



# 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,

ISPS hosted a team of five visitors from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) this week. The team was here to evaluate our school in line with the standards set by SACS for school accreditation. This is a cyclical process and visits take place every five years. Accreditation ensures our school community that ISPS provides a high quality education at an international standard. Equally important, the process aids us in identifying our strengths and also areas where we can improve. I am pleased to inform you that the visiting team will recommend that ISPS again receives full accreditation to the SACS governing body for their consideration at their meeting in June. We will receive a report from the team in the next month detailing their findings and will share the key points with the entire school community. This report, along with our own continuous self study, will form the basis for our ongoing efforts to improve our school over the next several years. Thank you to all of the parents and Board members for their participation during the team visit. *Congratulations to all of the ISPS staff on a successful visit, the result of which is a testament to your hard work and dedication to our students.*

Can you believe it? All three of ISPS' basketball teams are in the national finals! Although the results of the finals are not known as this newsletter goes to press, the students' achievement in reaching this stage is fantastic. Our entire school community is proud of you, not only for your athletic achievement but also in the way you have represented our school. *Gooo Caimans!*

Off the court, we can also be proud to have two ISPS students who have reached the semifinals in the Junior Math Triathlon, Max Fondyga and Prasanna Ramakrishnan. We are rooting for you as you enter the next step in the competition.

The committee of students, parents, and staff formed to develop an athlete's code of conduct and to review guidelines for host families during CAISSA tournaments will meet next week, Thursday. Two parents have volunteered to serve on this committee and I encourage any other interested parents to contact me if you wish to be a part of this group (elarson@isps.edu.tt). We will let you know the results of the committee's work before the upcoming tournament in late May.

Third quarter report cards will be sent home today for middle school and high school students. Please take time to review them with your children and celebrate their successes and develop plans and goals for the last term of school. Teachers are available by appointment if you have any questions or concerns about the report. Your positive and active participation in your children's education greatly aids them to achieve their best.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Eric Larson

**Dates for your Diary:**

- May 4-15 AP Exams
- May 15 ES Sports Event: 11:30-2:15pm
- May 21-23 HS Spring Musical
- May 22-26 CAISSA-Trinidad

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**BEST OF LUCK**

to

**Max Fondyga and Prasanna Ramakrishnan**

**who represented ISPS in the Semi-Finals of the Junior Mathematics Triathlon**



**Book the Date!**

**PTO AGM**

**Wednesday  
May 20th**

# Athletic News

## Basketball Spotlight!

As at press time the ISPS CAIMAN Boys Basketball Under 15 Team were competing against Trinity East and the Under 17 Team against St Augustine Secondary for the title of National Basketball Champions of Trinidad & Tobago.

The Caimans have again rewritten the history books: This season is the first time that ISPS has made it to the finals in three categories (there are only five categories) in the National Basketball Championships. Congratulations to the players and coaches!!!

The ISPS CAIMAN Girls will be looking to retain their National Title (Girls National Basketball Champions) this afternoon as well.

*Best of Luck to the teams.*



*We  
are  
rooting  
for  
you!!!*

*Go  
Caimans!*

# Nurse's Notes

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back, hopefully from a fun in the sun holiday. While on holiday some of us got tans, some got sunburn.

***Did you know that:***



- 50% of lifetime exposure to UV light occurs during childhood and adolescence?
- It can take less than 10 minutes for a child's skin to burn?
- Severe childhood sunburns are at an increased risk for skin cancer?
- Being sun safe is the first step to reduce the chances of getting skin cancer later in life?
- A person born today is twice as likely to develop malignant melanoma compared to someone born only a decade ago
- And 12 times more likely as someone born 50 years ago?

We will be looking at ways to have fun in the sun and protect ourselves from future problems in Elementary School, starting next week.

Enjoy the weekend.

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

***School Nurse***

# Community 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 Tuesday**
- **Wacky Wednesday**
- **Celebrity Thursday**
- **Food Friday**

*Have fun while supporting your student council.  
We start collecting payments from Monday 27th*



## NOTICE

Financial Aid Forms are now available from the Admission Office.

**The deadline for submission is now May 15th.**

## **I.S.P.S. CHEERLEADING TEAM TRYOUTS!**

*If you are in Middle and High School and would like to tryout join us on Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th at 2:30pm in the Gym.*

*For more information, please contact Ms. Shelly or Ms. Moutett in Kindergarten*

## **ISPS OPEN HOUSE**

is carded for **Saturday May 9th from 9:30am-12 noon**

If you have any family members, neighbours or friends who may be interested in learning more about the programs and offerings at our school, please have them contact **Ms. Walker at the front off at extension 400 or via e-mail at [hwalker@isps.edu.tt](mailto:hwalker@isps.edu.tt)**



# Easy Print Page

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May 4-15 AP Exams  
May 15 ES Sports Event: 11:30-2:15pm  
May 21-23 HS Spring Musical  
May 22-26 CAISSA-Trinidad  
May 27 MS Q4 Progress Reports distributed

## Cafeteria Menu: April 27th to May 1st

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 27th:** Burritos; Beef, Chicken, Pork, Vegetables. Corn, Rice, Jalapenos, Green Peppers, Cheese Sauce, Refried Beans, Sour Cream, Salad Bar & Fresh Fruit Juice (**A la Carte**)

**OR** Pasta Delight, Green Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice (**Table 'd' hote**)

**Tue 28th:** Italian Meatballs, Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice

**Wed 29th:** Beef Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Minestrone Soup, Bread Rolls, Fruit Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice

**Thu 30th:** Baked Chicken, Fried Fish/Tomato Sauce, Macaroni Pie, Corn Pilaf, Tossed Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice

**Fri 1st:** Beef Lasagna, Vegetable Lasagna, Ratatouille, Garlic Bread, Mixed Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice

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

Small: \$20.70 Large: \$25.30

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

**Burritos: Beef \$16.10 & Chicken \$17.25**

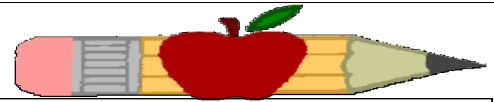
**Regular Juices: Small \$4.60 Large: \$9.20**

*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

### **\*\* 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.***



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school!

Yes, the Fifth Summit of the Americas is over and the country can now move forward after all the excitement that took place in Port of Spain. At our last house meeting which took place before the break, we had an opportunity to discuss the heads of governments who would be attending the summit. Our students explained what a summit is and what some of the issues that would be discussed. I was impressed with their responses. Several of our students were able to greet and meet United States of America President Barack Obama.

The accreditation team arrived on Monday and completed their visit on Wednesday. They met with members of the ISPS community discussing our programs, viewing documents and visiting classrooms.

ERB Writing scores for grades three through five have arrived. Classroom teachers will analyze the data, and the results will be sent home next Friday.

Ms. Stefanie Hamel-Smith, intern, has left our community to go to Wales. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

This week we welcome three families to our community: Bhagwansingh-Lee, Fear and Murillo Delgado. We are happy to have them join our school.

While many of us were on vacation for two weeks, ten of our teachers attended courses on research and evaluation and reading. We congratulate them for their continued interest in developing their educational skills.



Have a great weekend!

*Suzette Julien: Principal*

## Love and Logic is Back!

Love and Logic will be held on June 5, 8, 15 and 18 for two hours each day. There will be a morning or an evening session. We need at least ten persons to conduct the classes. For more information, please contact Suzette Julien at 632-4591 ext. 123 or email [sjulien@isps.edu.tt](mailto:sjulien@isps.edu.tt)

### Dates to Remember:

May 1: Final WordMasters Challenge Test

May 15: Sports Event at 11:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m.

May 29: ES Music Festival



## PYP Corner

It is great to be back after our two-week break! We have started our fifth unit of study which will be completed in five weeks. We do encourage all parents to talk about what their child is learning at school. Ask them about the unit that they are studying.

Three of our teachers completed an on-line assessment course. The information from that course will be shared with their colleagues.

Our words for this month: **Principled and Integrity**. Ask your child to explain what these words mean.

**Angela Shahien**

## Jump Rope Finals...

The finals for the jump rope competition ended on Friday, April 3. The students showcased their skills in many forms: double and triple jumps, cart wheeled jumps, etc. Even some of our teachers got into the action. Check out the pictures below.

