

THE WEEKLY CURRENT

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Cayman International School's Weekly Newsletter

WELCOME TO CAYMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL!

Dear CIS families,

Every school year at CIS is filled with new faces, fresh perspectives and wonderful experiences. We are excited to welcome all of our families to join us as we share our stories from the summer, reconnect and build new relationships, and begin gearing up for the new year.

CIS received a makeover! One thing that is quite obvious when entering the campus is that significant renovations and expansion have taken place over the summer. We are grateful and delighted that Dart has facilitated multiple projects in recent months making the campus look better than ever. The second level on top of the Science Labs (E block) is on schedule and will be complete in October, providing much needed additional space. The bathroom and stairwell structures at the B and C buildings are also welcome additions, and the high-quality tiling and colored louvres offer further elements of quality to the facility. Courtyard makeovers and painting were also included in the scope, and we are delighted to be welcoming families to our beautiful campus this week.

Reflecting on recent events reminds us of the critical importance of quality education. Many of us have been sentient to various happenings and international tragedies in recent times. Unfortunately, the politics of our day only adds to the misunderstandings and misrepresentations that are inherent in such events, breeding grounds for myopic world views and culturally insensitive approaches to complex problems. In these challenging times, international education is uniquely poised to address these difficulties with our service-minded approaches, intentional focus on a global perspective and a deep commitment to building the compassion and character in our students the world needs to envision a brighter future. Our collective action in shaping children is undoubtedly the most important mission on the planet. *"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."* – Nelson Mandela

We look forward to hearing about your summer adventures, and we can't wait to have you back on campus to welcome you to another exciting school year at Cayman International School!

Warmest regards,

Dr. Jeremy Moore
Director

Events

- Aug 15** All Faculty and Staff In-Service
- Aug 19** New Student Orientation
- Aug 22** School Re-opens for K-12
- Aug 22** EC Parent Conferences
- Aug 23** 1st Day of school for EC Students
- Aug 25** New Family Welcome Night, 6:00-7:00pm, CIS Courtyard



CIS LEADERSHIP TEAM

Director:

Dr. Jeremy Moore

Secondary Principal:

Dr. Doug Murphy

Secondary Vice Principal:

Ms. Ann Jurewicz

EC/ES Principal:

Ms. Melissa Kay

EC/ES Vice Principal:

Ms. Nimmi Sekhar

Curriculum Coordinator:

Ms. Rita Imparato

Learning Coaches:

Ms. Leanne Wright-Gray(EC/ES)

Mr. Ben Calsbeek (Secondary)



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CIS COMMUNITY NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM MS. MELISSA



I would like to welcome you as members of the Cayman International School community. I look forward to getting to know you and engaging in the learning process with you this year. CIS is fortunate to have an experienced and skilled faculty who all desire to see our students succeed academically. This dynamic group of educators is preparing for another exceptional year!

Equally as important to our academic excellence is our belief in nurturing children's social and emotional growth. It is important for children, especially when new to an environment, to feel safe and secure. This feeling allows children to joyfully explore, take risks with their learning, and reach out to make new friends. Our goal is to focus on this during these first few weeks of school and

cultivate it throughout the year. Building and fostering community are essential to developing a school of inquiry, a culture of exploration and a world of discovery.

My role as Early Childhood and Elementary School Principal is to support this community of learners; students, faculty and parents. I value your input and involvement in our school and your child's academic, social and emotional growth. Please know I am always open to hearing your thoughts. I look forward to meeting you all.

Once again, welcome to the 2016-17 school year! I look forward to seeing you at Friday's Orientation.

Ms. Melissa

Early Childhood and Elementary School Principal

Orientation Schedule for August 19, 2016

Faculty and staff will be available during the scheduled times below for all students and families who would like to see the classrooms, meet the teachers, and greet new and returning friends. At this orientation time, parents of Early Childhood students may sign up for interviews with their child's teacher to be held on Monday, August 22. Secondary students are invited to the ARC to pick up a copy of their schedule, and then go to classrooms to meet their teachers. These Orientations are designed as an opportunity to receive class list information and for brief introductions; teachers are not available for full conferences during these times. Separate Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Parent Night events will be held in September, providing parents with a more extensive opportunity to hear from teachers about their classroom, the curriculum, communications, and other details

- **Early Childhood Orientation:**
9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.
- **Elementary School Orientation:**
10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
- **Secondary School Orientation:**
1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.

Outstanding Health Screening Certificates

Parents please remember to bring in your child/children's Health Screening Certificate to the Admissions/HR Officer on or before August 22, 2016.



Normal School Hours

Regular school day hours are as follows for the various grade levels:

Nursery	8:30 -11:30 a.m.
PreK3-Grade 2	8:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
Grade 3-Grade 5	8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Grade 6-Grade 12	8:00 a.m.-3:15 p.m.
Office Hours	7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Please make every effort to arrive at school on time. Supervision will be provided in the playground from 7:45 a.m. onwards.

Zika Virus

Alert



The Cayman Islands has reported cases of locally transmitted Zika virus. The Government is working to actively contain the situation and is spraying for mosquitos throughout the island. We are all encouraged to remove any form of standing water that may become a breeding ground for mosquitos and we are practicing this at the school.

CIS is aware and mindful of the dangers of Zika and we have consulted with the Cayman Islands Health Department. The campus will experience additional spraying before school starts to help reduce the mosquito population. We urge parents to take pre-cautions. Children are welcome to bring mosquito-killers to school.

For more information on Zika, please click the link here: <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/>.

Severe Food Allergies

Parents must have a Food Allergy Action Plan signed by a doctor on file in the CIS office for any student with severe food allergies.

Please note that if there is a student with a severe food allergy in your child's classroom, your teacher will notify you.

We ask parents to send nut-free snacks and lunches to school.

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TUITION UPDATES

Tuition statements for annual, first trimester and first monthly payments for 2016-17 were e-mailed out over the summer. As posted on the school calendar, payments were due on August 1, 2016. Thank you to the many families who have made their payments. Tuition payments are due within 10 days of the due date (no later than 10 August).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your tuition payment, please contact Wendy Foreman, Office Manager at wendy.foreman@cayintschool.ky or Ritu Basu, Accounting Assistant at ritu.basu@cayintschool.ky. Thank you.



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Is this your first year at CIS? Are You New to the CIS Family?

If you are a new family to CIS for the 16-17 Academic Year, we would like to invite you to a mix and mingle event where you will have an opportunity to meet the

Administration, a PTA representative and other new families!

When: Thursday, August 25, 2016

Where: The Courtyard outside the Administration building

Time: 6:00pm-7:00 p.m.

Child supervision and light refreshments will be provided.



STUDENT CONTRACTS

Every student must complete a package of student contracts. These will be emailed to families separately next week. Contracts are due to their homeroom teachers by Wednesday, August 24, 2016. If the contracts are not returned, students will not be able to participate in all aspects of the curriculum.



UNIFORM INFORMATION

If you ordered your uniform from the PTA "Pop up Shop", you will be contacted soon with details as to when your order will be available for pick up. If you did not get to utilize the "Pop up Shop", you will need to order your uniforms through the Lands' End Website. If you ship the items to island, you will need to pay the duty and bring the invoice and receipt to the office to submit for reimbursement.

For all other CIS Uniform information, visit : <http://www.caymaninternationalschool.org/page.cfm?p=392>. Please help us minimize the time and energy dedicated to enforcing school uniform policy by ensuring that your child/children are in the proper uniform before sending them to school. Parents should expect a call from the office and may be required to provide new clothing or shoes for students when they are not dressed in accordance with school policy.

2016/2017 Handbooks

Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle/High School handbooks have been updated for the new school year and are posted on the CIS website so you are able to review it by the first day of school.



You may find them at the following link: <http://www.caymaninternationalschool.org/page.cfm?p=390>. We ask that parents and students review these handbooks together. Thank you!



BE PREPARED...

The school supply list is available on the CIS website at: <http://www.caymaninternationalschool.org/page.cfm?p=435>

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CIS 2016-2017 LUNCH SERVICES

Mise en Place (MEP) is looking forward to providing healthy, freshly prepared and nutritionally balanced food options to CIS students once again this year. Please be reminded that you can conveniently order online through Myschoolaccount.com. For details of the how the lunch program works, menus and registration information, please visit the following link to the CIS website: <http://www.caymaninternationalschool.org/page.cfm?p=438>. Families will have an opportunity to register for lunches on Friday, August 19, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the ARC.



SECONDARY HEADLINES

A MESSAGE FROM DR. DOUG



Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year at CIS. I hope this message finds you doing well and enjoying the final moments of summer vacation. I am excited for the upcoming school year and I look forward to the journey and adventures we will share together. Learning is always a journey that begins with incredible anticipation, and I am eager for this next journey to begin. This marks the beginning of my fourth year at CIS as the secondary principal. We have experienced significant growth and change the past three years, and this year is no different. It is a pleasure to welcome new staff members, new families, and new students to our community. The growth and changes the past few years are clearly aligned to our focus of providing a high-quality and well-rounded educational program for the students.

As the secondary school continues to grow, we have added new positions, new buildings, and new programs. This year we welcome an assistant principal to the secondary school, Ann Jurewicz. Ms. Ann and I will work together to ensure that we offer quality educational programs and extra-curricular programs that prepare students for success at CIS and into the future. The new building at the end of D-Block will accommodate a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) lab and a new band room. The existing band room will become a choir and drama room. The new locations will help us develop and expand our performing arts programs and ensure we offer a curriculum focused on developing critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity. A successful educational program provides enriched learning opportunities for students in the classroom and through extra-curricular offerings. We are focused on making sure we continue to develop programs that prepare students with the knowledge and skills they need for success.

I warmly welcome all students and families as we begin this annual journey together. It is always a pleasure to watch students develop their uniqueness and greatness, and I look forward to the learning, fun, and meaningful experiences.

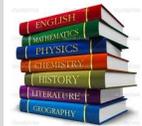
LOCKERS FOR GRADES 6-12

Lockers and combination locks will be assigned in homerooms for students in Grades 6-12 during the first week of school.

Only school combination locks will be allowed on lockers.



TEXTBOOKS



Textbooks will be distributed during the first week of school.

All textbooks are checked out to students through our library system, and students are held accountable for returning them.

LAPTOPS

All Secondary students must bring in their own laptop or similar digital device fully charged. More extensive information regarding laptop policies will be reviewed with students in their classes.



PLANNERS

Each student is provided with a planner to assist them with organizing their schoolwork and other activities. Utilization of the planner is optional and some students prefer to use digital alternatives.



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 FACULTY AND STAFF UPDATES

Nicole and Trey were married in California on
July 23, 2016



Congratulations

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CIS WELCOME NEW FACULTY AND STAFF!

For the 2016-2017 school year, we have welcomed a large group of new educators to the CIS Community.

Last week, these teachers engaged in four days of orientation, learning about the CIS school culture, building new relationships and beginning to prepare for the new year. They spent two days with an expert consultant, Teresa LaSala, and earned a certificate in the Positive Discipline training, and they spent time talking about approaches to modern learning. The new teachers are coming with past experiences from all different corners of the globe and will enrich the CIS educational experience.

This week, the whole school faculty and staff are together again for a week of inservice, planning and preparations. The campus is alive again with the sounds of teacher planning, and we look forward to Friday when the campus will be in full blossom with children and families meeting and reconnecting on Orientation Day!



CIS looks forward to a wonderful school year with you all!



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.

