



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,

New parents to ISPS are cordially invited to a **Welcome Coffee** sponsored by the Parent Teacher Organization and the school on Wednesday, January 21 at 8:30. PTO officers and room parents will be present to greet you and tell you more about the many exciting activities at ISPS for families. We hope to see you there.

Immediately following the Welcome Coffee, Dr. Michael Hogan, the Deputy Director of the University Recognition Program for the College Board/AP-in Latin America, will address parents regarding the **Advanced Placement program**. ISPS offers AP classes in our high school and Dr. Hogan will provide parents with information about this prestigious program and how students benefit from taking AP courses. Dr. Hogan's talk will take place in the cafeteria on Wednesday at 9:30 and all interested parents are invited to attend.

The fire alarm went off unexpectedly after school on Monday this week. As detailed in our emergency procedures, staff took measures to evacuate the building and sweep the rooms to make sure the building was clear. Unfortunately, some parents and students in the building did not willingly comply with the evacuation procedures. We very much need your help to ensure we always follow emergency procedures. In the event of an alarm, all persons should leave the building silently and assemble on the field behind Spanish Court. We periodically conduct emergency drills throughout the school year and require all persons to follow procedures to best ensure everyone's safety. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Mr. Paul Poore will visit ISPS on January 26th. Mr. Poore is the Executive Director of the Association of American Schools in South America, of which ISPS is a member. Please greet Mr. Poore if you see him in the school.

Please be reminded that high school semester examinations take place next Wednesday through Friday. You can help your child do well in the exams by making sure they eat well and get enough sleep. *Good luck, high school students- study hard and do your best!*

Don't forget to make sure you and your children use your seat belts. *Seat Belts Save Lives!*

Eric Larson

Reminder to New Families

The PTO will be hosting a Welcome Coffee Morning especially for you on Wednesday, 21st January at 8:30am in the Library

At this event you will have an opportunity to meet other new families along with older families in the ISPS Community. We look forward to your attendance, so please book the date in your agendas.

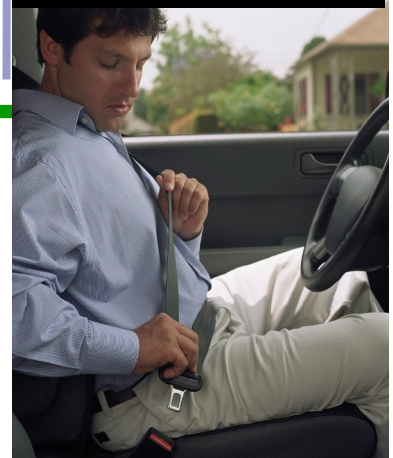


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Jan 24	SAT Exams
Jan 30	MS & HS Q2 Reports distributed

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Seat Belts Save Lives Buckle Up!



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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	

ISPS Alumni Highlights

Over the Christmas Vacation period, our Alumni had an opportunity to socialize, chat and catch up with each other at a specially organised function held at "The Studio"

Below are a couple of the highlights:



Lisa, Sarah & Simon

Christmas 2008



Marina, Stefan, Stechelle & Rebekah

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

BOOK THE DATE...

IMPORTANT MEETING
for High School Parents

On Wednesday 21st January there will be a meeting in the Cafeteria at 9:30am to discuss the Advanced Placement Program to parents of HS students.

Please make every effort to attend this very informative session.

Mr. Horsfall

Library Corner

By Debbie Jacob

Did you know that President-elect Barack Obama is a Grammy-award winning artist? Obama read for the audio version of his two autobiographies, *Dreams from My Father* and *The Audacity of Hope* and won Grammy awards for both audio books. He beat out Senator Hillary Clinton for his second Grammy. We have both of Obama's books as well as both of his recordings. We also have a collection of Obama's speeches and a biography of the next first lady, Michelle Obama. Here are some other new books we have in the library:

- ***Team of Rivals The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*** by Pulitzer-Prize winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin – You must have seen in the news how this is one of the books that Obama has been reading. I just finished *Team of Rivals* and I found it to be a fascinating and challenging read. If you are interested in the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln or an excellent book on leadership, this is the book to read. Lincoln molded a working Cabinet out of the five men who ran against him. How he made that Cabinet work is absolutely fascinating.
- ***Marley and Me*** – by John Grogan – We have all of Grogan's versions of this book: first reader, Middle School edition and adult version. This is a book that will make you laugh and cry out loud. If you've seen the movie, you should still read the book. The movie ends before the book ending, so there's still a story to discover. We are also getting a collection of Grogan's columns featuring Marley and other topics.
- ***The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*** by David Wroblewski – an Oprah Book Club choice, a New York Time's Best Seller and a novel that received rave reviews as a modern remake of Hamlet. Author Stephen King wrote, "I closed the book with that regret readers feel only after experiencing the best stories." This is the story of a mute boy who disappears into the forest after his plan to prove his paternal uncle killed his father backfires.
- ***The Sorrow of War*** by Bao Ninh – one of the best and most unusual books ever written about war. It is the story of a generation of North Vietnamese soldiers who suddenly enter the new and shocking life of peace. A fantastic read.
- ***Wide Sargasso Sea*** by Jean Rhys – Check out our classic section with novels like *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte and *Wide Sargasso Sea*, the story of the first Mrs. Rochester written by Dominican writer Jean Rhys. We have a good selection of Caribbean literature and study companions for important Caribbean novels like *Beka Lamb*, *Brother Man*, *The Humming-Bird Tree* and *Moon on a Rainbow Shawl*.

Are you ready??
It's competition time...

This month the ISPS Library is sponsoring a Carnival competition for Middle School students. Design a Carnival Band – **on paper**—and students can win Carnival CDs. Students are judged on creativity and interpretation of theme.

We have also initiated a Fancy Nancy glossary competition for grades K-2. Students can design their own glossaries with new words they learn. There are Fancy Nancy and dinosaur prizes.

Community Notice Board

Upcoming Events & Notices

PTO Uniform Sale

BuyTrade**Sell**Donate****

Great Prices...up to 70% off new prices

Date & Time: Wednesday 21st January
@ 8:00am-9:15am

Location: Café ISPS

We welcome all new ISPS families and we encourage all ISPS parents to come check out what we have in stock!

For more information please contact the coordinator Mrs. Debbie Zempel at 632-6937 / 689-5074 or via e-mail at Zempranch@aol.com

ISPS Tumbling Club (Grades 5-12)

Registration is still ongoing...

Term Fees: \$300 (one day) & \$450 (both days)

Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Times & Venue: 5:30-7:30pm in the ISPS Gym

Weekdays bad for you??

Try the Saturday boys & girls gymnastics program: 3:30pm-6:00pm

Contact: Mr. Lue Shue for more information via e-mail at rlueshue@isps.edu.tt

Are you Committed, Competitive and Fun-loving? Do you enjoy a challenge?

Then you should be part of the ISPS Dragon Boat Team and participate in the newest sport in Trinidad and Tobago!



We are forming a Dragon boat team to participate in the Schools Regatta in April, 2009 and we need 22 team members.

Requirements:

- be 14 years and over
- be able to swim fifty yards
- you should be physically fit and a team-player.

Coaching is at Welcome Bay, Chaguaramas on Wednesdays 3:00-4:00 pm. and transportation there and back will be arranged by the school with a small contribution.

If you are interested put your name down on the list outside Mrs. Tompsett's classroom, Rm. 230.

You Will Not Regret It!



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Cafeteria Menu: January 19th-23rd

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

Mon 19th: Pasta Alfredo, Fresh Bread & Fresh Fruit Juice (Table 'd' hote) - Fixed Menu OR

Burritos: Beef, Chicken or Pork with Refried Beans, Rice, Cheese Sauce, Corn, Green Peppers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Olives, Sour Cream, Guacamole & Cucumbers (A La Carte)

Tue 20th: Cajun Chicken, Deep Fried Fish, Scallop Potatoes, Glazed Vegetables, Green Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice (Table 'd' hote) - Fixed Menu

Wed 21st: Chicken Corn Soup, Bread Rolls & Fresh Fruit Juice (Table 'd' hote) - Fixed Menu OR

Bake and Shark, Salad Bar & Fresh Fruit Juice (A La Carte)

Thu 22nd: Baked Chicken, Macaroni Cheese, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice (Table 'd' hote) - Fixed Menu

Fri 23rd: Green Figs/Dumplings, Stewed Saltfish, Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice (Table 'd' hote) - Fixed Menu OR

Breakfast for Lunch: Pancakes, Danish, Croissants, Coconut Bake, Bread Rolls, Muffins, French Toast, Eggs, Saltfish Buljol, Bacon, Sausages, Maple Syrup, Corn Beef, Hash Browns, Cereal, Yogurt & Cut Fruits (A La Carte)

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

Small: \$20.70 Large: \$25.30

Prices for (A la Carte Menu) : VAT INCLUSIVE

**Burritos: Beef & Pork \$16.10 Chicken \$17.25 Bake & Shark \$20.70 Eggs, Buljol, Sausages or French Toast \$5.75
Cut fruits \$4.60, Bread Rolls or Coconut Bake \$2.30 Bacon, Danish, Croissants or Bagel/Cream Cheese \$9.20
Hash Browns or Pancakes \$8.05 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