



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,

I hope that you all had a relaxing Independence Day weekend and a chance to spend time with family.

The Parent Teacher Organization continues to sponsor "Coffee Mornings" for each grade level over the next couple of weeks. Please see the schedule for these later in this newsletter. This is a great way to become acquainted with other parents who have children in the same grade level. In addition, Jackie Fung Kee Fung, our Admissions' Director, tries to attend these meetings and always updates me on current issues parents are thinking about. I encourage you to be an active member in the PTO this year!

Thanks to the parents who attended the Primary Years' Programme meeting on Thursday. I hope you found the information useful. We are excited to have our IB authorization visit for the PYP on October 30-31. Thanks to Suzette Julien for presenting information on this wonderful program of inquiry now in place in our elementary school.

We had a school-wide fire drill on Thursday. Safety is paramount and we take these drills very seriously. Please remember that we expect parents to participate in the drills if you are at school when they occur. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns about our Emergency Procedures.

Please remember we will expect all students to be in proper school uniforms beginning on Monday, September 8th. On Thursday and Friday we gave students who were not dressed in the proper uniform a piece of paper reminding them of the requirements. Middle School and High School students not dressed in the proper uniform on Monday will be sent home. We will call the parents of students out of uniform in Elementary School to remind them of the requirements.

It was noted at the Kindergarten coffee morning that communication regarding new uniform guidelines for parents of elementary students was not as good as it might have been at the end of last school year. After investigating this, I agree and apologize on behalf of the school. The new uniform was discussed at an Elementary School parent meeting and related in an Elementary School newsletter, but the new guidelines were not adequately published in the whole school newsletter. After discussion with the elementary principal, elementary students may wear white trainers on their P.E. days with their P.E. uniform. We do ask that completely black shoes are worn with the regular school uniform.

Thank you for your cooperation in making sure our students look sharp in their ISPS uniforms. I believe that once all students know we will insist on proper attire this will no longer be an

issue and we can continue to focus on the many important aspects of the school which ensure the provision of the highest possible quality of education. Please contact me if you have questions or concerns regarding the school uniform.

ISPS will offer vision testing for students, September 15-17th. Please fill out the form for our nurse if you want your child to be tested.

Please mark your calendars for the Curriculum Nights to be held September 16-18, (with elementary school on Tuesday, middle school on Wednesday and high school on Thursday). Teachers will present an overview of their classes to parents at these meetings and they provide you an opportunity to learn more about your children's classroom procedures and education.

I am pleased to inform you that, in conjunction with the PTO, the school will hold a "Welcome Event" for all families on Saturday, September 27th from 2:00-5:00. There will be food and fun and a chance to meet new and returning families to ISPS. Come out and welcome in the new school year with us. Look for more information in next week's newsletter about this event. We hope to see you there!

Eric Larson

Dates for your Diary:

- Sep 8: Coffee Morning: Gd 6
- Sep 9: Coffee Morning: Gd 4
- Sep 10: Coffee Morning: Gd 8
- Sep 11: Coffee Morning Gd. 5
- Sep 12: Coffee Morning Gd 9
- Sep 15: Coffee Morning PK & Gd. 7
Vision Screening 9am
- Sep 16: Coffee Morning Gd 10 & Gd 11
Vision Screening 9am
ES Curriculum Night 6-8pm
- Sep 17: Coffee Morning Gd. 12
Vision Screening 9am
MS Curriculum Night 6-8pm
- Sep 18: HS Curriculum Night 6-8pm
- Sep 24: **Republic Day - No School**
- Sep 27: **"Welcome Event" for all families 2-5pm**

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TO ALL FAMILIES

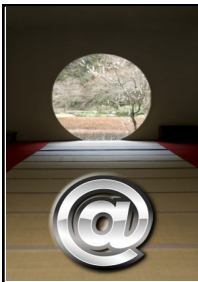
Please return your completed Information Data Sheet if you have not yet done so.

It is crucial that the Admission Dept. receives this data ASAP to confirm e-mail addresses for the debut of our electronic newsletter on Sept. 12th.



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ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

ISPS IS GOING GREEN!

Next Friday (Sept 12th)

is "E" Day

Over the last couple of years, ISPS has been known to be active in environmental awareness projects such as recycling programs and beach clean up activities.

In an effort to continue this trend we will be distributing the weekly newsletter via e-mail to our parent and staff community from Friday September 12th. with the mind-set of doing our part in saving trees and preserving as much of our natural environment as possible.

In this regard, we are asking that the enclosed Data Information Sheet be completed by all families so that we can update our database to ensure that you do not miss any issues.

As in the past, the newsletter will be posted on the school's website by Friday afternoon. **Please note that hardcopies will only be distributed to you upon a written request received by the Admission's Office.**

Mr. Larson - Director



Invitation for

Islanders International

Please join us for Coffee on Tuesday 16 Sept. @ 9:30am

Venue: 45 Western Circle, North Westmoorings

Bring along any new comers or anyone you know might be interested and kindly walk with a small dish or refreshment.

We hope to see many of you

Sara & Brenda

Directions: On the highway go straight at the traffic lights at Super Pharm. just before the next set of lights take the slip road to the left. Go right round the roundabout and go straight across the traffic lights. Western Circle is first left. Number 45 is half round the circle.



Message from the PTO Board

Following the publication of the new PTO Board members last week, we wanted to add our welcome to that of the Director to all new and returning families to the ISPS for the 2008/09 academic year.

We are an all new board this year and will work to help connect you the parents with each other and with the ISPS staff to build the wider school community. To achieve this we are planning a calendar of events which will kick off with a series welcome coffee mornings for parents of each year group. At these, we aim to select 'Room Mums' (or Dads!) for each class and provide the opportunity for all parents to volunteer for a range of other activities. Looking ahead to October we are also preparing for the Food Festival which will take place at the end of the School's International Week.

As a PTO board we have decided to meet once per month initially. The first meeting has been set for 7.30am Sept 17th at ISPS. Parents are welcome to join us for the meetings to raise any issues or simply to say hello - we welcome your input!

Finally, on behalf of the PTO, may we wish you all and your children a very happy and fulfilling year as part of the ISPS community and we look forward to getting to know all of you.

Best Wishes

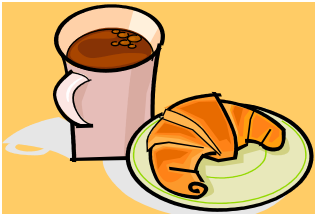
Ewen Denning
President PTO Board



American Women's Club Meeting

The American Women's Club general meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Sept. 9** at 9:30 a.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Any woman who is an American citizen or married to an American citizen is welcome to attend. Carpooling is recommended.

For further information, please call 788-8949 or e-mail www.awc.tt.org



PTO Welcome Coffee Mornings

GRADE	DATE	HOST	PHONE NO.
PK	Sept 15th	Brenda Duthie	724-7645
4	Sept 9th	Helen Denning	472-7752
5	Sept 11th	Anita Reid	724-8672
6	Sept 8th	Kai Lombard	735-7926
7	Sept 15th	Lorraine Slowther	628-9555
8	Sept 10th	Carolyn Fryar	633-0222
9	Sept 12th	Gaye Pickering	622-7440
10	Sept 16th	Maria Rahael	633-8533
11	Sept 16th	Juliette Hadad	622-6768
12	Sept 17th	Patti Clark	628-1027



CAFETERIA MENU:

Sept 8th-12th

Mon 8th: Chicken Lo Mein, Vegetable Lo Mein, Pasta Primavera, Pasta Delight, Three Bean Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice

Tue 9th: Pork Chops in Apple Sauce, Deep Fried Fish/Tartar Sauce, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetables in Garlic Butter, Cucumber Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice

Wed 10th: Shepherd's Pie, Veggie Shepherd's Pie, Baked Beans, Cheese Bread, Summer Fresh Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice

Thu 11th: Chicken Caciatorie, Grilled Fish, Macaroni Cheese, Greek Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice

Fri 12th: Beef Burgers, Veggie Burgers, Hot Dogs, Cheese Pizzas, Fish Sandwiches, French Fries, Salad Bar & Fresh Fruit Juice

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.

Prices for Lunch: Small: \$20.70 Large: \$25.30

Other Available Items: Sandwiches, Fresh Fruit Juices, Milk Drinks, Pre-packed Juices, Cut Fruits, Freshly Baked Pastries & Snack Items

Invitations with directions to the appropriate host location & time of the scheduled event will be sent home with your child or children at a later date at least three (3) days prior to the event via the class teacher

For further information, please feel free to contact Debra de Montrichard at 632-5045 (h) or 788-8949 (c)

Nurse's Notes



**Vision Screening: September 15th,
16th & 17th**

If you have not returned your permission slips, please do so as soon as possible.

UPDATE! from Admissions/PR Department

The Coffee Mornings hosted by the K to Grade 3 parents this week have provided a wonderful opportunity to build the relationship between our parents the PTO, and ISPS. Debra de Montrichard and her team have given an overview of PTO activities for this academic year and parents have been volunteering for all sorts of the committees. The meetings have been a great opportunity for returning moms to meet new parents and to clarify some of the issues that have arisen in the first week during the first week. A great deal of enthusiasm is being generated for our International Week and the theme at the United Nations looks like 2008 International Year of Sanitation, look out for lots more details in upcoming newsletters.

The changes in uniform were discussed and it was clarified that the Elementary students may wear white shoes with the PE uniform if they have them already. This is a transition period but the Elementary School is moving toward total black shoes which will be in line with our ISPS Middle and High Schools. It was generally agreed that we are all looking forward to making the fifteenth year of ISPS, the best yet!

I look forward to seeing the entire ISPS community on Saturday Sept 27th at our Welcome Back event, more details will be in the next newsletter but be sure to mark your calendars!

Jackie Fung Kee Fung