

# YEZARE SAMINT

International Community School of Addis Ababa

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**Friday 11 June .....Last Day of School, Dismissal at 11:30 AM**

***Have a wonderful summer!***

**Monday 16 August.....Orientation Day for New Families**

**Tuesday 17 August..... First Day of School for All Students**

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## **The Last Day of School**

Friday 11 June is a half-day of school, with dismissal at 11:30 AM for all students. Our middle and high school students will meet with their advisors to get their final reports, and will come to the Gymnasium for a "Farewell Assembly."

Parents are welcome to join the MS/HS assembly at 9:00 AM. There will be a special treat for all students and parents beginning at 11:30 AM on the library lawn.

## **Summer Office Hours at ICS**

Parents and guests, please note that our school offices will be open for limited summer hours during June/July. The offices and our cashier will be open from 9:00 AM–3:30 PM but please call first for an appointment. Some of our staff will also be on annual leave, but there should always be someone present during those times to answer phones and assist you with enquiries. If there is no answer at the reception desk (011–371–1544), it is probably a power or network issue in the neighborhood. Try our alternate mobile number at 0911–333–650.

## **Getting Ready for School in August**

ICS administrators and teachers will be working hard in August to prepare for the start of school. Families can expect contact via email from the school by the middle of the second week in August. At that time we'll be able to give you more details about the first few days of school, and some important dates for parents such as our Back-to-School nights. Watch the ICS website and keep us updated with your latest contact information!

## **Requests for Reports and Transcripts in the Summer**

Many of our ICS families are in transition this summer to new schools and new countries. If you have lost your transcripts or final packets, or need additional information from us as you make application to a new school, call or email ([info@icsaddis.edu.et](mailto:info@icsaddis.edu.et)) our school offices for assistance.

## **Supply Lists**

The supply lists for 2010-11 are available on our website: <http://www.icsaddis.edu.et/page/downloads>, as well as attached to this *Yezare*. You will find the elementary, middle and high school supply lists, plus the MS/HS Dress Code and Special Clothing Requirements and a list of common supplies available at the ICS School Store.

## **Summer Reading is Important**

the first few weeks of school are a time of readjustment to school routines and getting back to learning. Students and parents can make that transition a short, smooth and successful time with a simple summer habit: daily reading. Students who read in the summer are always better prepared to start the new school year. Upper elementary, middle and high school students are encouraged to read 30 to 60 minutes daily. A list of recommended books is available on our website:

<http://www.icsaddis.edu.et/page/downloads>.

## **Summer Library Hours**

For the past four years, ICS has opened its library during the summer on Saturdays, from 9:00 – 12:00. This year we are happy to offer the same service for ICS families. The ICS Elementary and Secondary Libraries will be open on Saturdays beginning on 3 July, and ending on 7 August (the library will be closed for the remainder of June for inventory). If you are going to be in Addis this summer and are returning to ICS in August, you are welcome to use our library on Saturdays, and keep your children reading!

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## **Wireless Computer Network Access over Summer**

We will be doing some serious work on our network (both wired and wireless) this summer. We will also be closing down accounts and recreating them for the new school year. Therefore, parents and students who use the wireless network (or the school's computers) over the break may find the network down at times. We apologize for any inconvenience: it is planned to make things better for next year.

We will need all parents who wish to use the wireless network to re-register their account and their computer with the front office (Betelehem Taye) for next year. Accounts will be deactivated by the end of June and parents may re-register in July or after.

## **Yearbooks Arrived!**

Our yearbooks were cleared through customs and arrived on campus Tuesday afternoon. Congratulations to our hardworking high school Yearbook Class on a colorful, memory-packed book for the ICS community to enjoy for years to come. Parents and students can pick up their prepaid books at the ICS Cashier. A limited number of books will be available for sale at 500 birr.

## **Summer Maintenance on Campus**

Our sports fields and many of our rooms and facilities are undergoing annual maintenance in June and July. The softball pitch will be seeded with grass to create a more flexible play space for PE and other sports activities. Seven elementary classrooms will be renovated and a new elementary office suite will be created up near the nurse's office. Two sides of our exterior walls will be torn down and replaced, and more security cameras will be added on the exterior and interior of the campus. The soccer field will have areas replanted and the softball field will receive a facelift, as the fence will be moved to allow for more playing area and the field leveled for better drainage. Campus access should be available at the main gate without interruption.

Finally, if our Title Deed is secured in the coming weeks, as we believe it will be, we will also be able to begin laying foundations for new classrooms.

## **Facility Usage over the Summer**

The ICS tennis courts are open for students and parents during the rainy season; please call for court availability: Coach Kebede at 0911-678-333.

Please be advised that the softball field and soccer pitch will be off limits for the summer. The track will be available for parents and student use as usual. If you have any inquiries, please contact Danel Kidane over the summer months.

## **IBDP Results Available from July 6**

Students who took IB exams in May can access their results on the IBO website beginning 6 July. All IB exam takers were given their login passwords and PIN codes in May. If those papers are lost, students or parents may call or write our office for assistance.

Students who wish to resit an exam in November or have an exam remarked should contact the IBDP Coordinator, Joyce Halsey (joyce.halsey@icsaddis.edu.et), before the end of July. The IBO will charge parents a fee for this service.

Transcripts of IB Results are sent directly from the IB to students' universities, as the students have directed. Any students who did not give their directions to Ms. Halsey must contact her by email no later than 1 July. Transcripts may be requested after this date, but the IBO will charge for this service.



## ELEMENTARY SUPPLY CHECK LIST FOR 2010-11

### All Students:

- Re-usable plastic water bottle to be left at school (plastic water cup for EC3 and EC4) \*
- Rain clothing (umbrella, rain jacket)
- Sun hat to be left at school \*
- Kitchen apron, art smock or large, old t-shirt for art \*

### Grades 2 - 5:

- Sports clothes for physical education class including gym shoes, t-shirt, sweatpants (no jeans) and shorts without metal zippers.
- Black dress or skirt for girls, black pants for boys for performances
- White short sleeve button-down shirt for performances
- Black dress shoes for performances

## Classroom-Specific Supplies

### Early Childhood (EC3 and EC4)

- Complete change of clothes in a bag labeled with student's name

### Kindergarten (KG)

- Complete change of clothes in a bag labeled with student's name
- Sports clothes for physical education class including gym shoes, t-shirt, sweatpants (no jeans) and shorts without metal zippers.

### Grade 1

- Sports clothes for physical education class including gym shoes, t-shirt, sweatpants (no jeans) and shorts without metal zippers.
- Extra "inside" shoes for rainy season (Aug-Sept)
- Box of small ziplock bags \*

### Grade 2

- 24 pencils per trimester \*
- 10 erasers per trimester \*
- 1 glue stick per trimester \*
- Crayons/markers \*
- Pencil sharpener \*
- 1 three-ring binder (for French) \*

### Grade 3

- 15 pencils with erasers \*
- Additional erasers \*
- Pencil sharpener with shavings case
- Pencil case \*
- 4 glue sticks \*
- 6 wide-ruled A4-size notebooks (prefer with margins and without spirals) \*
- Dictionary and thesaurus for home use \*
- Colored pencils or markers \*
- Ruler - metric and imperial \*
- Scissors \*
- 1 two-pocket folder (for French) \*

\* Available Locally

### Grade 4

- 1 additional water bottle to be left at school \*
  - 1 additional sun hat to be left at school \*
  - 10 pencils, pencil case \*
  - 3 hand-held pencil sharpeners with covering
  - Additional erasers \*
  - Medium to large scissors \*
  - 2 glue sticks \*
  - Crayons/markers/colored pencils \*
  - 1 three-ring binder, 1 inch spine \*
  - 6 spiral single-subject A4-sized notebooks with lined paper \*
  - 7 two-pocket folders of different colors \*
  - Loose, white lined paper \*
  - Ruler - metric and imperial \*
  - Useful items to have at home: dictionary, calculator, ruler (imperial and metric), hole punch, atlas, thesaurus
- Note: No white-out allowed

### Grade 5

- 1 additional water bottle to be left at school \*
- 1 additional sun hat to be left at school \*
- 1 sturdy homework folder (plastic or cloth)
- 10-12 pencils with tip erasers \*
- Additional erasers \*
- Hand-held pencil sharpeners with covering \*
- 7 two-pocket folders \*
- 1 binder (two- or three-rings) with 1 inch spine \*
- Ballpoint pens – 2-3 (blue or black) \*
- 2 glue sticks \*
- 6 lined A4-size notebooks with margin and no perforations or top spiral \*
- 1 pair of medium to large scissors
- 1 set of highlighters \*
- Crayons/markers/colored pencils \*
- USB drive/memory stick
- Ruler – metric and imperial \*
- Pencil case \*
- Useful items to have at home: dictionary, calculator, ruler (imperial and metric), hole punch, atlas, thesaurus



## Middle SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR 2010-11

Middle school students will receive a planner from ICS at the beginning of the school year.

### General

*\*Available locally or in school store*

- Book bag/backpack
- Notebooks (spiral-bound or loose-leaf) \*
- 4 marbled bound notebooks (with margins and without spirals) \*
- Binders (3-ring) – 1 small binder per class or larger binders for multiple classes \*
- Pens (black or blue) \*
- Pencils (#2 or HB) and erasers \*
- Pencil case \*
- Pencil sharpener (handheld) \*
- Highlighters \*
- Glue sticks \*
- Pocket or small dictionary \*
- USB flash drive (extras are recommended, as students lose them easily)
- Reusable water bottle (polycarbonate or metal)
- Hat and sun block for physical education class (PE)
- Useful supplies: binder dividers, folders (A4), colored pencils, scissors, markers, thesaurus \*

### Mathematics

- Ruler (imperial and metric) \*
- Protractor \*
- Graph paper (1/2 cm) \*
- Scientific calculator \*

### PE Uniform for Middle School Students

- ICS PE t-shirt - purchase at ICS School Store \*
- ICS PE shorts - purchase at ICS School Store \*
- Proper athletic shoes - bring with you

#### Allowed

Running shoes  
 Cross-trainers  
 Court shoes

#### Not Allowed

High-top basketball shoes  
 Skateboard shoes  
 Slip-on or canvas shoes  
 Hiking shoes

*See the MS/HS Special Clothing Requirements list for photos of the athletic shoes allowed*

### Special Clothing Requirements

Students participating in band, choir, athletics or any school-sponsored international travel will have special clothing requirements. Please see the MS/HS Special Clothing Requirements list.

### Class Colors

During school spirit week, each grade level will dress in their class colors for Class Color Day. Make sure to bring at least a t-shirt in your class color!

- Grade 6: White
- Grade 7: Green
- Grade 8: Purple



## High SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR 2010-11

High school students will receive a planner from ICS at the beginning of the school year.

### General

*\*Available locally or in school store*

- Book bag/backpack
- Notebooks (spiral-bound or loose-leaf) \*
- Binders (3-ring) – 1 small binder per class or larger binders for multiple classes \*
- Pens (black or blue) \*
- Pencils (#2 or HB) and erasers \*
- Pencil case \*
- Pencil sharpener (handheld) \*
- Highlighters \*
- Glue sticks \*
- Pocket or small dictionary \*
- USB flash drive (extras are recommended, as students lose them easily)
- Reusable water bottle (polycarbonate or metal)
- Hat and sun block for physical education class (PE)
- Useful supplies: binder dividers, folders (A4), colored pencils, scissors, markers, thesaurus \*

### Mathematics

- Ruler (imperial and metric) \*
- Protractor \*
- Graph paper (1/2 cm) \*
- Calculator – grades 10-12 must have a graphing calculator (TI-83 or 84); grade 9 may use a scientific calculator unless enrolled in Algebra II/Trigonometry\*

### PE Uniform for High School Students

- ICS PE t-shirt - purchase at ICS School Store \*
- ICS PE shorts - purchase at ICS School Store \*
- Proper athletic shoes - bring with you

#### Allowed

Running shoes  
 Cross-trainers  
 Court shoes

#### Not Allowed

High-top basketball shoes  
 Skateboard shoes  
 Slip-on or canvas shoes  
 Hiking shoes

*See the MS/HS Special Clothing Requirements list for photos of the athletic shoes allowed*

### Special Clothing Requirements

Students participating in band, choir, athletics or any school-sponsored international travel will have special clothing requirements. Please see the MS/HS Special Clothing Requirements list.

### Class Colors

During school spirit week, each grade level will dress in their class colors for Class Color Day. Make sure to bring at least a t-shirt in your class color!

- Grade 9: Yellow
- Grade 10: Red
- Grade 11: Blue
- Grade 12: Black



## MS/HS Special Clothing Requirements

### Band & Choir Performance Clothing Requirements

Students that will be involved in band or choir performances at ICS are required to wear the following items:

#### Boys

- Black slacks
- Dark formal shoes / socks
- White button-up collar shirt
- Dark tie
- Suit jacket (optional)

#### Girls

- Black slacks/black skirt (length no shorter than the knee)
- White blouse (no writing or imprints, needs to be plain)
- Dark formal shoes (flats or short heels)

### International Travel & Athletic Awards Ceremony Dress Requirements

All ICS sports team and activity groups/clubs that travel internationally are required to wear formal attire on the airplane. All students that play on a Middle & High School sports team are required to attend their season's athletic awards ceremony and dress in formal attire

Boys: formal slacks, formal shoes & dress socks, button-up collar shirt and a tie, a suit is optional but preferred

Girls: formal slacks; skirt; dress; formal shoes (flats, heels, etc); fancy blouse. Girls can wear a suit or dress if desired (skirts are to be no shorter than the knee).

### Acceptable Athletic Shoes for PE Class



**Cross Trainer**



**Running Shoe**



**Court/Tennis Shoe**

*Cross trainer – good for lateral movement, running, cushion, ankle support*

*Running shoe – good for running only, not good for court games and lateral movement*

*Tennis shoe – good for court games, not good for running*

### Shoes Not Permitted for PE Class



**Canvas shoes**



**Hightop basketball shoes**



**Sneakers**



**Skateboard shoes**



**Slip on shoes**

*Basketball shoe – good only for basketball, not good for running, tennis, lateral movement*

*Canvas shoe – not good for any sport activities*



**Casual shoes**



**Suede shoes**



**Sandals/Flip-flops**



**Hiking shoes/boots**



**Shoes with no arch support**



## ***Middle and High SCHOOL DRESS CODE***

### **Philosophy and General Statement to Families**

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. One goal of the school program is to teach differentiation of dress and behavior, and by working together to ensure adherence to our dress code at ICS, families, teachers and students will be serving the welfare of all members of our multicultural community. By emphasizing safety, neatness and cleanliness in dress and grooming, we as educators and learners can build self-esteem, sustain self-discipline, and cultivate and celebrate a passion for learning.

- Trousers / pants and shorts must be securely fastened between the waist and hips.
- 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.
- Clothing with advertisements or statements that may inflame or offend (e.g. which promote violence, alcohol, sex, tobacco, drugs, gangs, cults) is prohibited.
- Shorts and skirts must be near the top of the knee or below the knee.
- Hats and headwear may only be worn in class at the discretion of the teacher. Head coverings for religious reasons may be worn at the student's discretion.
- Clothing should be comfortable and not skin-tight.
- Footwear must be worn at all times.
- It is not appropriate to wear sunglasses in classrooms unless there is a medical reason.

PE clothing is a t-shirt and shorts, purchased from the ICS School Store. Students must wear the ICS PE uniform, along with athletic shoes and socks. Hats and a water bottle are also required for outside activities.

For occasions such as concerts, honors assemblies, or college and career days, more formal attire is appropriate and students will be asked to dress up: slacks, button-down shirts or nice blouses, leather shoes, etc. Members of our sports teams are often asked to dress up on the day of a game, or for travel to international tournaments. Students in band or choir will need black slacks and white shirts or blouses (with a tie for the boys).

If a student is not in dress code, s/he will incur the following consequences:

1. The teacher will send the student and/or a note to the Principal and an appropriate item of clothing (e.g., t-shirt, pants, skirt or belt) must be put on. If necessary it will be provided for the remainder of the day and must be returned at the end of the day.
2. A 2<sup>nd</sup> occurrence of choosing not to be in dress code will result in referral to the Principal's Office and contact with the family.
3. A 3<sup>rd</sup> occurrence will result in a 1 day in-school suspension.

# Supplies Available in the ICS School Store



## Notebooks and Paper

- Assignment note book
- Binder clips
- Double pocket folder
- Elementary note book
- Graph paper
- Index cards
- Lined notebooks
- Lined paper
- Sinarline notepads
- Sketch books
- Spiral notebooks
- Theme pad

## Pens, Pencils, Markers, Crayons

- Ballpoint pens
- Colored pencils
- Correction pen
- Crayola crayons
- Crayola markers
- Erasers
- Highlighters
- Mechanical pencils and lead
- Pencil sharpeners
- Pencils - various sizes
- Roller pens

## General Supplies

- Magnets – various sizes
- Binder with 1 inch spine
- Binder with 2 inch spine
- BlueStik Reusable Adhesive Putty
- Colored index tabs
- Elmer's glue
- Glue stick
- Highland Post-it Notes
- Paperclip dispenser
- Paper clips
- Playdoh
- Punch - one hole
- Rubber bands
- Rulers
- Safe-T tape measure 5'
- Safety pins
- Scissors
- Steel t-pins
- Transparent tape

## Art Supplies

- Art envelope
- Artist sketch pad
- Creta Color Drawing Set
- Earth Friend Portfolio
- General Sketch-mate Set

## Math Tools

- Compass bow
- Math set
- Pocket calculator
- Protractor
- T1-84 Plus Calculator

## Accessories

- Clipboard
- Lockermate Magnetic Locker Box
- Lockermate Magnetic Mirror
- Magnetic pencil cups
- Markerboard easels
- Nylon school bag
- Pencil bag
- Plastic utility boxes

## Clothing

- Kids compass
- Canvas book bags
- PE shorts (required for MS/HS students)
- PE t-shirt (required for MS/HS students)
- PE soccer socks
- Team t-shirt for practice

## Data Storage

- Flash disk / USB drive
- Recordable CDs and DVDs
- Rewritable CDs and DVDs

## Reference Materials

- 501 Spanish Verbs
- English, French and Spanish Dictionaries – various sizes
- Elementary yearbook
- High School yearbook
- Thesaurus - Roget's II

## Other

- Mobile pre-pay cards