview with Mr. Miller. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity for your child to connect and learn!

## 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.

QR Code		
Use of QR Code	Communication via WeChat	Shark Shop Item and Uniform
Payment Platform	N/A	WeChat Pay, Alipay

## 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. 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

## 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 Monday, January 15, to Friday, February 2. The testing date and time for each grade varies. For Elementary, only new students and those in the ELS program will take Math, Language, and Reading tests. 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. For more information about the MAP Growth test, please click [HERE](#).

## AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR SEMESTER 2

After-school activities for the second semester will start on Monday, February 19 and run until Friday, May 3, with a few exceptions starting next week. The exceptions include Elementary & Secondary Math Olympiad, Model United Nations (MUN), Yearbook, and Fitness Club.



## SECONDARY NEWS

### LIVESTREAM OF LIFEPLUS HS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

YHIS High School Boys and Girls basketball teams are competing in the LifePlus High School Basketball Tournament in Tianjin from January 25-27. We are excited that Tianjin International School (TIS), which is hosting the tournament, will provide live-stream coverage of the tournament. We will have student and staff volunteers commentating on each game, which should make for exciting games to watch.

To access the live-stream, please click the links ([LINK](#) for boys' games and [LINK](#) for girls' games)



These links will show the most recent game being played, the link can be refreshed to show the most recent game. After the games are completed and processed they will be available to be downloaded or streamed again through the same link in the playlist drop down. Now let's get ready to support YHIS Sharks!

### 2024 REGENERON SICHUAN SCIENCE FAIR

The five 9 to 12 grade winners of the YHIS Science Fair will represent our school at the Regeneron Sichuan Science Fair held on January 18-20 at Chengdu International School, one of our sister schools. We are excited about this event happening as it is the first time this event is hosted in person since the pandemic. Go Sharks!

### TED X SPEAKING OPPORTUNITY

YHIS is proud to host TEDxYouth@YantaiHuashengIntlSchool 2024 next March.



We are looking for some student speakers to give presentations at the event. If you have ever seen a TED Talk before, you know the impact that they can have for listeners. 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. What a great opportunity! This year, topics are open to the interests of the speakers. (*What ideas and knowledge can you contribute to our school community?*)

Applications will open from January 8-January 22. Students who are interested may begin thinking about a topic of interest over the holiday break. Please contact Ms. Lexi Forstrom with any questions at [lexi.forstrom@yhischina.com](mailto:lexi.forstrom@yhischina.com).

## 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/ Western</b>	Fish Cake Soup, Rice Omelet, Pork Cutlet, Seasoned Bean Sprouts, Cabbage Salad	Chicken Soup, Multigrain Rice, Tuna Kimchi Pancake, Stir-fried Zucchini, Silken Tofu	Miso Soup, Spam Tuna Mayo Rice, Stir-fried Broccoli & Mushroom, Yakult	Kimchi Soup, Multigrain Rice, Fried Cod, Spicy Stir-fried Pork, Quail Egg Salad	Chicken Wrap, Pork Wrap, Potato Wedges, Corn Salad, Juice
<b>Chinese</b>	Multigrain Rice, Braised Pork in Brown Sauce, Deep-fried Pork Filet, Fried Noodles with Bean Sprouts, Mixed Congee	Multigrain Rice, Pork with Preserved Vegetable, Poached Slices of Pork, Stir-fried Tomatoes with Eggs, Millet Congee	Multigrain Rice, Braised Ribs with Corn, Beef Rice Ball, Stir-fried Mushroom with Broccoli, Rice Porridge	Multigrain Rice, Braised Quail Eggs with Pork, Fried Shrimps with Celery <sup>#</sup> , Stir-fried Celery with Tofu Skin,	Multigrain Rice, Cantonese Barbecued Pork, Stewed Beef Brisket with Tomato, Fried Cabbage, Seaweed Egg Soup <sup>#</sup>
<b>Fruit</b>	Seasonal Fruits				

### Allergies:

\*Wheat

#Seafood

&Dairy

^Eggs

@Nuts