



# 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,

I hope that you all had a restful and pleasant Easter break. Incredibly, we only have six more weeks in the 2010-11 school year! We expect to have a busy, strong finish.

The Advanced Placement examinations began this week in the high school and will continue through May 13<sup>th</sup>. Students have been studying hard and seem quite intent on doing their best. Students who do well on the exams often receive university credits for the AP course. *Gooo Caimans!*

Congratulations to our grade five students on their PYP Exhibition today. This exhibition is the culmination of the IB Primary Years Programme and showcases the students' collaborative inquiry projects chosen by the students under the theme of organizations which create change in society. The exhibition is shared with the entire school community and provides students an opportunity to exhibit the attributes inherent to the PYP.

Middle school students have started taking the Measures of Academic Progress assessment and will continue through May 11<sup>th</sup>. We will use the results to help measure what students have learned this academic year and plan for further instruction. Grade nine students take the assessment beginning May 11<sup>th</sup> and elementary students take it May 16-20. Please ensure your children get plenty of rest during their testing period

and have a healthy breakfast. I recommend you to talk with them about the MAP assessment and encourage them to do their best.

Grade seven students will travel to Grand Riviere May 11-13 as part of our Watershed program. Students will be involved in learning projects during their time on the north coast and have the privilege of witnessing the egg laying of leatherback turtles. We are certain that this experience will continue to enhance students' appreciation for nature and the importance to be good stewards of our planet.

We have some great news to share! Our girls' basketball team and boys' under 15 team are the North Zone Secondary Schools Basketball champions! They now move on to the National semifinals. Our under 17 boys came in second place in the North Zone and the under 20 athletes, after winning six straight games in the tournament, lost in the semifinals and will play for third place on May 11<sup>th</sup>. This is an incredible feat by our athletes and they deserve our hearty congratulations. Much thanks to coaches Sprott and Lue Shue for their dedicated work to help our student athletes accomplish these remarkable achievements.

**Happy Mother's Day!**

Eric Larson

### Dates for your Diary:

#### May

- 5-11 MS MAP Testing
- 11-13 Grade 7 Grande Riviere Trip
- 11-13 Grade 9 MAP Testing
- 16-20 ES MAP Testing
- 20 MS Q4 Progress Reports
- 20-24 CAISSA - Ecuador

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## Welcome!

We welcome the following families to the ISPS community:

- The **Darlow** family: Anna & Katie - Gr 1 & 3
- The **McIntee** family: Nolan & Lynley - Gr K & 2
- The **Lopez** family: Juan Lopez - 5



## Nurse's Notes...

Hello Everyone,

It appears that everyone had a good holiday.

So far there are very few students with colds and flulike symptoms. Lets hope the numbers keep down. I encourage all families to take the flu shot later in the year. It would help us to keep

the number of sick children down. I will let you know when we are giving the shots.

Have a good weekend

Vanda Gomes R.N. R.M.

# COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

## PTO GRAND GARAGE SALE

**Saturday June 4**  
**8:00 am-1:00 pm**  
**ISPS Gym**

**Tables Cost TT\$200**

***For more info contact:***

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632-4591, Ms. Hazel, Front Desk

## Financial Aid Forms



*Financial Aid Forms for the 2011-2012 academic year are available at the Admissions Office.*

Please complete and return form by May 9<sup>th</sup>.

## AGENDA

### PTO

## Annual General Meeting

*6:00 pm, May 25th, 2011*

*International School of Port of Spain*



- Meeting Called to Order
- Approval of AGM 2010 Minutes
- Welcome and Introductions
- Reports of PTO Officers
- Election of ISPS Parent Directors / Alternate Director Nominees
- Election of PTO Officers
- Any Other Business
- Meeting Adjourned

## ISPS Volleyball Club

ISPS Gym, Wednesdays , 5.30-7.30pm



All boys and girls in MS & HS who want to play volleyball and practice early for the team please come out.

*Parent and teachers are also invited to join.*

Dear Parents,

The PTO will hold its Annual General Meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The primary business of the meeting is to elect new officers for the PTO and to select nominees for Parent Directors and Alternate Directors to the school's Board of Directors. I highly encourage you to consider serving our school community in one of these capacities. We hope to continue to build on the strengths of the PTO and need your active participation to be successful. Please complete and return the form below if you would like to be considered for the PTO Board or as a parent school Board member. We look forward to your presence at the AGM. *Your participation counts!*

Debra de Montrichard, PTO President

## International School of Port of Spain

### AGM Nomination of Officers

Please complete the form below to indicate your willingness to serve on the PTO Board, to be nominated as a Parent Director of the School or to be a Class Room Rep. After completion the form below should be submitted to the President of the PTO via the nominations box in the School foyer.

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#### PTO Board

**Positions:** President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary & Ordinary members

Nominees can indicate a specific position of interest or make a general nomination.

Nomination	Position of Interest

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#### ISPS School Board – Parent Director / Alternate Director Nominees

\* Parents offering themselves for the ISPS School board must also provide an election statement outlining the experience and commitment they will bring the school Board of Directors.

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#### Class Room Parent Representative

Volunteer position non-elected - 1-2 representatives required for each class in each year group.

Class Room Representatives (Room Mums)		
Child Name	Volunteer name	Year Group

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#### Certificate of Willingness

I, \_\_\_\_\_, confirm that I am willing to stand as a \_\_\_\_\_ for the International school of Port of Spain. I confirm that I will have children attending the school commencing academic year August 2011.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



# CAIMAN ATHLETICS NEWS

## Basketball

*We are the champions of the North Zone!!!!*

Our girls have won the North Zone Secondary Schools Basketball Championship. The ISPS Caimans Boys under 15 team was also victorious. They claimed the North Zone title for the fifth time. The under 17 Boys placed a very creditable second and the under 20 Boys lost their semi final game in the league. Both teams have only lost one game each for the entire season. ISPS Caimans girls' and under 15 boys' teams will move on to the National Finals in the tournament.

The International School of Port of Spain continues to impress all in Basketball. Despite our small size our teams have consistently dominated Basketball in the North Zone and even Nationally. This speaks volumes about the teachers, coaches, parents and athletes and the quality of our programs.

Congratulations to the Caimans Under 15 team: Gabriel Garrett, Gabriel Lombard, Stephen Bainbridge, Diego Morales, Kevin Achim, Benjamin Franklin, Benjamin Mitchell, Jerome Grimes and Coaches Sprott and Lue Shue.

## CAISSA

The Girls' Basketballers are training hard for the CAISSA tournament in Ecuador from May 20<sup>th</sup> to May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Our coaches, Sprott and Lue Shue, are very optimistic about our chances at Cotopaxi.

The soccer coaches (Andrew Francis, Teleshia Joseph and Karl Brown) have selected the team and are putting the final touches to ensure that ISPS is well represented at the tournament. Last year our boys exceeded expectations and placed second. The coaches are again trying to put up a good showing and keep our flag flying high.

## CAISSA Dates:

CAISSA Boys Soccer and Girls Basketball is in Ecuador from May 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>.

## After School Activities

- Registration Forms for Session 3 (May 2 to June 16) are available at the front desk and on line.
- Please use this link to access the After School Activities registration form on our website - <http://www.isps.edu.tt/SchoolLife.aspx>
- You can also email your form or details listed on the form to me [aali@isps.edu.tt](mailto:aali@isps.edu.tt) and make payment at the front desk at a later date. This would ensure that your child has a place in the class of their choice.



## *Sports Award Ceremony*

*June 09, 2011*

*ISPS Gym, 6:00pm*

*\$100tt per person*

*(Student athletes & coaches need not pay)*

*Yes, we will be attending the banquet.*

*Family Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Number attending* \_\_\_\_\_

*No, we will be unable to attend & so will our child.*

*Family Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*No, we will not be able to attend although our child will still be attending.*

*Child's Name* \_\_\_\_\_

**After School Activities**  
**Session III (May 2 - June 16 2011)**

ACTIVITY	GRADE	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
Scuba Diving OW	6-12	Monday	Class 236	2:30-3:30	\$3400.
MS Girls Soccer	6-8	Monday	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
MS Basketball	6-8	Tuesday	Gym	2:30-3:30	\$350
MS Badminton	6-8	Tuesday	Gym	2:30-3:30	\$350
Chess	1-3, 4-6, 8-12	Tuesday	PE Classroom	2:30-3:30	\$350
Soccer	1-2, 3-5	Tuesday	Spanish Court	2:15-3:30	\$350
Table Tennis	5-8, 9-12	Tuesday	Gym	2:15- 3:30	\$350
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 Club Advanced	Advanced Classes	Wednesday	Class 236	2:30-3:30	\$3000.
ISPS Pan Ensemble	Intermediate Level	Wednesday	Pan Room	2:30-3:30	\$350
ISPS Chorale	Performance Level	Wednesday	Room 139	2:30-3:30	\$350
HS Art Club	High School	Wednesday	HS Art Room	2:30-3:30	NC
MS/HS Volleyball	6-8, 9-12	Thursday	Gym	2:30-3:30	\$350
MS/HS Cricket	6-8, 9-12	Thursday	Spanish Court	2:30-3:30	\$350
MS Boys Soccer	6-8	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	\$400
ISPS String Ensemble	Intermediate Level	Thursday	Room 139	2:30-3:30	\$350
Secondary Scrabble Club	6-12	Thursday	Room 253	2:30-3:30	NC
<b>**Capoeira</b>	<b>6-8, 9-12</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dance Room</b>	<b>2:30-3:30</b>	<b>NC</b>
Water Polo/Swimming	6-8, 9-12	Friday	Marlins Swim	2:30-4:00	\$450
Water Polo	1-2, 3-5		Club		
Rugby	5-8, 9-12	Thursday	Spanish Court	2:30-3:30	\$350
Modern Dance	1-2, 3-5	Friday	Dance Room	3:00-3:45	\$350
Tap Dance	1-2, 3-5	Friday	Dance Room	2:15-3:00	\$350
Dance Group	6-8, 9-12	Friday	Dance Room	3:45-5:15	\$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

**\*\*New activity**

# Elementary Notes



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! Our students were excited to return to school, and we were elated to have them back and ready to learn. Over the next six weeks, we will be working toward our goal of ensuring that our students have met all the standards and benchmarks for each grade level and that they are equipped with the skills to be successful at their next grade level.

There are several events that will take place this month: Art Exhibition, Music Festival, Science Exhibition, Health Week. In addition, MAP testing will be the week of May 16th. Please remember to read the newsletters that are sent out via email!

This week three families (McIntee, Darlow and Lopez) joined our community, and we are pleased to have them here with us.

Over the break we started work on the South Courtyard where our students play during break times, and that work was delayed because of a few rainy days during the holidays. The courtyard is expected to be completed early next week. In the meantime, our students have been moved to the playground area, and they have been enjoying the extra space now that the field is open for games. Of course the students were excited to run on the grass and roll down the mound!

Regards,

Suzette Julien  
Elementary Principal

## Summer Camp 2011

Check out the website: [www.isps.edu.tt](http://www.isps.edu.tt)

Click on **School Life**  
then click on  
**Summer Camp!**

Forms at the front office

Contact Ms. Julien at 632-4591 ext.123 or  
[sjulien@isps.edu.tt](mailto:sjulien@isps.edu.tt)

## MAY CALENDAR

16-20—MAP Testing

23—WordMasters

25— Music Festival

25-28—Arts /Health Week

30—Indian Arrival Day (No School)

## PYP Corner

Grade Five students and their teachers have been working feverishly over the last six weeks on their exhibition. These students spent numerous hours doing research and interviewing individuals from organizations such as UNICEF, RED CROSS and FIFA just to name a few.

Exhibition is important to our PYP since all the skills that students have learned throughout the programme must be demonstrated at the exhibition.

We are proud of the students for their team work. Congratulations Grade five students and teachers!



Focus words this month:

**Knowledgeable and Confidence**



# May 2011

## International School of Port of Spain 2010—2011 School Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 School Resumes After School Activities Session 2 begins	3	4	5 MS MAP Testing	6 Grade 5 PYP Exhibition	7 SAT's 7:00am—2:00pm
AP Exams						
8	9	10	11 7th Grade Outdoor Education Trip to Grande Riviere HS MAP Testing (Grade 9)	12	13	14
AP Exams						
15	16 ES MAP Testing	17	18	19	20 MS Q4 Progress Reports	21
CAISSA Tournament May 20—24, Ecuador						
22	23	24	25 Music Festival	26 ISPS Art Exhibition	27	28
CAISSA Tournament May 20—24, Ecuador						
29	30 Indian Arrival Day (National Holiday)	31				

<b>May</b>	<b>Dates for your Diary:</b>	11-13	Grade 9 MAP Testing	25	ISPS Music Festival	
		16-20	ES MAP Testing	25	PTO AGM	
		20	MS Q4 Progress Reports	25-28	ES Art/Health Week	
	5-11	MS MAP Testing	20-24	CAISSA - Ecuador	25-29	ISPS Art Exhibition
	11-13	Grade 7 Grande Riviere Trip	23-31	MAP Testing		

## Cafeteria Menu: May 9-13, 2011

**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**

MONDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup>	BEEF SOUP, CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP, CALALOO SOUP, FRESH BREAD ROLLS, FRESH FRUIT SALAD, FRESH FRUIT JUICE
TUESDAY 10 <sup>TH</sup>	SWEET AND SOUR FISH, CHICKEN IN OYSTER SAUCE, FRIED RICE, NOODLES, CHUNKY VEGETABLES, CUCUMBER SALAD, FRESH FRUIT JUICE
WEDNESDAY 11 <sup>TH</sup>	BAKE AND SHARK, TOPPINGS, SALAD BAR, FRESH FRUIT JUICE ( A LA CARTE)  CHICKEN LO MEIN, TOSSED SALAD, FRESH FRUIT JUICE (TABLE 'D' HOTE)
THURSDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup>	BEEF LASAGNE, VEGETABLE LASAGNE, VEGETABLES IN HERB BUTTER, GARLIC BREAD, CAESAR SALAD, FRESH FRUIT JUICE
FRIDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup>	<i>BREAKFAST FOR LUNCH:</i> PANCAKES, WAFFLES, BAGELS, FRENCH TOAST, BREAD ROLLS, FRESH FRUIT MUFFINS, COCONUT BAKE, SALTFISH BULJOL, EGGS, BACON, MAPLE SYRUP, CREAM CHEESE, SAUSAGES, CEREAL, FRUITS, YOGURTS, JAM, CHEESE/BUTTER, FRESH FRUIT JUICE (A LA CARTE)  IRISH LAMB STEW, PARSLEY POTATOES, MIXED SALAD, FRESH FRUIT JUICE (TABLE 'D' HOTE)

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

**Small: \$23.00    Large: \$28.75**

**Prices for (A la Carte Menu) : VAT INCLUSIVE**

<b>Beef Sub:</b> \$16.10(sm)/\$19.55(m)	<b>Chicken Sub:</b> \$14.95(sm)/\$17.25(m)	<b>Meatball Sub:</b> \$16.10(sm)/\$19.55(m)
<b>Bake &amp; Shark:</b> \$20.00	<b>French Fries:</b> \$9.20	<b>Regular Juices: Small</b> \$4.60 <b>Large:</b> \$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