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CALENDAR

Thursday, 11 March	Elementary Musical "Clowns", 6:30 PM
Friday, 12 March	Monthly PTA Meeting, 3:30 PM
12-13 March	ISSAAA MS/HS Track Meet
Wednesday, 17 March ..	Grade 10 Course Selection/IB Info Meeting, 7 PM
Friday, 19 March	End of S2 Elementary ASAs
17-21 March	ISTA (Drama) Trip to Istanbul
Tuesday, 23 March	MS/HS Band & Choir Concert
24-25 March	MS/HS Drama Production: "Dracula", 6:30 PM
Thursday, 25 March	S2 Athletic Awards, 6:30 PM
Friday, 26 March	End of Quarter 3 for MS/HS
Friday, 26 March	Career Day
27 March-4 April	Spring Break (No School)
Thursday, 8 April	NHS Induction Ceremony, 7:15 PM in MPR
Thursday, 8 April	MS/HS Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-7 PM
Friday, 9 April	MS/HS Parent-Teacher Conferences, 1-4 PM

Of Note:

- School starts at 9 AM for all elementary students on Friday, 12 March
- PTA Monthly Meeting on Friday, 12 March—planning for Spring Carnival!
- Congratulations to our ICS Eagles—the girls' basketball team brought home the sportsmanship trophy as well as a third-place finish in Zimbabwe
- Parents still needed for Career Day—contact us ASAP
- Information on 1-1 laptop program in Technology Corner
- G10 Course Selection Night moved to Wednesday, 17 March
- CVs are being accepted for Board Elections

2010 Yearbook is On Sale Now!

We have started pre-selling the 2010 Yearbook. You can reserve a yearbook by payment of 325 Birr to the Cashier's Office from now until March 26. Don't wait until it is too late! The Elementary, Middle and High School has been combined into one yearbook this year and is being printed in the US to ensure quality.

Walk & Run Charity Event a Grand Success!

The Walk & Run Charity Event on Saturday, 6 March, was a great example of our community working together. There were about 360 participants who took part by walking or running, sponsoring someone who walked or ran, buying T-shirts or counting laps.

You can still support the Burn Unit by purchasing photos taken by Mark Mattison—on display in the hallway of the Administration building.

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Booster Club Pub Night Coming Soon!

The 4th Annual Pub Night will be held at the Director's Residence on April 17 at 7 PM, hosted by the Booster Club. The purpose of the evening is to raise funds for athletes and students who travel to various international events and competitions, but have a difficult time to raise the necessary funds. For the past three years, it has been a great success and a great time for the community to get together.

Tickets will be on sale after school at the cafeteria. Price of a ticket - 200 Birr (Includes dinner). -*The Booster Club*

Board Corner

Upcoming Board Elections: 20 April 2010

In November and April the Association General Meeting (AGM), takes place. This is an opportunity for both the Board and the Administration to brief the Members of the Association on the state of the school's academic, social, extracurricular and financial statuses.

This year in the April AGM new Board Member Nominees will stand for election to the ICS Board. There are four Board Members whose two year terms are complete. There is one elected Ethiopian National position, which is also open. This position is not part of the electoral process. Nominations are also being taken for this position. If you are interested in making a difference at your child's school, want to learn more intimately how ICS works, and want to make ICS the best possible school for all children, please join us.

If you have any questions about the Board, please feel free to contact any current Board Member who will be happy to speak to you about this valuable volunteer opportunity.

CV's and Letters of Interest may be submitted to the following Board members only. They may be sent electronically or by hard copy. They must be received no later than close of business on April 7, 2010. There will be an orientation session with the Board to acquaint candidates with the Governance process, prior to the elections.

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Correction from Last Week

The Ethiopian National position on the Board is an elected position. This position can only be filled by an Ethiopian National (Ethiopian passport holder) per the school's by-laws. The position will also be open for re-election. We invite you to apply, or to call Elizabeth Getahun, the current post holder on the Board for more information.

Important Board Dates

Spring Association General Meeting (AGM)

Date: April 20, 2010 at 7:00 PM Location: ICS Cafeteria

2009-10 ICS Board Members

Col. Bradley Anderson, Chair

Barbara Wickham, Vice-Chair

Andrea Sanderson, Vice-Chair

Charles Sewall, Treasurer

Max Jarrett, Member

Shefali Nefdt, Member

Joao Jorge, Member

Michael Maltusch, Member

Elizabeth Getahun, Member

Elementary School Corner

PK—8 Principal : Hubert Gordon
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Cafeteria Rules

This is a reminder to elementary parents that elementary students are not allowed to buy LUNCH from the snack counter. They can however buy their lunch tickets and eat from the buffet. Parents who wish to buy lunch for their children from the snack counter are discouraged from doing so because many of the students have expressed the feeling that it is unfair for some students to eat from the snack counter while others do not. Please help us to enforce this long standing rule by encouraging your child to either eat from the buffet or bring a bagged lunch.

Elementary Report Cards

Second trimester elementary report cards will go home on April 8 and 9. The report cards will not be accompanied by conferences for the 2nd trimester but Student-Led Conferences will be held on April 29 and 30.

Clowns Performance: 11 March at 6:30 PM

Thank you to all the students, parents, and teachers who came together to make the elementary drama "Clowns" a possibility. There is a considerable amount of effort put into such an event, and often there are people who contribute behind the scenes that go unrecognized.

Refreshments will be sold before and after the show by Grade 11 students. Please join us and come find out the "secret of life - that will keep the Circus going!" Come early to get a good seat and enjoy the refreshments. Bring your family and friends. Please also bring an admission can or package of dried food along as we, in the performing arts, are committed to community service in the form of collecting food at performances to donate to Our Father's Kitchen, a feeding program for Addis children in need.

Late Start for Elementary Students on Friday, 12 March

Due to the evening performance of "Clowns" there will be a 9 AM start time for all elementary students this Friday, 12 March. Students who arrive before 9 AM will have supervised play on the playground until school begins.

***Parents who are unable to accommodate the late start time are welcome to bring their children to school at the regular time. Teachers and Teaching Assistants will be here in order to supervise.**

Elementary ASA—Family Soccer Activity Location Change for Saturday, 13 March

ICS Family Soccer will be located on the Elementary Pitch (near Mr. Plisinski's residence) and Grade 1 Soccer pitches for this Saturday, due to the ISSAAA track & field meet.

ICS Library Guest Reader

The ICS Library Saturday Guest Reader program continues this Saturday, March 13, at 9:30 AM with a return visit by ICS teacher and parent, John Iglar. Mr. Iglar will read two books for St. Patrick's Day, *Jamie O' Rourke and the Big Potato* and *Jamie O' Rourke and the Pooka*, both by Tomie DePaola. Come and hear two great stories. The library is open from 9-12 and this is a great time for families to read and borrow books together.

Middle and High School Corner

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MS/HS Report Cards Available at Parent / Teacher Conferences

All middle/high school parents are reminded to plan to attend our Parent/Teacher Conferences at the beginning of April. At these conferences you will receive your child's Report Card for the third quarter, and can meet with our teachers. You are welcome to bring your child with you to the conferences too. Conference times will be:

- Thursday, April 8, 4:00 to 7:00 PM
- Friday, April 9, 1:00 to 4:00 PM

MS/HS: Sun is On, and Tops are Off

With the change in the weather, our teachers have been talking with some of our middle and high school girls about wearing appropriate dress while on campus. Some of our girls are wearing spaghetti strap tops under sweaters or sweatshirts in the morning, and by 1 PM the top layers are coming off and are tied on the hips.

It is our professional belief that school performance and future success are enhanced by appropriate dress and grooming. This is supported by research that shows that students feel safer, perform better academically, enjoy higher self-esteem and display greater respect for other cultures and their environments when they are dressed appropriately in a school setting. In particular, our dress code states that, "Shoulders must be covered. Halter tops, exposed midriffs, strapless tops, low cut tops (e.g. those which show cleavage), exposed backs, spaghetti or lasagna straps, see-through clothing, and tank tops are prohibited."

We appreciate parent support for this guideline. If a student is in violation of our dress code principles more than two times, you will be called to come help him or her dress in something more appropriate.

HS: G10 IB Information and Course Selection Evening—Date Change

As we previously informed you and your student, we have a very important information evening coming up regarding the final two years of our high school program. At this meeting our HS principal, the College Counselor, the IB Coordinator, and many of our senior-level teachers will be on hand to discuss the IB Diploma Program and course selection options for the final two years of high school. A brief orientation to preparing for colleges and college applications will be included.

Unfortunately, we have a conflict. Many of our teachers will be attending a course given by professors coming to the ICS campus from the State University of New York (SUNY) on the evening we had planned. Therefore, we are changing the date of our Grade 10 IB Information and Course Selection Evening from Tuesday, March 16 to Wednesday, March 17. This will allow our teachers to attend the information evening with you and your student. Our objective is to provide students and parents with as much information as possible in order to make informed choices on their high school and future college choices. I hope this change will not inconvenience anyone.

We look forward to meeting with you all on Wednesday, March 17, at 7:00 PM. We will be in the ICS Cafeteria.

- *Dr. Robert Wadson, Secondary and College Counselor*

HS: IB Geography Fieldwork

Our Grade 11 IB Geography students will be doing their fieldwork study in the Rift Valley next week. From Tuesday through Friday, eight students will be investigating social and environmental geography through comparisons of rural settlements and lake shorelines of Lakes Langano, Abiata, and Shala.

Technology Corner

IT Coordinator: John Iglar
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Ubiquitous Computing

Four ICS staff members went to Mumbai, India, recently to attend a conference for international schools on "1-to-1 laptop programs." These programs, which have been around for twenty years and are implemented in thousands of schools around the world, have each student carry and use a portable computer (a laptop, tablet or netbook) in all classes and at home.

Research has shown that such programs can enrich student learning through accessing the vast repositories of information on the internet, communicating with people around the world including peers and experts, and accessing and creating multimedia projects to engage different types of intelligences. Students in schools that run such programs often show greater interest in school and enthusiasm for learning, have fewer problems with attendance or turning in assignments, and often score higher on standardized tests of reading, writing, mathematical skills and more.

ICS is beginning such a program, and we will begin to implement a 1-to-1 learning environment for the secondary (grades 6-12) beginning next school year. This is an exciting development for ICS, and we will be one of the first international schools in Africa to implement a 1-to-1 program.

In Mumbai, we saw many examples of excellent teaching and learning using computers, and the team that attended the conference is sharing their experiences with other teachers. We will also be sharing with the rest of the community – through *Yezare Samint* and other venues. Any parents who want to know more individually are very welcome to contact me at john.iglar@icsaddis.edu.et

Technology Leadership

As we move towards a 1-to-1 laptop program, we will be making decisions, establishing policies, and guiding programs. As these decisions and policies will be having an impact on many areas of student work and life at ICS, we will be seeking input from all areas of the community. We are planning to establish a Technology Leadership Team, and will be involving teachers, students and parents. We have already sought and identified some student volunteers, and we will be looking for some parents and teachers to be involved. We feel that the involvement of all stakeholders in guiding this process will help it to be more successful.

Any parents who would like to be involved are cordially invited to contact me (john.iglar@icsaddis.edu.et) and as we set up the team I will have you involved.

Athletics and Activities Corner

Assistant Principal for Athletics and Activities: Kirby Boychuk
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3rd Place for the Girls at ISSEA

After losing our starting center within three hours of landing in Harare, Zimbabwe and struggling with games in the Thursday and Friday round robin portion of the tournament, we placed 5th out of 6. The Varsity Girls pulled themselves together and fought hard every moment to make it to the semi-finals. We weren't able to contain the ISK Lions in the second half as we had done in the first and ultimately lost a very competitive game. Playing for 3rd place against South Africa, the girls made sure the 'other' Eagles' knew what hustle and hard work can do! Congratulations to the girls for their 3rd place trophy! (See it in the reception area!) Players selected to the all-tournament team were Laura Mahr for her outstanding offensive performance and in her first ISSEA appearance, rookie (9th grade) Claire Hourtiq for her outstanding defensive performance! - *Coach Ashby*

ICS Team Spirit!

Congratulations to the Varsity Girls basketball team for being voted the most sportswoman-like team for the tournament (see the trophy in the front reception area)! ICS takes this award very seriously and we are very proud of our girls. I would also like to say congratulations to both ICS basketball teams for their great team spirit before, during and after the ISSEA tournament in Zimbabwe!

ISSAAA Track Meet

ICS will be hosting the ISSAAA MS/HS track meet this Friday, March 12, starting at 11:00 AM. The meet will continue on Saturday, March 13 from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

ICS Family Soccer for Saturday, March 13

Will be located on the Elementary Pitch (near Mr. Plisinski's residence) & Grade 1 Soccer pitches for this Saturday, due to the ISSAAA track & field meet.

Season 2 Game Schedules

Check out the ISSAAA website for scores and game updates: www.icsaddis.edu.et/Athletics/schedules

Junior Varsity Boys Soccer – Coach Errol McDonald

DATE	TIME	VENUE	OPPONENT	
Thursday, January 21, 2010	4:00 pm	ICS Pitch	GRK JVB Soccer	L: 4-5
Tuesday, January 26, 2010	4:00 pm	Sandford Pitch	SAND JVB Soccer	W: 5-2
Thursday, January 28, 2010	4:00 pm	ICS Pitch	AND JVB Soccer	W: 12-0
Thursday, February 04, 2010	4:00 pm	ICS Pitch	AND JVB Soccer	W: 9-1
Thursday, February 18, 2010	4:00 pm	ICS Pitch	BING JVB Soccer	L: 3-6
Thursday, February 25, 2010	4:00 pm	ICS Pitch	STJOE JVB Soccer	L: 1-2
Thursday, March 04, 2010	4:00 pm	ICS Pitch	GRK JVB Soccer	T: 4-4
Tuesday, March 09, 2010	4:00 pm	ICS Pitch	SAND JVB Soccer	W: 5-0
Thursday, March 11, 2010	4:00 pm	Bingham Pitch	BING JVB Soccer	
Tuesday, March 16, 2010	4:00 pm	St. Joseph Pitch	STJOE JVB Soccer	

Junior Coed Soccer – Coach Michael Yimesgen & Yidnekatchew Hailu

DATE	TIME	VENUE	OPPONENT	
Friday, January 22, 2010	4:00 pm	ICS Pitch	BING Coed Soccer	L: 5-7
Friday, January 29, 2010	4:00 pm	ICS Pitch	GRK Coed Soccer	L: 2-6
Wednesday, February 17, 2010	4:00 pm	ICS Pitch	ITALY Coed Soccer	Rainout
Friday, February 19, 2010	4:00 pm	St. Joseph Pitch	STJOE Coed Soccer	L: 0-4
Friday, March 05, 2010	4:00 pm	ICS Pitch	AND Coed Soccer	W: 3-2
Tuesday, March 16, 2010	4:00 pm	ICS Pitch	ITALY Coed Soccer	

Parent Teacher Association News

The PTA would like to proudly inform you that the PTA food stand for the Walk and Run Charity Event for the Children's Burn Center in Ethiopia on March 6 raised a total amount of 7000 birr. Thank you all for your constant support.

The PTA Appreciates Our Teachers and Staff

This past week the PTA has worked to express our feelings of appreciation for the ICS Teachers and Staff. We hope that everyone working at ICS knows how thankful we are for your dedication to our children. We plan to continue with our small acts of appreciation campaign throughout the year and are planning a special treat for all support staff after the fasting season. Thank you for your hard work!

Spring Carnival Committee—Help Needed from Parents!

Marzia Kushnar is chair of the Spring Carnival Committee. This event was much appreciated by the community last spring and is a lot of fun for the whole family; the Spring Carnival is set for Saturday, April 24. Marzia will be appreciating all help. If you are interested, please contact Marzia Kushnar at mkushnar@gmail.com or 0911-897-762.

Welcome to Addis Guidebook

Anne Bouma has volunteered to update the ICS Welcome to Addis Guide Book. This is a huge endeavor and she needs the support and contributions from all of us to produce a helpful guide for newcomers. Anne is requesting recommendations for the guide and volunteers to help her with the organization. If you know of a business, restaurant or service that you would like to recommend to the guide, please provide as much information as possible (location, contact information, hours of operation and comments). You can submit your recommendation in the envelope hanging in front of the Parent Volunteer Coordinator's office or to atmbouma-pers@usa.net.

Next PTA Meeting

Friday March 12, 2010

3:30 PM

Alli Pagan's Room (behind PTA/Parent Room in Administration Building)

ICS PTA
AGENDA
March 12, 2010

Welcome

President's Report

Quick review of the events supported by the PTA in the past month

- *PTA Welcome
- *Movie Night
- *Fun Run
- *Teacher/Staff Appreciation

Spring Carnival: Saturday, April 24

Committee Chair: Mariza Kushnar
Sub Committee Reports:

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Parent Teacher Association News

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- Water Park: Tina & Chris Fournier
- Artisan Sales: Tshehay (?)
- Games: Anne Bouma & Sherry Sewall
- Food: Cynthia Hendaoui
- Cake Walk: Jean Monroe & Kelly Bunkers
- Entertainment: Aafke Zoutewelle
- Facilities: Birhanu & Sherry
- Ticket Sales & Promotion: Paola A. Pena-Peyker
- T-Shirts: Mandy
- Pony Ride: Scott Saarlax
- Decoration
- Crazy Hat Parade
- First Aid
- The Quiet Corner

Yin Yang Yoga Workshop at ICS on March 14: All Levels Welcome

What is Yin/Yang Yoga?

It is a balanced yoga practice which includes an energizing yang flow sequence to encourage energy movement through the muscular tissues of the body and a grounding yin sequence to stimulate energy flow through the connective tissues of the body.

Who is the teacher?

Donna Helm-Yost began practicing yoga and exploring Eastern Philosophy at the age of 12. she is a registered yoga teacher and licensed psychologist. She will be visiting Ethiopia for one week in support of the Beyond the Orphanage Project which she supports through teaching yoga and her DVD.

What is the cost?

The 2 hour workshop is 150 birr and one hundred percent of this fee and the fee for her DVD go to support the Karma Yoga Project which support Beyond the Orphanage in Ethiopia. Please visit www.practicekindness.com for more information.

When is the class and who do I contact?

The class is March 14 from 10:00 to 12:00 at ICS. Contact Brenda Lyons at brenda.lyons@icsaddis.edu.et to prepay if you are interested.

Community Corner

Dear Friends of Good Music,

The Motley Singers welcome the Easter Season with a series of concerts: "Spirituals and Music from Around the World".

Performances:

Tuesday, March 16, at 7:30 PM, St. Matthew's Church (Anglican Church), near Arat Kilo in direction of Ras Amba Hotel

Sunday, March 21, at 5:30 PM, IEC - International Evangelical Church (location of the NGO market), between Mexico Square and Pushkin Square/Sarbet

Monday, March 22, at 7:30 PM, Kreuzkirche (German Church), near Siddist Kilo in direction of Jan Meda Field

Please note the dates and times. Come and enjoy an evening of music with us. For further information, please contact motleysaddis@gmail.com. Free admission. Voluntary contributions welcome to support social projects of the hosting churches.

- *The Motley Singers*

The Motley Singers and Motley Orchestra

The Motley Singers have been performing as a chorale society in Addis Ababa for over 40 years and are one of only a few such ensembles that exist in Ethiopia. Comprised of students, teachers, diplomats, professionals, and expatriates, the Motley Singers join together each week with 40 to 50 people to share their love of music.

Each Christmas and Easter, the Motleys perform in churches around Addis Ababa as a benefit for the social outreaches of those churches. As musicians, we would continue singing for the joy of sharing music, without any other benefits. But, we consider it a joy and a privilege to share our music and know that we are supporting the vital work of churches and organizations giving life and hope to the people of Addis Ababa.

This season, the conductors Marshall Key and Rick Bassett have brought together a group of musicians with the goal to offer them a chance of playing in a regular orchestra in Addis.

Coming up in May: Choral Pops Concert.

African Union Spouses' Bazaar

The AU Ambassadors' Spouses Group will be holding an annual fund raising event on 13 March 2010, from 9 AM to 5 PM, in the AU Compound. The event will feature a variety of African cultures and heritages from different regions, including food, entertainment, games, attire, music and crafts. Children will enjoy horse riding, face painting, jumping castle and other activities. Tickets will be on sale at the Hilton from 6-12 March, 10 AM to 5:30 PM, and will also be sold at ICS during the week before the event.

ICS provides the above items for your information only. We do not endorse any specific event or product.

Semester Calendar

Events added/edited this week are indicated in italics

Weds.-Sun., 17-21 March..... ISTA Trip to Istanbul

Friday, 26 March..... Career Day

27 March-4 AprilSpring Break (School Closed)

Saturday, 17 AprilBooster Club Pub Night

Tuesday, 20 April..... Association General Meeting (AGM)

Weds.—Mon., 21-26 April..... CAC Track and Field Meet, Cairo

Wednesday, 5 MayEthiopian Patriot’s Day (School Closed)

Friday, 28 MayDownfall of the Derg Day (School Closed)

Saturday, 29 May..... Graduation

Monday, 31 MayTeacher Work Day (School Closed)

Friday, 11 June Last Day of School for Students

This calendar is provided for your planning purposes. We will add additional items as the information is finalized.

ARCOBALENO DAILY LUNCH BUFFET MENU – March 15 – 19

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Soup:	Mushroom Soup	Lentil Soup	Vegetable Soup	Pumpkin Soup	Minestrone Soup
Chicken Main Dish:	Chicken Nuggets	Sautéed Chicken with Mushrooms	Stir Fried Chicken	Chicken Pie	Roast Chicken
Other Meat or Meatless Main Dish:	Beef Stew	Meatloaf	Fish and Chips	Meat Lasagna	Baked Fish Steak
Pasta:	Noodles with Butter	Macaroni and Cheese	Spaghetti with Tuna and Tomato Sauce	Stir Fried Rice	Vegetable Moussaka
Vegetarian Dish:	Butter Fried Zucchini	Braised Stuffed Cabbage	Vegetarian Curry	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce	Penne with Tomato Sauce
Starch: Couscous, Rice, Potato, etc.	White Rice	Potato Croquettes	Braised Rice with Carrots	Eggplant and Tomato Casserole	Roast Potatoes
Vegetable:	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
Dessert:	Papayas	Banana Cake	Oranges	Carrot Cake	Fruit Salad

AVAILABLE DAILY: Water, Juice, Dinner Rolls, Salad, and Fruit. Items printed in Bold are fasting foods.