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## INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### The Addis Ababa Community Band

The second season of the community band began this week in the ICS Band Room. We will meet every Tuesday from 7 - 9 PM in the same place. This ensemble had a great first year with performances at the International Evangelical Church and Club Alize. As the years change so do our personnel. If you play a wind or percussion instrument (see below) you are more than welcome to join our community band. Even if you played an instrument in high school and haven't played for 20 years, this is the opportunity for you to reconnect with playing in an ensemble and sharing your talents with parents, students, NGOs, embassy folks and other members of our community. If you have your own instrument, bring it. If you don't, please contact me and I can check our availability.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.  
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#### List of preferred instruments:

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| Flute           | Clarinet     |
| Oboe            | English Horn |
| Bassoon         | Alto Sax     |
| Tenor Sax       | Bari Sax     |
| Contra Bass sax | Bassoon      |
| French horn     | Trumpet      |
| Baritone        | Euphonium    |
| Tuba            | Percussion   |

### Important Calendar Dates

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| Thursday, August 28    | Back to school night for Gr. 6-12 at 7:00 PM    |
| Tuesday, September 02  | Literacy Night in the Library at 7:00 PM        |
| Friday, September 05   | Welcome Back Dance (Middle School)              |
| Monday, September 08   | General Board Meeting in the Library at 7:00 PM |
| Tuesday, September 09  | Math Night in the Library at 7:00 PM            |
| Thursday, September 11 | Ethiopian New Year (No School)                  |
| Friday, September 12   | Professional Day (School closed for students)   |
| Tuesday, September 16  | College Evening Gr. 11                          |
| Friday, September 19   | IB Group 4 trip                                 |

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you sew? Would you like to help with the ICS drama production of Jungle Book?

There is a need for 8-10 people to create costumes. The group will meet together do discuss ideas, materials, budget, and timeline. If you are interested, please contact Susan Myers, room 40.

### Early Withdrawal from ICS

If your child will be leaving ICS before the end of the year, please notify the Registrar in writing at least **two weeks** before your child's last day of school. You may submit a letter to your principal or email your notification to [admissions@icsaddis.edu.et](mailto:admissions@icsaddis.edu.et). All children must complete a checkout form to receive their withdrawal packet. Teaching assistants will process the checkout form for elementary students, while middle/high school students must obtain all required signatures on their own, on a form provided by the secondary school office.

*The School Mobile Phone number is 0911-333-650. Please write this number on the cover of your school directory and use it as an alternate number to reach the school whenever there is no answer from our switchboard during regular school day hours.*

## **Secondary Corner**

### **Schedule Changes Completed**

The window for middle and high school students to make elective choices and change schedules has closed. In the coming weeks teachers may recommend changes for students if the student is at the wrong level: sometimes it takes time for the need for these adjustments to become clear.

### **Mobile Phone Reminder**

All middle/high school students know that mobile phones may only be used before school, during lunch or after school. Parents are reminded to not call students at any other time. All teachers will appreciate your consideration and assistance with this! We try hard to minimize interruptions to learning in the classroom, and phone calls can be very disruptive.

### **Back to School Night Reminder**

We hope to see all our middle/high school students' parents tonight from 7:00 to 9:15 at our Back to School Night. You will be able to meet your child's advisor and all his/her teachers.

### **September/October Calendars Come Home Tomorrow**

On Friday all middle/high school students will bring home a Sept/Oct calendar. Please keep this in a prominent place at home, to remind the family of our daily schedule and some of our special events. Progress report and parent conference dates are also included.

### **Grade 11 / IB Retreat in October**

All grade 11 students will be invited to attend our annual retreat on October 9 – 11 in Woliso. More information will be sent home soon for parents of grade 11 students. This retreat is an important introduction to the IB program and to the upcoming college search process that our juniors will begin working on in the spring.

## **Elementary Corner**

### **Back to School Night – A Great Success!**

Thank you to all parents and teachers for making our Back to School Night on Wednesday a successful event. Many elementary families had the opportunity to visit their child's classroom, meet the teachers and learn more about the curriculum. Parents were also able to meet the specials teachers and see some of the work the students will be doing in their special classes like music, art, PE, French and computer. I hope the evening was enjoyable for all the elementary families and we all look forward to continued collaboration with parents for the benefit of our students.