



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,

The leadership conference I attended in Atlanta earlier this week was very useful. The conference focused on the important education trends resulting from our rapidly changing world, whereby the world is becoming increasingly interconnected and mobile, (or as Thomas Friedman puts it, *The World is Flat!*). In addition, I was able to meet with the chair of our upcoming reaccreditation visit and begin laying the groundwork for the visit.

Please remember that the Board of Directors' Growth and Resource Committee is forming an ad-hoc group to create a multi-year plan for the development of our campus and we would like to get volunteers for the committee. Please email me directly if you are interested in serving on this commit-

tee: elarson@isps.edu.tt. The committee will have its first meeting on Thursday, January 8th at 7:30 AM.

I regret to inform you that one of our students was recently approached by the boys who wash car windows on the road exiting the shopping mall with an offer to sell marijuana. I encourage you to speak with your children about taking precautions around unknown persons who might approach them. I also suggest that you do not support these individuals as it is suspected that their behavior is not an asset to our community. The police have been alerted.

I hope that those of you who are travelling during the winter break will have safe travels. I encourage you to consider any uniform needs that your children might have if you are in locales where

it is easier to purchase the appropriate clothing, particularly all black shoes. I also encourage you to check the hem line of pants, as some of these need attention. We will begin the new year with a continued focus on uniform regulations. Let's keep our students looking smart!

*I wish you and yours a
JOYFUL HOLIDAY
SEASON
AND A PROSPEROUS
AND HEALTHY NEW
YEAR!*

I look forward to the resumption of school on January 5th. Thank you for your continued support of ISPS: working together, we can provide the best possible education for our children.

Eric Larson

Dates for your Diary:

Dec 15-Jan 2: Christmas Break

Jan 5	School Resumes
Jan 21-23	HS Semester Exams
Jan 23	End Q2 for MS & HS
Jan 30	MS & HS Q2 Reports distributed

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In the Spirit of the Season



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College Corner

PSAT Results are In!!

ISPS is pleased to announce that the PSAT results are back. On Wednesday of this week students who sat the PSATs in October 2008, received envelopes containing their results in their homerooms.

Within the envelopes are the score report, the actual test booklet and a cover letter. The main purpose for including the test booklet in the packet is to give all students an opportunity to see the actual questions they answered correctly or incorrectly, or those they omitted. This gives them a first hand view of the areas in which they may have strengths or weaknesses. Identifying these areas is one of the main reasons we ask our students to take this test.

Students who may not have received their result packets can collect them from their homeroom teacher, or the counselor's office.

Some important points:

- *The PSAT (Preliminary SAT) is designed for eleventh graders (juniors), and as such, the scores for ninth and tenth graders would be low. (Do not be overly concerned).*
- *Whereas the SAT is scored between 200 and 800, the PSAT is scored between 20 and 80, with an average of 49 (for eleventh graders).*
- *PSAT results are **not** used by colleges for purposes of admission or academic advising.*

It is very important that the results of this test are used in a constructive fashion so that all our students are given all the opportunities to best prepare for college and beyond.

PSAT'S

If you have any question about the PSATs please feel free to contact me at ext. 214 or email: lmoore@isps.edu.tt

Louis P. Moore
Guidance Counselor

HS Semester Exam Schedule

	Wednesday 21 st Jan	Thursday 22 nd Jan	Friday 23 rd Jan
Exam 1 8:00-9:30	English All English courses	Language All Spanish and French courses	Math 1 Alg 1, Alg 2, AP Stat, AP Calc, Stat Intro
Exam 2 10:00-11:30	Science 1 Bio, Physics, AP Chem, Env Sci.	S.St. 1 MWH, AP US History, AP Human Geog	Math 2 Geo, PreCalc
Exam 3 12:45-2:15	Science 2 Phys Sci, Chem, AP Phys, AP Bio	S.St. 2 AWH, Economics, AP Psych, AP Econ	

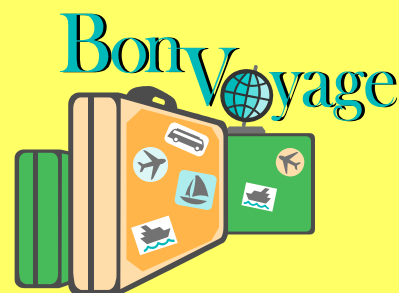
High School Students, please study this schedule carefully.

- If you have a clash of exams, speak to your teachers involved to reschedule one of them.
- In addition, if you have more than two exams on one day you may request to have one of them rescheduled.
- All reschedule requests must be properly arranged by the 16th January. Any requests for rescheduling after that time will not be entertained.

Mr. Horsfall: High School Principal

Farewell to the following students & families

- **Feeney's :-** *Broodie & Lanora and Parents: Noel and Gail*
- **Ruijgrok's:-** *Oliver & Julius and Parents: Markus and Kristen*
- **Davis's :-** *Sarah, Oliver & Henry and Parents: Randy and Lisa*
- **Droullier's:-** *Agustin and Parents: Daniel and Lorena*
- **Gonzalez's:-** *Jorge & Ignacio and Parents: Mariano and Maria*
- **Fryar's:-** *Benjamin (Ben) & Robert (Beau) and Parents: Robert and Carolyn*
- **Pacheco's:-** *Pablo and Parents:-Jhonder and Milagro*
- **Lindo's:-** *Paola and Parents Octavio and Elsy*



and Jose Zempel

CAIMANS Athletics

Thank you for your support and assistance for 2008. Thanks to your involvement the ISPS Caimans have participated in Rugby, Swimming, Tennis and Volleyball. The teams have all been very successful. Positive life lessons are learned through participation in sport and competition whether you win or lose. The Athletic Department is all about providing experiences for students to grow and become better world citizens. Our students have represented us with honor and distinction and have made us all proud to be Caimans.

CAIMAN RUGBY RULES !!!!! THE CARIB ENTHUSIAST INTERNATIONAL 7'S RUGBY TOURNAMENT (SCHOOL DIVISION)

This past weekend our Caiman's under 14's and under 17's teams were in action at the Carib Enthusiast International 7's tournament held at CIC grounds St Clair.

The day went as follows:

Under 17's

Semi Finals: ISPS vs Belmont (their nemesis all season) resulted in a TIE (10-10) after full time. A 5 min sudden death was played...Mathew Temple scored a drop kick 3 minutes in extra time to put us up and the secure a place in the finals (13-10 the final score).

Finals: ISPS vs Fatima. This was ISPS's first appearance at the finals in this division. Final score 15-0 to Fatima in a hard fought game.

Under 14's

Semi Finals: ISPS vs British Academy resulted in a 15-0 win which saw them through to the finals

Finals: ISPS vs Fatima resulted in a 14-0 WIN... making them the back to back champions having won this division in 2007

UP NEXT

Digicel Secondary School League Knock out Cup

DAY: SUNDAY 14TH

TIME: 3:00PM

PLACE: SAVANNAH CENTRAL (opposite the botanical gardens)

COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR UNDER 14'S AND UNDER 17'S THIS WEEKEND AS THEY PLAY FATIMA IN BOTH GAMES

"THE REMATCH"

Caimans Training Schedules for Team Sports

Season 2 (Boys Basketball and Girls Soccer) From January to March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Girls Soccer 3:30-5:30 pm		Girls Soccer 3:30-5:30 pm	Boys Soccer 2:30-3:30 pm	Boys Soccer 2:30-3:30 pm Girls Soccer 3:30-5:30 pm	Boys Basketball 8-14 years 9:00-10:30 am Boys Basketball 15-18 years 11:00am-2:00 pm
Boys Basketball Grades 8-12 3:30-5:30 pm	Girls Basketball Grades 6-12 3:30-5:30 pm	Boys Basketball Grades 8-12 3:30-5:30 pm	Girls Basketball Grades 6-12 3:30-5:30 pm	Boys Basketball Grades 8-12 2:30-4:30 pm	



Letters to parents of students involved in Basketball and Soccer Training

Wednesday 3rd December, 2008

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This is a letter to inform you of upcoming dates and a brief outline of CAISSA preparation.

We will resume our preparation on Wednesday 7th January, 2009 with a general meeting at 2:15pm - 2:45pm in the PE classroom.

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Our first day of practice will be Monday 12th January, 2009 from 3:30pm – 5:30pm. Practice days are Mondays, Wednesday and Friday until further notice.

A maximum of 15 students will be selected to be apart of this squad. CAISSA is a competitive tournament and as a result players will be selected based on coaches' best judgment. Selection will be based on skills, fitness, attitude, attendance, understanding of position and teamwork.

Players with injuries are expected to report all injuries to the coaches so treatment and rehabilitation can be monitored. Injuries do not prevent one from making the team, however, safety of players are of great importance both short and long term.

Thank you for allowing your daughter to be a part of this preparation. I look forward to your support and cooperation.

If you need to contact us, we can be reached at the phone numbers listed below:

- Ms. Joseph (633-4777ext 135)
- Mr. Brown (758-9825)
- Mr. Philip (732-4017)

Elementary Physical Education Teacher &

Girls Head Soccer Coach

Ms. Joseph

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Thank you for allowing your son to be a part of this preparation. I look forward to your support and cooperation.

If you need to contact us, we can be reached at the phone numbers listed below:

- Mr. Albert Sprott (756- 0360 or 633- 4777ext 135)
- Ricardo Lue Shue (724- 3511 or 633-4777 ext 135)

Boys Basketball Coach

Albert Sprott

After School Activities: Session 2

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Session 2 starts Monday January 12th 2009. Registration for session 2 runs from November 24th to January 9th. Forms are already at the front desk and you are urged to register early. Ultimate Frisbee, Middle and High School Cricket, Steel-pan, and Scuba Diving have been added to the program.

We will be hiring students to assist with supervision in the ASA program for session 2. Students should be in grades 12, 11 or 10. They should be responsible and should enjoy working with kids. All interested students should apply to me (Ashmir Ali) no later than Wednesday January 7th 2009.

On behalf of the PE department: Teleshia Joseph, Andrew Francis, Ricardo Lue Shue, Albert Sprott, James Hamel-Smith, all the instructors and coaches and me (Ashmir Ali), I would like to thank you for your participation and support and we would like to wish you the very best for the Holidays and a very bright and successful 2009.

ACTIVITY	GRADE/S	DAYS	PLACE	TIME	FEE
Arts and Craft	1-2, 3-5	Monday	Room 241	2:30-3:30	\$450
Elementary Basketball	K-2, 3-5	Monday	Gym	2:30-3:30	\$350
MS Badminton	6-8	Monday	Gym	2:30-3:30	\$350
Scuba Diving	6-8	Monday	Class 236	2:30-3:30	\$3050.
MS/HS Girls Soccer	6-8, 9-12	Monday/Wednesday	Spanish Court	2:30-4:30	\$350
Karate	All White Belts	Monday/Wednesday	Café	2:15-3:10	\$650
	All Other Belts			3:00-4:15	\$650
Sailing (Beginning)	Ages 7-13	Tuesday	TTSA	2:30-5:00	\$850
Chess	1-3, 4-6, 8-12	Tuesday	Room 117	2:15-3:30	\$350
Soccer	1-2, 3-5	Tuesday	Spanish Court	2:15-3:30	\$300
MS/HS Volleyball	6-8, 9-12	Tuesday/Thursday	Gym	2:30-3:30	\$350
Table Tennis	5-8, 9-12	Tuesday	Gym	2:15- 3:30	\$350
Ultimate Frisbee	6-8, 9-12	Tuesday	South Field	2:15- 3:30	NC
ES Volleyball	1-3, 4-5	Wednesday	Gym	2:30-3:30	\$350
Track and Field	6-8, 9-12	Wednesday	Spanish Court	2:30-3:30	\$350
ES Cricket	K-2, 3-5	Wednesday	Gym	2:30-3:30	\$350
Scuba Diving	9-12	Wednesday	Class 236	2:30-3:30	\$3050.
Strings	3-4	Wednesday	Class 138	2:30-3:30	\$350
MS/HS Cricket	6-8, 9-12	Thursday	Spanish Court	2:30-3:30	\$450
Water Polo	1-2, 3-5	Thursday	Country Club	2:30-4:00	\$500
MS/HS Boys Soccer	6-8, 9-12	Thursday	Spanish Court	2:30-3:30	\$350
Drama	1-2, 3-5	Thursday	Drama Room	2:15- 3:30	\$350
MS Spanish Club	5-8	Thursday	Room 230	2:30-3:15	NC
Gymnastics	PK-2, 3-5, 6-8	Thursday	Gym	2:30-3:30	\$400
Pan (Beginners)	1-3, 4-6, 8-12	Thursday	Room 136	2:30-3:30	NC
Water Polo/Swimming	6-8, 9-12	Friday	Country Club	2:30-4:00	\$500
Rugby	6-8, 9-12	Thursday/Friday	Spanish Court	2:30-3:30	\$350
Modern Dance	1-2, 3-5	Friday	Dance Room	2:30-3:15	\$350
Tap Dance	1-2, 3-5	Friday	Dance Room	3:15-4:00	\$350
Dance Group	6-8, 9-12	Friday	Dance Room	4:00-5:30	\$350
Judo	5-8, 9-12	Friday	Gym	2:30-3:30	\$350
Spanish Club	9-12	Every other Friday twice a month	Room 220	2:25-3:30	NC
Cross Country Club	6-8, 9-12	Monday/Wednesday /Fri	Gym	6:00-7:00am	NC



Christmas Toy Drive... Thank You

Thanks to the parents and students who donated gifts to The Missionaries of Charity Sisters call to donate toys for underprivileged children in Laventille and Oropouche.

Your generosity will be greatly appreciated!

Mr. Horsfall

Thank You

to

The ISPS Board of Directors

The Executive & Members of the PTO

Mrs. Prime & Staff in the Cafeteria

The Afterschool Activity Instructors

The Sporting Teams Instructors

&

The ISPS Faculty & Staff

Because of your dedication & hard work, our school enjoys a high level of educational instruction, sporting and extra curricular activities, and many events and productions. Our partnership greatly enhances the education we provide at ISPS.

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season & the New Year ahead

Eric Larson: Director