



ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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MISSION

ISPS is a vibrant learning community dedicated to developing passionate learners who strive for excellence and pursue their unique potential. We encourage resilience, innovation and collaboration, preparing students to act with confidence and integrity as caring global citizens.

VISION

Inspiring thinkers and doers to shape a better world.

MOTTO

Difference Makers,
Future Shapers

ISPS Contact #: 633-4777

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Good afternoon

I was pleased to see many of you at the Food Festival last Friday. Many thanks for your participation and attendance. Once again, I would like to thank all parents who sponsored a booth, helped out in a booth, participated in helping out, etc... You helped build our community spirit and we thank you for it

A huge thank you to the PTO organizing committee and our own maintenance and security staff. Without their dedication and attention to detail, the event would not have been the success it was.

This week we have MS and HS parent conferences and a reminder to parents that MS dismisses today at 11:30 and the same for HS tomorrow.

We have noticed that many parents have not logged into Skyward, our student information system. I urge every family to log into Skyward as it is quickly becoming the single point of communication between the school and home. Information that is posted on skyward is accessible to parents and it is "real time" data on student attendance,

discipline, and progress. If you are still not sure how to log on, please e-mail Jolene Calvert, our Database Administrator (jcalvert@isps.edu.tt) and she will be more than happy to help you out.

The end of ES term 1 is the 22nd of November with parent conferences scheduled for the 1st of December.

Please come to the PTO sponsored Garage Sale on Saturday November 25th and if you are free on December 2nd from 4:00-9:00 pm, I'm sure our National Honor Society would appreciate your attendance to their Bingo event.

I would also like to remind all parents that the next Open Forum will be held Wednesday, Dec 6th from 7:00pm in the cafeteria. This will be a chance for you to meet with Board members and hear about the latest developments in the school.

I hope to see you at parent conferences and I wish you a very pleasant weekend.

J Barney Latham
Director

Reminder

⇒ MS Parent Conferences -
Thursday 16th November - 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

⇒ HS Parent Conferences
Friday 17th November - 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

ELEMENTARY NOTES

November 17, 2017

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Dear Parents,

Term 1 ends next Thursday, and reports will be distributed on Thursday 30. Class teachers will be contacting you to schedule conferences. All specialists(music, art, p.e.) will be available on a first come first basis. We do encourage all parents to attend the face-to-face conferences to hear about your child’s progress.

House –t-shirts are to be worn on Wednesdays, and only when there are house meetings, the students will be required to wear their house t-shirt on Fridays. The next House meeting is scheduled for January 26th. You will be reminded of the dates for all house meetings.

The system in the cafeteria that reminds students about eating, not running around, and using their inside voices is working well. Ms. Hyndman, C. Johnson, A. Johnson, M. Kelberer and T. Joseph have been monitoring the implementation of the system, and I am pleased to state we are seeing results. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who have been assisting us during the lunch breaks.

Wordmasters is an analogy assessment that students in grades 3-5 are given three times during the academic year. Please encourage students to use the words in a variety of contexts. November 23 is the first challenge, and the other challenges are related to each other, so students should continue to use the word lists throughout the year.

Classroom teachers will send more information on the upcoming holiday concert on December 13 and 14.

Photo orders extended to Friday 24, November. Students will be given an order form that must be submitted to the class teachers. Retakes are tentatively set for January 17th, 2018. Have a great weekend!

Suzette Julien,
ES Principal

PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME (PYP)

Grades PK –5 students will complete their second unit by the end of the term. The changes in the integrated units (science and social studies) are more meaningful, and relevant to their learning. At the Tuesday teachers’ meeting, they unpacked the three dimension to science learning: Crosscutting, Practice and Core Ideas. These dimensions are combined to form each standards:

<https://www.nextgenscience.org/>

Words this month: **Balanced and Confidence**

Angela Shahien
PYP Coordinator



ES teachers worked as a team of engineers to collaboratively develop an argument about how the placement of a house on a hillside is important with regard to water flow down the hill(Next Generation-Science Standards(NGSS for fourth grade)



NGSS is aligned with PYP

Teachers for third grade work collaboratively with students. Students are encouraged to think like an engineer, and they were asked to design a free standing water tower.



UPCOMING DATES

November 23	Term 1 Ends
November 29	Reports posted on Skyward
December 1	Early dismissal for ES 11:30 a.m. Parent Conferences 12– 3:30 p.m.
December 13 &14	Holiday Concert

ISPS Briefs

SKYWARD SPOTLIGHT

About Skyward

Sky-WHAAAAAT???

Exactly. Did you know that ISPS has partnered with Skyward to bring you FAMILY ACCESS? Imagine the possibilities: a birds-eye view of your child's education. This means that everything you need to know about your child's education is at your fingertips!

FAMILY ACCESS

Family Access is incredibly easy to use and gives you secure, 24/7 access to grades, assignments, discipline incidents, attendance records and even what your child is spending money on in the cafeteria! Family Access is a web-based communication center and has a built-in translator to over 60 languages. This makes it easy to reach your child's teachers with your concerns or queries.

SKYWARD APP

You can even stay in the know, on the go with the Skyward App. The mobile app means you are not tied to a desk and can find what you are looking for from anywhere. All of the information is accurate and up-to-the-minute, with no delays to cause confusion.

You can opt into receive email alerts regarding missing assignments, low scores or when your

QUICK READS



Hello Everyone,

Some students are still complaining of a runny nose, sneezing, coughing sore throats and headaches. The cough is lasting long sometimes as long as three weeks. There are also those who are complaining about feeling dizzy. It appears to be lasting one or two days.

The blood bank will be on the school compound on Wednesday 22nd November, 2017. Give me a call or email to let me know when you are available to donate.

Do have a wonderful weekend!



child skips class.

You are the most important factor in your child's education. With Family Access, you can play an even bigger role in the learning process.

Learn about these different features and more by following the below links:

- [Family access overview](#)
- [The Skyward Calendar](#)
- [Cafeteria Service](#)
- [Skyward account settings](#)
- [Checking Grades](#)



Movember

We want to help men live happier, healthier lives

It's Movember again, please join staff and students in their bid to raise funds for the Trinidad & Tobago Cancer Society, as we embrace this special cause. This is our sixth year in support of the mission to raise funds and awareness, not only for the local charity, but also to raise awareness for men's health issues. ISPS is proud to have raised over \$30,000 in the past few years and hope to find continued support in this venture in the years to come. This year, students have the option of raising funds individually (those who can grow, can donate to gain permission to grow a Mo/beard), or to support others in their race to grow out their moustache and be a face for men's health.

Should you wish to extend your support, you can donate via a collection box at reception, or send in a sealed envelope to the business office. All proceeds go to the Trinidad & Tobago Cancer Society. Alternatively, you can donate to the Movember Foundation <https://us.movember.com/about/foundation> and offer your support to work towards Stopping Men Dying Too Young.

Alternatively, if applicable, just let it GROW!

Matt Broughton



Need help logging in to Skyward? Email me at jalvert@isps.edu.tt and I will get you onboard!



ISPS Briefs

LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

ES Students Having Fun with Languages

In our Elementary school our students learn Spanish through song and dance and with the help of vocabulary cards and puppets.

Carolina Neva-Prieto
ES Spanish



Students from 1st grade singing and gesturing the song "Los animales salvajes".



Students from 2nd grade creating crazy sentences with vocabulary cards.



Students from PK3 having fun acting: Los pollitos dicen pío pío pío



Students from third grade practicing with puppets the play: Los tres cerdos pequeños

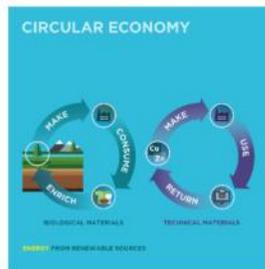


Students from 5th grade having fun playing hand games in Spanish.

ARTS in INTERNATIONAL WEEK 2017



Grade 10 Physical Theatre Class for International Week, devised a piece to promote the need to change from the current Linear Economy of **TAKE MAKE DISPOSE** to the responsible circular economies of **MAKE CONSUME ENRICH** and **MAKE USE RETURN**. All props and costumes used in the piece come from previous ISPS productions.



The HS Band for the International Week Opening Ceremony comprised Grade 9's and 10's and their unit summative performances. They were joined by two MS vocalists from the after-school Glee Club.

Grade 9's found that their music unit "Communities of diverse composition can find common ground in play" connected really well with the UN goal chosen by ISPS; Responsible Consumption and Production.

They saw 'communities' referring to the school, country and the world, our 'common ground' being the efforts being made to prevent wastage/pollution and 'play' referring to the specific activities being done. Their new unit idea? **"Our diverse world can try to Prevent Waste through Responsible Consumption and Production"**.

Their activity choice, of course, was to provide a message through the music rendering of "Help" by the Beatles; a metaphoric representation of the earth's cry for change in human lifestyles.



Grade 10's, given that their music unit's focus was "One's aesthetic can be informed by exposure to the expression and genres of different eras", that is, one's music taste can be broadened by exposure to different types of music, analysed and explored in-depth the music chosen for the International Week Opening Ceremony.

A collaborative effort indeed!





COMMUNITY NOTICES

NOVEMBER 29, 2017

DESIGN / BUILD COMPETITION

THE COMPETITION

The Institution of Structural Engineers is having their 10th annual design and build competition on the 27th January 2018.

Teams of students will compete to design, build and test to failure an enclosed stadium roof (space frame) formed with Bamboo Skewers and String.

As such, we will be having our internal competition to decide on the delegation to represent ISPS. Although the official competition is only open to high schoolers ALL ISPS Students are invited to participate internally.

GUIDELINES

The structure must have a minimum plan dimension of 350 mm. Send an email to sscalbio@isps.edu.tt to register the house teams of 6 and get a full copy of the rules.

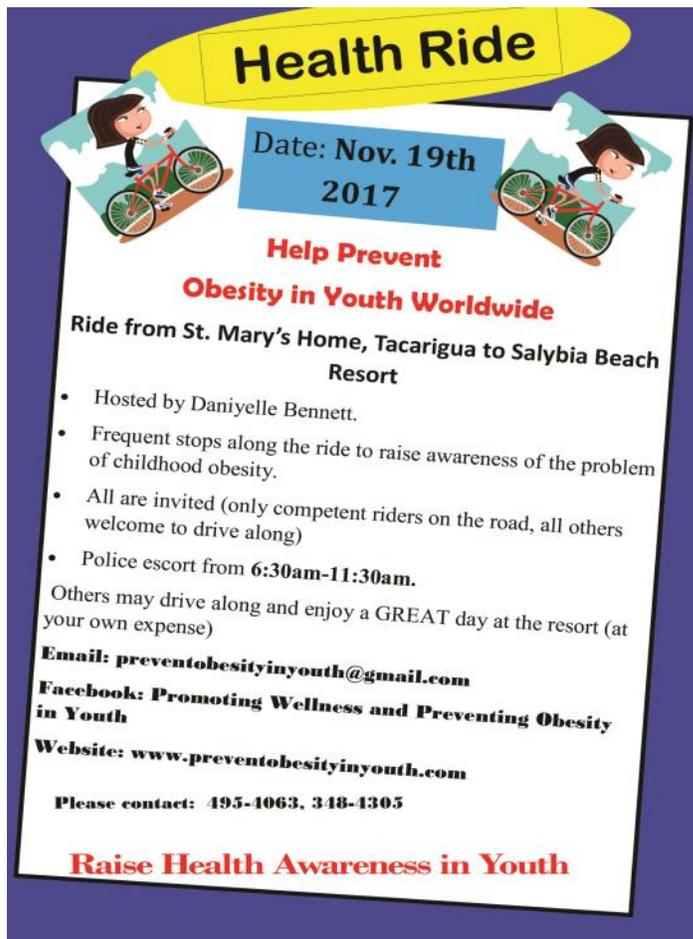
House Teams will be asked to test their structure by loading a provided platform at the center of the span until it collapses.

INTERNAL COMPETITION

Wednesday 29 November, 2017

MATERIALS

- 75 Bamboo Skewers (each skewer is approximately 300 mm in length)
- String (Crochet Knitting Yarn 20-50 yards, approx. 46m)

Health Ride

Date: Nov. 19th 2017

Help Prevent Obesity in Youth Worldwide

Ride from St. Mary's Home, Tacarigua to Salybia Beach Resort

- Hosted by Daniyelle Bennett.
- Frequent stops along the ride to raise awareness of the problem of childhood obesity.
- All are invited (only competent riders on the road, all others welcome to drive along)
- Police escort from 6:30am-11:30am.

Others may drive along and enjoy a GREAT day at the resort (at your own expense)

Email: preventobesityinyouth@gmail.com

Facebook: Promoting Wellness and Preventing Obesity in Youth

Website: www.preventobesityinyouth.com

Please contact: 495-4063, 348-4305

Raise Health Awareness in Youth

ISPS PTO Thank all who contributed to make the IFF a success!

- Best All Round Booth - Morocco
- Best Dressed Booth - Holland
- Belly Full - Trinidad Pork and Oil Down
- Tasty Bite - Cornish Pie - UK
- Sweet Tooth - Tarte de Surce - Canada
- Best Cultural Presentation - Japan

Rosie Ramsingh
PTO President
On behalf of the ISPS PTO Team

Bring Christmas Cheer

Shoebox Gift Drive

For Ages 2-12

How To Pack Your Shoebox

- Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a Boy or Girl.
- Fill with fun toys, story books, hygiene items, school supplies and packaged cookies and candies.
- Select a gift tag on the tree, include a personal note.
- Drop off your shoebox gift at the reception area at the front desk and under the Christmas Tree.

The shoebox will go to a child impacted by the recent hurricanes on behalf of "Is There Not A Cause"

THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY PRESENTS

BINGO 2017

STILL ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR PRIZES!

Saturday, December 2, 2017
ISPS Gym Area, 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Entrance Fee: \$100

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US:
 nhs.isps@gmail.com or 633-4777 • Vitalia S. (President) 757-0075 • Arvind (Secretary) 468-8232

SEE YOU THERE!

ISPS is Looking Up

Saturday November 25, 2017 | 6:30-9:00 PM | ISPS CAMPUS

AN ASTRONOMY EVENT OPEN TO THE ENTIRE ISPS COMMUNITY

Contact: Ms. Sarah Sue Calbio, MS/HS Science sscalbio@isps.edu.tt

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

BAKE SALE

LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANISATION

CAFETERIA

NOVEMBER 17TH
 BREAK & LUNCH TIME

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Menu: November 20th to November 24th, 2017



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

Monday 20th	Breakfast:	Pancakes, Waffles, Eggs, Sausages
	Lunch:	Bake & Shark With all Sauces or Pelau, Fresh Salad
Tuesday 22nd	Breakfast:	Deli Sandwiches and Hot Dogs
	Lunch:	Macaroni Pie, Baked Chicken or Baked Fish, Mixed Vegetables, Celery & Carrot Sticks
Wednesday 23rd	Breakfast:	Salt Fish Accra, Eggs, Sausage, Sandwiches
	Lunch:	Corn Pie or Festive Rice, Caribbean Chicken or The Pirate's Perfect Pork Chop, Pigeon Peas Stew, Cucumber and Carrots Sticks
Thursday 24th	Breakfast:	Coconut Bake or Fried Bake, Salt Fish or Smoked Herring, Boiled Eggs, Cheese Salad
	Lunch:	Fluffy Rice or Coconut Dumplings, Stewed Chicken or Stewed Beef, Callaloo, Fresh Salad
Friday 25th	Breakfast:	Cereal & Milk, Bagels & Cream Cheese
	Lunch:	Hot Dogs, Burgers (Beef, Chicken, Veggie), Cheese Paste Subs, Fruit Salad

Elementary Options: Any Sandwich served with a small salad, milk, water or juice and fruit: \$15.00

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

Elementary Lunch: \$23.00 **Medium Lunch:** \$28.00 **Large Lunch:** \$32.00

Prices for (A la Carte Menu):

6 in. Subs (Tuna, Ham and Cheese, Turkey, Ham): \$10.00 **Chicken Sub:** \$12.00
Vegan Delight (Cheese, Vegetables): \$10.00 **Fruit Bowl served Monday and Tuesday:** \$10.00
Baked French Fries: \$10.00 **Fresh Juices:** \$6.00(s) \$7.00(m) \$8.00(l) **Milk (normal/soy):** \$6.00



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.