

THE WEEKLY CURRENT

Cayman International School's Newsletter

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EARLY CHILDHOOD, ELEMENTARY PARENT NIGHTS

Dear Early Childhood and Elementary School Parents,

The Elementary School and Early Childhood Parent Nights are held next week, **Tuesday, September 1** and **Wednesday, September 2** respectively. This is a great opportunity for parents to be in their children's classroom and meet specialist teachers. Some of the items which will be reviewed in the classrooms include curricula, daily routines and procedures, channels of communication, homework guidelines and expectations, etc.

The schedule for the evenings are as follows:

6:00—6:20pm	Opening session and Important Information in the ARC
6:30—6:55pm	Session 1 in Classrooms
7:05—7:30pm	Session 2 in Classrooms (for parents with multiple children who could not attend Session 1)
7:00—7:30 pm	Specialist Teachers available

As always, should there be a need to discuss individual concerns, please schedule an appointment with the teacher for another date. We do want to emphasize that this is a parent evening; you do not need to bring your children to this event.

SECONDARY PARENT NIGHT

Dear Secondary Parents,

Please join us for Secondary Parent Night on **Thursday, September 3**. We will meet in the ARC at 6:00 p.m. for a few brief announcements and introductions. After the short gathering, parents will visit classrooms and meet the Secondary teachers. During classroom visits, teachers will review their course content and discuss ways parents can access information and support students. Communication is vital to the success of students, and your presence at Parent Night will establish an important link between school and home.

6:00 – Opening Session in the ARC

Each class period is 10 minutes long with a 5 minute transition

6:25-6:30 – Homeroom (pick-up schedule in ARC)	7:20-7:30 – Period Four
6:35-6:45 – Period One	7:35-7:45 – Period Five
6:50-7:00 – Period Two	7:50-8:00 – Period Six
7:05-7:15 – Period Three	8:05-8:15 – Period seven

Events

- Sep 1** Elementary School Parent Night, 6:00-8:00 p.m., ARC
- Sep 2** Early Childhood Parent Night, 6:00-8:00 p.m., ARC
- Sep 3** Secondary Parent Night, 6:00-8:00 p.m., ARC
- Sep 4** Drama/Musical Auditions, 3:15-5:00 p.m., ARC
- Sep 4** HS Back to School BBQ, 5:30-7:30 p.m., ARC
- Sep 7** School Photos, Sep 7 to Sep 11
- Sep 10** DI Introduction, Session 1, 2:15-5:00 p.m.
- Sep 11** Afterschool Activities, Session 1 Begins
- Sep 11** MS Pool Party, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pool
- Sep 18** Half Day

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



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CIS COMMUNITY NEWS

Hello everyone and a very warm welcome to both our new and returning students and families. My name is Nadine White, and I am the Early Childhood and Elementary School Counselor at CIS. I am in my 3rd year at CIS, and I am eager to continue to provide guidance to CIS students.

Elementary Counselor's Corner

An exciting change this year is that Ms. Andrea Kilam-Higgo, current Nursery Teacher, is working on her internship in school counseling and will be gaining experience in many facets of school counseling throughout this school year.



We will begin guidance classes next week whereby we 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. We will also be supporting our Positive Discipline initiative in and out of the classrooms. Another program that is continuing is lunch bunch where all students take turns from their class eating their lunch with the counselor 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 our work within our school, we enjoy working with you as parents. A strong connection between home and school does make a difference in how children succeed in the classroom. We hope that you may consider us a "link" in this connection.

We look forward to working with you and helping in any way that we can. If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact us. We can be reached at nadine.white@cayintschool.ky, andrea.kilam-higgo@cayintschool.ky or 345-945-4664.

OLD PHONE DONATIONS

High School students will be making Android apps this semester in our App Creation course. If you have an old Android smartphone or tablet that is not being used, please consider donating it to our class so that we can use it for testing our work. Donations can be dropped off at the Tech Lab to Ms. Cathy or in the main office.



SWIMMING REMINDERS

All students are to come prepared to swim on their assigned swimming day. This includes wearing a one piece swim suit (for females), having sunscreen to apply prior to entering the pool, bringing a towel, flip flops, and a rash guard. Goggles and a swim cap are optional items, however, students with long hair must have it tied back at all times when in the pool. Students are permitted to wear crocs or flip-flops to and from the pool, but they must have the correct footwear for the remainder of the day.



-Ms. Stephanie (Swimming Instructor)



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generation of innovators and leaders. Last year CIS had 7 teams from the elementary level and middle school compete in the DI Challenge Program. This year we will be offering the DI program again and are hoping to include teams from elementary, middle, and even high school! Each year there are new and creative challenges in the area of **STEM**, **Improv**, **Visual Arts**, **Rising Stars**, and **Service Learning**. Each Challenge is open-ended and enables student teams to learn and experience the creative process from imagination to innovation. Teams may contain up to 7 children, and require an adult Team Manager. A big part of the DI program is the Interference policy: in short, kids have to imagine, create and develop solutions on their own. Parents, Team Managers, family and friends can't suggest ideas or force teams in certain directions. Outsiders can only facilitate the acquisition of skills and knowledge.

If you are interested in learning more about Destination Imagination stop by our booth at the Elementary Parent Evening Tuesday Sept 1 and the High School Parent evening on Thursday Sept 3. Also, there will be an introduction to DI session **Thursday, September 10. Grades 1 and 2 will meet in the MPR from 2:15—3:00 p.m. Grades 3 and up will meet in the ARC from 3:30-5:00 p.m.** During this time students will be given an overview of the process, and participate in some sample DI challenges. Parents are also invited to come and chat with DI parents from last year to develop a stronger understanding of the program from the perspective of parents



who have participated in the program before. Hope to see you there.

New Affiliate Director and Affiliate Growth Director

A special welcome to David Finch, our new Destination Imagination Affiliate Director and Krista Finch, our new Affiliate Growth Director. Both attended a conference over the summer and won a prize for the best use of the provided materials to make a costume depicting a decade. This is a great example of upcoming DI fun!

For more information on Destination Imagination you may visit their website at: <http://www.destinationimagination.org/> or email Ms. Krista (Growth Director) at krista.finch@cayintschool.ky or David Finch (Affiliate Director) at dfinch@oroagri.com



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SCHOOL PRIDE CONTEST



I ♥ MY SCHOOL

Do you love your school?
Click [here](#) to vote for Cayman International School to win a \$2000 grant.
Voting ends Friday, August 28! VOTE NOW!



Mise en Place would like to thank parents for their patience and understanding during the first week of service for this school year. We regret that we

have experienced some technical difficulties with our online ordering system (myschoolaccount.com). However we are up and running and the system issues have been fixed. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

We want your children to have the best and healthiest meals so as promised they are freshly prepared from scratch in the school kitchen and being served to the students as they arrive in the canteen on real plates with real cutlery.

For our most expeditious service we highly recommend that you pre-order your child's lunch in advance.

For your reference, please find the lunch menus on CIS's webpage: <http://www.caymaninternationalschool.org/page.cfm?p=438>

Or on myschoolaccount.com.

The After School Gang

If you wish to enroll your child in After School Gang, registration forms must be completed and returned to Ms. Simoni at the front desk. Please note that students registered last year will need to re-register to ensure we have the most up to date information. Registration forms can be picked up from the front office and downloaded from the school [website](#).



Students in PreK3 through Grade 2 will be in A1 and students from Grade 3– 8 will be in C4 for ASG.



Musical Auditions for: **hairspray JR.**

Date: Sept 4
Time: 3:15 –5:00 p.m.
Location: ARC

Come ready to **move and sing!** Students are welcome and encouraged to prepare a piece of music to sing. If they are not comfortable doing this, they will just be asked to sing Happy Birthday (something I'm sure they all know!).

If they prepare something, only 16-32 bars (measures) of the piece will be necessary.

Callbacks will be on Monday, September 7 from 3:15– 5:00 p.m. First all cast read-through will be Thursday, September 10. [Audition forms are attached to this newsletter.](#)

OVERDUE STUDENT CONTRACTS

Every student must complete the package of student contracts that were sent out last week. Contracts were due to their homeroom teachers on Wednesday, August 26.

If the contracts are not returned, students may not be able to participate in all aspects of the curriculum.



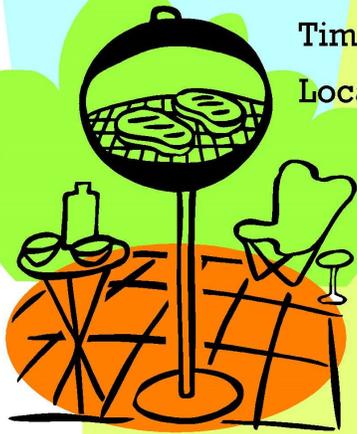
SECONDARY HEADLINES

HS Back to School BBQ

Date: Friday, Sept 4
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: The ARC

See you all
there!

Presented by High
School Leadership



Secondary Activities Fair

At lunch (11:55 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) on Tuesday, September 4, students will have an opportunity to meet coaches and club advisors for the various fall activities at CIS. It is important that students sign-up and get involved at CIS. During the activities fair, coaches and advisors will have information about their team, programs, and activities.

Once students sign-up, coaches and advisors will provide a schedule of the meeting times or practices. All secondary students who remain academically eligible are welcome to participate.

- ◆ Netball (middle school girls)
- ◆ High School Model United Nations
- ◆ High School Debate Club
- ◆ High School Global Information Network
- ◆ National Geography Bee
 - ◆ Girls' Football
 - ◆ Boys' Football
 - ◆ Maker Club
- ◆ Middle School Leadership
- ◆ High School Leadership
- ◆ Homework Club



MS Pool Party

Date: Sept 11
Time: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Don't forget your
sunblock!



SECONDARY BOYS FOOTBALL



Football Training will take place every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday beginning this Monday, August 31 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Please see the schedule for the grades that practice on specific days:

Day	Grades
Monday	6-12
Wednesday	9-12
Thursday	6-8

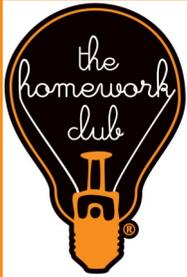
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Grade Updates

All secondary teachers will update and post grades on these dates listed. Some teachers may update grades more frequently, but all teachers will provide updates on the dates indicated. If a new grade update does not appear for a particular teacher on the date listed, please contact the teacher directly for information.

Quarter 1 Aug 24-Oct 23	Quarter 2 Nov 2- Jan 22	Quarter 3 Jan 26-Apr 15	Quarter 4 Apr 18-Jun 17
Sept. 14	Nov 16	Feb 8	May 2
Sept. 28 Progress Reports	Nov 30	Feb 22	May 17 Progress Reports
October 12	Dec 14 Progress Reports	Mar 7 Progress Reports	May 30
Report Card	Jan 11	Mar 21	Jun 6
	Report Card	Report Card	Report Card

Homework Club



Homework Club begins on Monday, August 31. Students – if you need a quiet place to complete homework before leaving CIS for the evening, then Homework Club is the perfect place for you. Teachers supervise Homework Club on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. As well as providing a quiet environment to study, teachers are available to answer some questions and provide assistance. Below is the list of teachers and classrooms.

Mondays – Mr. Brad (Science Lab2)

Wednesdays – Mr. Stephanie (D7)

Thursdays – Ms. Lydia (D4)

SECONDARY GIRLS FOOTBALL

Secondary girls football (soccer) starts on Wednesday, September 2 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the ARC. All girls participating are reminded to bring a ball and running shoes!

-Coach GG and Coach Robyn



Middle School Leadership Opportunities

Looking for a way to get involved in CIS school life? Want to develop your leadership skills and have fun while doing so? What about joining the Middle school leadership team? Today in Homeroom, grade 6, 7 and 8 students received an application for these leadership positions. If elected, these representatives would meet once a week during the lunch period with Ms. Martha and Ms. Kim and all of the other grade reps to organize events, competitions and school wide activities. They will be the voice of their homeroom and will help develop ways to build school spirit.

Leadership

If interested, students should get the application from their homeroom teacher (or Ms. Martha or Ms. Kim) and return it to their homeroom teacher no later than Tuesday morning (September 4). Applicants will give a brief speech (1-2 minutes) to their homeroom class on Wednesday, Sept 5th. There will be 2 representatives elected per homeroom.

We look forward to a new and exciting year with the Middle School Leadership team.

-Ms. Martha and Ms. Kim

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Secondary Counselor's Corner



Congratulations CIS parents and students! You have made it through the first full week of school and are well on your way to a successful school year! The CIS Secondary Counseling Department has a few new faces! We would like to take a minute to introduce the team.

Ms. Kim Siwiec, Middle School Counselor (Grades 6-8), is coming to us from Dubai where she worked as a counselor at an International school for three years. Prior to Dubai, she gained experience as both a Middle School and Elementary School Counselor in Brevard County, Florida. Miss Kim recognizes Middle school can be an exciting, challenging, emotional, and unique time for students. Middle School students need support to

navigate through the ups and downs in their changing worlds. She is very much looking forward to working with both the students and parents to ensure academic, social and emotional success!

Ms. Beth, High School counselor (Grades 9-12), comes to us from Shanghai, China where she spent the last two years working as a Secondary School College Counselor. Prior to Shanghai, Ms. Beth worked in Kuwait for two years. Ms. Beth is looking forward to supporting the High School students as they prepare for their big transition to college/university! She plans to begin working with students in their classes as early as next week to ensure they are on the right track.



The counseling office has been a busy place this first week. We have enjoyed welcoming our new families to CIS and ensuring returning students have had a smooth transition into their new classes. We welcome you to visit our NEW office located in D5 (end of the D Block). Please stop by to introduce yourselves and say "hi". We are here to help!

Ms. Beth
High School Counselor
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Miss Kim
Middle School Counselor
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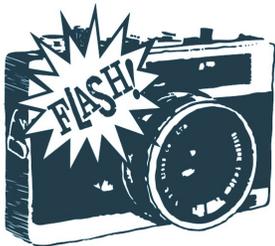
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Secondary Teachers Office Hours

Starting on Monday, August 31, all secondary teachers are available to provide extra support and instruction during their weekly office hours. The office hours for semester one are list below.

Name	Day	Time	Grade Level/Subject
Dhara Levers	Wednesdays	3:30-4:30 p.m.	HS Biology/Gr 8 Science
Sarah Dyer	Mondays	7:00-8:00 a.m.	IB Geo/History
Stephen Wise	Thursdays	3:30-4:30 p.m.	IB English/Gr 8 English
Mariska de Klerk	Thursdays	3:30-4:30 p.m.	MS Sci/Health
Jodi McDonald	Thursdays	3:30-4:30 p.m.	MS History/TOK
James Knoebber	Wednesdays	3:30-4:30 p.m.	HS Social Studies
Cathy Emery	Mondays	7:00-8:00 a.m.	Tech
Emiley Johnson	Mondays	7:00-8:00 a.m.	MS Spanish
Mark Hogan	Thursdays	3:30-4:30 p.m.	English
John Lane	Thursdays	3:30-4:30 p.m.	IB Math/Math
Joe Millson	Wednesdays	3:30-4:30 p.m.	Music
Stephanie Tice	Mondays	3:30-4:30 p.m.	Spanish
John White	Mondays	3:30-4:30 p.m.	Spanish
Amy Murphy	Mondays	3:30-4:30 p.m.	MS Spanish
Stephanie Hogan	Mondays	3:30-4:30 p.m.	Swim
Heather Hall	Wednesdays	3:30-4:30 p.m.	Art
Jessica Reynolds	Thursdays	7:15-8:00 a.m.	Math
Brad Nelson	Mondays	3:30-4:30 p.m.	HS Chemistry/Gr 8 Science
Max Olivier	Thursdays	7:15-8:00 a.m.	IB Math/HS Math
Shari Wilson	Mondays	3:30-4:30 p.m.	MS English (Substitute)
Colin Crumpton	Fridays	7:00-8:00 a.m.	MS Social Studies

2015/16 School Photos



School photos are scheduled this year for September 7 to 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If there are any parents available to volunteer their time to assist in the process please email Ms. Aisling: aisling.brown@cayintschool.ky, to let her know your availability. Your help is truly appreciated.

Please note the following dates and times that your child's photo will be taken:

Day/Date	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	BREAK	12.00
Mon 7th	Office Staff		Anna A3 (Pk3)	Jody B2 (Pk4)		Vanessa A9 (G2)
Tues 8th	Teachers	Jessica B3 (Pk4)	Dawn B4 (Pk4)	Dana C5 (G1)		Darcy C9 (G5)
Wed 9th	Teachers	Kaiha A8 (G2)	Monica C10 (G5)	Cherilyn B9 (G3)		Elena C7 (G4)
Thur 10th	Teachers	Philippa C4 (G1)	Manuela A4 (Pk3)	Mark C6 (G4)		Jessica R D1 (G10)
Fri 11th	Jodi D4 (G8)	Andrea A2 (N)	Donna A1 (N)	Nursery Extra time		Krista B1 (K)

Day/Date	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30
Mon 7th	Trey C1 (K)	Maggie C2 (K)	Scott A10 (G2)	Sarah D ? (G12)	
Tues 8th	Lee-Anne B10 (G3)	Tatum C3 (G1)	Jason C8 (G5)	Sarah P A7(G6)	Colin A7 (G6)
Wed 9th	Jen B7 (G4)	Stephanie D3 (G7)	John W ART (G8)	Mariska D4(G7)	
Thur 10th	Max D9 (G10)	Dhara ? (G11)	Brad ? (G11)	Nicole B8 (G3)	
Fri 11th	James D10 (G9)	Mark D7&D1 (G9)			

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE FOR SESSION 1

It's that time again for you to help your children decide the After School Activity they would like to be involved in.

Please see attached timetable for After School Activities Session 1 so that you may discuss the options with your children before registration begins on Tuesday, September 1.

Registration online system fees for CIS Clubs will include a charge of CI\$4 per child for each activity session; there are three activity sessions over the course of the school year. The fee will be added to your school account. Instructions on how to use the online registration system will be sent out in advance and **registration will begin on Tuesday, September 1.**



S1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	7 Sessions	8 Session	8 Session	8 Session	7 Sessions
K-G2 Time: 2.20 to 3.00	Girls Soccer - Dawn, field, Max 16	Girls Football (only Kinder) - Gisela, pitch, max 12	Boys Soccer - Dawn, field, Max 16	Lego Club - Elizabeth, Art room, max 12	Whats cooking - Maureen Cubbon, A10, Cost \$189
K-G2	Boys Football (only Kinder) - Gisela, pitch, max 12	Handwriting Club - Kidsability, Cost \$150, max 10, A8	GUM Club - Jody, Arc Lawn, max 15	Grade 2 Boys Soccer - Gisela, Pitch, max 16	Swimming - Fitcon, Max 8, cost \$115.50
K-G2	Lego Club - Vanessa, A9, max 12	Yoga - Cayman Sport, \$132, A2, max 10	STEAM Club - Maggie, C2, Max 15, \$15	Yoga - Cayman Sport, \$132, A2, max 10	You Gotta Tri , Tatum and Philippa, \$5, Max 30
K-G2	Swimming - CBAC, \$115.50, pool, Max 8	Tennis - Cayman Sports, max 8, \$176 (A3 rain day)	Grade 2 Girls Soccer - Gisela, Pitch, max 16	Theater Art Exploration - Anne, B5	Theater Art Exploration - Anne, B5
K-G2	Garden Club - Trey, C1, max 10		Swimming - CBAC, \$132, pool, Max 8	Tennis - Cayman Sports, max 8, \$176 (A3 rain day)	Tennis - Cayman Sports, max 8, \$154 (A3 rain day)
K-G2	Tennis - Cayman Sports, max 8, \$154 (A3 rain day)				
G3-G5 Time: 3.15 to 4.00	Maker Club - Monica, Art room, max 10	Cursive and Typing Club - Kidsability, Cost \$150, Max 10, back of Library	Basketball - Jason G4-6 only, gym.	Netball - Jayme - Gym or court, max 25	Whats cooking - Maureen Cubbon, A10, Cost \$189
G3-5	Swimming - CBAC, \$115.50, pool, Max 8	Yoga - Cayman Sport, \$132, A2, max 10	Swimming - CBAC, \$132, pool, Max 8	Yoga - Cayman Sport, \$132, A2, max 10	Digital Photography - Nicole, B8, max 12
G3-G5	U11 Girls Football - Elena & Mary, pitch, Max 20	Tennis - Cayman Sports, max 8, \$176 (A3 rain day)	Science Club - Darcy C9, max 15	U11 Girls Football - Elena & Mary, pitch, Max 20	
G3-5	Tennis - Cayman Sports, max 8, \$154 (A3 rain day)		Young Movie Critic Club , Cherilyn, Room B9, Max 12	Tennis - Cayman Sports, max 8, \$176 (A3 rain day)	

SEEN ON CAMPUS



If your child has an achievement or experience you would like to share in the Weekly Current, please email cis@cayintschool.ky



CIS Mission Statement: Our students achieve academic and personal excellence and prepare for higher education within an international environment that inspires learning, character and service.





CIS Performing Arts

AUDITION FORM

Name:					
Telephone:			Parent Email:		
Grade & homeroom:			Student email:		
Are you a confident singer?					
What would be your desired role?					
Any Performing Experience?					
Will you accept any role?					
Are you willing to be in the chorus?					
Are you willing to understudy?					
Besides performing, what other areas of this production interests you?					
Indicate with a X times you CANNOT rehearse:					
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
07:30 – 07:55					
3:30					
4:00					
4:30					
5:00					
5:30					
6:00					
6:30					
7:00					
<p>Agreement: I agree that my child may participate in the production, and we are aware that this will constitute a significant commitment in time, and will require us to attend rehearsals and performances promptly. Performing cast will be billed for the cost of their costume and will be able to keep their costumes at the end of the production. This amount will vary depending on part and number of costumes required.</p>					
Parent Sign: _____			Student Sign: _____		

Please bring this form with you to the audition

Please Note

In the section about other interests, feel free to put interests like lighting, set design, sound production, costumes, makeup, student director, etc.

Dress Rehearsals will be the first week of December and performances the first weekend of December. Please note that this week is mandatory for all performers. If you cannot attend this week or perform that weekend, please indicate why below.