



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 Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a restful holiday and that your children return to school refreshed and ready to learn. We are looking forward to a highly productive and fun remainder of the school year.

The second session of After School Activities will begin on Monday. In total, there are thirty three activities on offer. It is not too late to sign up for an activity and the forms are available at the front desk. The second session runs until March 25th.

You may have noticed that the south elementary play area looks brown. We have started renovating the grass area and it is currently closed for student use. During construction, students will be able to use the playground equipment and other field areas at the school. When completed, we aim to have a fully green and upgraded play area for the students. This project is one of many planned to improve our campus and enhance the education experience at ISPS.

Smart Boards are coming to ISPS next week! As part of our three year Technology Plan, we are piloting the use of two interactive white boards in the high school social studies classes. The aim is to determine how the boards improve teaching and student learning. Pending the results of the pilot project, we may expand the use of Smart Boards in other areas of the school.

Semester final examinations for high school students take place January 19-21. A schedule for the exams can be found later in this newsletter. You can assist your child in preparing for the exams by expressing interest, ensure they get plenty of rest, study in a steady and consistent manner, and eat healthily.

Progress reports for elementary students will be sent home on January 21st. Middle school students will receive their second quarter reports on January 27th and high school reports will follow on January 31st. Please review the reports with your children, congratulate them on their successes and encourage them to set goals for improvement.

Have a good weekend.

Eric Larson

Dates for your Diary:

Jan.	10	Session II, ASA begins
	19	MS Recital
	19-21	HS Semester Exams: 21 ES Progress Reports
	27	MS Q2 Report Cards
	31	HS Q2 Report Cards
Feb.	2	HS "Shakespeare Where..." skits
	9	MS Parent-Teacher Conference
	11	No School (Teachers' PD)
	14-17	ES MAP Testing
	18	HS Parent-Teacher Conference
	23-27	CAISSA - ISPS

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JANUARY 14TH IS PICTURE DAY!



Senior cap and gown pictures will be taken as well as class photos for grades 6-11. Please ensure that middle school/ high school students are wearing **full school uniform**. Seniors will be dressed in shirts/ties (boys) and collarless shirts (girls). Please email the school if you have questions. dcowley@isps.edu.tt

High School Semester Exams Schedule

	Wednesday 19th Jan	Thursday 20th Jan	Friday 21st 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 Euro 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, AP Psych, US Hist	Economics, AP Econ



Hosts for Caissa Boys' Basketball Girls' Soccer Tournament February 23-27, 2011

Please indicate below whether or not you are interested in housing athletes or coaches during the CAISSA Boys' Basketball and Girls' Soccer CAISSA from February 23 to 27, 2011.

Please answer the questions below

1. Parent's name _____
2. Will you be willing to house students/coaches? YES _____ NO _____
3. Email address _____
4. Phone Number _____
5. How many students/coaches can you house? _____
6. What's your address? _____

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Ashmir Ali, Athletics Director, at 620-6866 or aali@isps.edu.tt

Elementary Notes



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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

We are all excited about the upcoming activities and events that will take place during Term 2. Students in all grades will be discussing and thinking about what goals they would like to achieve at the end of this term. Additionally at the end of last term, we noticed that several students were not meeting their reading goals and we will be speaking to those individuals.

Class teachers will be communicating their program of events to you via their newsletter. For example, Grade 5 students will be involved in planning their exhibition which is a culmination of the Primary Years Programme (PYP).

Three families have joined our community and we do hope their time here at ISPS is one that is filled with many learning experiences.

Congratulations to Ms. Denoon (grade one) on the birth of her baby girl and Ms. Ghany (grade two) on her marriage!

After-school activities begin on Monday, January 10th. If your child is not involved in an after school activity, your child must be collected at 2:15 p.m. Also, if an activity is later than 3:00 p.m. you should collect your child at dismissal and bring him/her back for the activity.

Homework pod (Rm. 111) is held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for students in grades 2 through 5. Any student who is waiting for an activity that begins at 3:00p.m. must go directly to the homework pod. Students are not allowed to go to the library to do homework.

Reading Intervention for Student Success (RISS) and Mathematics Intervention for Student Success (MISS) begin on **Monday, January 10th**. Please make sure that all students arrive at 7:15 a.m. RISS/MISS are scheduled from Monday to Thursday.

Regards,

Suzette Julien

Term I Parent Survey

K-5 Term 1 Parent Survey Feedback

No. of surveys = 67

SA = strongly agree

A = agree

D = disagree

SD = strongly disagree

NA = no answer



	SA	A	D	SD	NA
Q1. Parents were kept informed regarding subject area programs.	21	37			9
Q 2A. Parents were kept informed regarding specialist programs K-2					
Music	4	19	5		5
Technology	3	18	6		6
P.E.	4	19	4		6
Spanish	5	18	5		5
Science	8	20	1		4
Art	5	19	5		4
Q 2B . Parents were kept informed regarding specialist program 3-5					
Music	4	15	10	4	1
Technology	3	13	14	2	2
P.E.	5	18	8	1	2
Spanish	4	14	11	4	1
Science	14	17	2	0	1
Art	3	16	11	3	1
Q3. Parents were pleased with the level of academic challenge in the specialist classroom.	24	36	5		2
Q4. Parents were pleased with the level of academic challenge in the classroom	23	38	6		
Q5. Parents were pleased with the level of academic challenge in the specialist program.	18	35	3	3	8
Q6. Generally speaking, my child is happy at ISPS.	37	28	1		1
Q7. Parents were kept informed through Friday Folders, newsletters, Wazzup and/or teacher notes	33	33			1

CALENDAR

Jan. 21 – ES Progress Report

Feb. 11 – Professional Development (No school)

Noise Reduction in the Cafeteria!

We have implemented a new system to control the noise level in the cafeteria. We have asked the students to use an *inside voice* while socializing in the cafeteria. Also, the teachers will use a chart that will indicate that the noise level is increasing. For more information about the new cafeteria arrangement ask your child about it?





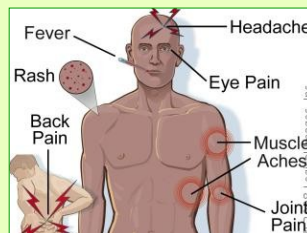
Nurse's Notes

Happy New Year to the ISPS Community!

It appears that everyone had a good holiday. So it's back to the usual routine.

We still have a stomach virus going around. Please encourage the children to wash their hands frequently especially before meals, after using the bathroom, after playing with toys/on the playground etc.

I have also heard that there are a few cases of dengue fever in the Glencoe area. At school we continue to follow precautions. The school compound was sprayed before the vacation and will be sprayed again over this weekend, and thereafter on a three month basis. This is usually done when there is no school.



Signs of Dengue

The weather is expected to change and get drier. We therefore have to expect an increase in respiratory problems e.g. allergies, asthma and sinus problems. When the sun is hot I will encourage you to send caps or sun hats for the children to use when they have to be outdoors.

Have a good weekend.

Vanda Gomes R.N. R.M.
School Nurse

Achievements



The artwork of three of our 7th grade students is featured in the 2011 Calendar of The University of the West Indies Seismic Research Centre.



Daniella Lee, Rachel Davies Lue Shue and Sara Low received special recognition at the public launch of the calendar on December 14. You can order your calendar at our front desk at the special price of \$50.00.

There is also a limited supply available at Horizons Art Gallery at a price of \$70.00.



After School Activities

Session 2

After School Activities begin Monday 10th January. Following is a list of the activities:

ACTIVITY	GRADE	DAY/S	PLACE	TIME
Arts and Craft	1-2, 3-5	Monday	Room 241	2:30-3:30
Elementary Basketball	K-2, 3-5	Monday	Gym	2:30-3:30
Scuba Diving OW	6-12	Monday	Class 236	2:30-3:30
MS Girls Soccer	6-8	Monday	Spanish Court	2:30-4:30
Karate	All White Belts	Monday/Wednesday	Café	2:15-3:10
	All Other Belts			3:00-4:15
MS Badminton	6-8	Tuesday	Gym	2:30-3:30
Chess	1-3, 4-6, 8-12	Tuesday	PE Classroom	2:30-3:30
Soccer	1-2, 3-5	Tuesday	Spanish Court	2:15-3:30
Table Tennis	5-8, 9-12	Tuesday	Gym	2:15- 3:30
ES Volleyball	1-3, 4-5	Wednesday	Gym	2:30-3:30
Track and Field	6-8, 9-12	Wednesday	Spanish Court	2:30-3:30
ES Cricket	K-2, 3-5	Wednesday	Gym	2:30-3:30
Scuba Club Advanced	Advanced Classes	Wednesday	Class 236	2:30-3:30
ISPS Pan Ensemble	Intermediate Level	Wednesday	Pan Room	2:30-3:30
ISPS Chorale	Performance Level	Wednesday	Room 139	3:30-3:30
HS Art Club	High School	Wednesday	HS Art Room	2:30-3:30
MS/HS Volleyball	6-8, 9-12	Thursday	Gym	2:30-3:30
MS/HS Cricket	6-8, 9-12	Thursday	Spanish Court	2:30-3:30
MS Boys Soccer	6-8	Thursday	Spanish Court	2:30-3:30
Drama	1-2, 3-5	Thursday	Drama Room	2:15- 3:30
MS Spanish Club	5-8	Thursday	Room 230	2:30-3:15
Gymnastics	PK-2, 3-5, 6-8	Thursday	Gym	2:30-3:30
Pan (Beginners)	1-3, 4-6, 8-12	Thursday	Room 136	2:30-3:30
Rugby	5-8, 9-12	Thursday	Spanish Court	2:30-3:30
ISPS String Ensemble	Intermediate Level	Thursday	Room 139	2:30-3:30
Secondary Scrabble Club	6-12	Thursday	Room 253	2:30-3:30
Water Polo/Swimming	6-8, 9-12	Friday	Marlins Swim Club	2:30-4:00
Water Polo	1-2, 3-5			
Modern Dance	1-2, 3-5	Friday	Dance Room	3:00-3:45
Tap Dance	1-2, 3-5	Friday	Dance Room	2:15-3:00
Dance Group	6-8, 9-12	Friday	Dance Room	3:45-5:15
Spanish Club	9-12	Every other Friday twice a month	Room 220	2:25-3:30
Cross Country Club	6-8, 9-12	Monday/Wednesday /Fri	Gym	6:00-7:00am



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



Dear Parents, Students, Teachers, and all,
First of all, a Happy New Year to everyone!

I'm sure one of your resolutions for 2011 is to be a closer friend to the Earth than before, isn't it? Well, you should then be happy to have your memory refreshed with details on how to recycle in our community. I wish to encourage you to properly use the available facilities in our school.

PARENTS



Rinsed **glass bottles** without the cap → in the green container just before the parking lot on your way up the driveway (right-hand side).



Plastic bottles of any size with the cap → in the tall container in the court between the Middle School and High School waiting area.



Please give **Tetra Pak cartons** to your child rinsed (easier way is to cut the bottom) so they could drop it in the cafeteria's specific recycling box.

TEACHERS – In addition to the facilities mentioned above, there are other containers in the teacher's cave (large black bin for paper, large greenish bin for Tetra Pak cartons, small carton for glass bottles, and large bin for plastic bottles).

STUDENTS – The containers displayed in the cafeteria next to the garbage bin (Tetra Pak and plastic) are for your use as well as the small boxes that will shortly be in each of your classes.

The more we recycle the better, even though the best is to reuse and to reduce packaging waste!

Let's not have this happen, please!!! Thank you!!!

Camille Delouche





Dear Parents,

We, the dive team at Tobago Dive Experience, would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families LOVE, PEACE, HAPPINESS and PROSPERITY in 2011. May ALL your dreams come true!!!

We would also like to invite you to join your kids SCUBA DIVING as they explore the magnificence of our seas. Learn about the marine life in this part of the Caribbean, and visit the largest documented brain coral in the world!!! Accordingly, we will be offering an intensive Open Water Certification programme for you parents in January - February 2011. After just 2 weeks you can become Open Water Certified and join your kids on dives. Here is what we have planned:

- ◆ Study at home from your own training pack which includes DVDs and a manual with knowledge reviews for each section;
- ◆ Meet with Sean Robinson and his Team over two sessions to go through the knowledge reviews and do the quizzes - Friday evening for 2 hours & Saturday for 3 hours;
- ◆ Join the Tobago Dive Experience dive team for two pool sessions and master all the skills - Friday evening for 2 hours after the classroom & Sunday for 4 hours;
- ◆ Get together with Ms. Lankenau of ISPS, who will host two question & answer sessions prior to the final exam;
- ◆ Spend a full weekend in Tobago at Manta Lodge Hotel, do the final written exams and complete the four mandatory certification dives in Speyside and a snorkel dive, in some of the best reefs in the Caribbean.



The cost of this is TT\$3,050 per person and it includes:

- ◇ the training material;
- ◇ all classroom tuition provided by the PADI Instructors;
- ◇ training in the pool;
- ◇ four (4) open water dives;
- ◇ equipment rental for the pool sessions and four (4) open water dives;
- ◇ VAT;
- ◇ cost of certification.

For those certified parents who have not been diving for some time and would like to take the plunge with their kids, we will do a Scuba Review as follows:

- ~ Friday & Saturday, review the knowledge behind scuba diving;
- ~ Sunday, join the Open Water students in the pool for retraining;
- ~ Off to Tobago for one check-out dive.

The cost of this is TT\$750 and includes all tuition, equipment rental, one dive and VAT.

Exact dates will be advised shortly. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me on:

Mobile - 868 789 6538

E-mail - tobagodiveexperience@hotmail.com

Or please contact Ms. Lankenau at ISPS.

Again, Best Wishes to all.

N. Vidya Dowlath

Director, Tobago Dive Experience and World of Watersports



January 2011

International School of Port of Spain

2010—2011 School Calendar

December 26	December 27	December 28	December 29	December 30	December 31	1 New Year's Day (National Holiday)
2	3 NO SCHOOL	4 School Resumes	5	6	7	8
9	10 After School Activities Begin	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 End of 2nd QTR (47 days) ES Progress Reports	22 SAT's 7:30am-2:00pm
HS Semester Exams						
23	24	25	26	27 MS Q2 Reports	28	29
30	31 HS Q2 Reports	February 1	February 2 HS "Shakespeare Where..."	February 3	February 4	February 5

Dates for your Diary:

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19-21	HS Semester Exams	9	MS Parent-Teacher Conference	23-27	CAISSA - ISPS
21	ES Progress Reports	11	No School (Teachers' PD)	Mar. 4	Carnival Parade (Early Dismissal)
27	MS Q2 Report Cards	14-17	ES MAP Testing		
31	HS Q2 Report Cards				

Cafeteria Menu: January 10-14, 2010

Everyday there will be a set menu at a fixed cost (Table d'hôte) and some days may have an À la carte menu where items are priced individually (À la Carte)

MONDAY 10 TH	BEEF LASAGNE, VEGETABLE LASAGNE, SAUTEED VEGETABLES, GARLIC BREAD, CAESAR SALAD, FRESH FRUIT JUICE.
TUESDAY 11 TH	GEERA CHICKEN, PORK STEW, DUMPLINGS, RICE, PIGEON PEAS, PICKLED SALAD, FRESH FRUIT JUICE
WEDNESDAY 12 TH	BARBECUE CHICKEN, BARBECUE RIBS, BARBECUE FISH, SPANISH RICE, POTATO SALAD, GREEN SALAD, FRESH FRUIT JUICE
THURSDAY 13 TH	CHICKEN FINGERS, FISH NUGGETS, CREAMED POTATOES, PEAS AND CARROTS, MIXED SALAD, FRESH FRUIT JUICE
FRIDAY 14 TH	CARIBBEAN STYLE CHICKEN, GRILLED FISH, COO COO, RICE, CALALOO, LENTILS, COLESLAW, FRESH FRUIT JUICE

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

Small: \$23.00 Large: \$28.75

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)
Bake & Shark: \$20.00 **French Fries:** \$9.20 **Regular Juices: Small** \$4.60 **Large:** \$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 bread will be on sale in the café every Friday afternoon****