



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,

On behalf of the ISPS community, I want to congratulate our boys' and girls' basketball teams for their performance in the T&T national finals. The boys' under 15 team are the national champs! As one proud parent noted, "You could go your whole life without knowing a national champion" – and we have a whole team of them at our school! The boy's under 17 team faced a bigger and stronger opponent but can be very proud of their tremendous, unflagging effort. The girls' team also faced a tough team from Tobago but impressed all of the ISPS fans with their tenacity. *Gooo Caimans!*

ISPS inducted eleven new students into the National Honor Society in a ceremony on Wednesday evening. Congratulations to these students who have pledged to uphold the ideals of scholarship, service, leadership and character espoused by the NHS. A special thanks to David Smith for serving as the coordinator of the NHS this school year, making this experience possible for our students.

I sent parents a letter on Wednesday about our response to the swine flu threat and the Nurse has published additional information on page four of this newsletter. Since that time, the WHO has upgraded their rating of the threat. We continue to work with health authorities to ensure we put measures in place to keep our students safe. As noted in the letter, we ask that you **please keep your children at home if they are sick and keep the school advised if they develop flu like symptoms.** The school is also putting a four stage plan into place to address this issue. There is no cause for panic and we will keep you informed if the situation changes. Please call the school nurse if you have any questions or concerns.

The PTO **Annual General Meeting will take place on May 20th**. At this time, we will be electing nominees for parent members of the Board of Directors and officers for the PTO. Persons interested in serving our school on the Board of Directors or PTO must submit their names for consideration by **May 11th**. In addition, attendees at the AGM will also vote to amend the PTO By-Laws. Please see the nomination form found later in this newsletter. I very much encourage everyone to attend this important meeting.

As you likely know, ISPS will host the CAISSA girls' basketball and boys' soccer tournament May 22-25. Plans for the event are fully in gear and we are looking forward to a terrific tournament. We encourage all ISPS families to come out and cheer for the Caimans. On **Saturday, May 23rd** there will be BBQ available for sale along with a bouncy castle and face painting for younger students. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

AP examinations begin in the high school next week. I have been quite impressed with the diligence of our students as they prepare for the exams. It is now the final push, and I advise students taking part to work hard, get plenty of sleep and eat well.

ISPS will have our annual Open House on May 9th for people interested in learning more about our school and the education opportunities we offer. We are all ambassadors for our school and I ask that you encourage friends, work colleagues and neighbors to attend the Open House to learn more about our quality programs.

Do something fun with your children this weekend.

Eric Larson

Dates for your Diary:

May 2	SAT Exams
May 4-15	AP Exams
May 9	Open House
May 11-15	MAP testing 2-6 & 9
May 13	7th Gd. Grande Riviere Trip
May 15	ES Sports Event: 11:30-2:15pm

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Book the Date!

PTO AGM

**Wednesday May
20th**

For more information on the Nomination of Officers, please refer to page two of this newsletter.

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 by **Monday May 11th**.

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

ISPS School Board – Parent Directors*

Positions: 1 full director and 2 alternative parent directors to be selected.

Parent Director Nomination

* 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.

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

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 2009.

Signed: _____

AP Exam Notice

AP exams for High School students start on Monday 4, May and continue until Friday 15, May. We are requesting that students, parents and drivers be as quiet as possible while on the school compound during this period. AP students are requested to follow the guidelines outlined below:

What to Bring to the Exam Room

- Several sharpened No. 2 pencils (with erasers) for all multiple-choice answer sheets.
- Black or dark-blue ballpoint pens for free-response questions in most exams.
- A watch
- Your social security number for identification purposes. (If you provide it, the number will appear on your AP Grade Reports.)
- An [AP-authorized calculator](#) if you're taking an AP Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Physics, or Statistics Exam.
- A ruler or straightedge if you're taking an AP Physics Exam.

What Not to Bring to the Exam Room

- Books, compasses, correction fluid, dictionaries, highlighters, or notes.
- Rulers and straightedges (except as noted above).
- Scratch paper (notes can be made on portions of the exam booklets).
- Typewriting equipment, computers (except as noted for students with disabilities), or calculators (except as noted above).
- Watches that beep or have an alarm.
- Portable listening or recording devices -- even with headphones -- or photographic equipment.
- Beepers, cellular phones, MP3 players, or personal digital assistants (PDAs).
- Clothing (t-shirts, for example) with subject-related information.

2009 Exam Calendar - Week 1		
	Morning - 8 a.m.	Afternoon - 12 noon
Monday, May 4	Government and Politics: United States	Government and Politics: Comparative French Language
Tuesday, May 5*	Computer Science A Computer Science AB Spanish Language	Statistics
Wednesday, May 6	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Chinese Language and Culture
Thursday, May 7	English Literature German Language	Japanese Language and Culture French Literature
Friday, May 8	United States History	European History Studio Art (portfolios due)



April 30, 2009

Dear Parents,

In response to the threat of the Swine Flu Epidemic and the electronic letter sent to parents on Wednesday 28th, 2009 by Mr. Larson, please refer to the information below:-

- **Incubation period:** usually 5-7 days with influenza but not yet determined specifically for this strain
- **Signs and Symptoms:** Fever > 38°C, cough, sore throat, body aches, headaches, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting. Pneumonia and respiratory failure and even death may occur.
- **How swine flu spreads:** Swine flu is spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing, by touching something with the flu virus on it and touching mouth or nose.
- **Infectious time:** Infected people may be able to infect others beginning one day before symptoms develop and up to seven or more days after becoming sick. You may be able to pass on the flu to someone else and not even know that you are sick.
- **Prevention:** WASH hands regularly. Avoid contact with sick persons. Stay away from crowded areas. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious food. Try to avoid touching surfaces which may be contaminated with the flu virus.
- **Treatment:** The CDC recommends the use of oseltamivir or zanamir for treatment and prevention of swine flu. Antiviral drugs work best if started soon after getting sick (within 2 days of symptoms).
- **How long can the organism live outside the body?** We know that some viruses and bacteria can live 2 hours or longer on surfaces like cafeteria tables, doorknobs and tables. Frequent hand washing will help you reduce the chances of getting contamination from these surfaces.

Some Preventative Actions are :

- If you get sick- stay away from other people,
- cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing, use a tissue and discard after use
- wash your hands after coughing and sneezing, wash for 15 to 20 seconds. Alcohol based hand sanitizers are also effective if soap and water are not available.
- avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- stay away from work or school until you are better
- At present CAREC is testing if necessary.

Sincerely

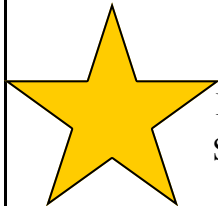
Vanda Gomes, R.N. R.M. : School Nurse

Congratulations!

The Middle School congratulates the following students on achieving club membership based on their Quarter 3 report cards. These students have all demonstrated outstanding Academic Responsibility.

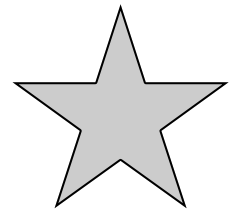
GOLD CLUB

Daniela Calderon
Nicholas Laquis
Ahilya Lom
Martina Manetti
Esme Pariseau
Prasanna Ramakrishnan
Dillon Samani
Celine Sooknarine
Marianna Torres
Patrick Wigger
Miguel Zempel
Moneisha Zempel
Sabrina Gabriel
Joseph Gomes
Ruth Hernandez
Elizabeth Laquis
Stephanie Laquis
Laura Morrison
Sameerah Qudourah
Vinaya Ravishankar
Lauren Scott
HaHyeun You
Lizabeth Alley
Raquel Briceno
Natalie Christie
Kelli Coleman
Kayleigh DeSilva
Annelise Duprey
Madeline Holgate
Samantha Juman
Kailey Lummus
Maia Morgan
Charlotte Samaroo
Reno Seo
Chelsea Thomas
Emily Wilkins



SILVER CLUB

Max Davies
Elizabeth Sabga
Anna Sabga - Aboud
Kevin Achim
Filippe Barros
Gabriel Garrett
Claudio Neu-Ries
Ross Simpson
Alexandra Bovell
Kevin Dos Santos
Kirran Kirpalani
Kamelle Le Page
Yuliest Nunez
David Osorio
Gabriel Garrett
Gabriella Segnini
Danial Smith
Geong You



BRONZE CLUB

Zoe Holgate
Aby Mohan
Loren Pickering
Francis Hadeed
Stefan Low
Krish Mehta
Sasha Chow
Benjamin Laquis
James Mitchell
Cesar Morales
Oriane Mouttet
Gabriela Rodal
Rae Russell-Hosein



Congratulations!

High School Honor Roll: Quarter 3 08-09 (G.P.A. 3.5 & above)		
Grade 9		
<i>Camille Delouche</i> <i>Max Fondyga</i> <i>Andres Gandara</i>	<i>Camila Garcia</i> <i>Noora Larson</i> <i>Jay Mehta</i>	<i>Jazz Morgan</i> <i>Abby Sealy</i>
Grade 10		
<i>Sarah Achim</i> <i>Nadeska Concha</i> <i>Jorge Gonzalez</i> <i>Robin Jones Kerr</i>	<i>Jamie Kelshall</i> <i>Emma Low</i> <i>Edward Mahabir</i> <i>Luisana Nunez</i>	<i>Jessica Ordaz Garcia</i> <i>Prithvi Ramakrishnan</i> <i>Javier Villalba</i> <i>Amanda Wilkins</i>
Grade 11		
<i>Rheanna Chen</i> <i>Keisha Daniel</i> <i>Andrew Hadad</i> <i>Shaina Laughlin</i>	<i>Nikita Mohanan</i> <i>Alexandria Mottley</i> <i>Florinda Pamungkasputri</i> <i>Adam Raffoul</i>	<i>Kristian Rajack</i> <i>Shari Ramsaran</i> <i>Delaney Shim</i>
Grade 12		
<i>Matthew Charles</i> <i>Sarah Clark</i> <i>Samantha De Gannes</i>	<i>Sarah Fondyga</i> <i>Emma Golborne</i> <i>Phillip Miller</i>	<i>Arvind Ramnauth</i> <i>Schmita Ramsaran</i>

High School Merit Roll: Quarter 3 08-09 (G.P.A. 3.0 to 3.5)		
Grade 9		
<i>David De Los Reyes</i> <i>Evan Loquan</i> <i>Arionne Mitchell</i>	<i>Shara Morris</i> <i>Jesse Scott</i> <i>Matthew Temple</i>	<i>Makeda Thom</i> <i>James Wilhite</i>
Grade 10		
<i>Tara Armour</i> <i>Ella Bayne</i> <i>Salome Boccara</i> <i>Dylan Galt</i> <i>Thomas Laquis</i>	<i>Kyle Larson</i> <i>Dominique Lawrence</i> <i>Sebastien Lucas</i> <i>Rehana Omardeen</i>	<i>Samantha Rahael</i> <i>Teresa Sabga</i> <i>Ross Tanner</i> <i>R. Eduardo White Lopez</i> <i>Diana Osorio</i>
Grade 11		
<i>Diego Ariza</i> <i>Santiago Artola</i> <i>Shaun Augustus</i> <i>Paul Hamel-Smith</i>	<i>Alexis Chin</i> <i>Keegan De Silva</i> <i>Gabrielle Gaspar</i> <i>Briana Azar</i>	<i>Jasmine Haskell</i> <i>Rayne Kirpalani</i> <i>Amara Prevatt</i> <i>Leiana Wilhite</i>
Grade 12		
<i>Karianna Ali</i> <i>Luanna Chin</i> <i>Toni Christie</i> <i>Latricia Davidson</i>	<i>Daniela De Los Reyes</i> <i>Hannah de Suze</i> <i>Amy Duckworth</i> <i>Ana-Francesca Lanser</i>	<i>Enitan Marcelle</i> <i>Kristoff Nieves</i> <i>Amanda Sabga</i> <i>Jabari Thomas</i>

Athletic News

ISPS Hosts CAISSA in May

ISPS will be hosting season 3 of CAISSA from May 22nd to May 26th 2009. Girls Basketball and Boys Soccer will take the center stage as ISPS Caimans register two teams in each sport. The entire ISPS community can look forward to a very competitive tournament and a very festive atmosphere. **B-B-Q will be on sale from Just Grilling on Saturday 23rd, kids will be able to jump in the Bouncy Castle and there will also be face Painting. Bring your kids out and enjoy our CAISSA.**

All parents interested in housing students from CMS, ECA or AC please contact Ashmir Ali. It is only with your help that we can successfully host this tournament.

All parents interested in assisting with the staging of this tournament please contact Ashmir Ali (620-6866, aali@isps.edu.tt).

Caimans Basketball

The Caimans have once again rewritten the history books: This season is the first time that ISPS has made it to the finals in three categories (there are only five categories) in the National Basketball Championships. Congratulations to the players and coaches!!!

ISPS Caimans Girls Basketball team placed a creditable second in Girls Open National Basketball Finals on Friday. The game was keenly contested for the first three quarters, but the Tobago team pulled away in the last period. The fighting Caimans showed character and sportsmanship throughout the game and indeed the tournament.

Congratulations to all the girls: Casey Temple, Emma Goldborne, Zoe Smart, Jay Haskell, Therese Chin Lee, Kemi Ible, Ella Bayne, Salome Bocarra, Amanda Sabga and Sarah Clark.

Our under 15 Boys retained their National Championship Boys Under 15 title, and **our Under 17 Boys** placed second in their bid for the Under 17 National title. This is an extraordinary feat for our school, and it speaks volumes about the quality of programs being offered at ISPS. Very sincere thanks to the entire staff, the parents, and the coaches for a great job. Now on to CAISSA, where the girls (two teams) will do battle against our friends from Venezuela, Ecuador and the Dominican Republic, Coaches Sprott and Lue Shue are very confident and are working hard to bring more glory to ISPS.

After School Activities

After School Activities started on April 27th, 2009. Registration forms are available at the front desk. Please note the following:-

There is **no charge for Scuba Club on Thursdays. **The Steel Pan and the Arts and Craft classes are filled.

Caimans Soccer

Our CAISSA boys soccer teams are training hard for their tournament in May. Practice schedules are shown below.

Selection for the CAISSA teams 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 is of great importance both short and long term. All interested students must return a signed consent form to the PE Department before attending training sessions.

Caimans Training Schedules for team sports : Season 3 (Boys Soccer and Girls Basketball) from March to May:

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Boys Soccer Varsity 3:30-5:30 pm	Girls Basketball JV 3:30-5:30 pm	Boys Soccer Varsity 3:30-5:30 pm	Girls Basketball JV 3:30-5:30 pm	Boys Soccer Varsity/JV 3:30-5:30 pm
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CAISSA Boys Soccer and Girl Basketball is in Trinidad from May 22-26th. Only Students from Grades 8-12 will be considered for CAISSA teams.



ISPS

Elementary

Music Festival

Parents, please be advised that, due to unforeseen circumstances, the **ISPS Elementary School Music Festival** is now carded for **Monday 25th May 2009**.

Please also note that participation in this festival is open to Upper Elementary students (Grade 3 to 5) only.

Come out and support our budding musicians!

What is a Music Festival?

A **music festival** is a festival oriented towards music. Many festivals are annual, or repeat at some other interval. They are held in local communities, regionally or nationally, for the benefit of amateur musicians of all ages and grades of achievement.

You get Assessed!

While entrants perform prepared pieces in the presence of an audience which includes competitors, the essential feature of this type of festival is that each participant receives verbal and written feedback, there and then, from a highly qualified, professional adjudicator — someone who they might never meet in any other way.

You get Awarded!

They also usually receive a certificate, classified according to merit, and some may win trophies. The competitive element is often played down, however, as the important aspect is that participants can learn from one another.

Most Important!

Such festivals aim to provide a friendly and supportive platform for musicians to share in the excitement of making music. For many they provide a bridge between lessons and examinations and performing confidently in public.



ISPS SUMMER CAMP

ISPS SUMMER SCHOOL

29th June—17th July 2009

Summer Camp 9am—2:30pm

Summer School 9am—11:30am(recommended by ISPS teacher)

** Download form-www.isps.edu.tt*

Click on “School Life” and scroll down to “Summer Camp”.

** Fill out form and drop off*

Enroll in our balanced program for 4—12 year olds in Art , Culture, Science, Technology and Sports

- *Art and Craft*
- *Cooking*
- *Dance*
- *Digital Music Production*
- *Digital Photography*
- *Exploratory Science*
- *Information Technology*
- *BrickLab® Lego*
- *Robotics*
- *Sports*
- *Video Production*



Feature Camp Activity

ROBOTICS

9-12 year olds

BRICKLAB® (LEGO)

4-8 year olds



For further details: Visit <http://www.isps.edu.tt>

E-mail: sjulien@isps.edu.tt or isps.summercamp@gmail.com

Call: (868) 633-4777 ext 123

School Notice Board : Upcoming Events & Notices



Congratulations to the following students on their recent induction into the National Honor Society

Tara Armour	Nadeska Concha
Rheanna Gena Chen	Alexis Chin
Latricia Davidson	Rohan Katoch
Jamie Kelshall	Robin Jones Kerr
Amara Prevatt	Delaney Shim
Javier Villalba	

Congratulations to Samantha Rahael

At the recently concluded Carifta Swimming Championships in Aruba, Samantha Rahael was overall 2nd in her age group with 10 medals. She also set two National records in the 800 free, a 28 year old record with a time of 9:22.26 smashing the old record by 14 seconds. In the 400 IM she set a new record in the 15-17 age group and a new open record with a time of 5:10:75. She qualifies for CCCAN in Mexico in June 2009 and The World Games in Rome in July 2009.

Fantastic CAIMAN... We are proud of you!



REMINDER!

ISPS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday May 9th

9:30am to 12 noon

If you have any family members, neighbours or friends who may be interested in learning more about the programs and offerings at our school, please have them contact **Ms. Walker at the front off at extension 400** or via e-mail at hwalker@isps.edu.tt

Middle School Student Council

Spirit Week: May 18th –22nd

It's only \$30.00 for the week and all proceeds will be donated to our charity families.

All participating students MUST dress according to the SCHOOL RULES & Spirit Week Theme

- *Cartoon Monday*
- *Turn Back Tuesday*
- *Wacky Wednesday*
- *Celebrity Thursday*
- *Food Friday*

Have fun while supporting your student council. We start collecting payments from Monday 27th

→ DON'T FORGET!

Financial Aid Forms are now available from the Admission Office.

The deadline for submission is now May 15th.

Yearbook Class Raffle

The Yearbook class will be having a raffle in aid of paying for this year's yearbook. Anyone can participate!

TONS OF COOL PRIZES!!!



- *Cool Stationery, Gift Certificates....and much more*

There will be separate drawings for ES, MS, HS and Staff

It begins on May 1st with the drawing on June 12th

For more information, please contact Mr. Deery or any member of the yearbook class at the following e-mail address ispsyb@gmail.com



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Dates for your Diary:

May 2	SAT Exams
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May 9	Open House
May 11-15	MAP testing 2-6 & 9
May 13	7th Gd. Grande Riviere Trip
May 15	ES Sports Event: 11:30-2:15pm



Cafeteria Menu: May 4th-May 8th

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 4th:** Caribbean Style Chicken, Grilled Fish, Carrot Dumplings, Saffron Rice, Lentils, Cucumber Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice
- Tue 5th:** Pork Chops in Apple Sauce, Stuffed Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, Coleslaw & Fresh Fruit Juice
- Wed 6th:** Shepherd's Pie, Vegetable Shepherd's Pie, Baked Beans, Fresh Bread, Tossed Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice
- Thu 7th:** Chicken Lo Mein, Pasta Alfredo, Pasta Delight, Pasta with Fresh Tomatoes, Mixed Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice
- Fri 8th:** Barbeque Chicken, Grilled Pork Ribs, Barbeque Fish, Corn Bread, Pasta Salad or Potato Salad, Green Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice

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

Small: \$20.70 Large: \$25.30

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

**** Special Note****

Freshly baked breads are still available for purchase from your ISPS Café on Friday afternoons. If you are interested, please place your orders during the week from Monday through to Thursday with Mrs. Prime or her staff.





May 2009

International School of Port of Spain

2008—2009 School Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	1	2 SATs 8:00am—1:30pm
3	4 AP Exams	5	6	7	8	9 Open House 9:30am—12:00pm
10	11 AP Exams MAP Testing Grades 2-6 & 9	12	13 7th Grade Grande Riviere Trip	14	15 ES Sports Event 11:30am—2:15pm GYM	16
17	18 MAP Testing Grades 2-6 & 9	19	20	21 HS Play "Fools" 7:30pm ISPS Theatre	22 HS Play "Fools" 7:30pm ISPS Theatre CAISSA Boys Soccer/Girls BB Tournament— ISPS	23 HS Play "Fools" 7:30pm ISPS Theatre
24	25 ES Music Festival 6:00-8:00pm ISPS Theatre	26	27 MS Progress Reports	28 AP Art Exhibit Inauguration 5:00-7:00pm Gym	29 AP Art Exhibit	30 AP Art Exhibit Indian Arrival Day (National Holiday)
CAISSA Boys Soccer/Girls BB Tournament—ISPS						
31	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6 SATs 8:00am—1:30pm PTO Garage Sale