



ISPS Weekly Newsletter

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Mission

ISPS develops independent learners who strive for academic excellence, pursue their unique potential and meet challenges with confidence and integrity as they prepare for global citizenship.

Vision

A collaborative community creating a vibrant environment that enriches character, while inspiring a passion for learning and personal excellence.

From the Director

Dear ISPS Families,

The Christmas holiday is upon us.

On behalf of all staff at ISPS,

I wish you a joyous holiday, full of good cheer and quality time with your family.

School will resume Tuesday, January 4th.

Happy Holidays!

Eric Larson



Dates for your Diary:

Dec. 25	Christmas Day
26	Boxing Day
Jan. 1	New Year's Day (National Holiday)
4	SCHOOL RESUMES
10	Session II, ASA begins
19-21	HS Semester Exams: 21 ES Progress Reports
27	MS Q2 Report Cards

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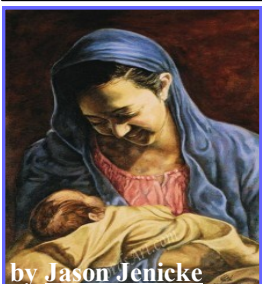
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School Opens

TUESDAY,
JANUARY 4,

2011



by Jason Jenicke

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year



SCIENCE CORNER

Welcome to our final Science Corner for 2010!

It's hard to believe that Christmas is almost upon us and to all our High school parents, please remember that Semester exams are just a few short weeks after our return! Please ensure that your sons/ daughters do some revision during the festive season!

An important date to remember is March 13th, which is the annual Beach cleanup in Matura. We look forward to seeing you all there and making it a whole school community effort.

For more of what has been happening in our science classes, read on!

Biology

Well it's *cell* time of the year again and each year my students become more and more innovative. See for yourselves!



Red Blood and Seh-Joo!



Alex's neuron



Raquel and another red blood cell



Middle School

Watershed adventures!

7th grade Watershedders are continuing our adventures! Recently we have been learning about BMIs (no, not body mass index but benthic macro-invertebrates).



Sydney skimming the surface

Elmira sifting through the sand looking for BMIs



Ephraim doing some turbidity testing

On a recent field trip, in addition to our water testing, we looked for various BMIs which indicate the health of the stream. The Cuesa River had a “good” rating. We found dragonflies, stoneflies among many others (and non-BMIs like fish and frogs).



“They are easy to catch if you know where to look. And the blood midges aren’t pleasant company, as my personal leg biters,” Elmira says. Students then made a bulletin board showing where “their BMI” lived in the watershed!

In addition to water testing we have been looking at physical and chemical changes. Hmmm the trail mix can turn back into peanuts, raisins and M&Ms- physical change! “It was interesting to see the 4 mystery powders react to water, vinegar and iodine, especially the iodine,” Brynn remarks. “Making trail mix, physical change, and pancakes, chemical change (especially with maple syrup, was awesome”, thought Rachel.



Jerome, Tyler, Jean-Luc
Hmmm which is it? Let’s test!



Olivier, Megan, Sajeev
Yum, the trail mix can turn back into peanuts,
raisins and M&Ms

To all of you I wish you a peaceful, safe and productive Christmas.

Looking forward to sharing our Science news with you in 2011.

Happy New Year!

Maeve O Donovan
Head of Science Department.



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Dates for your Diary:

Dec. 16	<i>Last Day of School (Early Dismissal @ 11:30 am)</i>	Mar. 4	Carnival Parade (Early Dismissal)	May 2	SCHOOL RESUMES
25	Christmas Day	7-8	National Carnival (No School)	2-13	AP Exams
26	Boxing Day	9	Ash Wednesday (No School)	16-20	ES MAP Testing
		11	ES Term II Ends	18-25	MS MAP Testing
Jan. 1	New Year's Day (National Holiday)		MS Q3 Progress Reports	20	MS Q4 Progress Reports
4	SCHOOL RESUMES	13	Matura Beach Clean-Up	20-24	CAISSA - Caracas
19-21	HS Semester Exams	18	ES Report Cards	20-27	ES Arts Exhibition: TBC
21	ES Progress Reports	21-25	ERB Testing	23-31	MAP Testing
27	MS Q2 Report Cards	26	<i>Walk-a-Thon: TBC</i>	25	Music Festival: TBC
28	All School Sports Event	30	Shouter Baptist Liberation Day (No School)	26	Grade 5 Exhibition: TBC
31	HS Q2 Report Cards			30	Indian Arrival Day (National Day)
		Apr. 1	End Q3	June 1-10	MAP Testing
Feb. 9	MS Parent-Teacher Conference	7	MS Q3 Report Cards	15	Grade 5 Transition Ceremony
11	No School (Teachers' PD)	8	HS Q3 Report Cards	16	Kindergarten Transition Ceremony
14-17	ES MAP Testing	9	<i>Open House: TBC</i>	17	Last Day of School (11:30 Dismissal)
18	HS Parent-Teacher Conference	18	Easter Break		ES Term III Ends
23-27	CAISSA - ISPS	22	Good Friday (National Holiday)		End Q4
		24	Easter Sunday (National Holiday)		HS Graduation
		25	Easter Monday (National Holiday)	19	Labour Day (National Holiday)
				20	National Holiday
				23	Corpus Christi (National Holiday)



Christmas Joy

On behalf of the families who received your impressive and grand donations;

A Huge Thank You!!!

Please take a moment to really reflect on all the lives you have touched with your kind, generosity. Again thank you and may God continue to bless all that you are doing and

all that you are going to do.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BRIGHT PROPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!

Ms. Hazel.