



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

Did you hear them? Ms Prime, the fine lady who runs our cafeteria service, treated students and staff to parang yesterday- ten thumping, rocking musicians. The Lara Brothers were fantastic and their performance was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you, Ms Prime! Ask your children about the music

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activities for the next session of After School Activities later in this newsletter. For the coming ten week session, we are splitting the age groups in each activity into smaller age ranges. We hope this will allow all students to more fully participate and gain from the activities as they will be grouped more closely with their peers. I encourage students to participate in the After School Activities program to further enhance their experience at school.

I will be attending the Association of American Schools in South America conference in Atlanta next Monday through Wednesday. In addition to gaining from the conference sessions, I will be meeting with representatives from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to prepare for our reaccreditation visit this coming spring. John Horsfall, our high school principal, will act in my place during my absence.

Next Friday is the last day before the holiday break. It is a full day of school and we will resume school on January 5th.

For those who celebrate: *Happy Hanukah, Happy Kwanzaa and Merry Christmas!*

Remember, seat belts save lives!

Eric Larson



The Board of Directors' Growth and Resource Committee is forming an ad-hoc group comprised of students, parents and faculty to assist in the formation of a multi-year plan for the development of our campus. As you are aware, ISPS receives a onetime capital donation for each student who enters our school. These funds are used to make capital improvements to our school. This ad-hoc committee will meet several times this academic year to guide us in deciding which capital

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Please note the list of

Dates for your Diary:

- Dec 8 MS Q2 Progress Reports
- Dec 12 Last day of School : Full Day
- Dec 15-Jan 2: Christmas Break**
- Jan 5 School Resumes

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In the Spirit of the Season



Celebrating 15 Years of Excellence

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



Round 1 Math Olympiad Competition Results

When it comes to shopping for Christmas, books are always at the top of my list. Here are my recommendations for great Christmas gifts for young readers. Many of these books are available in RIK, Nigel Khan, Paper Based in the Normandie Hotel, The Reader's Book Shop near Long Circular and other local book stores or they can be ordered at amazon.com

1. Coraline – by Neil Gaiman – Students from eight to 12 will appreciate this escapist literature. Gaiman is a popular adult writer, who is obviously trying to build a new generation of fans. Coraline is the story of a girl who steps through the door of her new home and into a new family who plan to keep her. Coraline has to be brave and figure out how to return to her family. The book inspired an animated picture.

2. Sheep by Valerie Hobbs – This is still my favourite book for readers eight to 80. Sheep is the perfect fable and allegory. It's the story of a dog finding his purpose in life after his owners sell their farm and move on with their lives. The dog has a series of adventures that force the reader to think about the purpose of life. It is a multi-layered story that teaches all the elements of literature in a fun-filled way. This is a great book for boys and girls.

3. I Can Read Marley & Me Marley to the Rescue – There are many versions of the famous book Marley and Me by John Grogan and each version is one of the best buys I can think of for the reading level. The I Can Read! Marley and Me is appropriate for beginning readers. There's a version for eight to 12 year olds and of course the adult version, which will make you laugh and cry. The movie starring Jennifer Anniston is coming soon. Everyone can relate to Marley.

4. Cracker! The Best Dog in Viet Nam by Cynthia Kadohata – You just can't go wrong with a dog book, and boys (as well as girls) love this book about an explosive dog in Viet Nam. It's an endearing story about loyalty and friendship.

5. Brisingr by Christopher Paolini – the third book in the Eragon series is now out. This popular series, which the author started writing when he was 16, is very popular among fantasy/sci-fi fans. This is truly a young adult book for readers 12 on up.

6. West Indian Literature – Go to your favourite book store and browse the West Indian section from children's literature. I can't stress how important it is for readers of all ages to be able to see themselves in the literature that they read – and this means culturally speaking too.

Happy shopping. I wish you a holiday filled with great reading.

Twenty five students from ISPS had participated in the Math Olympiad on Friday 5th September.

Based on the Round 1 competition the following students are qualified to write the Trinidad and Tobago Round 2 Examination which will be held at the University of the West Indies on Friday 16th January 2009 at 9.00am.

Level 1

Max Fondyga

Level 2

Prithvi Ramakrishnan

Keegan De Silva

Arvind Ramnauth

Andrew Clark

Jordan Millar

Matthew Charles

The 25 students who competed were awarded the following certificates. They will be given to the students during the assembly on December 12th.

1 Prize

1 High Distinction

3 Distinction

8 Credit

7 Proficiency

5 Participation

HS Quarter 1 Honor Roll Students 08-09

(Grade point average of 3.5 and above)

Grade 9

Sarah Davis
Camille Delouche
Max Fondyga
Andres Gandara
Noora Larson
Jay Mehta
Abby Sealy

Grade 10

Tara Armour
Nadeska Concha
Lanora Feeney
Benjamin (Ben) Fryar
Jorge Gonzalez
Edward Mahabir
Jessica Ordaz Garcia
Amanda Wilkins

Grade 11

Gena Chen
Alexis Chin
Andrew Hadad
Shaina Laughlin
Alexandria Mottley
Amara Prevatt
Adam Raffoul
Shari Ramsaran
Leiana Wilhite

Grade 12

Kimberly Achim
Matthew Charles
Luanne Chin
Sarah Clark
Samantha De Gannes
Amy Duckworth
Anthony Jones Kerr
Enitan Marcelle
Jordan Millar
Phillip Miller
Arvind Ramnauth
Aimee Sabga

Prithvi Ramakrishnan

HS Quarter 1 Merit Roll Students

08-09

(Grade point average of 3.0-3.5)

Grade 9

Madeleine Chapman
David De Los Reyes
Cammila Garcia
Arionne Mitchell
Rianne (Jazz) Morgan
David Pickering
Matthew Temple
Makeda Thom

Grade 10

Sarah Achim
Ella Bayne
Salome Boccara
Henry Davis
Robin Jones Kerr
Thomas Laquis
Rehana Omardeen
Samantha Rahael
Ross Tanner
Ryan Thomas
R. Eduardo White Lopez

Grade 11

Diego Ariza
Santiago Artola
Briana Azar
Keisha Daniel
Keegan De Silva
Rudy Dos Santos
Paul Hamel-Smith
Jasmine Haskell
Rohan Katoch
Rayne Kirpalani
Jessica Norman
Florinda Pamungkasputri
Lucas Pickering
Kristian Rajack
Kieran Sattaur
Delaney Shim

Grade 12

Karianna Ali
Therese Chin Lee
Toni Christie
Latricia Davidson
Daniela De Los Reyes
Hannah de Suze
Sarah Fondyga
Emma Golborne
Ana-Francesca Lanser
Clariss Martos Moonsammy
Kristoff Nieves
Schmita Ramsaran
Amanda Sabga
Zoe Smart
Kristen Temple



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.

In 2009 we will be participating in the following:

- National Secondary Schools Basketball League. ISPS Caimans will be participating in four categories: Boys Under 17, Boys under 15, Girls Open, and Girls under 15. The tournament bounces off in January and is expected to end in April.
- Water Polo (Grade 7)- January and February
- CAISSA Boys Basketball and Girls Soccer in the Dominican Republic from March 4th to March 8th
- CAISSA Boys Soccer and Girls Basketball hosted by ISPS from May 22nd to May 26th.

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	

Farewell to Some Mighty Caimans:

We in the Athletic Department would like to thank and say good buy to the following athletes: James Hamel-Smith, Benjamin (Ben) Fryar (Basketball, Volleyball, Rugby), Robert (Beau) Fryar (Basketball, Volleyball, Rugby), Henry Davis (Rugby), Oliver Davis (Water Polo), Sarah Davis (Tennis), Abbie Slowther (Water Polo), and Emma Dalrymple (Water Polo). You have contributed greatly to athletics in ISPS and you will be greatly missed.

GOOD LUCK!! ONCE A CAIMAN ALWAYS A CAIMAN

After School Activities:

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.



Letters to parents of students involved in Basketball and Soccer Training

Wednesday 3rd December, 2008

Dear Parent/Guardian:

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 Offerings

ACTIVITY	GRADE/S	DAY/S	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

Community Notice Board : Upcoming Events & Notices

Islanders International Christmas Coffee

You are invited to join us for our Christmas Coffee Morning on Tuesday 9th December from 9:00am-12 noon at the home of Hemali Mehta at #3 Maple Ave, Bayshore (312-2525)

If you are planning to attend, please bring along a small festive dish and an unmarked gift to the value of \$100TT for a "Secret Santa" present Exchange.

RSVP to Brenda Duthie at brendasophie@yahoo.co.uk



Middle School Bake Sale

Hosted by Ms. Arneaud's Homeroom

Tuesday 9th December **lunch time only** in the Caf 

All proceeds will be donated to charity to assist flood victims

Advanced Scuba Dive Training

There will be advanced scuba dive training available with Tobago Dive Experience starting this December... just in time for the Christmas holidays.

If you have your Open Water Dive certification you may sign up for the Advanced Course. This course entails 5 different types of dives. (for example drift, deep, navigation, night, naturalist, shore, wreck, etc.) The group will choose the dives to be undertaken. You then have the knowledge section for each of the dive types and then take a dive to check out your skills- one dive for each specialty.



Sean Robinson, Master Scuba Instructor, will be at the pool at Shoppes of Maraval by 9 am on Sat 6 Dec 08. He would then discuss the way forward with respect to the specialty dives, costs, timing, etc.

Students can pass by my classroom (Ms. Lankenau, room 236) and let me know if they are interested in getting further information (Parents you can

sign up too!) or email Mr. Robinson directly at tobagodiveexperience@hotmail.com

ES Christmas Sport Camp IS ON!!

Mon Dec. 15th - Fri. Dec. 19th

9:00am to 1:00 pm @ ISPS Gym

\$360 per child or \$100 per day

Grades: K-5

Registration is still ongoing so...**If you have not registered yet..do so before we are filled!**

If you have any questions please call me at 633-4777 Ext. 135. or 724 3511 (cell) after 3:00pm

Ricardo Lue Shue: PE Teacher



Christmas Toy Drive

The Missionaries of Charity Sisters have asked the International School of Port of Spain to donate Christmas gifts for underprivileged children in Laventille and Oropouche. The gifts will be delivered to

the children in time for Christmas, but please bring gifts to the school as soon as possible. Please wrap presents, and attach a tag stating gender and age the gifts would be appropriate for. Gift drop boxes will be placed around the school to collect presents. Thank you for your generous donations; they will help make a child happy this Christmas.





Easy Print Page

Cafeteria Menu:

December 8th - 12th

Dates for your Diary:	
Dec 8	MS Q2 Progress Reports
Dec 12	Last day of School: Full Day
Christmas Break:	
December 15th, 08 to January 2nd, 09	
Jan 5	School Resumes

Mon 8th: Chicken Noodle Soup, Fresh Bread & Fresh Fruit Juice (Table 'd' hote) - Fixed Menu

Or

Mon 8th: Shark and Bake, Salad Bar & Fresh Fruit Juice (A La Carte) - Individually Priced Items

Tue 9th: Curried Chicken, Curried Beef, Buss Up Shut, Roti, Pumpkin Choka, Curry Aloo and Channa, Massala Mango, Fresh Fruit Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice (Table 'd' hote) - Fixed Menu

Wed 10th: Spaghetti Bolognaise, Fresh Bread & Fresh Fruit Juice (Table 'd' hote) - Fixed Menu

Or

Wed 10th: Subs: Barbeque Beef, Chicken Terryaki & Meatball. French Fries, Salad Bar & Fresh Fruit Juice (A La Carte) - Individually Priced Items

Thu 11th: Pasta Delight or Pasta Alfredo, Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice (Table 'd' hote) - Fixed Menu

Fri 12th: Cajun Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Mixed Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice (Table 'd' hote) - Fixed Menu

Prices for Lunch: VAT INCLUSIVE (Table 'd' hote)- Fixed Menu

Small: \$20.70 Large: \$25.30

Prices for (A la Carte Menu) : VAT INCLUSIVE

Beef Sub:\$16.10 (sm)/\$19.55 (m), **Chicken Sub:**\$14.95 (sm)/\$17.25 (m), **Meatball Sub:**\$16.10 (sm)/\$19.55 (m),
Shark & Bake: \$20.70, **French Fries:** \$9.20

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.

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

Freshly baked breads for parents & staff will be on sale in the Café every Friday afternoon



Merry Christmas to the ISPS Staff, ISPS families and all the wonderful kids. We thank you for great support throughout the years and we wish you a blessed and prosperous 2009

From us all at Café ISPS

