



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,

We will hold our annual Open House on May 9th. We anticipate a good turnout and look forward to providing prospective ISPS families information about the quality education we provide.

We continue to monitor student and staff health, with a focus on the A (H1N1) flu virus. To date, we have not seen any cases at the school or heard of any from parents or local health authorities. However, we will maintain our vigilance for the time being. We continue to urge you to **please keep your children at home if they are sick and keep the school advised if they develop flu like symptoms**. Please call the school nurse if you have any questions or concerns.

The PTO **Annual General Meeting will take place on May 20th**. 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 next **Monday, May 11th**. We will publish a list of candidate names in next week's newsletter. In addition, attendees at the AGM will vote to amend the PTO By-Laws. A draft of the revised By-Laws will also be in next week's newsletter for your review before the meeting. I very much encourage everyone to attend this important meeting.

Come cheer for the Caimans! ISPS is hosting the CAISSA girls' basketball and boys' soccer tournament May 22-25 and we are looking forward to a terrific tournament. There will be a meeting for parents hosting visiting athletes on Wednesday, May 13th at 3:30 PM. *Thanks in advance to all of the families who are hosting the visiting teams.* We encourage all ISPS families to come out and cheer for the Caimans. On **Saturday, May 23rd** there will be BBQ available along with a bouncy castle and face painting for younger students courtesy of the PTO. A **special welcome to leaving families**-take advantage of your last chance to support our Caimans!

AP examinations are underway in the high school and will continue through next week. The students have been handling the exams well and now need that final push to finish strong.

Students in grades 2-6 and grade 9 will take the Measures of Academic Progress assessment May 11-15. We gave this externally moderated assessment earlier in the school year and it will be good to evaluate student progress since that time.

The high school drama production, **Fools**, will be performed on **May 21, 22, and 23**. I hope you can come see the play and support our budding thespians.

To the mother's in our ISPS Community: Happy Mother's Day.

Eric Larson

Dates for your Diary:

- 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
- May 18-22 MAP Testing Gds 2-6 & 9

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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: Week Two (May 11-15)

AP exams for High School students started on Monday 4, May and will 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 2

	Morning - 8 a.m.	Afternoon - 12 noon	Afternoon - 2 p.m.
Monday, May 11	Biology Music Theory	Physics B Physics C: Mechanics	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism†
Tuesday, May 12	Environmental Science Chemistry	Psychology	
Wednesday, May 13	Italian Language and Culture English Language	Art History	
Thursday, May 14	Macroeconomics World History	Microeconomics	
Friday, May 15	Human Geography Spanish Literature	Latin Literature Latin: Vergil	



*ISPS Theatre
Co.
presents
Fools*

It's nearly a mission impossible for a schoolteacher. When young Leon Tolchinsky (played by ISPS sophomore Ross Tanner) walks into the 1890s Russian village of Kulyenchikov to answer a help-wanted advertisement, he is taken aback. Because of an ancient curse, everyone in the village is an idiot. Tolchinsky then learns that he will have to break the curse, or become an idiot, too.

In Neil Simon's comedy "Fools," being presented by the ISPS Theatre Co., Dr. Zubritsky (Salome Boccara) and his wife Lenya (Robin Jones-Kerr) have sent for Tolchinsky so he can educate their daughter, Sophia (Tara Armour). At first Tolchinsky balks, but then realizes saving Sophia can save the whole village including himself.

Shows will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, May 21-23 at 7:30 p.m. in the new Performing Arts Center on the ISPS campus. Admission is free to all ISPS staff, students and families. Featuring nine high school students, "Fools" is a comedy suited for the whole family. One of Neil Simon's most respected plays, it's also one of his least known. "Fools" had a brief run starting in 1981 in New York City's Eugene O'Neill Theatre.

In the comic fable, Tolchinsky learns he must get a Zubritsky to marry a Yousekevitch. The problem is, there is no love, according to Yenchna, the butcher (Amanda Wilkins), because a fool cannot know the meaning of love. If Tolchinsky doesn't succeed in his mission within 24 hours, he, too, will become a fool, trapped in Kulyenchikov forever.

Other cast members include Emma Low as Snetsky, the shepherd; Latricia Davidson as the magistrate; David Pickering as Mishkin, the mail carrier, and Eddie Mahabir as Count Gregor Yousekevitch. If you think the character names sound wild, just imagine experiencing a fire, an adoption, a divorce, a wedding and a death in the family all in one night!

"Fools" will be presented May 21 - 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the ISPS Theatre, on the campus of the International School of Port of Spain, 1 International Drive in Westmoorings. Admission is free!

Nurse's Notes

Hello Everyone,

We have been checking students with flu like symptoms and sending them home. This will continue as we keep an eye out for the H1N1 virus (Swine Flu).

We would like you to keep your child/children at home if they are not feeling well and have them checked by a Doctor if fever persists for more than 2 days.

The students in Elementary School have been doing a great job as we continue to increase awareness about the ways in which we can have fun in the sun and be safe.

The cafeteria committee continues to meet once a quarter, members are: Vanda Gomes, Nick Yaremchuk, Leoni Prime, Jo Anne Fondyga, Sophia Laquis. If you have any concerns please feel free to discuss with Mrs. Prime or any other member of the committee.

Enjoy the weekend.

Vanda Gomes R.N. R.M.

School Nurse



Athletic News

CAISSA

CAISSA Girls basketball and Boys Soccer is just two weeks away; May 22nd to May 26th. Our teams are rounding off their training and our coaches are very confident that our students will represent us with distinction.

On Saturday 23rd May (the opening day of CAISSA) the ISPS community can look forward to B-B-Q (from Just Grilling), Face painting, a soft drink bar, bouncy castle fun for the kids, music, doubles, African Drumming and Tassa courtesy of the PTO and not to mention ..of course... great basketball and soccer. Our cheerleaders will be making their debut for the tournament. We especially invite leaving families to take part in this school-wide, family event.

Come to CAISSA and all the fun that goes with it!!

GOOOO CAIMANS!!

Housing is an integral part of the CAISSA tournament and so far the committee has not been able to find accommodations for all the visiting athletes. Please support us to make the tournament a success. All parents who are interested in housing athletes from the visiting teams please contact Ashmir Ali (620-6866 or aali@isps.edu.tt).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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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Opening Day Of CAISSA

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PTO B-B-Q & Family Fun Time Event

(A chance for families to come together and say farewell to leaving families)

Date: Saturday 23rd May, 2009

Time:

Best Part: The B-B-Q & all fun events are free









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

Registration Forms are now available the at front office!

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

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 Time Tuesday (dress in the 70's)*
- *Wacky Wednesday*
- *Thermal Thursday (dress in either red-hot or blue-cold)*
- *Food Friday*

Money will be collected on Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th ONLY!!!



PTO YEAR END YARD SALE

- Families leaving the country
- Students raise funds for your graduation, charity, school clubs, etc.

The PTO invites ISPS families and student groups to purchase a stand at the Yard Sale early as the event will be advertised to the general public as well.

When: Saturday, June 6th

Time: 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Where: Gym

Price: TT \$150 per stand

Sell toys, computer games, DVD's, music CD's, electronics, kitchen stuff, clothes, small furniture, etc.

Registration forms will be available at the front desk next week by Ms. Walker

For further information, please contact any of the persons listed below:-

Maria: 632-7335 home / 389-7250 cell or

magusinya2002@hotmail.com

Lee: 629-0510 home / 729-4129 cell or

ondyill@yahoo.co.uk



REMINDERS

- **Open House is tomorrow from 9:30am to 12 noon.** If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about the programs we offer at ISPS and they were unable to contact us, please inform them that they can still attend and register tomorrow morning at the actual event.
- **Financial Aid forms are still available** from the Admissions Office. The **deadline for submission is next week Friday (May 15th).**
- Yearbook Class Raffle is still ongoing and all funds raised will be used to offset the production of this year's yearbook. For more information, please contact Mr. Deery or e-mail ispsyb@gmail.com. **The draw date will be June 12th.**



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Cafeteria Menu: 11th-15th

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 11th:** Sweet and Sour Chicken, Honey Garlic Fish, Stir Fry Tofu, Sesame Noodles, Fried Rice, Chunky Vegetables, Cucumber Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice
- Tue 12th:** Stewed Chicken, Stewed Pork, Fish Creole, Pigeon Peas Stew, Vegetable Rice/Plantains, Calaloo, Green Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice
- Wed 13th:** Geera Pork, Jerk Chicken, Cassava Dumplings, Snowflake Rice, Dhal/Chutney, Pickled Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice
- Thu 14th:** Fish Nuggets, Chicken Nuggets, Scallop Potatoes, Sautéed Vegetables, Tossed Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice
- Fri 15th:** Chicken Noodle Soup, Bread Rolls & Fresh Fruit Juice OR **Bake & Shark, Salad Bar, Toppings & Fresh Fruit Juice (a La Carte)**

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.



Elementary Notes



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Dear Parents,

It would seem that the pace at this time of the year does not allow us to catch our breath before the next event is upon us.

Our students are practicing for the upcoming sports event on Friday 15th. At 11:30 a.m. in the gymnasium, students will be participating in team games and will be recognized for their sportsmanship. Also, we have included a parade of house teams : Mayaro, Nariva, Caroni and Maraval


Music Festival is scheduled on May 25th, at 6:30 p.m., and we are encouraging students in grades three through five to participate in the event. The event allows the students to gain confidence as they perform on a stage.

Grades two through five will complete Measurement for Academic Progress (MAP) final testing from May 11-15. As you are aware the first tests were completed in September 2008.

The ISPS Summer Academic Program recommendation letters will be sent home next week. If you are planning to send your child to the three week program, please return your forms as soon as possible in order for us to organize your child's program. Also, please note that if you want your child to attend the summer school activities you can indicate that on the same form.

Have a great weekend!

Suzette Julien: Elementary Principal



Summer Camp 2009

Summer camp flyers and forms are available at the front office or download from www.isps.edu.tt. Please click on School Life for all camp information. Return completed forms to Elementary School Office.

New activity added this year:

Brick Lab (LEGO) for 4-6 year olds!

Dates to Remember:

May 11-15– MAP testing (Grades 2-5)

May 15—Sports Event @11:30 a.m. Gym

May 25—Music Festival @ 6 p.m.

Primary Years Program (PYP) Corner

By the end of this year students in pre-kindergarten will have completed four units, and all other grade levels will have completed six units. Please make sure that your child completes and return all tasks that have been assigned. As we get closer to the end of the year, students tend to relax more than usual and forget to turn in their projects or assignments. An integral part of the unit study includes both formative and summative assessments. If the student fails to submit his/her work, this will affect his/her grade for that unit. Please continue to check your child's agenda notebook so that you are aware of the deadline for projects etc.

Focus words for this month: Knowledgeable and Confidence

Angela Shahien ashahien@isps.edu.tt



WordMasters Challenge

Special Congratulations to Robert Harris who had a total score of 20! and Sophie Duthie who had a score of 19.

Scores 14 –18

Grade Three

James Leigh	Lucas Lombard	James Mc Donald
Andrew Hupp	Samuel Gabriel	Gracie Buchanan
Clea Pariseau	Michael Sealy	

Grade Four

Thyanne Caramez	Devin Norman	Vaishnavi Vijayan
Melita Rezende	Oliver Denning	Ian Ford
	Brandon Nieves-Young Pow	

Grade Five

Olivier Delouche	Rawan Galal	Rowen Lummus
Ilana Ferguson	Alexander Jackson	Timothy Scott
Kieran Reid	Lauren Reid	Sara Low
	Anna Simpson	

Congratulations to all the students who participated in all three challenges!