

**PREVIEW
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THE WEEKLY

News from The International School of Havana

From the Principal

Welcome back to the second part of Term 2

I trust everyone was able to enjoy a safe and enjoyable few days away and that the students in the external examination grade levels used the time wisely to ensure all work that must be submitted to the examining boards has been completed to the very best standard possible and is ready for submission.

I thank everyone involved for the many and various activities during the last week of the first part of the term and look forward to the coming half term with great anticipation.

Re-enrolment for 2012-2013

Please complete and return as soon as possible, the re-enrolment form. If you receive *The Weekly* electronically and cannot print out the form, please request a paper copy from the receptionist at either the Main or Calle 20 Campus. It will be helpful for our planning to know what your plans are so please, even if there is no certainty at this time, let us know the most likely scenario.

School Fees for Term 3 & New US Treasury License

School Fees for Term 3 are due on the first day of Term – Monday April 16. The deadline for Term 3 fees is April 30, 2012.

If you are intending to pay by wire transfer, please make sure that the exact details of the school's account appears on the transfer instructions as the slightest discrepancy can result in delay or failure to achieve the transfer.

This is particularly true if you try to transfer funds to the school's account in the United States.

For payments to the United States, I am pleased to tell you that the school received a new US Treasury License last week. The number of that new OFAC License should be referenced on all transfers to the school's bank account in the US. The License number is available in the Finance Office; it is hoped that the new license will remove most of the issues we have experienced in the past with payments to that bank account, but still the utmost care and attention needs to be given to make sure that payment instructions are 100% accurate.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Ian Morris
Director

From the Secondary School

On Wednesday, March 7, we will organise a 'university fair' for Grades 10 and 11. As it is almost impossible to have representatives from universities come to Havana, the teachers and some parents will

present information on the university they attended or another university they know about. The talk will be about the courses offered, how to apply, what are the requirements, costs of the university and if there are

scholarships available. All Grades 10 and 11 students and parents are welcome to attend. It will be in the library at 4:00 p.m.

We are looking into the end of year trips. All Secondary School students except Grades 10 to 12 are going on a three-day trip from June 18 to 20. This trip is meant to help students get in contact with the Cuban environment, culture and society and will help students to get to know

each other better and say goodbye to the ones that are leaving. The activities planned are curriculum based and help students to learn in another way. As such, attendance on these trips is mandatory. Since the beginning of 2012, we introduced "Ask an Expert" for

students in Grade 11 and 12.. Students can use their homework periods to find an expert and clear their doubts. This does not need to be their regular teacher, but can be any other they feel can help them. Already many, especially older, students use this opportunity.

Richard Fluit
Head of Secondary School

From the Lower School

Welcome back! Assembly this week will be led by Grade 4, on Thursday March 1 at 8:10 a.m. Thank you to the parents who supported us during Mother Language Day.

Do you love organizing and tidying? If so, and if you are willing to donate your time, the Lower School teachers are looking for some parents to help overhaul the reading cupboards. If you are keen to help out, please contact Miss Georgie.

Georgina Schofield
Head of Lower School

International Women's Day

Photography Contest

A Photo Competition to celebrate International Women's Day will be held over the coming week. The Theme is "Women in action" (everyday life and outstanding exploits). There are 2 Categories: Lower School and Secondary School. Submissions of up to two photos each can be made to Isabella Rossi, Grade 7 no later than Monday, March 5.

For more information speak to Ms. Mariela B, Ms. Xismara, Ms. Eileen or Ms. Yanet.

Women's Day Committee

From the Arts

The Music Department invites you to a "Musical Moment"
At Primary Assembly
Thursday, March 1st at 8:10 a.m.
We will present: Ana and Isabella from Grade 6 on the piano and Mauricio from Grade 8 on the drums.

At Secondary Assembly
Wednesday, February 29 at 10:05 a.m.
We will present: Rocco on the guitar and Benny on the piano both from Grade 5, as well as Maria Jose from Grade 3, on the piano.

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From Extra Curricular

Unfortunately there are some Extra Curricular Activities where there are insufficient students attending for us to continue running the activity. We will stop running the activities listed in the table below from Tuesday, February 28. As you can see there is still a wide variety of alternate activities for students to choose from. If your child is affected by these cancellations and wishes to take part in another activity, they should simply go to the new activity this week and the registers will be updated at that time.

Day	Activity to be Canceled	Group	Other Options Available
Monday	Puzzles and Board games	Kinder-G2	Kickball, Puppets and Drama, Chess, Singing, Table Tennis
	Art Workshop	G3-G5	Helping Animals, Gymnastic, Table Tennis, Who you really are (H.A.T.)
	Spanish Dancing Learning Veterinary	G6-up	Singing, Soccer
Tuesday	Puzzles and Board games	Kinder-G2	Ballet, Arts and Crafts, Spanish Dancing, Table Tennis, Soccer, Story Time, Tennis (G2)
	Cuban and International Dancing	G6-up	Soccer, Solving Mysteries (H.A.T.), Cultural Club, Beach Rugby
Thursday	Gymnastics	Kinder-G2	Computer Games, Soccer, Story Maker, Martial Arts, Painting and Coloring, Music and Painting
	Gymnastics Arts and Crafts Kickball Gymnastics	G3-G5	Ceramics, Tennis, Cuban and International Dancing, Helping Animals, Chess
	Ceramics Chess Aerobics Tennis Cuban and International Dancing	G6-up	Sign language, Soccer
	Art Workshop	EY2-EY3	Painting and Coloring
Friday	Puzzles and Board Games Postcards and Dioramas	Kinder-G2	Art Workshop, Ballet, Chess, Helping Animals, Table Tennis, Basketball
	Singing	G3-G5	Computer Games, Ballet, Drama, Chess, Spanish Dancing, Table Tennis, Basketball, Martial Arts

We are happy to announce a new activity for secondary students: Sign Language on Thursday afternoons. We should also have some other offerings next week so, watch this space! If you would like more information on any of the activities on offer, please come and see Mr Julio.

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From the PTA

ISH GALA 2012

The ISH Gala 2012 will take place on March 17, 2012, 8:00 p.m., at the Hotel Sevilla.

Paying homage to our host country the PTA will organise a "Cuban Night" with local food, dance, music and a raffle. Ticket sales will start on March 5, 2012 during school hours. As in previous years, reservations of complete tables will be possible. As we have limited space, please make your booking early!

Don't miss it!!!!

The PTA

PE Uniform

While discussing the production of the new school PE uniforms with the manufacturer the idea of shoes was discussed.

The manufacturer made this proposal: [see the full edition for a picture ED]

What do you all think about these shoes? They could cost about approximately 19 Euro per pair, but we need to accept 350 pairs in different sizes.

The colour will match the new PE uniforms and would be an optional addition. After the school break a sample will be available for you to have a look at and to place your orders.

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