



# 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,

A special thanks to the high school students who sponsored the Divali celebration on Wednesday. It was a really nice way to recognize and honor this festival of lights. Remember that tomorrow is a national holiday and there is no school for students. Enjoy the long weekend with your family.

The first quarter reports for middle school and high school will be sent home on Monday, November 8th, not today as originally announced, due to some technical issues. Please take time to review these with your children and set goals for the second quarter. Your active interest helps students develop positive attitudes and enhances learning. Remember teachers are always available to conference with you by appointment if you have questions or concerns about your children's education. The first term in the elementary school ends on November 19<sup>th</sup>, with reports going out on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Middle school students travelled "down D islands" today for their annual retreat. The retreat allows students and teachers to spend quality time getting to know each other and build teamwork. Next week, grade six travels to Nariva for two nights as part of their integrated studies. *Great experiences for our middle school students!*

*Gooooo Caimans!* Our boys and girls volleyball teams will travel to the Dominican Republic next Wednesday through Monday. The teams are ready for some serious competition with teams from the DR, Ecuador and Venezuela. Thanks to the coaches and chaperones for making this experience possible for our students.

*Shubh Divali!*

Eric Larson

### Dates for your Diary:

Nov. 6	SAT's: 7:30am.-2pm
8	MS Q1 Reports
10-14	CAISSA - Dominican Republic
19	MS/HS Parent Conferences: 12:15-3:30pm
	ES Term 1 Ends
26	ES Report Card



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## Nurse's Notes

Hello Everyone,

This week many students were ill with cold and flu symptoms. They are being encouraged to drink a lot of liquids especially water and to eat properly. It is important to remember to wash hands and cough/sneeze into a tissue, which must be discarded after use. Students are also encouraged to get enough sleep.

Please note that children's Tylenol has been taken off the market so children's Panadol is being used in

school. I will give you a call if I have to give medication. Have a great long weekend and Happy Divali to the Hindu community.

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



# Caiman Athletic News

## **Volleyball:**

Our volleyball teams leave on Wednesday for the Dominican Republic to participate in CAISSA Volleyball tournament 2010, hosted by the Carol Morgan School. The tournament takes place from 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November. ISPS girls have looked very good in their practice games. Last week they played three practice games against quality teams and won all of them. Coach Daryl and Coach Vanessa are very confident that this team will be very serious contenders to the CAISSA Volleyball title.

The boys are playing very well. They have improved tremendously and are passing, serving and spiking more consistently. Captain Ryan Thomas (who has played for the National Junior Team) and Coach David are very happy with the improvements and are ready to take on all the other CAISSA teams.

### Caimans Girls Volleyball Team:

Coach Davis, Coach Vanessa Chaperlin, Maria Holder, Samantha Krome, Ana Nagy, Noora Larson, Emma Low, Madeleine Chapman, Xia Garcia, Amanda Wilkins, Soryah Hollasie Mottley, and Lauren Scott.



### Caimans Boys Volleyball Team:

Coach Camacho, Ryan Thomas, Dominique, Eduardo Zuleta, Matthew Christie, Jabari Sealy, Brandon Jones Chow Lin On, Gabriel Lombard, James Wilhite, David Pickering, and Rory Affoon.



Good Luck Caimans!

## **Rugby:**

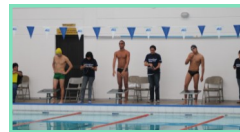
Our rugby players have played only one game so far in the U 17 National Schools Rugby League. Two other games were cancelled because of inclement weather. These games will be rescheduled. Coach Junior is confident that the Caimans will put up a better show in the other games as his team plays more games and gains confidence.

Go Caimans!!

## **Swimming:**

The Caimans will be participating in the Tidal Wave Aquatics Secondary Schools Swim meet this weekend. Students have already signed up. Coach Francis is very excited about our chances in all the categories. This is the largest contingent of swimmers that ISPS has ever entered in any competition.

Caimans Can Swim!!



## **Soccer:**

The ISPS Caimans will be participating in the annual Under 16 Rising Stars Soccer Tournament on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November at the Hasely Crawford Stadium. Coach Francis and Coach TJ have assembled the best young football players and have started training for the tournament. This will be our fourth year in the tournament and the players and coaches are eager to impress all with improved skills of the Caimans.



## **CAISSA DATES:**

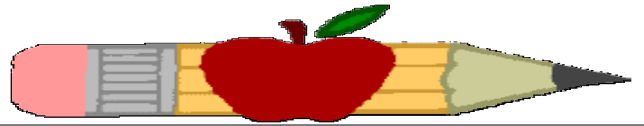
CAISSA Volleyball is in the Dominican Republic from November 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>

\*\*CAISSA boys Basketball and Girls Soccer is in Trinidad from February 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>

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

Ashmir Ali  
Athletic Director

# Elementary Notes



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Dear Parents,

We are a couple weeks away from the end of our first term. During this term our students have been exposed to several learning experiences, and they will continue to do so until the holiday break in December. We are thankful that we have had many parents who volunteered to participate in projects and activities held this term. Moreover, we encourage parents to come to town meetings to share information about their culture or their jobs that connect to our learning units.

Each year our students are asked to engage in a production and this year they will be performing in *The Nutcracker* on December 9th and 10th. Students in grades three through four were given the opportunity to audition for main characters in the production and the cast has been chosen. All other classes will be involved in *The Nutcracker*. Parent representatives for grade levels have been discussing how they can assist the classroom teachers, and we know that the biggest challenge is organizing the costumes. So, please note the grade level representatives will be contacting you.

We understand that some students require assistance in specific subject areas, and we would appreciate if you would speak with your child's classroom teachers before making arrangements for tutoring. If your child requires tutoring he/she will be referred to the student support services. Ms. Marlene Freeman, coordinator for student support services, can give you information regarding tutoring. Additionally, we have our early morning program for reading and math.

Happy Divali to our Hindu community!

Have a great weekend!



The **WordMasters** Challenge is an exercise in critical thinking, which first encourages students to become familiar with a set of interesting new words (sometimes harder than grade level), and then challenges them to use those words to complete analogies expressing various kinds of logical relationships. Students in grades 3-5 are given 25 words at least two weeks before each scheduled meet. There are three scheduled meets. The first meet is held on December 9th, the second is held in February, and the third is held in April. Students are notified ahead of time of the date of each meet. Parents can help students learn the meaning of their words and consider possible analogies based on these words. Also, play games using the words.

## CALENDAR

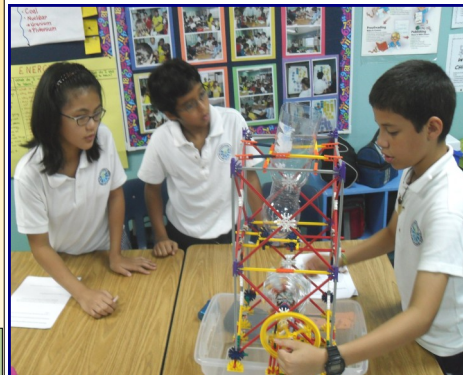
Nov. 19-Term 1 ends

Nov. 26- Reports Distributed

Dec. 3- Parent Conferences

Dec. 9 & 10- Holiday Production

Our teachers are learners and they have been participating in several workshops called *Visual Thinking*. The workshop is based on *Project Zero* a program from Harvard University. These teachers have been learning why visual thinking is important and how can they encourage our students to become visual thinkers by using specific *routines* in the classroom.



Grade Five students are using the thinking routine **Connect Challenge Extend**. They have made connections to what they have researched and based on what they researched they were able to extend their thinking and identify challenges of alternative energy.



**PYP Words for this month:**

**Thinker, Creativity, Enthusiasm.**

In the above pictures our students are demonstrating that they are visual thinkers, enthusiastic and creative with their energy project!



# November 2010

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
October 31	1	2	3 Divali Celebrations 6:00pm	4 HS Q1 Reports MS Retreat	5 Divali (National Holiday)	6 SAT's 7:30am-2:00pm	
7	8 MS Q1 Reports	9	10 6th Grade Nariva Trip		12	13	
14 CAISSA		16	17 CAISSA Tournament - Nov. 10—14, D.R.				20
21	22	23	24	25	19 ES Term I Ends (59 days) Early Dismissal 11:30pm MS/HS Only MS/HS Parent Conferences 12:15—3:30pm	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26 ES T1 Reports HS Scene Night 6:00pm—Theatre	27	
28	29	30	December 1 HS Recital: "Moods & Moves"	December 2	December 3 ES Parent Conferences	December 4 SAT's 7:30am-2:00pm	

Dates for your Diary:					
		19	MS/HS Parent Conferences (Early Dismissal for MS/HS only): <i>Conference 12:15-3:30pm</i>	Dec. 3	ES Parent Conferences
Nov. 6	SAT's: 7:30am.-2pm			7	MS Q2 Progress Reports
8	MS Q1 Reports			9-10	ES School Production
10-14	CAISSA - Dominican Republic	26	ES Report Cards HS Scene Night: <i>Theatre @ 6:00pm</i>	16	Last Day of School ( <i>Early Dismissal</i> )
				25	Christmas Day
				26	Boxing Day

## Cafeteria Menu: November 8-12, 2010

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 (À la Carte)

MONDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup>	BEEF SOUP, CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP, CORN CHOWDER, BREAD ROLLS, FRESH FRUIT SALAD, FRESH FRUIT JUICE
TUESDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup>	BEEF LASAGNE, VEGETABLE LASAGNE, BEANS IN TOMATO SAUCE, GARLIC BREAD, CAESAR SALAD, FRESH FRUIT JUICE
WEDNESDAY 10 <sup>TH</sup>	CHAR SIU PORK, SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN, HONEY GARLIC FISH, FRIED RICE, LO MEIN, CHUNKY VEGETABLES, CUCUMBER SALAD, FRESH FRUIT JUICE
THURSDAY 11 <sup>TH</sup>	CARIBBEAN STYLE CHICKEN, STEAMED FISH, COCONUT DUMPLINGS, COO COO, RICE, CALALOO, LENTILS, COLE SLAW, FRESH FRUIT JUICE
FRIDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup>	CAJUN CHICKEN, DEEP FRIED FISH/TARTAR SAUCE, CREAMED POTATOES, CORN ON THE COB, MIXED SALAD, FRESH FRUIT JUICE

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

Small: \$23.00    Large: \$28.75

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

**Beef Sub:** \$16.10(sm)/\$19.55(m)    **Chicken Sub:** \$14.95(sm)/\$17.25(m)    **Meatball Sub:** \$16.10(sm)/\$19.55(m)  
**Bake & Shark:** \$20.00    **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