



Independence
CHARTER SCHOOL

PTA

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to the Winter Club Schedule. Our goal is to offer a variety of fun and educational after school options for your children. Club descriptions and registrations forms are attached.

- New this trimester: **2nd Graders are now eligible!** Also, all club times will run from 4pm-5pm (except Weds., which will run from 3pm-4pm).
- We are charging a **\$60 club fee** for the 10-week Winter trimester. This fee covers salaries for our club teachers plus money for snacks for our “clubbers” and is non-refundable if a child misses a club day due to sickness or any other reason.
- **Registration is limited** to between 15 to 20 kids per club. **Minimum of 5 kids** for a club to be offered.
- Registration is on a **first come/first serve basis**.
- Parents/Guardians are required to sign a liability release and a behavior contract (attached). **A strict “three strikes” policy will be enforced**, particularly as it applies to late pickup (**with a \$10 late fee**).
- We are pleased to continue the “Science Explorers” program this trimester. We are also adding “Penciltopia,” a filmmaking program. **Please note that they each have a separate registration form.** These clubs will cost \$160 for the 10-week session, which includes all materials and staffing.
- In addition to the after-school clubs, the PTA is excited to offer the chance to students and their parents or caregivers to come **read in the library on Friday afternoons**. There will be no fee for this activity.

A parent or caregiver MUST accompany any child who plans on participating. We are also limited in the number of families that we can accommodate, so it is important and necessary that you sign up with the PTA by emailing pta@icscharter.com by the Wednesday of the week you will be planning on joining us in the library.

Participating students will be dismissed at the regular dismissal time to a parent or caregiver waiting on Lombard Street. Once regular dismissal is complete, the participating families can enter the school from Lombard Street.

- ***Please note that sibling care will not be provided. The PTA is unable to offer the service at this time.***

Winter clubs will run from Monday, January 9 to Monday, March 17, 2012. This club request form must be signed and returned to the front office (attention PTA Clubs) with your payment by Wednesday December 21st.

For more info, contact Susan Burrows at susanb@icscharter.com or Maureen Eagen at moeagen@comcast.net, or 215-498-6195.

Club Registration (Descriptions Attached)

Child's name _____ Grade _____ Advisory Tr. _____

Parent's name _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Monday (4pm-5pm)	Tuesday (4pm-5pm)	Wednesday (3pm-4pm)	Thursday (4pm-5pm)	Friday (4pm-5pm)
Scrabble, Grades 4-8 Tr. Bernice	Chess, Grades 3-5 Tr. Auston	Yoga, Grades 2-6 Tr. Josephine	Drama, Grades 4-8 Tr. LaVeta	No clubs
Science Explorers, Grades 2-5 Tr. Julie (use sep. form)	Knitting Club, Grades 3-5 M. Adrienne	Chinese, Grades 2-8 Tr. Shu-Ping	Reading Olympics, Grades 3-8, Trs. Amy & Dana	
Boys Club, Grades 3-5 Dean Kareem	Word Games, Grades 4-8 Tr. Julie	Chess, Grades 6-8 Tr. Auston	Girls Club, Grades 5-8 Tr. Karima	
Step Club, Grades 4-8 Tr. Ericka	Boys Club, Grades 6-8 Dean Kareem	Girls Club, Grades 2-4 Tr. Karima	Penciltopia, Grades 2-5 Tr. Lindsay (use sep. form)	
Beginners Chess, Grades 2-3 Tr. Auston	Spanish Fun, Grades 2-5 M. Kelly			

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1 st Choice	_____	_____	_____	_____
2 nd Choice	_____	_____	_____	_____

Total Number of Clubs: _____

Amount Paid (\$60 per 10-week club): _____

(Checks can be made out to ICS PTA, or you can pay online by clicking the link at www.icspta.org)

Please check one:

Payment Enclosed

Paid Online

Club Dismissal Information

My child (name) _____ **will go home in the following way:**

At pickup he/she will (choose one):

- be picked up by a parent/guardian in front of the school;
- take SEPTA home (Middle School Students Only);
- walk to meet me at my place of employment (Middle School Students Only).

If your child will be picked up by someone other than a parent/guardian, please note names of authorized person/people. ID may be requested at time of pick-up. _____

This signature indicates my permission for my child to participate in the after-school club program, and my instructions regarding his/her travel home.

PARENT NAME (Please Print): _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

2012 Winter Club Descriptions

New This Winter:

Boys Club (for grades 3-8)

BOOT CAMP FOR BOYS

Join **Dean Kareem** as he hosts two Boys Clubs this winter that will give boys the opportunity to discuss issues that are uniquely related to them. Specifically, boys in grades 3-5 will cover topics like self-esteem, team building, and character development. In addition, the boys will develop skills that will help them in their future transition into middle school. Middle school boys in grades 6-8 will talk about peer pressure, high school planning and study skills. In addition, middle school boys will work on creating life skill maps that will assist them during the upcoming months and years.

Step Club (for grades 4-8)

READY FOR A WORKOUT?

“Stepping” is a dance form in which your entire body is used as an instrument to produce elaborate rhythms and sounds through footwork, hand claps and spoken word. Students: challenge yourself and sign up! This club will prove to be intensely fun! Step Up and join **Tr. Ericka**, 4th grade Enhanced teacher. She’s fierce, she’s fun and she’ll get you moving!

Beginner Chess (for grades 2-3)

CHECKMATE!

Learn the basics of the game through step by step instruction, Well-known and well-liked **Tr. Auston**, who works with 2nd graders at ICS, will continue his reign as the go-to chess guy!

Knitting Club (for grades 3-5)

KNIT ONE, PEARL TWO

Have you ever wanted to make a scarf for your BFF? A sweater for your dog? Booties for your neighbors newborn? Here’s the perfect opportunity to learn the basics or new stitches from a seasoned pro. Materials included. **M. Adrienne Lindstrom**, 4th grade Immersion teacher, will reprise her role as the knitting grandmaster.

Word Games Club (for grades 4-8)

“WORD UP”

If you love board games, this club is for you! This club offers an assortment of Word Games that are just dying to come out of their boxes and be played: Boggle, Scrabble, Bananagrams, You Got Sentenced!, Apples to Apples, Balderdash, and Last Word to name a few. Join 8th grade teacher, **Tr. Julie**, as she shares her love of words with you.

Chinese (for grades 2-8)

LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE

In addition to learning Chinese, students will learn about Chinese culture and customs as well as idioms and habitual thinking patterns in the Chinese language. All in all, the goal is to help the students become well-rounded Chinese speakers. We welcome new instructor **Shu-Ping** to ICS.

Reading Olympics (for grades 3-8)

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, READ!

Join **Tr. Amy** (reading specialist) and **Tr. Dana** (3rd grade Enhanced) in a reading extravaganza that culminates with a city-wide competition towards the end of the school year. This is a dream-come-true-club for those students who love to read. This “training” will no doubt enhance reading skills and improve reading levels. Reading materials included.

Penciltopia Animation Club (for grades 2-5) (see separate registration form)

“AND...ACTION!”

Penciltopia is a filmmaking experience that enables students to collaborate on their own stop-motion animated short films. Students will learn to tell a story visually and are active participants in the film making process from start to finish. This is an exciting club that works for a variety of learning styles; kinetic, verbal, and visual. At the end of the session, there will be a screening of their film and student receive their own DVD. Penciltopia instructor **Lindsay Gilbert** hails from New York and is looking forward to creating film magic with the students of ICS.

Continuing Clubs:

Scrabble (for grades 4-8)

COME PLAY SCRABBLE: NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

If you love words, enjoy competition or like to play board games, then Scrabble Club is for you. Don’t worry if you have never played before...I guarantee I will turn you into a champion! You will learn many new words, great strategies for high points, and have the opportunities to go to city championships and meet other Philly kids to compete and play for great prizes. *Instructor: Bernice Sherman, who ran the Scrabble Club at Greenfield School. Extensive background in education, tutoring and graphic design. (BS in Ed; Masters in Gifted Education.)*

Yoga (for grades 2-6)

COME AND DE-STRESS AFTER A HARD DAY IN THE CLASSROOM.

Yoga this Winter will continue to focus on breathing, individual and partner poses, games and actions. There will be tips on no-waste lunch, build on focus, and learning ways to deal with frustration and stress (something that everyone could use!). There will be lots of fun and games while learning to treat the world and people, especially themselves, kinder. *Instructor: ICS parent & yoga instructor Josephine Hing is a certified yoga instructor. She practices Anusara. Josi has held staff workshops at ICS and has substituted for ICS Yoga clubs in the past. She is very excited to be sharing her love of yoga to ICS students in grades 2 through 8. Josephine is fully aware of the diversity of ICS and her practice with children will not have any religious undertones.*

Spanish Fun & Games (for grades 2-5)

COME AND GET YOUR SPANISH ON!

We are going to be learning new games in Spanish, including singing, practicing our speaking and of course getting some support with homework. This

will be educational but also a whole lot of fun!

Instructor: M. Kelly has been with ICS for several years and has worked with all elementary grader levels throughout her years at ICS. She has also conducted Spanish workshops and camps during the summer for children of all ages.

Chess (for grades 3-5)

GRANDMASTERS AT ICS

Students are invited to the exciting world of chess! All levels welcome, from “chess masters” to “I have no idea what these pieces are” beginners. This club provides a safe, friendly environment for students to develop critical thinking skills, sportsmanship and most importantly have fun! Grades covered include 2nd through 8th grade.

Instructor: Tr. Auston, like M. Kelly, has been with ICS for many years. Most notably with Tr. Barb in 5th grade. He knows practically all the students and has taught after school chess for a few years. He’s very tall. He’s very good at chess. And he’s lots of fun!

CAYA/Girls Club (for grades 2-8)

BOOT CAMP FOR TWEEN/TEEN GIRLS

CAYA is a creative, engaging, and fun “boot” camp for young girls. This program was developed to support young girls and their sense of self-awareness and help them gain a stronger love of self. CAYA focuses on goal setting and academic success through hands on fun and creative activities. A wide range of topics will be covered including body image & self acceptance, health & nutrition, family & communication, “girl drama” and bullying prevention & resolutions.

Instructor: ICS Parent Karima Roepel-Gadsden is a life coach and facilitator specializing in teenage girls and those in the teen support system: parents, teachers and local government advocates. Karima is thrilled to bring her expertise to the young girls of ICS and help them navigate through these critical developmental years.

Science Explorers (for grades 2-5)

(see separate registration form)

Two new science topics will be explored this winter: Crime Scene Capers and Super Duper Product Sleuthers! Detailed descriptions of these two topics can be found on the Science Explorers registration form attached to this packet.

Instructor: Tr. Julie, best known as an awesome middle school language arts teacher, will be teaching Science Explorers this Fall. She is very excited about the prospect of getting to know some of the younger, up and coming ICS scientists. This club features a variety of hands on activities and all supplies & materials are provided.

Drama (for grades 4-8)

“TO BE OR NOT TO BE”

This club will be focusing on a dramatic rendition of a play written by an ICS alumni. This club will continue to help students develop public speaking skills through various fun and engaging skits and exercises. *Instructor: Tr. LaVeta will once again teach drama to ICS students in grades 4-8.*