



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,

Many thanks to the new parents and room parents who attended the **Welcome Coffee** on Wednesday. We hope you had an enjoyable time and met some of the new families at ISPS. Please remember that we are always available to answer any questions you have about our school. We are delighted you are a part of the ISPS community.

We had a highly productive meeting with Dr. Mike Hogan of the College Board concerning the Advanced Placement program on Wednesday. Approximately 40 parents attended the meeting and a lot of good questions were asked. In addition, we received parent input about how we can best keep parents up to date with information about the AP program. We will review this information and make plans to provide further opportunities for parents and students to be involved with this important program at our school. Currently, approximately 60 students are enrolled in twelve AP courses offered at ISPS.

Mr. Paul Poore, the Executive Director of the Association of American Schools in South America, will visit ISPS on January 26th. Mr. Poore's visit is meant to familiarize him with our school and help us learn more about the services available to us from AASSA.

High school semester examinations took place this week. I was impressed with the students' commitment and efforts to do well. Middle school and high school reports will be sent home on January 30th. I encourage you to review the reports together and set goals for the second semester.

Have a good weekend

Eric Larson

Dates for your Diary:

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Feb 20	School Carnival Jump-Up (1/2 day classes)

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*Seat Belts
Save Lives
Buckle
Up!!*



*The ISPS Library
"Design a Carnival Band on Paper"
Competition for Middle School
students is well on the way.*

All entries will be judged on creativity and interpretation of the theme with Carnival CD's as the prizes for winners. The deadline date for submission of entries is February 13th so start on your designs if you have not yet already done so!

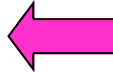


Science Corner

Middle School: 6th Grade Integrated Math/Science students use the metric system in their labs to study the effects of salinity and temperature on water density. Further topics will cover ocean currents, waves, and tides.



Samir , Ashleigh & Miguel wait for the temperature to stabilize



Abraham, Loren and Ahilya record their data



High School Physics:

Delaney, Minashki and Santiago used a pendulum to measure the value of acceleration due to gravity in Physics class.



Emma and Ramon used falling water to measure the acceleration due to gravity in Physics



Biology:

In Biology, students assumed the role of Genetic counselors and imparted a lot of knowledge to their fellow students about Genetic disorders-an extremely informative project.

To the right and below Dylan , Rehana , Teresa , Salome and Robin enjoy their role plays.



AP Biology:

Meanwhile in AP Biology, students proved the Hardy-Weinberg equation that given certain conditions, the frequencies of genes remain constant in a given population. Using cards which represented alleles they practiced some random mating (by exchanging cards) and had great fun doing so!



Andrew , Jordan , Arvind , Eoin & Ana exchange alleles!





Hello everyone,

It seems that the vacation was so long ago. Anyway, we are all back to normal school life.

You may have read that the population is being advised to get the Yellow Fever Vaccine to prevent an outbreak. No one has been diagnosed as having it as yet but since some monkeys have been found dead in the forest we have to be prepared. The disease is spread by the Aedes Aegypti mosquito.

Vaccines are available free of charge at your nearest Health Centre. If you would like to get it at the school please let me know so that I can order it 633-4777 ext 550. The cost is \$180.00. The vaccine lasts for 10years. It will not be given to babies under one year or adults over 60 years, persons with allergies to eggs and pregnant women.

Also, I wish to advise that in the U.S. a number of companies are recalling their peanut butter products due to salmonella poisoning. Persons are being asked to refrain from purchasing peanut butter products both at home and abroad.


Do have a safe and fun weekend.

Vanda Gomes R.N. R.M.

School Nurse

Invitation to Senior Students Only

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE



UWI
www.sta.uwi.edu

Ambassador Albert Ramdin
OAS ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL

“A New Moment of Change in the Western Hemisphere: *Realities and Opportunities*”

Monday 26th January, 2009 at 7.00 p.m.
The Learning Resource Centre
UWI St. Augustine

RSVP: (868) 662-2002 Extn. 2084/2011/2038



FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

If you are interested in attending the lecture, please RSVP directly to the numbers highlighted in the invitation.

Community Notice Board

Upcoming Events & Notices

Middle School Music Dance Performance

Parents are invited to see our students showcase their work from the 1st semester Dance and Music classes on:

Date: Wednesday 28th January 2009

Time: 1:15 – 2:15 pm

Place: ISPS Theatre

Performances by:

Grade 6 and Grade 8 Music and Dance classes and the Steelpan and Dance exploratory classes.



Don't Forget

If you are interested in joining the ISPS Dragon Boat Team put your name down on the list outside Mrs. Tompsett's classroom, Rm. 230

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.

We need 22 team members who are 14 years and over, able to swim 50 yards & physically fit...**So sign up today!**

Have your children outgrown their bedtime story books?

OR...have their taste in music & movies changed?

OR...BETTER YET!!!

Do you have shelves filled with books & magazines that you've read already and don't know what to do with them?

Well....**The PTO is hosting a "Second Hand Book Fair" on March 13,2009**

If you would like to donate, Books, DVDS Tapes, Movies or Magazines in all different languages to be sold at the Book Fair you can drop off your donation at the ISPS Front Desk Reception labeled Book Fair.

The items should be in good condition for resale. Any and or all contributions will be appreciated.

For further information please contact Debra de Montrichard at 788-8949 or e-mail ddem@usa.com

Love and Logic Parenting Program

Would you like to feel more confident as a parent?

Would you like to have more fun parenting?

Then this is the program for you!

Dates: Saturday's from 9:30-11:30am

February 7, 14, 21 & 28 and March 7, 14 & 21

Venue: International School of Port of Spain

Cost: \$500 per person or \$900 per couple

Facilitator: Moreena Mohammed-Campey: 694-1520



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Feb 23-24	Carnival (No School)



Cafeteria Menu: January 26th-30th

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 26th: Meatballs in Tomato sauce, Spaghetti, Salsa/Chips, Cucumber and Tomato Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice (Table 'd' hote)

Tue 27th: Grilled Pork Chops, Grilled Fish, Baked Potatoes, Vegetable Au Gratin, Green Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice (Table 'd' hote) - Fixed Menu

Wed 28th: Shepherd's Pie, Bread Rolls, Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice (Table 'd' hote) - Fixed Menu OR
Burgers, Hot Dogs, Pizzas, French Fries & Salad Bar (A La Carte)

Thu 29th: Caribbean Style Chicken, Irish Lamb Stew, Cream Potatoes, Vichy Carrots, Tossed Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice (Table 'd' hote) - Fixed Menu

Fri 30th: Pasta Alfredo, Pasta Delight, Chicken Lo Mein, Pasta with Fresh Tomatoes, Garlic Bread, Caesar 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

Hot Dogs:\$8.05 , **Burgers:**\$18.40/\$20.70, **Cheese Pizza:**\$11.50/**Meat Pizza** \$13.80 **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 breads for parents & staff will be on sale in the Café every Friday afternoon

Elementary Notes



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Dear Parents,

As the world turned on Tuesday 20th, many people from around the globe, including our students, watched the 44th President of the United States of America Inauguration. At a previous town meeting, we discussed that president-elect Barack Obama would not become the president until he took an oath at the inauguration. Many of our students have never seen someone take an oath and it was exciting for them to watch the inauguration with their classmates. It was interesting to note that the president's speech highlighted the many characteristics that we encourage at school: tolerance, honesty, responsibility, curiosity, just to name a few. This current event and historical moment will make an indelible mark on our students' minds for a long time.

Love and Logic is back! Love and Logic is a philosophy of raising and teaching children that allows adults to be happier, empowered, and more skilled in the interactions with children. Love allows children to grow through their mistakes. Logic allows children to live with the consequences of their choices. Love and Logic is a way of working with children that puts parents and teachers back in control, teaches children to be responsible, and prepares young people to live in the real world, with its many choices and consequences (Jim Fay).

If you have never taken the course before, do not miss this opportunity to enroll (see details).

The Carnival Committee met this week and plans are on the way for the upcoming events that will be held next month. Classroom teachers will update you on what is expected for each grade. There will be a head piece competition for our students. We do ask that the students really try to create their art work on their own. Please encourage them to take part in the competition.

Suzette Julien

Elementary Principal



Dates to Remember:

- January 30: House Meeting
- February 11: Coffee Morning/ PYP information for New Parents at 7:30 a.m. in the cafeteria
- February 12: WordMasters (grades 3-5)
- February 20: School Carnival Jump-Up (early dismissal 11:30 a.m.) Art Competition
- February 23-24: National Carnival (no school)
- February 25: Ash Wednesday (No school)



PYP Corner

As we continue our journey along the PYP road, we find students becoming more engaged and independent in their work. Teachers also continue to learn about and practice the art of inquiry in an effort to make all students successful learners. This paradigm shift into the inquiry-based approach to teaching and learning is now embedded in our curriculum, making it a more enriching and rewarding experience for our students. New parents will have the opportunity to learn more about the Primary Years Program on **February 11 at 7:30 am in the cafeteria**. All classes are on their third unit of inquiry, so please keep in contact with the classroom teachers for any questions as to what is being done.

Angela Shahien

PYP Coordinator

SPANISH CLUB

Both boys and girls! Fun and exciting games!

FREE!! ELEMENTARY ONLY

ON THURSDAYS GRADES 3,4 AND 5 STARTS AT 2:30 p.m. ENDS AT 3:15 p.m.

MEET SPANISH CLUB MEMBERS IN THE CAFETERIA AT 2:20p.m.



Who can benefit from Love and Logic?

Almost anyone will benefit from the Love and Logic approach. This approach helps children develop and grow in a healthy way, provides them with confidence and dignity, and teaches them how to become more responsible. The possibilities are limitless.

For more information please contact Mrs. Julien @ 632-4591, ext. 123 or Email at sjulien@isps.edu.tt

Dates: Saturday 7, 14, 21, 28 February, and 7, 14, 21 March 2009

Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Location: International School of Port of Spain

Cost: \$500 (couples \$900)

Facilitator: Moreena Mohammed-Campey

PYP words for this month: Communicator, Respect and Commitment

Communicators understand and express information confidently and creatively in more than one language and in a variety of modes of communication.

Respect is a critical element in all healthy relationship. When students respect others, they treat people with consideration and courtesy and do not violate them physically or verbally. Respect for others should be woven into the fabric of each student's life and characterize all of their relationships. It is a fundamental character quality that prepares students to live productive lives as they relate to and work with others.

Commitment is being committed to their own learning, preserving and showing self-discipline and responsibility