

THE WEEKLY CURRENT

Cayman International School's Newsletter

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CAREER DAY PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

Secondary Counselors are seeking a diverse group of professionals in our community to share their passion, interests, course of study and chosen career path with our eager Middle School and High School student population.

Career Day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18 from 8:30-11:00 a.m. The day is designed to educate students about different paths that may match their interests and their studies. It is an opportunity for you to share your passion with the potential of making a significant impact on the lives of our kids.



If you or someone you know is interested in participating, please email Miss Kim, Middle School Counselor at kimberly.siwiec@cayintschool.ky or Ms. Beth, High School Counselor at beth.schmidgall@cayintschool.ky.

Thank you, in advance, for your support!

ISS Scholarship

Do you know a student who would benefit from this opportunity?

Cayman International School is accepting applications for the International School Services scholarship. This is a four year scholarship which covers tuition and fees, lunches, uniforms, field trips and other costs associated with attendance at Cayman International School. This full scholarship is offered to Caymanian students who will be 14 years old by 1 October 2016 and completed Grade 8 in an American system or Year 9 in a British system. **The successful applicant will be a student who exemplifies excellence in leadership, academics and community service and can demonstrate a financial need.**

The scholarship covers four years (8 semesters) and offers an exceptional education to include the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program in Grades 11 and 12. To apply, students must submit an application with all required documentation by May 9 at 4:30 p.m. Applications can be obtained from the Cayman International School website: <http://www.caymaninternationalschool.org/page.cfm?p=444>

For more information, please contact the school's Admission officer, Ms. Nancy, admissions@cayintschool.ky



Events

- May 07** Battle of The Books, 8:00 a.m.– 12 noon, John A Cumber
- May 07** Open Library, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Library
- May 09** IB Exams continue
- May 09** MAP Testing Continues
- May 10** PSA Swim Gala, 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Lions Pool
- May 11** MS Transition Meeting, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., MPR
- May 12** MS Leadership Assembly, 1:30 p.m., ARC
- May 12** MS Dodge ball and BBQ, Time TBA, ARC
- May 13** No School for Students, Teachers In-Service
- May 16** Discovery Day, No School
- May 18** Career Day, 9:00-11:00 a.m., ARC
- May 24** DI Globals until May 26

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

Please Note

School will be closed for students on **Friday, May 13** (Faculty In-Service) and **Monday, May 16** (Discovery Day).



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COMMUNITY NEWS

CIS Traffic Safety Reminder

CIS ensures that safety measures are in place to help protect our students. These measures include security guards, speed bumps, speed limits, and designated parking, drop-off and pick-up areas.

We ask that all persons entering the school compound pay special attention to the above mentioned measures and assist us in keeping our students safe. Please observe the speed limits, and watch out for children in the drop-off and pick-up areas as you enter or leave them.

We thank you doing your part to keep our school safe!



Junior Batabano

This was the second year that CIS participated in the Junior Batabano parade held on Saturday, April 30. Wray S and Kassidi J were the student leaders and choreographers for the group. The theme of the parade was Neverland and CIS was Treasures of the Island. Everyone jumped their way through the parade with energy, and CIS had a great performance at the end. Thank you to all who came out to cheer us on!



Geo Rocks!

CIS hosted the Geo Rocks finals on Thursday, May 5. CIS won the final round robin heat 16-14 against Hope Academy, which earned them a spot in the final.

For the final championship round CIS faced off against Cayman Prep on the topic of South East Asia. Cayman Prep won the round becoming the new Geo Rocks Champions.

All teams did an excellent job preparing for these rigorous questions.



Grade 1's Subway Party

Congrats top Ms. Tatum's Grade 1 class who won a Subway Party for bringing in the most Yellow Pages within CIS for the Yellow2Green recycling competition!

They collected a total of 143 out of the 273 Yellow Pages collected by CIS.

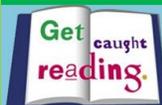


Car Boot Sale– DI Fundraiser

The DI Team, The Possible Num Nums, will be having a Car Boot Sale at Royal Palms' Parking Lot on Saturday, May 14.

You may book a spot for \$25 for two hours, or \$50 for four hours. Proceeds go towards The Possible Num Nums representation for Cayman at the Global Finals in Tennessee.

For more info, see flyer attached at the end of the newsletter or contact possiblenumnums@gmail.com.



Get Caught Reading

Where can you get caught reading?

Beach? Park? Football pitch? Camana Bay? Cozy reading chair?

Leading up to summer, we want to celebrate and promote CIS's love for reading in a 'Get Caught Reading' challenge. We are encouraging all students to get caught in the act of reading either at home; or even better in the community. From now to June 16 upload your 'bookselves' on Instagram or twitter with the hashtag **#CISinspires!**

The Challenge:



1. Have fun reading!
2. Take a 'bookselvie' or have your parents take a picture of you reading.
3. Upload your picture on Instagram or twitter using the hashtag **#CISinspires**.
4. Each photo will receive a entry ballot for the draw on **June 17, 2016**.

Optional- Bring in a printed copy of your photos for the display board!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Yearbook Background Photo Contest Winners

The yearbook committee received many pictures this year for the 15/16 yearbook. The editors of each section got to choose the pictures they wanted to use as their section's background and those photos became the winning pictures. It is exciting that the faculty and students have played a role in creating the school's yearbook. All winners got 50% off of the cost of their yearbook. For the next six weeks, the newsletter will feature one of our six contest winners.

The below photos are by 2nd grader, **Leanda F:**



EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ELEMENTARY HEADLINES

Student-Led Conferences

Dear Parents,

Thank you very much for attending our Student-Led Conferences this past week. It was heartwarming to see students excited and proud to share their work and progress throughout the school year. Our role as parents and as educators is to guide students on their life journey by showing them how to do something and then stepping back and letting them have a go. Providing children a chance to do it on their own is essential for the development of capable, confident, independent kids. It is amazing to see how students "step up to the plate" when we give them the freedom and opportunity to do so.

We cannot overstate the importance of your partnership with us in the school experience. Events like Student-Led Conferences remind us of the value of a child-centered approach to learning. Teachers, just like parents, have the child's best interest at heart. At the same time, feeling like we are on the same team helping a child grow into his or her best self is extremely fulfilling, and we are always grateful when we can experience that together. As you well know, the road may not always be smooth nor the journey an easy one. But when we work together to overcome obstacles, we are encouraged both by our trust in one another as well as by the open and kind communication we share with each other. Role modeling this type of communication teaches our children that when we work together with mutual respect and a focus on solutions, we can accomplish our goals.

Thank you for your continued support of our students, teachers and school at CIS. Together we can make a difference!

Sincerely,

The Elementary Faculty/Staff Team



EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ELEMENTARY HEADLINES CONT'D

MS Transition **ATTN 5th GRADE PARENTS:**

There will be an important 5th grade parent meeting on **Wednesday, May 11 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the MPR** to discuss your child's upcoming transition to Middle School.



Mr. Doug, Secondary Principal, and Miss Kim, Middle School Counselor, are looking forward to sharing important information with you to ensure your kids have a smooth transition.

Ms. Dawn's Pre-K4 Field Trip to Nautilus



SECONDARY HEADLINES

MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT

MAKE THE RIGHT CALL...
JOIN US THURSDAY, MAY 12TH
FROM 3:30-6:30
**DODGEBALL
TOURNAMENT
BBQ PARTY**

SPONSORED BY:
MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AND PTA
FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM:
SMOKIN BRO'S BBQ

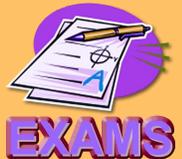
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IB Exams

Grade 12 students started their IB exams this week, and the exams will continue for the next few weeks. This is a milestone for our grade 12 students. We wish them all the best. CIS community – when you see grade 12 students around campus, please offer them a few words of encouragement and inspiration.



Homework Club

Students and Parents – Homework Club is offered at CIS every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Homework Club is from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and meets in: Science Lab 2 – Mondays, D6 – Wednesdays, and D2 – Thursdays.



Report Card Survey

We are considering some changes to the secondary report card for next school year and would appreciate your feedback. We want to improve the way information is communicated on the report card, and we want to make sure the report card is useful and informative. We value your input and opinion, and thank you in advance for participation in the survey.

The link to the survey on SurveyMonkey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J9KYMEN>. The survey should only take about five minutes to complete. The deadline to complete the survey is Monday, May 08.

please click
HERE TO take
a SURVEY!



PTA

Fire & Ice Ladies Night Tickets and Donations - Friday, 20 May 2016

We're excited to bring you the Ladies Night for 2016 - Fire & Ice. It will be held at Minus 5 Ice Bar & Smugglers Bar in town. It's sure to be a great night with silent auctions, raffle prizes and icy cocktails in woolly coats! Tickets go on sale from Monday May 9 in front of the school or from PTA members.

We welcome donations of products or services for our silent auctions. Funds raised will go towards the Early Childhood/Elementary playground enhancements as well as the Middle and High schools Hang Out Area. We are in the planning phase of these enhancements with Mike Stroh from Trio Designs. He has some amazing ideas and has kindly volunteered his services to the PTA, to design some fabulous spaces for our students.



Teacher Appreciation Day

We wanted to thank our wonderful teachers and support staff for their support and guidance in honor of Teacher Appreciation Day on Tuesday.

You help to 'light the way' for our students as they progress along their education journey and we appreciate all that you do!



Donate a car for the inaugural PTA HS Car Smash!



Calling all school parents! We've listened to our HS students and this is what they would like! The inaugural PTA HS Car Smash is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8 to celebrate the end of exams for our seniors. Funds raised will go towards the MS/HS Hang Out Area enhancement.

Please contact Kirsty Isbister on kirandhayd@gmail.com or 5166056 if you can donate a vehicle for decorating and smashing by 20 May, 2016. The vehicle needs to be emptied and prepared for demolition. We are keen to make this a success for our seniors. Thank you!

Cayman International School PTA
invites you to a night of



Minus 5 Ice Bar & Smugglers Bar, George Town
8:00pm - 12:00am

Tickets \$50 pp incl Ice Bar Entry, Drinks all night & nibbles
Fantastic auction items and raffle prizes on offer
Come dressed in red or white



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT with Laura H.



What is your background and heritage?

-I am Caymanian by birth, but my parents are Scottish and Costa Rican.

Which countries have you lived in?

-I have lived in Cayman and Costa Rica.

How long have you been living in the Cayman Islands?

-I was born here, so 17 years.

How many years have you been at CIS?

-I have been at CIS for 5 years.

Describe yourself. (At least a few of your best and worst personality traits)

-One of my negative personality traits is that I procrastinate almost all of the time. Something good is that I am good at problem solving.

What activities do you enjoy outside of school?

-I enjoy reading fantasy novels and playing platformer video games.

What are your plans after you graduate from CIS?

-I plan to go to university in the UK, then become a lawyer and maybe move back to Cayman and get a job in (hopefully) a related field.

Do you want to be famous? Why/Why not?

-No, because it seems really stressful. Privacy is something very important to me and I would hate to have strangers prying into my personal life.

You're about to walk the green mile, what do you have as your last meal?

-2 for 5 Big Kings and a fountain drink.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be? Why?

-Telekinesis is the ultimate superpower because you could do almost anything with it and it would be easy to hide if necessary.



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.



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



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CAR BOOT SALE

A time to turn unwanted items into cash.

Book Your Spot!
\$25 for 2 hours
\$50 for 4 hours

7:30am-9:30am
9:30am-11:30am

Special edition
**Saturday
14 May
@ Royal
Palms'
Parking Lot**

**No entry charge
for visitors**

Keep all the cash from items you sell!
Great chance for others to fundraise!
Refreshments for sale.

Benefits
The Possible Num Nums
(group of 9 year old girls)
representing the Cayman Islands at
Global Finals in Tennessee.

SALES

A chance to clear out the cobwebs in your home.

An excuse to get rid of all the clutter amassed over the last 6 months.

AND...
An opportunity to pick up a bargain or two in the process!



Contact possiblenumnums@gmail.com or text 916-5548 to reserve your spot!

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