**Annual Swimming Gala – 2nd October 2015**

Dear Parents / Guardians

We are fast approaching the Swim Gala on the 2nd October. This is a fun and exciting event that our students look forward to year after year. Please read the important information in this letter carefully and contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

**It will be held at CCAB pool: 21 Evans Road, Singapore, 259366.**

For further directions follow the map link:

[Swim venue map](http://www.streetdirectory.com/asia_travel/travel/travel_id_29414/travel_site_27152/5/?x=368575.1843&y=145780.9967)

The Gala will start at 8:45am and finish at 12:00pm. It is compulsory for all Middle school students to attend. Students are expected to wear their swimming kit with a t-shirt in their house colour and ISS PE shorts over the top (students wearing longer swimming short will not be required to wear ISS shorts over the top). If a student is unable to participate for any reason then they must present a signed note to their homeroom teacher and be dressed in their house colors and PE shorts. There will be no food available for purchase at the gala so all students must have a packed lunch and snacks with them.

Transport will be provided for Middle School students to and from the venue. Middle School buses will run as normal in the morning and upon arrival at the Paterson Campus, the Elementary students will be dropped off and the Middle School pupils will go directly to their homeroom for registration. Once registration is completed, the students will board the bus to the venue. Students who come to school by their own means can either go directly to the pool for 8:30am or go to school first (before 7:45am) and take the provided transport from there.

Below is a link form that all parents/ guardians **must** fill out regarding their intentions for the students getting to and from the gala. No student will be able to leave the gala on their own if they do not have permission to do so.

Please compete the form by following the link:

[Swim Gala travel permission form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1OpbjJ-TSXVCQk07vOS3TQVU6_9ziwBoUJUIvtBPmY3M/viewform?usp=send_form)

Students are advised to bring the following with them:

* Appropriate swimming costumes-no bikini’s or long board shorts please.
* Towel, goggles, ear plugs, nose plugs, and cap, as required
* Students MUST wear their house colors to the Gala and bring a towel. This is still a school event and short shorts and tank tops are not appropriate.
* Sunscreen and a hat.
* Please do not bring MP3's or other valuables that may get misplaced or lost. These may be confiscated if being used during the Swim Gala.

The gala will end at around 12:00 pm. Homeroom teachers will register the pupils at this time and either take them to the buses or release to parents/ guardians if you have stated this on the form attached. Please note middle school pupils will have priority on buses and there may not be space for parents and guardians to travel back to the Paterson Road campus.

Parents, guardians, friends and family are all warmly invited to attend and cheer on the students. In the event of a thunderstorm, the gala may have to be delayed and perhaps even cancelled, in which case students will return back to ISS until 12:00 when they will be dismissed. There will be no supervision on the Middle School campus for students after 12:00. Please note: families who have students in Elementary School – ES students have a regular school day and school buses will run as normal at 2.30pm.

We look forward to a fun morning of swimming with lots of friendly competition.

Ms. Katie Allan and Ms. Ashley Sequoia

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