



# ISPS Weekly Newsletter

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**Vision:**

*ISPS will strive to be one of the premier international schools.*

**Mission:**

*ISPS will provide an outstanding educational programme for both international and resident families who want their children to pursue higher education.*

## From the Director

Dear Parents,

We have had a very positive first week of school. Students are settling in well and already getting involved in our sports' programs, with volleyball beginning this week. We opened with 457 students from more than 33 countries and expect the number will grow throughout the month of September. We are excited to begin the 2008-09 school year, our 15<sup>th</sup> year providing a high quality international education.

Our new Parent Teacher Organization officers held their first meeting on Tuesday evening to begin planning many exciting events for this year. The PTO will need your help to make these activities successful and this is a meaningful way you can become involved in the school. One of the first events initiated by the PTO is a series of "coffee mornings" for each grade level. These provide you an opportunity to become acquainted with other parents and learn more about our school and the PTO. Keep an eye out for the time and place for your child's grade level gathering. *Get Involved, we need you!*

The Board of Directors also met on Tuesday evening. The Board reviewed progress toward last year's goals and began to plan for the many im-

portant activities slated for this year, including authorization by the International Baccalaureate Programme for the Primary Years Programme and reaccreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. As the new Director of the school, it is great to see the level of dedication of the Board and know their primary interest is for ISPS to be the best school possible.

As most of you are aware, ISPS has a new uniform policy this year. It is important that all students consistently comply to the policy as they represent ISPS. As such, the principals and I will conscientiously follow the dress code guidelines, (which are printed later in this newsletter). The biggest issue with uniforms right now is that not all students are wearing **completely black shoes and white socks that are visible.** We understand that some families had difficulty finding completely black shoes over the summer but ask that you attempt to do this again. We will give all students a week to sort out the appropriate shoes and will insist on the proper attire by Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. We have confirmed the appropriate shoes are available at The Falls shopping mall at Payless shoes, as well as at Sports and Games, (where we bought them for my daughter

after the airline lost her suitcase).

I understand that some parents may think this is a trivial issue but I do not want this to be a problem as the year progresses. ISPS is a uniform school and we expect all students to comply with the dress code. Starting the week of September 8<sup>th</sup> we will be sending students home who are not wearing the proper clothing. I encourage you to give me a call at school if you have any questions or concerns about this policy or the uniform guidelines.

In closing, I want to say that my family and I are delighted to be a part of ISPS. I hope that all of the new families are settling in well and that your children enjoyed this first week of school. I look forward to a great year of learning and friendship.



***Happy Independence Day to Trinidad and Tobago!***

Eric Larson

### Dates for your Diary:

- Sep 1: **Independence Day Holiday**
- Sep 2: Coffee Morning: Gd K
- Sep 3: Coffee Morning: Gd. 1  
**MS New Parent Orientation 7:45sm**
- Sep 4: Coffee Morning: Gd 2  
**ES PYP Meeting for New Parents @ 7:45am**
- Sep 5: Coffee Morning: Gd 3
- Sep 8: Coffee Morning: Gd 6
- Sep 9: Coffee Morning: Gd 4
- Sep 10: Coffee Morning: Gd 8
- Sep 11: Coffee Morning Gd. 5



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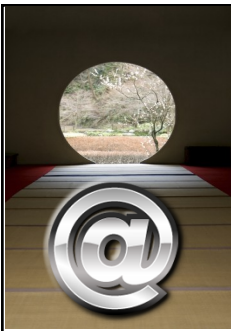
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**To All Our New Families**

***Celebrating 15 Years of Excellence***

***Website: <http://www.isps.edu.tt>***



# ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

## ISPS IS GOING GREEN!

Over the last couple of years, ISPS has been known to be active in environmental awareness projects such as recycling programs and beach clean up activities.

In an effort to continue this trend we will be distributing the weekly newsletter via e-mail to our parent and staff community from Friday September 12th. with the mindset of doing our part in saving trees and preserving as much of our natural environment as possible.

In this regard, we are asking that the enclosed Data Information Sheet be completed by all families so that we can update our database to ensure that you do not miss any issues.

As in the past, the newsletter will be posted on the school's website by Friday afternoon. **Please note that hardcopies will only be distributed to you upon a written request received by the Admission's Office.**



### CAFETERIA MENU:

Sept 2nd-5th

**Mon 1st:** Independence Day Holiday (No School)

**Tue 2nd:** Cajun Fried Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, Freshly Baked Biscuits, Cole Slaw & Fresh Fruit Juice

**Wed 3rd:** Beef Soup, Minestrone Soup and Chicken Noodle Soup, Fresh Fruit Cups, Bread Rolls & Fresh Fruit Juice

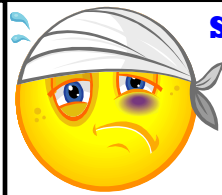
**Thu 4th:** Stuffed Chicken, Grilled Fish, Macaroni Pie, Corn Pilaff, Glazed Vegetables, Mixed Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice

**Fri 5th:** Stewed Chicken, Fish Creole, Ochro Rice, Dumplings, Lentils, Calaloo, Pickled Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice.

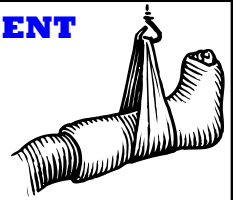
*Note: Vegetarian meals are available upon request. Students & Staff who suffer from allergies or have dietary requirements, please let the café know in advance so that they can try to facilitate you.*

**Prices for Lunch: Small: \$20.70 Large: \$25.30**

**Other Available Items:** Sandwiches, Fresh Fruit Juices, Milk Drinks, Pre-packed Juices, Cut Fruits, Freshly Baked Pastries & Snack Items



## STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE



ALGICO Student

### Personal Accident Plan

The Board of Directors is committed to the well-being of the student body at ISPS and together with ALGICO, a local insurance company, is offering a Student Personal Accident Protection Plan offering accidental injury coverage.

Registration forms are available at the Front Office from Ms. Hazel for those returning families who are interested in renewing their subscriptions for the 2008-2009 academic year and our New Families can also register via the form/forms enclosed in your acceptance packages.

Please complete and return the application along with the relevant remittance of \$47.50 TT dollars, (the premium per child), if you are interested in renewing your subscription or now applying for one.

Forms are to be returned to the front office addressed to Mrs. Lee-Rique and subscriptions can be paid either by cash or cheque.



## Announcing the 2008-2009

### PTO Executive Board

**President:** Ewen Denning

**Vice Presidents:** Debra De Montrichard

Maria de los Reyes

**Treasurer:** Lee Bayne

**Secretary:** Sarah Dalrymple

*The PTO would like to welcome returning and new families to the school community. We look forward to a great year!*

If you would like to offer your assistance to the PTO please contact Sarah Dalrymple at 715-8190 or e-mail [sassemike@yahoo.com](mailto:sassemike@yahoo.com)



# PTO Uniform Service Committee

The PTO Uniform Service Committee monitors the Lost & Found. There are 4 Lost and Found boxes: Cafeteria, Outside PE Change Rooms, Upstairs outside the Principals' Administrative Assistant's office and Outside Art lockers.

## LABEL YOUR STUDENTS' UNIFORMS!!!!!!

- ◇ Name & grade labeled items are returned to students when found.
- ◇ Items are left in the L&F boxes for 1 month, displayed at the end of the month in the cafeteria, and then unclaimed items become part of the Committee's Uniform Sale inventory and non uniform items are donated to charity.
- ◇ Items of value, when found are given to the Receptionist or Security

The Committee has for sale or trade "experienced" uniforms . We have a large stock of ES girls skirts/culottes (sizes 4,6,8,14) and boys navy shorts (sizes 8,10,12) Check the PTO web page for a complete list of items available. Prices are 70% off new!

## WANTED-UNIFORM DONATIONS.

Clear out those unused uniforms that no longer fit. Leave at the front desk labeled: J. Fondyga. Especially needed: ES gym shorts, gym T-shirts and boys Khaki pants.

Uniform sales are held throughout the school year. Notices are placed in the Newsletter plus, sales or trades are always available by calling Jo-Anne Fondyga (632-3115/756-6693). Uniforms for trade must be in good condition.

The PTO Uniform Service Committee is made up of parent volunteers. All parents are welcome to participate. Contact Jo-Anne, Co-ordinator.



GRADE	DATE	HOST	PHONE NO.
PK	Sept 15th	Brenda Duthie	724-7645
K	Sept 2nd	Charlene Hart	741-0288
1	Sept 3rd	Linda Lummus	480-9478
2	Sept 4th	Debra de Montrichard	788-8949
3	Sept 5th	Lori Hupp	682-7869
4	Sept 9th	Helen Denning	472-7752
5	Sept 11th	Anita Reid	724-8672
6	Sept 8th	Kai Lombard	735-7926
7	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TO BE ADVISED</b>	
8	Sept 10th	Carolyn Fryar	633-0222
9	Sept 12th	Gaye Pickering	622-7440
10	Sept 16th	Maria Rahael	633-8533
11	Sept 16th	Juliette Hadad	622-6768
12	<b>TBA</b>	Patti Clark	628-1027

*Invitations with directions to the appropriate host location & time of the scheduled event will be sent home with your child or children at a later date at least three (3) days prior to the event via the class teacher*

*For further information, please feel free to contact Debra de Montrichard at 632-5045 (h) or 788-8949 (c)*



## Notice to All Families

**Please complete the attached Information Data Sheet and return it to the Admission Department as soon as possible.**

**This information will be used to update the family directory, school's database, emergency phone tree, Nurse's emergency contacts and generate the electronic newsletter e-mail address listing**

# Athletics

## Athletic News

On behalf of the P.E. teachers, the coaches and myself I would like to welcome back all returning and new athletes and their families and a very warm Caiman welcome to all our new families. Congratulations to all those who participated in camps. I hope that your newly acquired or improved skills will be an asset to ISPS.

I would like to thank our coaches for all their efforts last year and wish them all the best for the new school year.

This year promises to be packed with activities and excitement. Coaches have already met with athletes and distributed Consent/Emergency forms, training schedules, and guidelines for participation in athletics.

Our volleyball teams are already in training for the CAISSA tournament in Ecuador hosted by Academia Cotopaxi which takes place from the 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2008. ISPS girls will be trying to win the Championship for three years in a row and the boys will be trying to improve on their second place finish last year.

Our rugby players will also be in the spotlight as they participate in the annual schools' competition. Last year the Caimans under 15 won the National Schools League and they know that the other schools will have their sights set on dethroning the Caimans.

## Training Schedules for team sports:

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Girls Soccer 2:30-3:30		Girls Soccer 2:30-3:30	Boys Soccer 2:30-3:30	Boys Soccer 2:30-3:30
Basketball MS/HS Girls 3:30-4:30	Volleyball Boys and Girls 3:30-5:30	Volleyball Boys and Girls 3:30-5:30	Volleyball Boys and Girls 3:30-5:30	Basketball MS/HS Boys 3:30-4:30
	Rugby 3:30-5:00		Rugby 3:30-5:00	

## CAISSA DATES:

CAISSA Volleyball is in Ecuador from November 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>

CAISSA boys Basketball and Girls Soccer is in Dominican Republic from March 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>

CAISSA boys Soccer and Girls Basketball is in Trinidad from May 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>

**Only students from Grade 8 to 12 will be considered for CAISSA Teams**

*\*All students in Middle and High school are encouraged to participate in training sessions\**

## The ISPS CAIMAN Coaching team is made up of the following:

<b>Girls Volleyball:</b> Daryl Davis 725-1485	<b>Basketball &amp; Gymnastics:</b> Ricardo Lue Shue 633-4777 ext 135
<b>Boys Volleyball:</b> David Camacho 782-9357	<b>Soccer:</b> Teleshia Joseph 633-4777 ext 135
<b>Rugby:</b> Junior Arismendez 760-1278	<b>Soccer:</b> Marlon Phillip 731-3349
<b>Basketball:</b> Albert Sprott 633-4777 ext 135	<b>Soccer:</b> Karl Brown 325-7658

**Soccer, Water Polo & Swimming:** Andrew Francis 633-4777 ext 135

# Athletics

## After School Activities:

The After School Activities program will begin on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and end on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2008. Students are urged to register early to facilitate an effective program. Please read the registration form carefully and take note of all the important dates.

**Strings** will restart on the ASA program on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. The cost for students is \$350.00.

**Middle School and High School Cricket** will begin on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Students will be exposed to the skills and rules of the “gentleman’s game” in ten one hour sessions from one of the country’s best coaches. The cost is \$450.00.

## Caiman Sports Clubs:

Students, staff members, parents and persons in the community are invited to join our sports clubs. From next week Table Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball, Tumbling/Gymnastics, Badminton and Soccer clubs will be active (Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September). All clubs will be based at our gym.

Following is a schedule for the clubs:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Volleyball 6:00-9:00pm	Tumbling/ Gymnastics 5:30-7:00pm	Volleyball 6:00-9:00pm	Tumbling/ Gymnastics 5:30-7:00pm	Soccer 6:00-9:00pm	Basketball 10:00-1:00pm	Basketball 10:00-1:00pm
	Table Tennis 6:00-9:00pm	Soccer 6:00-9:00pm	Table Tennis 6:00-9:00pm		Tumbling/ Gymnastics 2:30-6:00pm	
			Badminton 6:00-9:00pm			

## Coaches are:

Volleyball- David Camacho, Daryl Davis

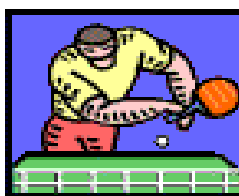
Gymnastics- Ricardo Lue Shue

Table Tennis- Richard Loregnard

Soccer- Teleshia Joseph, Marlon Phillip

Badminton- Kerwyn Pantin

Basketball- Albert Spratt



For more information contact Ashmir Ali (620 6866 or [aali@isps.edu.tt](mailto:aali@isps.edu.tt)).

*Ashmir Ali*



# Nurse's Notes

Hello All,

Welcome to new families and welcome back to returning families. I hope you had a great break.

This year we are looking for a middle school parent to join the Cafeteria Committee. Please give me a call or visit if you would like to be part of the team.

Our usual Vision screening exercise will be conducted on Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008. Please refer to the letter below with the permission slip.



***Happy Independence Day!***

*Vanda Gomes R.N. R.M.*

*School Nurse*

***International School  
of Port of Spain***  
*a community of learners*



1 International Drive,  
Westmoorings, Trinidad, W.I.  
Tel: 1 (868) 633-4777, 632-4591/92,  
Fax: 1 (868) 632-4595,  
<http://www.isps.edu.tt>

Dear Parent/s,

Ferreira Optical will be conducting vision screening on our students free of charge. This is scheduled for Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 in the Conference Room from 9:00am to 2:00pm. If you would like to have your child/children screened, please complete and forward the attached form to Ms. Hazel Walker or myself by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 633-4777 ext 550.

Thank you,  
*Vanda Gomes R.N. R.M.*  
*School Nurse*

**Please tear off and return:**

Student/s Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Grade/s: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please tick the appropriate circle

- ◇ I want my child/children to have vision screening
- ◇ I do not want my child/children to have vision screening

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Parent Signature

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Date

## **ISPS DRESS CODE AND GUIDELINES**

ISPS has a dress code and all students wear a uniform. Uniforms in each section of the school differ slightly yet it is expected that all students convey school pride and spirit in how they look. In Middle and High School dress should reflect a business atmosphere and boys should be clean shaven. Teachers and administrators will enforce reasonable standards of cleanliness and neatness and therefore the school reserves the right to ask students to remove distracting jewelry, make up or nail polish and/or cut long hair or change hair style if it is not reflective of a business atmosphere.

### **Elementary School : Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 5**

#### **Girls**

Checkered, culotte skirt (blue and white)

White polo shirt with school logo

**Totally black shoes or sneakers and white socks (must be visible)**

#### **Boys**

Navy blue shorts: Grades 1-5, or

Navy blue (long) slacks: **Grades 4 & 5 Only**

White polo shirt with school logo

**Totally black shoes or sneakers and white socks (must be visible)**

Navy blue or black belts

### **Middle & High Schools: Grades 6-12**

#### **Girls**

Light blue polo shirt with school logo to be worn un-tucked

Khaki A-line skirt (no shorter than 2" above the knee) or pants

**Totally black shoes or sneakers and white socks (must be visible)**

Jewellery – one pair simple earrings, watch, one other piece of simple jewellery

Grey sweatshirt with school logo

#### **Boys**

Light blue polo shirt with school logo to be worn un-tucked

Khaki pants with pleats

**Totally black shoes or sneakers**

Jewellery – one earring, watch, one other piece of simple jewellery

Grey sweatshirt with school logo

### **Kindergarten through Grade 12: Physical Education**

◇ Grey T-shirt with school logo

◇ Blue Shorts with school logo

◇ Elementary students are encouraged to wear house shirt (available at the school) on Fridays

**NB: All uniforms are available from Knowledge Zone, Ellerslise Plaza, Maraval, and Movie Towne. For students who are cold during the day, a grey school sweatshirt is available. No other sweaters or jackets are part of the school dress.**



# September 2008

## *International School of Port of Spain 2008—2009 School Calendar*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
August 31 Independence Day	1 (Public Holiday)	2 Kindergarten Coffee Morning	3 Grade 1 Coffee Morning  MS New Parent Orientation 7:45—9:00am	4 Grade 2 Coffee Morning  PYP for New Parents—7:45am	5 Grade 3 Coffee Morning	6
7	8 Grade 6 Coffee Morning	9 Grade 4 Coffee Morning	10 Grade 8 Coffee Morning	11 Grade 5 Coffee Morning	12 Grade 9 Coffee Morning	13
14	15 Pre K Coffee Morning  Vision Screening 9:00am Conference Rm.	16 <b>Grade 10-11 Coffee Morning</b>  <b>Vision Screening</b> 9:00am Conference Rm <b>ES Curriculum Night</b> 6:00pm—8:00pm	17 <b>Vision Screening</b> 9:00am Conference Rm  <b>MS Curriculum Night</b> 6:00pm—8:00pm	18 HS Curriculum  Night 6:00pm—8:00pm	19	20
21	22	23	24 <b>Republic Day</b> (National Holiday)	25	26	27
28	29 MS Progress Reports	30	October 1	October 2 <b>Eid –Ul-Fitr</b> (National Holiday)	October 3 Curriculum Day (No Classes)	October 4



# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PORT OF SPAIN INFORMATION DATA SHEET 2008-2009

( To be completed by all families ) : *Refer to notice on Page 3 of this newsletter*

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN:	_____	GRADE	_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____

HOME:

PARENT/S NAME/S: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

WORK:

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (W): \_\_\_\_\_



MOBILE/CELLULAR CONTACTS:

Contact in case of Emergency

Father

Mother

Name & Phone Number



\_\_\_\_\_  
Father

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother

Please indicate which of the e-mail addresses above that you would like the Weekly Newsletter sent to.

Would you like your family's data published in our internal directory?

Yes

No

*Please note our directory contains family names, students names, grades and home contact information only.*