

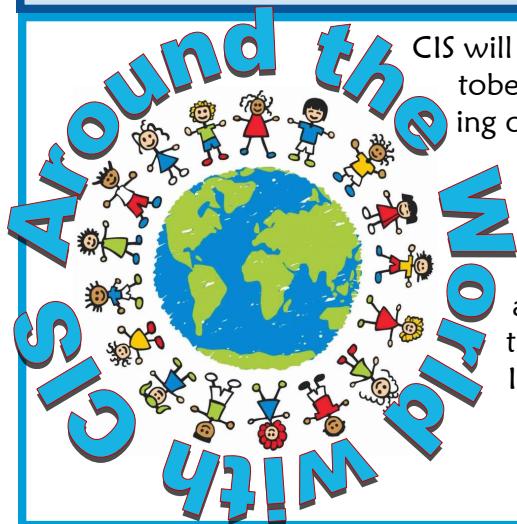
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Cayman International School's Newsletter
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INTERNATIONAL NIGHT—OCTOBER 21



CIS will host an International Night on Tuesday, October 21st from 6:00 - 8:00 in the ARC celebrating our various cultures through food, music, and dance. It is a great opportunity to share the best of our CIS population and cultures. Families are highly encouraged to participate by musical performance and dance, and just as important, food from the different regions from around the world. If you would like to participate in any form, please contact Señor Blanco at John.White@cayintschool.ky.

CIS 2014-19 STRATEGIC PLAN

Last school year, CIS engaged in a strategic planning process with the goal of creating a new five-year plan to guide school efforts in 2014-19. All students, parents, faculty, and staff were encouraged to provide their input into the plan development, and CIS employed the services of an international consultant to guide the process. A committee of dedicated individuals, CIS parents and school employees representing the various divisions of the school, came together on multiple occasions and spent many hours forging the new strategic plan. After review, the Board members of Cayman International School recently provided final approval of the documents, and the plan is now being utilized as a guide for school improvement. The plan will be shared with parents at an evening meeting after the fall break, on November 6 at 6:00pm in the MPR. The plan will be made available on the school website and will be communicated to all school stakeholders. Sincerest thanks again to all of the strategic planning committee members who were instrumental in crafting the new plan.

NEW AASSA AFFILIATION

AASSA
Association of American Schools in South America

Adding to global recognition, recruiting, networking and resources, CIS was unanimously approved this summer as a new invitational member by the board of the Association of American Schools in South America (AASSA). CIS also affiliates with the Tri-Association (The association of American schools of Central America, Colombia – Caribbean and Mexico). A group of teachers and administrators from CIS are currently in San Jose, Costa Rica attending the Tri-Association conference, and will be sharing their learning during upcoming educational inservice opportunities. These affiliations enhance the global status of CIS and provide connections that serve to further our mission.

THE TRI-ASSOCIATION
THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN SCHOOLS
OF CENTRAL AMERICA COLOMBIA - CARIBBEAN AND MEXICO

Upcoming Events

- Oct 6-17 MAP Testing, Grades 3-8
- Oct 11 SAT Exams, D Block, 7:30am—1:00pm
- Oct 11 Open Library, 9-11:30am
- Oct 13 MS Netball Game, CIS vs. CPHS, (Away), 3:45pm
- Oct 15 PSAT Exam, D3 & 4, 8:00am-12:00pm
- Oct 15 Developing Capable Young People, Tech lab, 6:15pm
- Oct 16 Florida Institute of Technology and Johnson & Wales Universities visit, D1, 1:30pm
- Oct 16 Elementary Music Showcase, Grade 4 & 5 Performing, ARC, 6:30pm
- Oct 17 Civvies Day, \$2 Wear Pink for Stand up to Bullying and Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Oct 17 Elementary School Assembly, 8:50am, Grade 4 Presenting
- Oct 18 SSAT, D-Block, 8:30am-12:00pm
- Oct 20-31 No EC/ES Afterschool Clubs
- Oct 20 University of BC visit, D2, 12:35pm
- Oct 20 Secondary Boys Football, CIS vs CPHS, CIS Field, 3:45pm
- Oct 20 University of BC, Parent Night, Marriott, 6:00pm
- Oct 21 Football CHHS, Grades 6 & 7 at CHHS, 9:00am—12:00pm
- Oct 21 International Night, ARC, 6:00pm

Click the calendar to view the CIS Calendar for more upcoming events.



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CIS COMMUNITY NEWS

PETER PAN JR. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peter Pan Costume Crew is looking for mermaid wigs, fairy wings, and old bed sheets (for fabric). If you have any of these, please contact Ms. Anne right away.

Peter Pan Raffle! We are looking to have all of the raffle prize donations submitted to Ms. Anne by November 3rd. Any services, gift cards, or prize donations will be greatly appreciated from businesses near and far!

Anne.walsh@cayintschool.ky



Grade 4 and 5 Music Classes present:

Voyages!

Celebrating different cultures through song

Thursday, October 16th
6:30 in the ARC

This year in order to showcase what students are learning in music class, we will have 3 small concerts throughout the year for different grades to present. These showcases are in place of the end of the year Spring Concert that we've had in the past, and are more focused on what each grade has been doing in class. Please join us for the first concert of the year, Voyages! Grade 4 and 5 will present songs and dances from all seven continents.

Grade 4 and 5 students are asked to arrive at CIS by 6:00pm and go to their classroom wearing appropriate concert attire: "Holiday Best," No shorts, jeans, flip-flops please! The concert begins at 6:30 in the ARC.

Open Library

Saturday at the Symphony



Date: Saturday, October 11th

Time: 9-11:30 AM

Place: CIS Library

Please join us for open library. We will have read-alouds and activities surrounding our theme of music and the symphony. You might also want to check out some books. Looking forward to seeing you! All students are welcome.

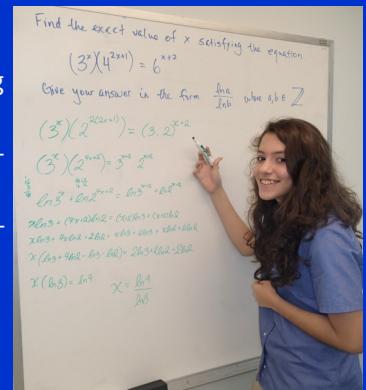


*Please make plans to stay with your child.

In Action....

IB Learner Profile

IB Math students are working on their Mathematical Explorations, learning how to find patterns and then communicate their findings through mathematical writing. Many people mistakenly believe that math is about finding the answer, but if you cannot explain to someone how you arrived at that answer, your work is not useful to anyone, and cannot be repeated. It is therefore vital that mathematicians learn to communicate well!



CIS COMMUNITY NEWS CON'T

PINK CIVVIES DAY OCTOBER 17



Ms. Jenefer has been working at Cayman International School for **10 years** in the maintenance department and is one of the longest serving members of the CIS family. Ms.



Jenefer was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Fortunately, it was detected early and the cancer is still in its beginning stages, but this is not the first time that she has been faced with the disease as she is in remission from a previous cancer. On Monday, she underwent surgery without complications. She has returned home and she is feeling fine, however she will not be returning to CIS until after the fall break. Ms. Jenefer already has an established contact with the Cayman Cancer Society and has been receiving support. As a school family, we would also like to support her as she continues to go through this difficult and frightening process. On Friday, October 17th, the Civvies day is dedicated to breast cancer awareness and bully prevention, and the money we raise on this day will be donated to Jenefer to help her with medical expenses. While we highly encourage students to bring \$2 to wear Civvies, any other donations will also be welcome and encouraged on this date. Families can offer additional donations through the office, and we will continue to discuss ways in which we can help Jenefer. Thank you for your support.

Did you know that Grand Cayman was in a great position to see the Lunar Eclipse?

This past Wednesday morning, early risers in George Town would have seen a lunar eclipse. The total lunar eclipse (when the moon passes through the Earth's shadow) is sometimes called a blood moon, because the moon turns red. The total eclipse began at approximately 5:27 AM and it was at its darkest by 5:55 AM. It is rare to be



in the total eclipse zone. These photos were taken by Alia S., a grade 6 student, who rose to document the event!

PTA Corner



THANK YOU CIS COMMUNITY

The school was a buzz last Friday at the 2nd annual Back to School BBQ, and with record numbers! It was once again a sell out with 350 people in attendance! Its success wouldn't have been possible without the support of our school community and a team of dedicated volunteers. A special shout to the parents who donated baked goods—they were delicious and a great sweet treat to complement the tasty Mis En



Place BBQ. It was fantastic to have 3 ninth graders Sofia E., Leanna S. and Karina C. volunteer their time to help with the games. We hope that they enjoyed being there as much as the younger kids enjoyed their presence!

Here's to a great start for a great year of community spirit at CIS and another great BBQ next year!

CIS Insulated Water Bottles and Travel Mugs are Back in Stock—Sold by PTA

If you missed out on your bottles or travel mugs from our first order, you're in luck! They are back in stock and walking out the door, so don't delay. Come in to the office and see Ms. Sylma or visit us at our table near the big playground (between A block and the field each morning next week at drop-off).

Thermos Insulate Water Bottles—CI\$25

Insulated Travel Mug—CI\$15

Nalgene 12oz water Bottle—CI\$15

Broken lids or missing o-rings causing your Thermos water bottle to leak??

We understand that kids are kids and accidents happen, so we are ordering replacements parts for a nominal cost. Contact Kirsty Isbister at kirandhayd@gmail.com if this applies to you and we will have your water bottles functional again soon!



CIS COMMUNITY NEWS CON'T

Curriculum Chat



Ms. Rita

Dear Parents,

The first week of MAP testing has gone quite smoothly. Next week students in grades 3-8 will take the Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP), assessment for mathematics. MAP is not a timed test so students can take as long as they need a typical student will need 50 minutes. This computer generated assessment is individualized so no two students will have the same questions. The MAP assessment is designed to measure academic growth over time and your parent report will include all of the previous assessments. The night before the assessment please make sure your child has plenty of rest.

Welcome Baby Lucy!

Congratulations to Ms. Anna and Dan, who welcomed Lucy Emma into the world last Friday, October 3, 2014. Lucy arrived at



5:35pm, weighing 8lbs, 9oz!



Lucy's first stroll

LANDS' END
SCHOOL UNIFORM



SAVE THE DATE

October 9-13

**COLUMBUS DAY
EVENT**
ONLINE & IN STORES

JUST FOR YOU!
30% OFF YOUR ORDER

Use Promo Code: **MAIZE** and PIN: **1656**

Save 30% on Lands' End school uniforms in stores or online (excludes Pay More and Save pricing, gift-wrapping, gift boxing, shipping taxes, duties, Lands' End Business Outfitters purchases and excluded items as marked). Discount will be applied at checkout. This offer has no cash value and is not redeemable for cash. Product selection may vary by store. Promotional savings may be deducted from returns. Offer valid through 11:59 p.m. Central, October 13, 2014. Not valid on previous purchases or when combined with any other promotional offers.

[http://www.landsend.com/pp/SchoolSearch.html?
action=landing&selectedSchoolNum=900038092](http://www.landsend.com/pp/SchoolSearch.html?action=landing&selectedSchoolNum=900038092)

Map Schedule for Grades 3-8

October 6-17

Mon. Oct 6 MAP Reading	Tues. Oct. 7 MAP Reading	Wed. Oct. 8 MAP Reading	Thurs. Oct 9 MAP Reading	Fri. Oct. 10 MAP Reading
8:20 Grade 3 Ms. Nicole	9:05 Grade 7 Ms. Megan	8:20 Grade 4 Ms. Jen	8:05 Grade 5 Mr. Jason	8:15 Grade 3 Ms. Amy
9:55 Grade 3 Ms. Rebecca	10:10 Grade 7 Mr. Matt	10:10 Grade 6 Mr. Scott	11:05 Grade 8 Mr. James	
Noon Grade 4 Mr. Mark	Noon Grade 4 Ms. Elena	12:35 Grade 6 Ms. Sarah	Noon Grade 5 Ms. Darcy	
Mon. Oct 13 MAP Math	Tues. Oct 14 MAP Math	Wed. Oct 15 MAP Math	Thurs. Oct 16 MAP Math	Fri. Oct 17 MAP Math
8:20 Grade 3 Ms. Nicole	9:05 Grade 7 Ms. Megan	8:20 Grade 4 Ms. Jen	8:05 Grade 5 Mr. Jason	8:15 Grade 3 Ms. Amy
9:55 Grade 3 Ms. Rebecca	10:10 Grade 7 Mr. Matt	10:10 Grade 6 Mr. Scott	11:05 Grade 8 Mr. James	
Noon Grade 4 Mr. Mark	Noon Grade 4 Ms. Elena	12:35 Grade 6 Ms. Sarah	Noon Grade 5 Ms. Darcy	



EC/ES Counselor's Corner



Ms. Nadine

Dear Parents,

My name is Ms. Nadine, and I am the Elementary and Early Childhood School Counselor at CIS. I have just recently returned from maternity leave and am eager to continue to provide guidance to CIS students. I have already started my guidance classes whereby I meet with whole classes twice a month for Elementary and once a month for Pre-Kindergarten to teach and talk about a variety of topics in the areas of personal/social, career and academic/educational skills. It has been wonderful to see familiar as well as new faces in the classrooms. I have also started my lunch bunch groups where all students take turns from their class eating their lunch with me and talking about a relevant topic, e.g. appropriate playground behavior, friendship skills, conflict resolution, etc. Small group or individual sessions are also available for students. These services promote personal, social and emotional growth, which, in turn, increase academic success.

In addition to my work within our school, I enjoy working with you as parents. A strong connection between home and school does make a difference in how children succeed in the classroom. I hope that you may consider me a "link" in this connection.

I look forward to working with you and helping in any way that I can. If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at nadine.white@cayintschool.ky or 345-945-4664.

GOOD SPORTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS NETBALL

CIS had a tough netball game against Triple C Monday night, but once again the girls blew Coach Amy away. Without their regular shooters and one of the other shooters getting injured in the first quarter the girls did a great job at defense with a number of very near misses. Unfortunately CIS didn't make their one goal target in the match but it didn't matter as the girls came away with their heads held high for awesome gameplay! Congratulations!

Next week we are looking forward to another 'away' game at CPHS . The team will be able to show them how much they have learned in just a few weeks!



CUC PRIMARY GIRLS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The U11 girls football team played hard in their first game against Savannah Primary last Saturday and won the match! Excellent passing and ball control helped the girls score four goals against their opponents, and strong goal keeping made the final score 4-0! The team made it into the Cayman Compass in an article highlighting the new CUC girls primary league. <http://www.compasscayman.com/caycompass/2014/10/07/Savannah-doubly-delighted-as-primary-goals-achieved/>

The game ball, signed by the team, will be on display in the ARC. The girls continue to work hard at practice and their dedication was evident in the way they played on Saturday! Keep it up Iguanas!



CUC PRIMARY BOYS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

U-9 and U-11 CUC Primary Football League—Boys

Division	Time	Teams Playing	Venue
Saturday October 18, 2014			
U-11	TBD	CIS vs Cayman Academy	CIS
Saturday November 8, 2014			
U-9	9:00am	CIS vs Truth for Youth	CIS
U-11	10:00am	CIS vs Truth for Youth	CIS
Saturday, November 15, 2014			
U-9	9:00 am	George Town Primary vs CIS	Annex Field (Field 1)
U-11	11:00am	George Town Primary vs CIS	Annex Field (Field 1)
Saturday November 22, 2014			
U-9	9:00am	St. Ignatius Prep vs CIS	St. Ignatius Prep
U-11	11:00am	St. Ignatius Prep vs CIS	St. Ignatius
Saturday November 29, 2014			
U-9	9:00am	CIS vs Sir John A. Cumber	CIS
U-11	11:00am	CIS vs Sir John A. Cumber	CIS



U-11 CUC Primary Football League—Girls

Division	Time	Teams Playing	Venue
Saturday November 15, 2014			
U-11	10:00am	George Town Primary vs CIS	Annex Field (Field 1)
Saturday November 22, 2014			
U-11	10:00am	St. Ignatius Prep vs CIS	St. Ignatius Prep
Saturday, November 29, 2014			
U-11	11:00am	George Town Primary vs CIS	Annex Field (Field 1)
Saturday November 29, 2014			
U-11	10:00am	CIS vs Sir John A. Cumber	CIS

SECONDARY HEADLINES

2014-2015 MS and HS Trips

Secondary students at CIS have opportunities to enhance their school experience in numerous ways. School trips are exciting events that augment curricular studies and engage students in meaningful experiences that are extremely memorable. Students in each grade level have an opportunity to participate in school trips as long as they meet CIS character and academic expectations.

The following list provides some details about the 2014-2015 secondary trips. It is not an expectation or requirement that students attend, but we want to provide timely information so that you can plan in advance.

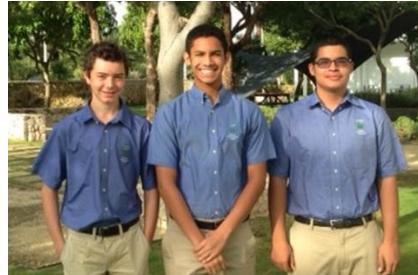


Grade	Trip	Location	Dates	Costs
6	Campout	Kajibo	March 26-27	Approximately \$50-\$90 CI
7	CCMI	Little Cayman	March 22-24 March 26-28	Approximately \$600-\$800 CI
8	Multi-curricular	Washington, DC	March 22-28 (within this range)	Approximately \$1600-\$1800 CI
6-12 (selected players)	Boys & Girls Football	Jamaica	February 12-14	Approximately \$800-\$1000 CI
9-12 (selected students)	Model United Nations	Chicago	December 10-15	Approximately \$1600-\$1800 CI
9-12	College Visits & Band Trip	Boston	May 24-31 (within this range)	Approximately \$1700-\$1900 CI
10-12	Service & Adventure Trip	Panama	May 24-31 (within this range)	Approximately \$1700-\$1900 CI

SAXON INVESTMENT CLUB

The fifth annual launch Of The Saxon Investment Club took place on Wednesday October 8th at Saint Ignatius School. For the first time, three CIS students are taking part. Daniel n. (Gr. 10), Nathan M. (Gr. 9), and Bryce T. (Gr. 9) will represent CIS. The team will be called "The Intelligent Investors".

Saxon Investment Club is an interactive learning activity geared towards high school and college students that teaches them about money, investing, the stock market, the relationship between current events and stock trends, as well as starting and running a business. The club was started five years ago, with the goal of developing more financially literate young people, who would learn from early on the value of saving and investing and would therefore be able to carry these lessons forward into later life when they become working adults. Students are given an initial sum of \$100,000 (fake money) to invest.



The club runs for about six months during the school year and is open to students between the ages of 14 to 19.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Model UN team are hosting a

QUIZ NIGHT

for CIS parents and friends on

October 23rd at 6pm in the ARC.

Entry is only \$5 per person and teams can have up to 4 participants, so book now!

There's lots of fun to be had, and great prizes to be won – look out for our list of prizes in next week's newsletter!

To book your table, email Ms Sarah on sarah.dyer@cavintschool.ky.

SECONDARY HEADLINES CON'T

Secondary Counselor's Corner



Ms. Katie

Here are some recent articles/links that I thought you might be interested in.

Have a nice weekend,
Ms. Katie

College Articles:

10 things the college admissions office won't tell you:

<http://www.morningstar.com/advisor/t/97526025/update-10-things-the-college-admissions-office-won-t-tell-you.htm?&ps=49>

4 ways to avoid rejection of your college applications:

<http://www.golocalprov.com/lifestyle/college-admissions-4-ways-to-avoid-rejection-of-your-application>

Info/Advice about taking a Gap Year:

<https://www.teenlife.com/blogs/tags/gap-year>

Free University in Germany:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/get-a-free-college-degree-passport-required/>

How to prepare for college starting in Grade 10:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/stephen-secora/sophomore-year-time-to-be_b_5609522.html?utm_hp_ref=college-prep

Parenting:

Tips on how to be involved with your child's education without being heavy-handed

<https://www.teenlife.com/blogs/articles/how-to-be-a-part-of-your-childs-education-without-being-too-heavy-handed>

6 healthy habits to teach kids who worry too much:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/daniel-b-peters-phd/6-healthy-habits-to-teach-kids-who-worry-too-much_b_4531475.html?utm_hp_ref=parents-healthy-kids

SAT/ACT:

Things to know about ACT & SAT before picking the test you take:

<http://www.usnews.com/education/blogs/college-admissions-playbook/2014/10/06/what-to-know-before-starting-sat-act-prep?int=ae4109>

University Visits

Florida Institute of Technology and Johnson & Wales

Universities—October 16, 1:30pm, D1

University of British Columbia—October 20, 12:35pm, (D2)

Brescia College— October 23, 1:30pm, D1

VISIT 150 COUNTRIES IN 4 YEARS*

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA 

College visit @ C.I.S.
20 October 2014
Monday – 12:35 PM

*You'll meet students who represent 150 countries when studying at UBC. Okay, so you won't actually go to that many countries... but you'll get an international education like no other.

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CIS SEEN ON CAMPUS



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT with Hannah E.

**What is your background and heritage?**

Both my mom and dad are from Cayman, as well as most of my grandparents, except for my maternal grandmother who is from Cuba.

Which countries have you lived in?

I have lived here in Cayman, and briefly in the United States after Hurricane Ivan.

How long have you been living in the Cayman Islands?

I have been living in the Cayman Islands for my whole life.

How many years have you been at CIS?

This is going to be my fourth year at CIS.

Describe yourself at least a few of your best and worst personality traits

I would say one of my best traits is that I'm a good listener, and I try to help people as much as I can. If someone gives me a task or asks me to help I will see it through to the end and try to always do the best job I can. However, I am also a perfectionist, which means some things are hard for me to finish because I want them to be perfect.

What is your favorite book? Why?

I really love reading so picking my favorite book is hard, when I'm asked this question I usually just say the last book I read or the book I'm currently reading. Right now I'm reading *City of Heavenly Fire* by Cassandra Clare, it is the final book in *The Mortal Instruments* series.

Are you a collector of anything? What? Why?

I really like keeping tickets from events I have attended or movies I've seen. I stick them in the frame of my mirror, and it is just a nice memory of what a fun time I had.

What is your taste in music? Favorite song of all time, favorite at the moment?

This is a hard question for me, as I like most genres of music. On my iPhone I have everything from the *Les Miserables* soundtrack to Beyoncé. I don't really have a favorite song as it changes depending on my mood. Right now I'm really enjoying listening to anything by this band called Barcelona. I was introduced to their music when I went to see The Fray, and they were the opening act; after the concert I went home and downloaded all their music.

What is your favorite quote? Why?

One of my favorite quotes is by Eleanor Roosevelt, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." In my opinion, it's really important for people to have dreams and really believe in them, it's people who believe in their dreams and make them a reality that change the world.

What are your plans after you graduate from CIS?

Well, I'm in the process of college applications now, and would like to study journalism. However, I'm planning on doing a gap year program in Paris the fall after I graduate, which is really exciting.

CIS Mission Statement:

Cayman International School endeavors to provide each of our students the opportunity to achieve his/her academic and personal best within a U.S./International educational environment that encourages and inspires leadership, character, and community service while embracing cultural diversity.

