



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 tested the Emergency Phone Trees on Tuesday. In general, the test was successful, but did have some glitches. We have prepared a report of problem areas and will share this with the PTO and key people on the phone lists. Thank you for your participation in the test. We will test the phone trees again in the new year.

Our high school volleyball teams had a great CAISSA tournament in Ecuador. The volleyball play was at a very high level and both of our teams battled mightily. Both the boys and girls' teams came in third place, and the boys' team won the Team Spirit Award.

Thank you to the coaches for making this experience possible for our students. Please see more athletic information later in this newsletter- there is a lot going on!

Thanks to middle school and high school parents for attending the parent teacher conferences in the gym last Friday. Remember that teachers are always available to meet with you by appointment.

Don't forget, next **Friday is a regular school day for students.** The school calendar identifies this day as a Curriculum Day, but we changed this to accommodate the Eid holiday.

The Board of Directors has their annual retreat this weekend. I

will provide a report on the retreat in next week's newsletter.

The high school drama production, **Looking Through You**, will be performed next Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. The content of the play is not appropriate for younger children as it deals with issues faced by high school aged students. Elementary students will have a holiday performance on November 26th. We hope you will come to see the play and the elementary school holiday performance. *Thanks for supporting our fine arts programs at ISPS.*

Do something fun with your family this weekend.

Eric Larson

Dates for your Diary:

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High School Theatre Co.
"Looking Through You"
November 20th-22th
Tickets on sale
at the Front Desk

Elementary School Holiday
Concert
"Sasha & The Pearl"
November 26th

Welcome to

Corinne Francois who started in
Kindergarten on Tuesday

Goodbye to

William Norberg and family who
are relocating to another country

Celebrating 15 Years of Excellence

Website: <http://www.isps.edu.tt>

Library Corner

The Library Book Club is thriving! Students in Grades 3 through 8 are participating in this voluntary book club. All students have to do is read ten books on their grade-appropriate reading list and get a score of 80% or above and they can get valuable points for the AR store plus earn a great library field trip at the end of the year.

Grade Three will have a special pizza party at the end of the year.

Grades Four, Five, Seven and Eight will be having a field trip to the Canine Academy in Chaguaramas to see how the police train their working dogs.

Grade Six is reading the classic *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell with Nicha and they will visit the Mounted Branch to see the working horses.



The children from last year's Library Book club had a wonderful time at the Canine Unit when they met Sunny!

The Grade Three Book Club has been designed to help students make the transition from picture books to chapter books. The Library Book Club is a fun way to discover a whole new world through books and the rewards are great! Here are some of my favourite books on the book club list:

Grade Three Books

Not My Dog by Colby Rodowsky – Suppose you got a dog and it wasn't the dream dog you expected? Find out what happens in *Not My Dog*.

The Last Polar Bears by Harry Horse – This is an hilarious book about a grandfather who runs away all the time with his dog Roo. You can't beat Harry Horse for humour

Grade Four and Five Books

Sheep by Valerie Hobbs – This is my favourite book in the library right now! *Sheep* is the story of a border collie who tries to find his purpose in life after he loses his family. This is a story about the journey we all take through life. The reading level is grade 4.0, but this is a book for four to 40.

Cracker by Cynthia Kadohata—This is the story of a bomb-sniffing dog in Viet Nam.

Grade Six, Seven and Eight

Students have *Peter and the Starcatcher* – the prequel to *Peter Pan*, *Inkheart* by Cronelia Funk, *Weedflower* by Cynthia Kadohata and *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry.

If you have a student in grades three through eight, ask if he or she is in the Library Book Club.



Inspiring, sweet music; 10 talented young performers

Place: The auditorium International School of Port of Spain

Date: Saturday November 29th @ 7pm

Cost: \$85

Imagine..... A benefit concert for the children

All proceeds are donated to the Christ Child Convalescent Home for battered and abused children

MS STUDENT FOR A DAY

On Friday October 24, two parents took on the role of Middle School students. Art Lombard attended 6th grade classes with his son, Gabriel and Colin Mahabir attended 8th grade classes with his daughter, Nathalia. We are grateful that both these busy Dads could have found the time to spend a day with us.

Here is Mr. Lombard's reflection on the day.

I really enjoyed it and appreciate all the hospitality shown me throughout the day by the teachers and sixth grade students.

I had the chance to follow my son, Gabriel, to his Friday classes in Spanish, Art, Math, Language Arts and Media/Technology. For the most part, I was with the same students all day and so was able to see them interact with the different teachers in all their different subjects. (I even got to play basketball with the boys on the playground at the break – still my favorite class!)



I came away with a deeper appreciation of the middle school experience from both the student's and teacher's perspectives. Of course, I hope that spending the time will help me to help my son in the future. More importantly, I was very impressed with the opportunities to learn, be creative, and interact socially throughout the day. I encourage other parents to participate in the future.

Again, thank you, the teachers and students very much for the opportunity.

Art D. Lombard

Nurse's Notes

Hello Everyone,

Hearing screening went well. Three students who were absent on Friday and on Tuesday were not done and they will be refunded. Everyone who was checked should have received results.

Many students are getting ill. If your child is sick please keep him/her at home as requested in the Parent/Student Handbook 'Health Policy' on page G16. This is to prevent the spread of organisms. Many students are getting sick and soon after they get better they get sick again.

Have a safe weekend!

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

CAISSA NEWS

CAISSA Invitational Volleyball 2008 is history. The Caimans placed 3rd in both the boys and the girls categories.

I would like to give my sincerest thanks to all parents, coaches, teachers and all in the ISPS community for helping to nurture these wonderful students. You have all contributed to the development of these individuals. The final positions do not reflect the skill level, attitudes, behavior, sportsmanship or spirit of these MIGHTY, MIGHTY Caimans.

Our Caimans battled cold conditions, high altitude (10000 ft) and other well coached athletes and left an indelible impression on the hearts and minds of all who were privileged to witness their performances.

Our Girls played their hearts out and, despite losing Therese Chin Lee on the second day to a sprained ankle, battled to defeat the Carol Morgan School and Academia Cotopaxi 2. They fought gallantly against Escuela Campo Alegre but succumbed after Luisiana Nunez had to sit out for a set with a nose bleed. The girls were very disappointed with not making it to the Finals, but they were very supportive of each other and the ECA girls. All the ISPS boys cheered on the girls vociferously when they played and were very supportive when they lost to ECA.



Our Boys got better with every game. In all, they played 27 sets of volleyball. This is by far more than any other team. They took both the first placed (AC) team and second placed (ECA) to five sets and narrowly lost in the final sets to both teams. Despite being the youngest team on the court, the boys represented us like seasoned ambassadors. Never did they lose spirit or their cool and as a result won the hearts of all the spectators and the athletes. They won the Boys Team Spirit Award. Their biggest fans, however, were the caiman girls who never stopped cheering for their school mates.

I would like to especially thank Casey, Therese, Luisana, Mathew (Temple), Andrew, Javi and Santiago for displaying great leadership qualities. They kept their teams together and motivated. The always mannerly and very reserved Javier Villalba, transformed into a bundle of “Caiman Energy” on the court. Javi played the Libero position. Every time he came on he lifted the spirits of the players and ignited the spectators. He sprained his wrist and his fingers, and banged his hip and head (on several occasions) but played on for his team and school. Maria Holder also played a similar role for the girls and looks to be a key player for the future.

We in the athletic department have always dreamed of being a part of a team that is totally supportive of one another, and of one that really demonstrates the best qualities of ISPS. This Volleyball Team was that team.

Thank you for your contribution to the teams’ development.

Boys Team - 3rd Place and Boys Team Spirit Award

- David Camacho (Coach)
- Daryl Davis (Coach)
- Jeffery Wight
- Mathew Temple
- Andrew Clark
- Ryan Thomas
- Dominique Lawrence
- Diego Ariza
- Javier Villalba
- Santiago Artola
- Ben Fryar
- Jay Metha



Girls Team- 3rd Place

- Daryl Davis (Coach)
- Symone Rahael(Coach)
- David Camacho(Coach)
- Casey Temple
- Therese Chin Lee
- Jasmin Haskell
- Emma Low
- Maria Holder
- Amanda Wilkins
- Jessica Ordaz
- Nadeska Concha
- Luisana Nunez
- Maddy Chapman

Tournament Results Boys:

- 1st Place: Ac
- 2nd Place: ECA
- 3rd Place: CAIMANS
- 4th Place: CMS
- 5th Place: AC 2

Tournament Results Girls:

- 1st Place: Ac
- 2nd Place: ECA
- 3rd Place: CAIMANS
- 4th Place: AC 2
- 5th Place: CMS



All Star team awards: Diego Ariza and Casey Temple

Thanks Again,
Ashmir Ali

Congratulations

On Sunday 9th November the **I.S.P.S Swim Team** competed in the Tidal Wave Aquatics 8th Annual Secondary Swim Meet. The results were amazing.

I.S.P.S placed 1st overall in the Coed school category. We also were recognized as the most Improved school.



Alexandra Bovell placed 1st in her age group

Amara Prevatt placed 2nd in her age group

Samantha Raheal placed 3rd in her age group

Would like to congratulate the entire team for their active participation on Sunday. They really made us proud.

Amara Prevatt
Alexandra Bovell
Isaac Bayne
Sebastien Lucas
Elyse Maggiori

Gabriel Garrett
Dayna Bayne
Samantha Raheal
Ashley Maggiori
Andres Ganara



Judo Tournament



On Saturday, November 8, three Middle School students, Samir Chegade, grade 6, Claudio Neu-Ries and Stephen Bainbridge, grade 7, competed in a city-wide judo tournament organized by the Queen's Park Judo Club at the Chinese Association of T & T.

Samir won a bronze medal (third place) in the 9-11 year-old division, and Claudio Neu-Ries received a bronze in the 12-14 year-old division.

Everyone put in a great effort and showed exemplary sportsmanship. All three boys take lessons at ISPS with Sensei Mark Littrean, 4th dan.

Soccer Update

Our soccer week began on Thursday 6th November when we played British Academy. It was a very competitive game with both teams having close chances at goal. Teams displayed good skill and sportsmanship. Despite the strong defense British posed, ISPS concluded the game with a 2-0 win.

The weekend was also filled with exciting soccer. On Saturday 8th November, ISC (International Soccer Club) hosted an indoor tournament and on Sunday 9th November, ISPS hosted a 10 & under tournament. Both days attracted a small crowd of supporters who enjoyed the competition.

On Saturday at the indoor tournament we saw a high level of competition, sportsmanship, enthusiasm and teamwork.

The results are as follows:

Maple Leaf - 1st ISPS (Young Guns) - 2nd ISPS (Boom Bang) - 3rd

Male MVP: ISPS Kegan Desilva

Female MVP: Maple Leaf Brianna Wilford

On Sunday our elementary students had a fun time in the 10 & under tournament. ISPS registered two teams. It was a very intense tournament and all teams put their best efforts out. Both ISPS teams competed for top three finishers. However, it was ISPS B who finished in the top three.

The results are as follows:

Maple Leaf - 1st ISPS B - 2nd
Trendsetter Hawks - 3rd ISPS A - 4th

Also on Sunday, our U14 boys' soccer team engaged in heavy battle as they played against the recognized W-Connection F.C. Despite the defeat we would like to recognise the team for their efforts and steady improvement.

It was a tough weekend, but all our students had fun and an exciting time.

Teleshia Joseph
Elementary Physical Education
Soccer Coach

U17 Soccer Screening

On Thursday 27th November there will be a national soccer screening session at ISPS. This session will be conducted and scouted by the U17 national coach and myself. This session will be held from 3:30pm – 5:30pm. Players will go through a warm-up, drills/technical session followed by a game situation. This event is an immense opportunity for students and to showcase our talents. I have also invited Maple Leaf to be a part of this national screening.

Teleshia Joseph

Community Notice Board : Upcoming Events & Notices

The 8th grade class is raising money for a family in need with events planned to meet their goal:

Car Wash!

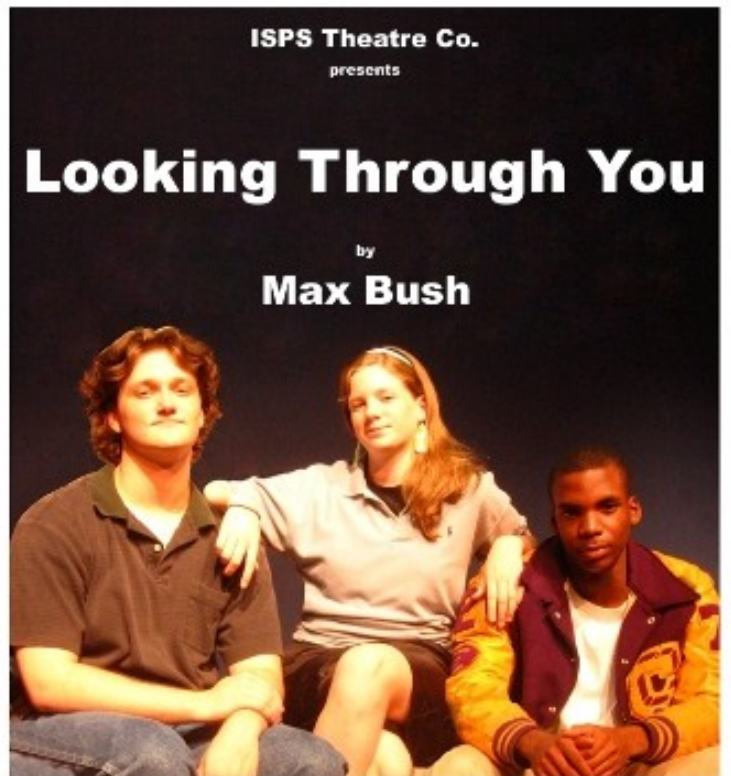
Please bring your vehicles to the school on Saturday, **November 22nd from 10am-2pm**. It will be a small fee of **30 Trini** for an exterior car wash.

Bake Sale! Please bring a little extra money to purchase baked goodies on the **20th of November in the cafeteria from 11:30 to 12:30 during lunch**.

Order Student Photo Packages!

Student photo packages are being offered through The Yearbook Company. In order to purchase a photo package, please fill out the order form and return it by **November 19th**. Forms were sent home with students this week. Order forms must be filled out properly and completely in order to ensure that you receive your photo package.

Ryan Deery



November 20-22, 2008
7:30 pm
Tickets \$25
632-4591

International School
of Port of Spain
1 International Drive
Westmoorings

Refreshments will be on sale at the school play "Looking Through You" in order to raise funds for the senior gift. Some of the proceeds will be donated to the ISPS Theater Company



PTO YARD SALE

*Saturday 29th November in the
Cafeteria from 9am-1pm*

STUDENTS!

*raise funds for your
charity,
field trips, school clubs or
graduation*

- ◇ Sign Up forms are located at the Front Desk.
- ◇ Complete and leave with \$150TT in cash or check in the PTO Yard Sale box.
- ◇ Select table location from Cafeteria layout sheet, also at Front Desk

For further information, please contact Maria at 632-1775/389-7250 or e-mail magusinva2002@hotmail.com

or Lee at 629-0510/729-4129 or e-mail ondvill@yahoo.co.uk



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IMPORTANT! The Menu Below has a different format.

Everyday there will be a set menu at a fixed cost (Table 'd' hote)

Some days may have an a la carte menu where items are priced individually (A la Carte)

Cafeteria Menu: November 17th to November 21st

Mon 17th: Beef Soup, chicken Noodle Soup, Corn Chowder, Bread Rolls, Fresh Fruit Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice (Table 'd' hote) - Fixed Menu

Tue 18th: Baked Chicken, Sweet and Sour Fish, Cantonese Rice, Corn Pie, Sauteed Veggies, Green Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice (Table 'd' hote) - Fixed Menu

Wed 19th: Italian Meatballs, Linguini, Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice (Table 'd' hote) - Fixed Menu

Thu 20th: Chicken Caciatorie, Fish Marinara, herb Rice, Macaroni Pie, Tossed Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice (Table 'd' hote) - Fixed Menu

Fri 21st: Curried Chicken, Curried Beef, Dhal Pouri, Buss Up Shut, Curry Potato and Channa, Pumpkin Choka, Curry Mango, Fruit 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, Wings:\$6.90,
Beef Sub:\$16.10 (sm)/\$19.55 (m), Chicken Sub:\$14.95 (sm)/\$17.25 (m), Meatball Sub:\$16.10 (sm)/\$19.55 (m),
Veggie Sub:\$10.35

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