



# 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,

A very BIG THANKS to everyone who made the **International Food Festival** such a fabulous, gastronomical party! I was very impressed with all of the tables of food and decoration put together by parent volunteers. Initially, I thought I could sample food at every table, (until about the 12<sup>th</sup> table!) A special thank you to Lisa Davis and Gay Pickering for serving as the main coordinators of the event. *We know how to celebrate our diversity at ISPS!*

I was also delighted to have the Divali celebration on Monday. Congratulations to Mr. Horsfall and the group of dedicated students who made this celebration both informative and fun.

Ms. Lesley Stewart and Ms. Rosemary Williams visited ISPS on Thursday and Friday as

part of the authorization visit for the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme. The team met with students, parents, teachers, administrators and Board members, as well as visiting classrooms. The team will prepare a report for the IB Organization and we will receive the results of the visit before the end of this school year. On behalf of the school community, I want to thank Ms Julien and her dedicated team of teachers for their incredible work to prepare for the visit and create a dynamic PYP at our school.

Emergency Phone Trees are being sent home today. The phone trees will assist us in getting a message to families in the event of an emergency or unexpected school closure. Please be sure to read the directions carefully and call the school if you have any questions. **We will test the tree on Tuesday,**

**November 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 AM** and ask for your cooperation during the test to ensure we make this system as efficient as possible.

The first quarter for middle and high school ends on October 31<sup>st</sup> and reports will be sent home on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Parent Teacher conferences will take place on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Term one in the elementary school ends on November 21<sup>st</sup>, with Parent Teacher conferences the following week.

November 14<sup>th</sup> is scheduled as a Curriculum Day on the school calendar. Please be reminded that we moved this professional day to October 2<sup>nd</sup> and that **November 14<sup>th</sup> is a regular school day for students.**

*Happy Halloween!*

Eric Larson

### Dates for your Diary:

Nov 5	MS & HS Q1 Reports distributed
Nov 5-9	CAISSA Tournament –Ecuador
Nov 7	MS Parent Conferences
Nov 7	HS Parent Conferences
Nov 11-13	6th Gd. Outdoor Edu. Trip
Nov 20-22	HS Theatre Production
Nov 21	End of Term 1—ES



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*Good Luck to our Volleyball Teams at the upcoming CAISSA Tournament*

**GO CAIMANS!!**

*Celebrating 15 Years of Excellence*

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

# ISPS Emergency Phone Tree



ISPS has an Emergency Phone Tree to help the school to notify parents in the event of an emergency or if the school needs to close for any reason, (such as when there is no water or other disruption necessitating closure). The Emergency Phone Tree is to be used only for emergencies and must be initiated by the school Director or his designate. All information in the phone tree should be treated confidentially and not released to any party outside of the immediate ISPS community.

The success of the tree depends on you and we ask that you fully familiarize yourselves with the procedures. The phone tree is designed so that no person needs to make more than four phone calls. However, if you are not able to reach a person on your list, we ask that you call the people that the unreachable person was supposed to call to ensure the message is passed on to as many people as possible.

**Only Coordinators and Key 1 and Key 2 persons will be receiving copies of the phone tree, on Friday, October 31st. The list will be sent home with the youngest school child in the family and a copy will also be sent by e-mail. Please advise Maria De Los Reyes ([magusinya2002@hotmail.com](mailto:magusinya2002@hotmail.com) or 632-7335) if you are a Coordinator, Key 1 or Key 2 person and have not received your list.**

We will test the Emergency Phone Tree on Tuesday, November 11th beginning at 9:00 AM. During the test we will ask you to tell us which telephone number you wish to be used for your primary contact and to verify that all of the information on the phone tree is accurate. We will keep track of people who cannot be reached during the test and the length of time it takes to complete each branch of the phone tree.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Lee-Rique, Director's Assistant, 632-4591, extension 402.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Nurse's Notes

Hello Everyone,

Phew! What hectic weeks! With packed school schedules and everyone getting flu symptoms.

I would like to remind everyone that some easy ways to prevent the spread of colds are:

- ◇Washing hands often with soap and water especially after coughing or sneezing.
- ◇ Not touching face especially mouth, eyes and nose.
- ◇Cover nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with a tissue and throw away after use.

We still have many students with flu like symptoms. Also because of the varied weather conditions presently, many students with sinus and allergy conditions are having problems.

*Enjoy the weekend.*

*Vanda Gomes R.N. R.M.*

*School Nurse*



# Athletic News

**Rugby:**

**Come out and Support our Rugby Players!**

Rugby Schools League Game Schedule is posted below:

Date	Schools	Age Group	Venue and starting time	Winner
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Caimans v Tranquility Gov.	Under 14	Savannah Centre-3:15pm	ISPS
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Caimans v Belmont Boys	Under 17	Savannah Centre- 3:15pm	Belmont
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Caimans v Belmont Boys	Under 14	Savannah Centre- 3:15pm	ISPS (81-10)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Caimans v Fatima Boys	Under 14	Savannah Centre- 3:15pm	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Caimans v Fatima Boys	Under 17	Savannah Centre- 3:15pm	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Caimans v C.I.C.	Under 14	Savannah Centre- 3:15pm	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Caimans v Tranquility Gov.	Under 17	Savannah Centre- 3:15pm	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Caimans v St. James Gov.	Under 14	Savannah Centre- 3:15pm	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Caimans v Diego Martin Gov.	Under 17	Savannah Centre- 3:15pm	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	League Semi-Final		Savannah Centre- 3:15pm	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	League Semi-Final		Savannah Centre- 3:15pm	
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Enthusiasts International Knock-out 10's	Challenge		
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Enthusiasts International Knock-out 10's	Finals		
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Digicel League under 14 & Under 17	Finals		



**CAIMANS Girls Volleyball Team 08**



**CAIMANS Boys Volleyball Team**

**Volleyball:** The Secondary Volleyball Schools League games have been temporarily suspended until the teachers and coaches can meet to plan the schedule for games. ISPS remains committed to the league since it provides opportunities for our students to test themselves against other student athletes from the schools in the North Zone. The game schedule will be posted on the newsletter as soon as it comes to hand.

**CAISSA:** Our teams are ready for the CAISSA challenge (Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> to Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>). All indications

are that this will be a very keenly contested tournament with the other schools (ECA, CMS, and AC) trying to wrestle the top Girls position away from the female Caimans. Our boys are keen to make amends for last year's defeat to ECA in the Championship game. Our coaches are confident that their charges are well equipped to once again bring glory to ISPS and add to our reputation as a truly well rounded school.

**CAIMAN Girls Volleyball Team:** Casey Temple (Captain), Therese Chin Lee (Vice Captain), Maria Holder, Jessica Ordaz Garcia, Jasmine Haskell, Louisana Nunez, Amanda Wilkins, Emma Low, Madeline Chapman, and Nadeska Concha.

**CAIMAN Boys Volleyball Team:** Jeffery Wight (Captain), Mathew Temple (Vice Captain), Ryan Thomas, Dominique Lawrence, Diego Ariza, Andrew Clark, Benjamin Fryar, Santiago Artola, Javier Villalba, and Jay Metha.

**CAISSA DATES:**

CAISSA Volleyball is in Ecuador from November 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>

CAISSA boys Basketball and Girls Soccer is in Dominican Republic from March 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>

CAISSA boys Soccer and Girls Basketball is in Trinidad from May 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>



*Only students from Grade 8 to 12 will be considered for CAISSA Teams*

**Caiman Sports Clubs: Join our Clubs!! Learn the skills with national coaches and have fun with family and friends!!**

**Students, staff members, parents and persons in the community are invited to join our sports clubs.**

**Coaches**

<b>Richard Loregnard</b>	<b>351-7388</b>	<b>Table Tennis</b>
<b>David Camacho</b>	<b>782-9357</b>	<b>Volleyball</b>
<b>Albert Sprott</b>	<b>633-4777 ext 135</b>	<b>Basketball</b>
<b>Ricardo Lue Shue</b>	<b>633-4777 ext 135</b>	<b>Tumbling</b>
<b>Teleshia Joseph</b>	<b>633-4777 ext 135</b>	<b>Soccer</b>
<b>Kerwyn Pantin</b>	<b>741-2674</b>	<b>Badminton</b>



**Upcoming Soccer Tournaments:**

- ◇ Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November our U-16 soccer players will be playing against British Academy, at 3:45pm here on campus. This is a friendly practice game and parents, students and staff are welcome to come out and support our Caimans.
- ◇ Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November ISPS will be hosting an U-10 tournament here on campus from 9:00am-2:00pm. The boys U-14 will be playing a practice game against W-Connection U-14. This will be a challenging game for our guys but the experience is important for our development.
- ◇ On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November ISC (International Soccer Club) will be hosting an inter-club indoor tournament here at ISPS from 9:00am – 2:00pm.

Contact Teleshia Joseph for details (633 4777 Ext 135)



**to our very own Caiman Heroes:**

- ◇ James Hamel Smith, who placed 28<sup>th</sup> in the challenging Coast to Coast race.
- ◇ Mathew Charles, whose team placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the relay event in the Coast to Coast race. Mathew was the cyclist.
- ◇ Ella Bayne, who was selected to represent Trinidad at the Seventh Caribbean Women’s One-Design Keelboat Championships from November 1-2.

**Ashmir Ali**

**Athletic Director**

# SCIENCE CORNER

Welcome to October in the Science Department! The 'hands on' approach was never more apparent than this month. Read on to see more. I continue to applaud the Science teachers who put forth maximum effort to make the learning of Science such a fun experience.

## HIGH SCHOOL:

### *Physics & AP Physics*



Physics students Gabrielle Gaspar and Jessica Norman investigate velocity and acceleration with hot wheel cars on an inclined plane.



AP Physics students Andrew Haddad, Hannah de Suze and Casey Temple investigate density and viscosity with experiments of their own design.



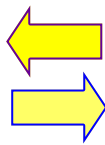
Physics students determining individual reaction times: Edward Mahabir, Rudy Dos Santos, Ben Fryer, Keisha Daniel, and Amanda Riley.

### *Biology*

Well it's that time of year again and the Biology classes have been busy making 3 dimensional models of cells. So far there have made some amazing models with some students picking some very unique cell types. As of next week these models will be on display outside the Biology lab so feel free to drop by to see them.



Matthew Christie proudly presents his skin cell



From skin to paramecium!

Jay Mehta did a fine job modeling a Paramecium.



Alex Laquis presented a very realistic looking amoeba.

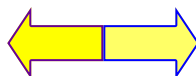
See many more of these cells next newsletter.

# SCIENCE CORNER CONTINUED



## AP Biology

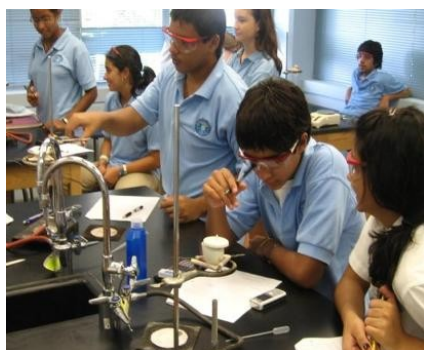
While the Biology classes were modeling, the AP Biology class investigated the rate of respiration on germinating seeds.



Samantha de Gannes and Andrew Clarke prepare their seeds for the respirometer.



## Chemistry



High School Chemistry students were busy burning magnesium in order to determine the empirical formula of magnesium oxide.

Greigg Halfhide checks the reaction progress while Javier Villaba and Luisana Nunez do the math!



Nadeska Concha waits patiently for the reaction to go to completion.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL:

### Getting To Know the Equipment in Science Class!

*By Ms. Craig– Seventh Grade Watershed Science*



We are off and running in the seventh grade science classes. In order to prepare for our trips into the watershed, we have been practicing old skills and learning some new ones. In this laboratory session, the students were required to visit 8 stations and engage in measuring different items or answering questions about measurement. They measured the weight of several cubes on the triple-beam balance. They needed to be both precise and accurate and to record their findings in the proper way including the unit of measurement. Other stations had the students defining the meniscus of a water sample and determining the volume of liquid in a graduated cylinder. We also did some temperatures and lengths before it was all over. This was a great way for the students to refresh their memories after the long break and to learn the necessary skills for a successful exciting year out in our watershed.

These pictures represent just a few of the many Science activities that occurred during October. I continue to urge all of our parents to keep abreast of the Science activities that your children are involved in. If there is any way that you feel that you can contribute in a particular field, please feel free to get in touch with your child's Science teacher. Remember, we are a community of learners and your input and contributions are always appreciated.

*Until next month, keep safe and busy!*

*Maeve O Donovan: Science Dept Head*

# Community Notice Board : Upcoming Events & Notices



The ISPS Theatre Co. presents  
**Looking Through You**

by Max Bush

November 20-22 at 7:30 pm

Tickets: \$25 General Admission

## PTO Block

### Mark your Calendars:

Saturday November 29th, the PTO will be having their Garage Sale on campus. Further details will be forthcoming.

### PTO Uniform Service Committee

The PTO Uniform Service Committee announces a  
**New Coordinator: Debbie Zempel**

For your individual uniform needs please contact Debbie at 632-6937/689-5074 or [zempranch@aol.com](mailto:zempranch@aol.com)

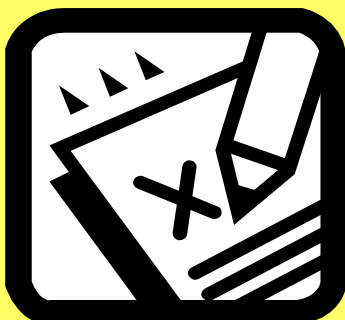
**And remember!** Sales will continue to be held throughout the school year with advance notices placed in the newsletter and the notice board in front of the school.

### PTO Board By Election

Due to the departure of Sarah Dalrymple, volunteers/nominations are invited for the position of Secretary to the PTO board.

Interested people should submit their candidacy in writing to the PTO through the school mail drop or by e-mail to: [ewen.denning@bg-group.com](mailto:ewen.denning@bg-group.com)

Closing date for applications  
November 15th 2008.



## Thank You



**A Huge Thank You to the Parents, Students and Members of Staff who gave of their time and resources to make International Week and the Food Festival an Astounding Success!**





# Easy Print Page



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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 separately (A la Carte)

## Cafeteria Menu: November 3rd to November 7th

**Mon 3rd:** Barbecue Ribs, Barbeque Chicken, Spanish Rice, Braised Veggies, Fresh Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice (Table ‘d’ hote)- Fixed Menu

**Tue 4th:** Irish Lamb Stew, Fish Orly, Creamed Potatoes, Tossed Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice

**Wed 5th:** Jerk Chicken, Geera Pork, Rice, Dhal, Pumpkin Choka, Chutney, Cucumber Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice (Table ‘d’ hote)- Fixed Menu

**Thu 6th:** Cajun Chicken, Sweet Potato Pie, Freshly Baked Biscuits, Mixed Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice (Table ‘d’ hote)- Fixed Menu

**Fri 7th:** Caribbean Style Chicken, Fish Creole, Dumplings/Ochro Rice, Lentils, Garden 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

*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*

# ISPS Cafe



# November 2008

## International School of Port of Spain 2008—2009 School Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October 26	October 27	October 28 Divali (National Holiday)	October 29	October 30	October 31 End of 1st QTR (45 days)	1 SATs 8:00am—1:30pm
2	3	4	5 MS Report Cards HS Report Cards	6	7 MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal for MS/HS only 11:30am	8
<b>CAISSA Volleyball Tournament—Acad. Cotopaxi, Ecuador</b>						
9 <b>CAISSA Tournament</b>	10	11	12 6th Grade Outdoor Education trip →	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 HS Theatre Production	21 ES Term I Ends HS Theatre Production	22 HS Theatre Production
23	24	25	26 ES Holiday Concert/ Show	27	28 ES Report Cards	29
30	December 1	December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6 SATs