



# ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### April

- 24-26 MS/HS Science Fest
- 25 PTO Special Meeting; 1pm; Green Room
- 27 MS/HS Q3 Reports
- 28 Open House; 9:30am-12:00pm; Cafeteria
- 30-3 (MAY) ES ERB Testing
- 30-3 (MAY) MS ERB Testing

#### May

- 2 Open Forum; 7-9pm, Cafeteria
- 3 HS Parent-Teacher Conf.; 12:30-3:00pm; Gym  
**HS Early Dismissal Only; 11:30 am**
- 4 MS Parent-Teacher Conf.; 12:30-3:00pm; Gym  
**MS Early Dismissal Only; 11:30 am**

#### 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

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Parents,  
We are completing our second week back in school with 10 weeks remaining in the school year. From experience, those 10 weeks will go by very quickly as there is a lot of activity within those 10 weeks.

I urge all parents, especially MS and HS parents to get into Skyward to track your son's/daughter's performance. This is the time for intervention if needed, as there is still time to bring grades up, if needed. Now is the time to be speaking to teachers about corrective action, if needed.

Our third Quarter just finished for MS and HS and reports will be sent out next week, but again, parents can see "real time" progress of your son/daughter via Skyward. If you are still not sure how to log into Skyward, I urge you to contact Jolene Calvert ([jcalvert@isps.edu.tt](mailto:jcalvert@isps.edu.tt)) or Reccia Cummings ([rcummings@isps.edu.tt](mailto:rcummings@isps.edu.tt)) and they will help

you. They have put together several tutorials that are very easy to understand and they will guide you through Skyward.

Congratulations to our CAISSA participants. Girls basketball won the Bronze medal as did the Boys Soccer team. The tournament was a great learning experience for all of our students and I would like to thank all of the coaches and chaperones their guidance and vigilance of our students while they were away from home.

Our MS and HS Science fest is next week. I spoke about it in last week's newsletter, and if you have the opportunity, please drop into school to participate.

I wish you all a very nice weekend.

**J Barney Latham**  
Director



## Welcome To Our New Families!

Mayo-Smyth  
(Kindergarten)  
Kangale  
(Grade 5)



CHECK THE ADMISSION DEPARTMENT FOR MERCHANDISE.



# ISPS BOARD NEWSLETTER

## YOUR ISPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS: IN SERVICE AND AT WORK FOR YOU!

The ISPS Board of Directors currently comprises 14 members with expertise in financial management, accounting and education. Collectively, we have a solid understanding and extensive work experience in fiscal and operational management, business and policy making. This positions us well as a group to accomplish our most important roles: strategic planning, good governance and ensuring the financial strength of our school.

Since inception, ISPS has been rooted in international and cultural diversity. The ISPS Board also represents our unique school character with a blend of international and local members who are elected from among our parent body, as well as members appointed by our shareholder organizations: The US Embassy, BPTT, Shell and EOG.

There are 8 shareholder members comprising a Director, and an Alternate, for each of the four companies. There are also three Parent Directors, each one also having an Alternate, for a total of six members. We meet at the end of each month and together work on developing and reviewing policies with a focus on our school's mission and vision.

The Director of ISPS, Barney Latham, works with the Board and Staff to implement and ensure adherence to Board policies. The Director is in charge of the day-to-day operations of the school and is critical to our understanding of current school wide issues and concerns.

The ISPS Board

**ISPS PTO NEWSLETTER**  
MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**GREEN ROOM**  
1:00 PM

**25**  
**APR**

# Faculty Staff Joining ISPS in August 2018



**Juliana Neira**

Middle School  
Science Teacher

*“ I am passionate for science and for transmitting scientific knowledge and learning along the process. ”*

I am happy to introduce myself with this letter by telling you a bit about my trajectory, a bit about my interests and a bit about me as a teacher. I'll try to keep it simple and short, and hopefully soon, we can share more about ourselves in person.

## Trajectory

I was born in the city of Bogotá, Colombia, and moved to south Florida, USA, where I finished High School. I graduated from Florida International University in Miami as a Biologist with interests and involvement in marine conservation projects. Since then, I have taught in Colombia, South Korea and United States. I have recently returned from Barcelona, Spain, where I completed a Master's program in Social and Cultural Anthropology from the

Autonomous University of Barcelona, with the aim of complementing and broadening my scientific background with that of the humanities and social sciences.

## Me as a teacher

I enjoy teaching very much. I have been lucky to build great relationships with students, families and colleagues which have enriched my teaching experiences in the past. In the classroom, I have a strong kindness and sense of community philosophy which contributes to values of understanding and caring, and which in my experience, has gone a long way within classroom management, academic success, and students' personal development. I am passionate for science and for

transmitting scientific knowledge and learning along the process, however, I believe that personal social-cultural-family experiences play a huge role in individual learning experiences, therefore, I try to learn about my students and make the effort to keep my lessons relevant to them as well as to our world today. I consider it important to transmit environmental consciousness and awareness, and to acknowledge and sensitize about current environmental and humanitarian issues around the globe.

I am extremely excited to be joining the school and to move to Trinidad and Tobago. I look forward to meeting the ISPS family and contribute to a great school team!

Thank you!



**John Stienbach**

Middle School  
Counselor

Hello,  
My name is John Steinbach and I am very excited to be joining the ISPS team next year as the Grades 6-10 counselor.

I earned a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Colorado and my M.S. in Counseling Psychology with a certification in school counseling from Central Washington University.

The first half of my career was spent at the middle school level and the last half at the high school level.

Now starting my 23rd year, I look forward to helping bridge opportunities and transitions between the two levels.

I have been fortunate enough to work in the USA (Colorado and Washington) and for the last three years in Seoul, South Korea. After the Korean winters, I am thrilled with the idea of living in a tropical climate.

Throughout my career as a school counselor and a coach (basketball, tennis), I look most forward to building genuine relationships with the students,

their families, and their teachers.

As a team, we help to build the academic, social/emotional, and college/career skills necessary for them to enter into Grade 11 ready to take the next critical steps toward their post secondary goals.

Building on authentic successes and learning from teachable moments, students build the confidence necessary to discover their place in the world.

I look forward to getting to meeting you all soon!

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# SCIENCE CORNER

Maeve O'Donovan, Head of Science



## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE



## MATURA BEACH CLEAN-UP

### High School Biology

On May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, students of the Biology classes, will embark on the second of two trips to Matura, a small village, located on the North East coast of Trinidad. The first of these two trips occurred in March when students were involved in a Beach clean- up. This was not just a regular beach clean- up, but one that facilitates the successful nesting of the Leatherback turtle during nesting season. Matura supports the second largest nesting assemblage of "Leatherback sea turtles in the Republic and is one of the five most valuable nesting beaches on earth, for critically endangered Leatherbacks.

On the second trip, the students **will become conservationists** for a night and learn about the dedication of a conservation groups called Nature Seekers. Nature seekers is a non- profitable community based organization, established in 1990 for the protection and conservation of the endangered leatherback turtle in Matura. They act as an approved tour guide agency to facilitate the viewing and the bonding of the marine turtles and visitors to prevent harassment and disturbance to the endangered marine reptiles. Over the last 10 years the Nature Seekers have helped reduce the slaughtering of egg bearing leather back turtles from 30% or more a year to 0%. Their conservation program has received 7 national awards.

The students will patrol the beaches, tagging and measuring turtles, collecting data and although an exhausting endeavor, it is exhilarating as the students learned about the commitment of Nature Seekers. Look out for more on the trip, later this month.

Have a great weekend folks!

## Hello to our

## ISPS

## Community

This quarter Grade 8 has just finished learning all about cells and made some creative looking models of specialized cells. We have also begun a unit on human body systems and have collaborated to create body maps of the main organ systems.

Grade 6 are looking at "Change over Time" and challenged themselves to build a structure using marshmallows and toothpicks that would survive an earthquake on a jello foundation. Their resilience paid off and they were all able to create a structure to withstand the test!



Grade 9 are in their chemistry unit and are currently looking at balancing equations. HS Physics are having fun with electrostatics and are looking forward to sharing their knowledge at Science Fest 2018 next week!

**Ms. Sarah Sue Calbio**  
([sscalbio@isps.edu.tt](mailto:sscalbio@isps.edu.tt))

Gr. 6 & 8 Science, Physical Science, HS Physics



HIGH SCHOOL BIOLOGY

# DNA TECHNOLOGY

The AP Biology lab took a trip to UWI to see some of the techniques they studied in DNA technology. They stopped off in the Anatomy lab and got a few surprises!



# GENETICS

As part of a unit on Genetics, students role played genetic counselors. There were some very impressive actors who clearly have their careers already planned!

**MS/HS SCIENCE FEST**

The Science Fest kicks off on **April 24th** with much excitement. This is when the Science classes take the opportunity to showcase internally what they have been doing during the year to other Science classes from different school levels. It is always a wonderful sight to see the high and middle school students interact and also to present to the Elementary School students. Science Fest will run from **April 24th to April 26th**.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PORT OF SPAIN

# SCIENCE FEST

**APRIL 24-26 2018**



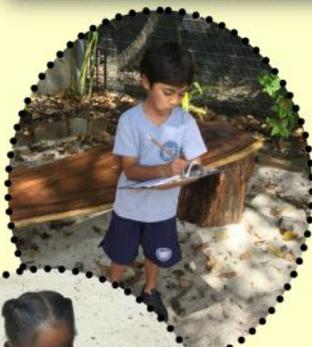
# Pre-K 4 science



Now that Pre-K4 are finished learning about the 5 Senses, we are progressing into a unit about things that are Living and Non-Living, and animal life. This was the perfect transition between 5 Senses and the next part of our unit that covers Life Cycles. It is important that the students get as much exposure to the vocabulary that relate to Living and Non-Living, which will pop up again in Life Cycles.

After reading many books, watching videos and comparing living and non-living things in our classroom we went on a nature walk outside. We used our senses to help us find two living and two non-living things on the playground. Students drew these things and we returned to class to examine what they found. We assessed whether what they drew was alive or not by using the following criteria:

- Does it move on its own?
- Does it breathe?
- Does it eat or drink?
- Does it reproduce?





Hello Everyone,

I have been noticing an increase in the number of students complaining about nausea. I am not sure if it is enough to say that it is going around since there are many reasons for nausea. Each case has to be checked.

As usual at this time of the year it is normal for an increase in respiratory problems due to the heat and increased pollen count.

If your child has to take medication feel free to bring some in for me to keep in case they forget to take it at home. If you give me a call or the child tells me I will administer the medication.

Do have a wonderful safe and fun filled weekend.

**APRIL 16-20** **KINDNESS** **TREE**



Kane	4G	Readily helped a classmate when he saw her having trouble with one of the sports day events.
Pernek	PK4	when a student was feeling sad that he didn't have anyone to play with she offered to play with him and checked in on him for the rest of the day.
Savannah	PK4	when a student was feeling sad that he didn't have anyone to play with she offered to play with him and checked in on him for the rest of the day.
Sia	KKhan	When a student forgot his karate clothes at home, she showed empathy and chose to walk and talk with him until he felt better
Emmeline	KKeir	For supporting students who visit the Nurse and for showing bravery when she is the one who needs Nursey.

# YOGA



## JOIN YOGA CLASS

LET YOUR CONTENTMENT BLOSSOM



EVERY MONDAY (7:45 - 8:45) AND WEDNESDAY (8:50 - 9:50)  
LOCATION : DANCE ROOM

CONTACT CAROLINE AT 290-1800 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

**DON'T FORGET**

**High School Parent-Teacher Conference**  
HS Early Dismissal Only; 11:30 am **3 MAY**

**Middle School Parent-Teacher Conference**  
MS Early Dismissal Only; 11:30 am **4 MAY**



## After School Activities

- Thank you for supporting our After School Activity Program.
- Please Click [here](#) for Other Opportunities available at ISPS.

## Sports Team Development Program

Please register for the program. The start and end dates are the same as the ASA program.

### Important Information:

- Registration fee is \$600
- Soccer is on Tuesday and Thursday (3:45 to 5:15)
- Basketball is on Monday and Wednesday (3:45 to 5:15)
- Volleyball is on Thursday (3:15 to 4:15) and Sunday (2:00 to 5:00)
- Rugby (Wednesday 3:45 to 5:15pm and Saturday 9:00 to 10:30am) is still available.

## CAISSA

It is nice to be back at ISPS. It is great to be wearing my PE shorts and T-shirt again.

The temperature in Quito averaged between 8 and 17 Degrees. This may not seem that cold for some of you, but when you factoring in the altitude (almost 11000 feet high), the effects can be very uncomfortable.

Our boys' Soccer team placed 3rd. They really did work for this. They defeated CIS in the first round 1-0, lost to AC 5-0, and drew with CMS 1-1. In the semis. They went under to AC 2-0, but this was in the dying stages of the game. They played brilliantly for three quarters of the game but did not have the legs or lungs to finish strongly. In their last game for the bronze medal, they showed patience, skill and fight. They overcame the CIS outfit 6-0. With fantastic strikes from Zac Wiggans (2 goals), Shane Patterson (1), Quan Affoon (1) and Nicholas George (2).

Zac and Mariano earned places on the All-tournament Team and Nicholas was named Goalkeeper of the Tournament.

Our Girls also won the Bronze medals. This team was made up of Volleyball players, soccer players and some students who had

### FINAL RESULTS

RANKING	BOYS' SOCCER	GIRLS' B-BALL
1ST	CMS	AC
2ND	AC	CMS
3RD	ISPS	ISPS
4TH	CIS	CIS

#### Boys' All Tournament Team:

Zac Wiggans, Mariano Valez, Nicholas George

#### Girls' All Tournament Team: Daniyelle Bennett

never played a sport before. They learned very fast. They won against CIS and CMS, and lost to the home team (AC) in the first round. They were the second seed going into the semis. There they faced their old nemesis, CMS Sharks, for the second time. However, the Trini, sea level dwellers, were reeling under the effects of the conditions. They succumbed to the Sharks for the first time in the tournament. The Caimans went on to defeat the CIS Blue Iguanas to claim the Bronze medals. Daniyelle Bennett won a place on the All-Tournament Team.

Very many thanks to Coach Sprott, Coach Karl, Janita, Mrs Patterson and the Panguandas family. (See pictures on Page 9)

# Caimans Athletics

By: Ashmir Ali





# International School of Port of Spain

## 2017 - 2018 Events Calendar



# APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunday	2 Easter Break Easter Monday National Holiday	3 Easter Break	4 Easter Break	5 Easter Break	6 Easter Break	7
8	9 School Resumes  ASA Session 3 starts 2:30-4:00pm	10	11 CAISSA Season 3 Ecuador  Open Forum 7:00-9:00pm Cafeteria	12 CAISSA Season 3 Ecuador	13 CAISSA Season 3 Ecuador	14 CAISSA Season 3 Ecuador ACTs 7:30am-2:00pm
15 CAISSA Season 3 Ecuador	16	17	18 End Q3 MS/HS	19	20	21
22	23	24 MS/HS Science Fest	25 MS/HS Science Fest  PTO Special Meeting 1:00 pm; Green Room	26 MS/HS Science Fest	27 MS/HS Q3 Reports	28 Open House 9:30 am-12:00 pm, Cafeteria
29	30 ES ERB Testing MS ERB Testing					

NOTES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		30-3 (MAY)	MS ERB Testing	5	SATs; 7:30am-2:00pm Conference
Easy Print Page	April				
	24-26	MS/HS Science Fest		7-18	HS AP Exams
	25	PTO Special Meeting; 1pm; Green Room	2	11	G5 PYP Exhibition; 7:30am-1:00pm; Gym
	27	MS/HS Q3 Reports	3	14-18	ES MAP Testing
	28	Open House; 9:30am-12:00pm; Cafeteria	4	14-18	HS AP Exams
	30-3 (MAY)	ES ERB Testing		17-20	CAISSA MS Sports Festival (CAS)
			MS Parent-Teacher Conference; 12:30-3:00pm; Gym	21-25	ES Science Fair
			MS Early Dismissal Only; 11:30 am	21-25	MS MAP Testing



## Menu: April 23rd to April 27th, 2018

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



	<b>Breakfast:</b>	Bagels & Cream Cheese, Croissants & Ham, Eggs, Sausages, Deli Sandwiches
<b>Monday 23rd</b>	<b>Lunch:</b>	Fried Rice, Chinese-Style Chicken, Chunky Vegetables, Noodles, Sweet & Sour Fish <b>Soup of the day – Split Peas</b>
	<b>Breakfast:</b>	Eggs, Sausages, Slice Bread, Bacon, Cheese
<b>Tuesday 24th</b>	<b>Lunch:</b>	Fajitas (Chicken, Beef, Fish), Fresh Salad, Burgers (Beef & Vegetable) <b>Soup of the day – Beef Soup</b>
	<b>Breakfast:</b>	French Toast, Pancakes, Muffins, Eggs, Bacon, Sausage
<b>Wednesday 25th</b>	<b>Lunch:</b>	Cubed Potato with Cheese, & Bacon, Celery Rice, Honey Sauce Chicken, Honey Sauce Fish, Fresh Salad, Sautéed Vegetables <b>Soup of the day – Chicken Soup</b>
	<b>Breakfast:</b>	Hotdogs, Hops & Cheese Paste, Eggs, Sausages, Bacon
<b>Thursday 26th</b>	<b>Lunch:</b>	<b>Curry Day:</b> Dhal, Rice, Curried Chicken, Stew Beef, Channa & Potato, Anchar Mango, Bodi, Buss-Up-Shut, Dhalpouri
	<b>Breakfast:</b>	Sada with Melongene, Dasheen Leaves, Pumpkin, Potato, Eggs & Sausages
<b>Friday 27th</b>	<b>Lunch:</b>	BBQ Chicken/ Fish, Dinner Rolls, Mashed Potato, Fresh Salad, Fries <b>Soup of the day – Corn</b>

**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.



THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PORT OF SPAIN  
A premier Pre-K to Grade 12 school invites you to our

# OPEN HOUSE

APRIL 28, 2018 @ 9:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

ISPS students benefit from:

- Inquiry and concept-based curriculum
- US College Board Advanced Placement Program & AP Capstone
- US High School Diploma
- An IB World School, PYP & MYP accreditation
- On-site full time college and school counselors
- An array of co-curricular and after school activities
- A competitive sports programme involving local and international competition
- MAP, ERB, PSAT, SAT & ACT assessments



Call Hazel Walker to register: (868) 633-4777 ext 400 or email: [hwalker@isps.edu.tt](mailto:hwalker@isps.edu.tt)

For more information about the school please visit our website:

[www.isps.edu.tt](http://www.isps.edu.tt)

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