



ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,
Another productive, energy filled week at ISPS.

Final preparations continue with our upcoming CAISSA tournament. The PTO is helping organize supporting events and lunches for the athletes and coaches involved in the tournament, plans are in place to have a full school pep-rally on Wednesday the 24th of January at 11:30 in the gym. This is a spirit building event and a launch to the CAISSA tournament. All parents are welcome.

volunteered to work behind the scenes during the tournament, and staff who have worked tirelessly to execute the event. My congratulations to Mr Ali and his entire team of staff, students, and parents. We are looking forward to a great tournament.

All parents are invited to attend matches and the opening ceremony will be held on Thursday January 25th at 8:00am in the gym. Basketball and football games the 25th and 26th with the semi-finals and finals to be held on Saturday the 27th all day. Please come out to support our Caimans.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

19	HS Music Recital; 8:00 - 9:00am, Theatre
22	MS/HS Parent Discussion Group; 7:30 - 8:30am, Green Room
24-27	CAISSA Season 2
24	CAISSA PEP Rally; 11:30-11:45am; ISPS Gym
25	ES Parenting Group; 7:40-8:55, Drama Room
26	Rock Out With Reach Out 2; 6:30-10:30 pm; North Field
27	PTO Caiman Spirit Day CAISSA Closing Ceremony; 7:00-9:30 pm, Theatre & Gym

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

Reach Out, our HS community service club that gives extra lessons to kids in Petit Valley every Saturday, has organized a fund raising "concert" on Friday January 26th from 6:30pm to 10:00pm. The event will provide entertainment for CAISSA participants and is open to the ISPS community and residents of Spanish court. They have organized 6 performers and it should be a nice community event. This will be held on the North Field and tickets are available from Hazel at the front desk. The 50\$TT admission will be well worth it.

Our own Caissa athletes have been involved in early morning and afternoon practices, matches against teams who have players from the National basketball and football teams, and they are in their final push to be at their peak performance for the CAISSA tournament.

A tremendous amount of work has gone into the planning and preparation for this tournament and I would like to thank the PTO, ISPS parents who have graciously offer to house students and coaches, students who have

On Wednesday the 18th of January, ES students participated in a house activity through the "Design and Build" competition. Students had to design a structure (a roof) within very strict dimensional guidelines and materials provided, to see which design could hold the greatest amount of weight. It was a very fun activity and the results of the event are in today's newsletter.

You will also see in this newsletter, the Board approved 2018-19 school calendar. It is very similar to this year's calendar and again features a one week break in October, 3 weeks at Christmas, one week at Carnival, and a 2 week Easter break. We will also continue with Late Start Wednesdays, as they have been very popular with students and parents, and has given ISPS staff time to further develop our programme.

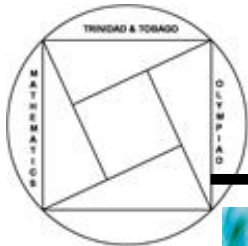
Enjoy the weekend.

B Latham
Director

Welcome

Lievens Family -

Jack - Kindergarten & Emma - Grade 1



MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT



17 Advance to Round 2 of the MATH OLYMPIAD

We are pleased to announce that the following students have qualified to represent I.S.P.S. for round 2 of the Trinidad and Tobago Mathematics Olympiad, being held on Friday 19th January 2018 at the J.F.K auditorium at the University of West Indies in St. Augustine.



Jalen Bowers
Emma Deverteuil
Charlotte Potter
Zera Te
Annika Walter
Andrew George
Dominic Cockburn
Musa Raza
Sacha Avey

Anya Camps
Amanda Conyers
Hyunsuk Lee
Vitallia Sooknarine
Navin Baggan
Simran Babani
Jordan Mukerji
Ryan Roig



We would like to wish them best of luck!

Let's Go Caimans!"





CAISSA:

CAISSA "Togetherness" is just 13 days away!

We are in desperate need of housing for our guests.

This is a whole school event. We need housing for all our guests. If you are an Elementary school parent, Middle School parent or High School parent it does not matter, all are welcome to house.

ISPS will be entering two Boys' teams in the Basketball Tournament (Varsity and JV).

Boys' Basketball Tournament — Five teams:

ISPS V, Carol Morgan School, Academia Cotopaxi, Escuela Campo Alegre and ISPS JV.

Girls Tournament — Four teams:

ISPS, Carol Morgan School, Escuela Campo Alegre and Cayman International School.

We will be kicking off the tournament in a very novel way.

On Wednesday 24th January at 11:30 am to 11:45 am we will be having our Pep Rally in the Gym. This will be followed by an official tournament game at 12:00pm. ISPS Varsity will come up against ISPS JV.

The game will end at 12:55pm.

You will get an opportunity to see our kids play and cheer them on.

CAISSA GREEN T-SHIRTS will be available at the front desk (\$60) from tomorrow.

Get your T-shirt and support our teams. Let's show the other schools "ISPS style" school spirit.

Ways to Show Support:

Support by coming out to games, by hosting visiting student-athletes, wearing our Caimans' T-Shirts and colours, and by sponsoring. Please help us to make this a great ISPS event. Show your ISPS and Caiman Spirit.

All parents and members of the community who would like to support the event by supplying sports drinks, bottled water, fruits and other food items or in any other way can also contact Physical Education Department.

Your assistance is vital to hosting a successful event for the entire school community. Please call (620-6866) or email (aali@isps.edu.tt) if you are interested in assisting.

Make "Togetherness" the best CAISSA ever!!



Caimans Athletics

By: Ashmir Ali

SPORTS TEAMS Development Program:

Our new program has kicked off and students are participating. However, this will only succeed if students participate. Many Middle Schoolers who asked for this program have not signed up yet. We eagerly await your involvement. This can only improve our kids and how we participate in sport.

Soccer Coaches:

Teleshia Joseph, Karl Brown, Paul Decle and Imran Gopaul

Basketball Coaches:

Albert Spratt, Ricardo Lue Shue and Allison Dickman

Volleyball Coaches:

Saleem Ali, Daryl Davis and Janita Sullivan

Rugby Coach:

Junior Arismendez

- This is for Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball and Rugby. These clubs will range in grades from 2 to 12.
- These clubs will run throughout the year in three Seasons- August to December, January to March and March to June.
- Interested students will pay to register (\$600 TTD, see form below) for each club at the beginning of each season.
- This will not interfere with our existing After School Activity program as students are free to register for the activities of their choice.

ISPS Registration Form for Sports Teams Developmental Program
Complete this form and return with payment to the Front Desk no later than
Friday 12th January, 2018.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Tick off Sport that you would like to be involved in:

Basketball ☐ Soccer ☐ Volleyball ☐ Rugby ☐

Total Paid: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Training Schedule for Developmental Sports Teams

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
3:45-5:15 PM Basketball Grades 3 -12	3:45-5:15 PM Basketball Grades 3 -12	3:45-5:15 PM Rugby Grades 3-12	3:45-5:15 PM Volleyball Grades 3 -12	3:45-5:15 PM Basketball Grades 8 -12	7:30-9:00 AM Rugby Grades 3-12
	3:45-5:15 PM Soccer Grades 3 -12	3:45-5:15 PM Soccer Grades 3 -12	3:45-5:15 PM Soccer Grades 7 -12		2:00-5:00 PM Volleyball Grades 3 -12

THIS IS A PILOT PROGRAM THAT WILL RUN FROM JANUARY 8TH TO MARCH 22ND

IT WILL BE MONITORED CLOSELY

After School Activities:

- Click [here](#) for the registration forms for ASA Season 2.

Thank you very much for supporting the ASA and Athletic Programs.

ISPS PTO building School Spirit



PTO Spirit Day



Sat Jan 27th, 1-4pm

Come support your favorite CAISSA Team and enjoy the PTO Spirit Drive

Free cotton candy and popcorn.

Hotdogs, mini pizzas and drinks on sale.

Come and get your face painted and see the *live* cayman.



PTO Soca Zumba Sweat

January 30th , 2.45pm - 4pm

ISPS Green Court

Hope to see you there!

ISPS Panyard Jam in conjunction with HADCO Sponsor Night

Date: January 31st at Phase II Panyard

Adults Only Event

Tickets not available at the door

Price: \$250TT Price inclusive of food,
a premium bar and live entertainment



KINDNESS TREE



1	Lowenna	3K	Held open the door for the whole class, even with her violin in her hands
2	Gabby	3K	Generously gave popcorn to the whole class
3	Clara	KKh	When a classmate got hurt, she and another student helped her to Nursey's office.
4	Teddy	KKh	When a class mate got hurt, he and another student helped her to Nursey's office.
5	Zumi	3K	Cleaned up after lunch playtime even though she didn't play with the equipment and wasn't asked.
6	Alexa-Jane	1Bed	Went home and learned how to say "Can you play with me?" in Dutch so she can be a friend to a new student who speaks only Dutch
7	Ali	5W	When he returned to the classroom for something, he noticed that 3 of his classmates had forgotten their lunchboxes and he kindly took the boxes for them.
8	Priyanka	5W	Checked on how her teacher was feeling which made the teacher's day!
9	Ali	5W	Patently held the door open for a member of staff who was very touched by this gesture!
10	Corentin	2J	He helped Kindergarten students to find their lunchboxes when they forgot them as they lined up.
11	Toon	1Bell	Helped another student to share her sad feelings by being empathetic, creative and open-minded in the way he communicated with her.

ROCK OUT WITH REACH OUT

Congratulations Ayden

Congratulations to
Ayden Charles winner of the Reach
Out T-shirt Design Competition.

Support the cause, look out to seeing
you in your T-shirt.



ROCK OUT WITH REACH OUT 2
live

FRIDAY
25TH JANUARY

Featuring:
Nigel Rojas
5 Miles to
Midnight
Freetown
Collective
Soliman
Rae
Logariddim
(HS Band)
Joseph and
more...

gates
open
from
6-10:30pm

\$50

Food & Drink on Sale
For more information contact: ablackburn@isps.edu.tt

Donate your Uniforms

ACCEPTING UNWANTED UNIFORMS

Elementary, Middle, and High School



- ❖ Clean
- ❖ Gently Used
- ❖ No Stains
- ❖ No Tears

Drop off at Front Office
for PTO Secondhand Uniforms

Secondhand uniform sale coming soon!

Display your COS-TUMES at Carnival Town Meeting

Students who are playing "Kiddies car-nival" and would like to portray their costume for our Carnival town meeting are welcomed to do so.

Parents, please email Ms. Celeste Johnson with a short description of the costume and your interest.

The description should include the name of the band and section. If possible ask the bandleader if they may have a description to share for narrations.

cjohnson@isps.edu.tt



Hello Everyone,

Some students came back with and some have been getting flu like symptoms. I will call you if your child/children have fever. If they are not feeling well I will send them home since they cannot concentrate on class work and will spread the virus.

Please encourage all students to cover their mouths when coughing or sneezing into tissues and discard after use or into sleeves or shirt necks and wash hands after to prevent the spread of organisms.

Have a great weekend!

Design and Build House Competition

The Design and Build House Competition took place Wednesday 17th, 2018, in the Gym between 11:30 and 2:00pm. Grade 4 and 5 students competed against each other in their House Teams to see whose roof would support the most weight. Teams were given two hours to build a stadium roof with 100 bamboo skewers, a roll of tape and yarn, and lots of ingenuity. At the end of the two hours, each of the designs were tested for their strength by placing weights on top of the structures until they collapsed. The score for each team was calculated using the weight supported by the roof multiplied by the area of the roof and divided by the weight of the roof itself.

And the results are:

Gr. 5 Caroni - 1st

Grade 4 Mayaro - 2nd

Grade 5 Nriva - 3rd

Grade 4 Mayaro - 4th

Grade 5 Maraval - 5th

Grade 5 Mayaro - 6th

Grade 4 Caroni - 7th

Grade 4 Maraval - 8th

Best Aesthetic Design - Grade 4 Maraval

Congratulations to all teams for their work and preparations (photos will be posted next week)


The Grade 12 Parents are holding a fundraiser to assist with the Graduation Ball. Your support would be greatly appreciated and you will have a delicious meal as well. Please check at the Front Desk for tickets or with any Grade 12 parent

ISPS GRADUATION 2018 @ 460

S·V·A·A·D·A
GOURMET INDIAN KITCHEN

Located at One Woodbrook Place
Open Sunday – Sunday
10:30am – 11:00pm

Meal Voucher Valid 21st January to 18th March, 2018
SECURE PARKING AVAILABLE



\$50



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2017 - 2018 Events Calendar



JANUARY 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 New Year's Day National Holiday	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 School Resumes	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 MS/HS Parent Discussion Group 7:30 - 8:30am Green Room	17 Yearbook Retakes & Staff Photo 7:30am - 12:30pm Theatre & Green court All-School Design and Build Competition 11:30am - 2:00pm Gym	18 ES Parenting Group 7:40 - 8:55am Drama Room	19 HS Music Recital 8:00 - 9:00am Theatre	20
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28	29 MS/HS Parent Discussion Group 7:30 - 8:30am Green Room	30	31 PTO Pan Yard Lime Phase II Pan Yard			

NOTES



THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PORT OF SPAIN

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2018-2019 IMPORTANT DATES

August
 1 Emancipation Day (National Holiday)
 6 New Staff Orientation
 13 All Staff return to work
 20 School Opens
 31 Independence Day (National Holiday)

September
 24 Republic Day (National Holiday)

October
 19 Last Day of School
 20 Mid Term Break Begins
 29 School Resumes

November
 7 Divali (National Holiday) (TBD)

December
 14 Last Day of School
 15 Start of Christmas Break
 25 National Holiday - Christmas Day
 26 National Holiday - Boxing Day

January
 1 National Holiday - New Year's Day
 7 School Resumes

February

March
 4 Carnival Monday - (No School)
 5 Carnival Tuesday (No School)
 6 Ash Wednesday (No School)
 7 PD No School (Teacher Work Day)
 8 PD No School (Teacher Work Day)
 30 Spiritual Baptist Liberation Day (National Holiday)

April
 12 Last Day of School
 19 Good Friday (National Holiday)
 22 Easter Monday (National Holiday)
 29 School Resumes

May
 30 Indian Arrival Day
 31 PD No School (Teacher Work Day)

June
 5 Eid Ul-Fitr (National Holiday) (TBD)
 19 Labour Day (National Holiday)
 20 Corpus Christi (National Holiday)
 28 Last Day of School

LEGEND

■ Holiday - No School For Students & Teachers

■ National Holidays - School Closed

■ Professional Development Day

■ Other Important Dates, See Above

182 Days

Located at: Administration (WVColumbus) (A:), Administration, The
 Director of ISPS - Complete School Operation Matters, Calendars, 18-
 19

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Menu: January 22nd to January 26th, 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 22nd

Breakfast: Waffles, Bread, Chicken Salad, Cheese Paste, Tuna Paste

Lunch: White Rice Pilaf, Split Peas, Curry Chicken, Fresh Salad

Tuesday 23rd

Breakfast: Coconut Bake, Salt Fish Buljol, Eggs, Sausage

Lunch: Noodles or Fried Fish, Chinese Style Chicken or Sweet & Sour Fish, Chow Mein

Wednesday 24th

Breakfast: Deli Sandwiches Or Hotdogs

Lunch: Corn Pie or Festive Rice, Caribbean Jerk Chicken, Pigeon Peas, Cucumber & Tomato Salad

Thursday 25th

Breakfast: Cereal & Milk, Cheese Bread with Tuna, Sausages, Eggs

Lunch: Lemon Cilantro Rice, Stew Chicken or Fish in Curry Sauce, Pink Beans, Fresh Salad

Friday 26th

Breakfast: Salt Fish Accra, Dasheen Leaves or Potato, Sada

Lunch: Bar-B-Que Chicken, Fries or Macaroni Salad, Dinner Rolls, Garden 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.