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Important Notices for All Parents

Last Day of School—Thursday 16 June

MS Awards Assembly: 8:00 AM in the gym
HS Awards Assembly: 9:15 AM in the gym
Grades 1-12 Farewell Assembly: 10:30 in the gym
Dismissal: 12 noon for all students

There will be no lunch served on 16 June, except for kindergarten students.

Summer Hours

Office hours: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday to Friday

Library hours: 9:00 AM to 12 noon, Saturdays from 18 June to 6 August

If you need to meet with a specific person in an office, please contact us ahead of time, to make sure the person will be available to meet you. The ICS Info email account will be monitored throughout the summer.

ICS Summer Camp Information

A special welcome to parents and students who are returning to ICS for another exciting summer camp of fun and educational activities. Our summer camp includes arts and crafts, computers, sports and games, and language arts, with the theme “TEAM” (Together Everyone Achieves More). The sessions start at 8:30 AM and end at 12 noon.

On the first day of camp, children should go to the gym where they will be notified of their groups and their everyday routine. There will be a recess for which children are required to bring their own snack and drink. There will be supervision starting at 8:15 AM and finishing at 12:15 PM. Please make sure to pick up your child from the gym at 12 noon; after 12:15 PM, children must be picked up from the reception area.

Thank you for your trust in us in sending your children to this unique program. Please feel free to contact us at 011-371-1544 during school hours should you need further information.

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2011-12 Supply Lists Available

Supply/stationery lists for next year are available on our website, on the [downloads page](#).

Tuition and Fees Invoices Sent Home

The tuition and fee bills for school year 2011-12 have been sent home with students on 6 June. Please check with your youngest child. If you did not receive an invoice and your child is returning to ICS next year, please contact the ICS Business Office. First semester tuition and fees must be paid by 2 September 2011.

Have a great summer!

Board News

The ICS Board of Governors for the 2010-11 school year reports on its activities in the past year: click [here](#).

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The Talking Head**Jim Laney, Director**

Thanks! ...and safe travels!

I know all students, parents and staff members would agree with me that this has been a busy school year at ICS Addis! In every way our teachers and staff members, along with our dedicated parent volunteers, have “ramped up” our program to offer even more to our children. More learning, more activities, more sports, more technology, more music & art...this list goes on!

I’m proud of our Grade 11 &12 students for taking such challenging courses and for being so involved in our IB program. The credit goes to our teachers who’ve inspired confidence and given them the foundational learning experiences to succeed in rigorous IB coursework. I’m also proud of our leadership team for functioning at such a high level of trust and teamwork, and for making the ICS Mission, not personal advancement, their number one priority this year. My personal thanks go to the leadership team for their support and positive “can-do” spirit this year.

This year, 231 staff members helped us achieve our mission of providing a “learner-centered, holistic” academic and co-curricular program to the largest student body in our 46-year history! Everyone—from our security staff at the gate, to our crews setting up for assemblies, meetings and special events, to our teachers and TAs—everyone has worked hard this year to ensure that our program’s quality remained high in the midst of change and growth. On Friday last week we celebrated the loyalty and commitment of all our staff members with a special ceremony. Our 231 staff members have given over 1300 years of service to ICS Addis...a number all the more impressive when you realize that many of our employees were hired within the past two years in response to our growth!

I also want to thank our many volunteers and other parents who have been so supportive of our school programs this year. Our children learn better when parents are engaged and supportive.

Finally, on behalf of our loyal and devoted faculty and staff, let me extend my best wishes to all our families as the school year races to the finish line. Whether you are returning to ICS Addis in August or finding your way to new cities and new schools next year, I wish you all a wonderful summer, safe travels and a good landing.

Elementary News*To Students Entering Grade 5 Next Year:*

Please be aware that grade 5 students will be starting band next year. Betty Chang and Olaf Boelson will be leading students in the exciting world of ensemble instrument playing and performance. Students will have input into instrument selection when we get back in August. Grade 5 band is mandatory and will take place from 7:45-8:30 AM on Mondays and Thursdays.

Elementary Class Placement for 2011-12

Hubert Gordon would like to share with you the process we use to place students in their respective class groupings and answer some frequently asked questions. Click [here](#) for full article.

High School News*From the Principal—Joyce Halsey*

As we conclude a busy year in the ICS high school, I would like to thank each student and parent for your enthusiasm and efforts this year. We have accomplished a lot as individuals and collectively, and focusing on learning helped us all work together productively. A special thank you to the Student Council and the National Honor Society, two student leadership groups who made real contributions to our school. From the dozens of Student Council-organized activities (including a great end-of-year barbecue on Tuesday evening) to the great NHS idea to organize study groups, tips, and healthy snacks during June exams, our students have made so many positive contributions to the life of the school.

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Wednesday's "ICS Cares" service day also provided service learning opportunities to our students, an area of learning that we will continue to develop next year. Service Learning is more than just community service, in how students are guided to develop and apply their own learning while addressing a need or a social injustice in a positive way. See [Service + Learning = Service Learning](#) for a clear picture of how this looks.

IBDP Results will be released on 6 July

Our seniors and a few juniors will be eagerly awaiting their final IB results, which will be released on Wednesday 6 July at 12.30 GMT. Students have received their PIN codes to access their results online. For more information about IB results, requesting a re-sit for an exam, etc., please click [here](#).

Grade 11 into 12:

The summer of the Extended Essay - easy tips to get ahead (*from Oxford Study Courses, by permission*)

Summer is around the corner, what are your plans? Relaxing, long warm days, hammocks, the beach, hanging out with friends....

These are just some things you can do amongst getting ahead of your IB studies. Summer is the perfect time to deal with the Extended Essay (EE). Tim Williams, one of OSC's experienced IB teachers has given some tips to help get you ahead with your EE this summer:

1. **Easy housekeeping job:** Get the bibliography up to date, and in the right format
2. **Interesting and useful:** Meet people who can help with the research
3. **Small but vital:** Check your research question
4. **Painful but labour saving:** Try writing a plan (NOT a draft)
5. **Really easy 10 minute job:** Re-read the assessment criteria, and notes with them
6. **Useful job:** Break down the EE into manageable steps

Tech Talk

John Iglar's [Blog](#)

Summer project ideas from John Iglar: click [here](#).

PTA News

The PTA would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer. Thanks to everyone who has helped with our various events over the past year. For those leaving Addis, we wish you the best in your endeavors and will miss you. Please keep in touch and share ideas. We hope next year will be equally successful which is why we'd like to ask all returning parents to bring back some candy for next year's trick-or-treat activity. You may also want to look into new costumes from your home countries for the costume parade!

In other PTA news, we will be holding a PTA retreat on Saturday 27 August from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM (location TBA). The purpose of the retreat will be to determine the vision of the PTA and from there, define roles of our main positions and determine the activities that fit within the vision that is created. We would to invite all interested parents and teachers to participate in this event. If you would like to have a voice in how the PTA is run and what it does, then please consider coming to this retreat. Contact tanya-barnett35@hotmail.com if you would like to come.

Finally, the **3rd edition of the ICS Welcome Guide** has been completed and is available [here](#). If you already have a hard copy of the 2nd edition, there is an update file available which includes only the changes in the 3rd edition. Thanks to Anna Bouma for taking the time to provide these updates!

Calendar *Items in italics are changes from a previous issue*

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Summer Vacation!

- Monday 15 AugustOrientation Day for New Students
- Tuesday 16 August.....First Day of School for All Students