



# ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March	
15	ES End of T2
15	G8 Field Trip — Sustainability; Fond Pois Doux Estate; 9am-2pm
15	ES Parenting Group; 7:40-9.00, Drama Room
16	ASA Session 2 Ends
19-23	Rotary Games — ES/MS
19	MS Parent Discussion Group; 7:30-8:30am; Green Room
21	ES T2 Reports
21	"Lots of Socks" DSNF Conference
22	ES Student-Led Conferences; 11:30am-3:00pm

### 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

Dear Parents,

We have had another very busy week at ISPS.

The Global Initiatives Network (GIN conference) students returned from Costa Rica full of ideas. Several students are working with us now to further develop our aquaponics garden, including a solar powered filtration system to use the "grey water" from the school to use in the aquaponics system and water the fields. This system is in development, but we are hoping to have a prototype in place by the end of April.

This initiative is a continuation of the goals we adopted during International Week to become more sustainable. We are hoping that as the project develops, we will include a greenhouse that will be able to supply some fresh grown vegetables to our cafeteria.

As you are aware, we have been conducting "lock-down" drills over the last few weeks. These drills have been conducted during lunch times, when students are not normally in their classrooms.

I am happy to report that the drills have gone very smoothly and we have been able to get students secured in less than 4 minutes. We have learned a few things from these drills, and we are working with

security personnel from the US Embassy, Shell, and BP to improve our security measures here at ISPS. We will be having one more drill next week Tuesday, during ES school lunch.

On the topic of security, I would like to ask for student and parent volunteers to participate in our Security Simulation exercise which will be conducted at ISPS on Saturday, April 14th. The simulation will be conducted in coordination with the T&T Police Service, T&T Fire Service, T&T Red Cross, BP and Shell Security personnel, the US Embassy's Regional Security Officer, Amalgamated Security and ISPS's first responders. The simulation will be based on the scenario of an "active shooter" on campus and we need volunteers to help us simulate a real life scenario and the more volunteers we have, the better the simulation will be. On April 12th, at 6:00pm in the cafeteria there will be a meeting for volunteers to prepare for the event.

The launch of the competitive youth sports initiative for our ES and MS is going very well. It will take a bit of time to develop the teams, but we currently have 29 on the soccer team, 18 in the basketball team and 7 on the volleyball team.

I hope you enjoy the weekend

**J Barney Latham**  
Director

**DEADLINE FOR BOTH: MARCH 22**

ONLINE

## 2018-2019 Re-Enrollment

- Log into your skyward account.
- Click on the Online Forms tab.
- Follow the instructions and complete the Re-Enrollment contract for all students to be enrolled at ISPS in the coming school year.

**AdvancED Certified Parent Survey:**

Kindly fill out the following survey:  
<https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/62820/15734>



**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL MR. ALI: 620-6866 OR 633-4777 EXT. 135**

**FULL PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED... ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST WEAR HOUSE T-SHIRTS.**

## WALK-A-THON & FAMILY DAY SCHEDULE

- All students and Staff must participate in Walk-a-thon. Registration is \$10.00
- Registration takes place during the week leading up to event. Registrants will get a Walk/Run Card indicating Name, House and School.
- Bell starts Walk-a-thon at 7:30am, bell ends Walk-a-thon at 8:30am
- Participants must check off each lap on their Cards at the officials' tables.
- All Participants must submit their Cards to the Officials at 8:30am.
- House points awarded to students, staff and parents for most laps made for the Walk-a-thon hour.
- Participants must be placed in events before Sports Day (at your House Meetings).
- Full house assembly at 8:45 on Spanish Court Field.
- House Spirit Cheer Competition
- Houses proceed to respective House Tents and Sport areas (ES move to Gym and North field) MS and HS stay on Spanish Court Field
- Events start at 9:00am
- Events end at 11:15.

Please click  
[HERE](#)  
for the EVENTS

# ELEMENTARY NOTES

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**Dear Parents,**

Term Two ended on March 15, and reports will be distributed via Skyward on March 21. Following the distribution of reports, student-led conferences for parents will be held on March 22, starting at noon. Please make every effort to attend the sessions with your child’s classroom teacher and specialists (music, art, physical education, IT, Spanish). Specialists will be hosting their sessions in their classrooms. Please accompany your child to the specialists’ classes to view his/ her portfolios.

Congratulations to all the students who took part in the MILO games, some students qualify to next level of games. However, the date and time coincides with our sporting event and walkathon on Friday, March 23, and students were given the option to attend those games with their parents. We will keep you posted of any changes.

Walkathon and sports will be held next Friday, March 23. Students are asked to pay \$10 dollars for a registration fee. In addition, students are asked to complete at least one lap around the field area, all funds collected from the walkathon will be donated to a children’s organization. Students will receive their walkathon sheets this Friday. Sports Day is the only whole school event for students to showcase their athletic skills, and demonstrate school spirit within their houses and cheer on their teams. Our expectation is to have all students attending school on March 23, even though school ends at 11:30 a.m. We are aiming for full participation from all our community members.

Parents their will be at least one race that you can participate in. We look forward to your continued support.

Congratulations to the parents who completed the workshop: *Easy to Love, Difficult To Discipline* conducted by Ms. Hyndman, Elementary Counselor.

We wish all our parents a happy Easter break! School resumes on April 9th.

Regards,

**Suzette Julien,**  
ES Principal

## UPCOMING DATES

March 15	Term Two ends
March 21	Reports available via Skyward
March 22	Student-Led Conferences (early dismissal at 11:30 a.m.)
March 23	All School Sports Event (early dismissal at 11:30 a.m.)
April 9	School re-opens

## PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAM (PYP)

All classroom teachers have completed their unit studies, and after the break unit five begins. Classroom teachers will keep you abreast of the upcoming units. Also, Google classroom is used for students to keep up to date with their assignments. Please make every effort to discuss your child’s assignments in Google classroom.

Words this month: **Principled, Appreciation and Commitment**

**Angela Shahien**  
PYP Coordinator

Skyward is the communication tool that ISPS uses to keep you abreast of what is happening with your child’s progress, grade book, information from the principal, and teachers, as well as the newsletter. A survey was sent asking three questions and 32 responses were received:



The final session of the parenting workshop on *Easy to Love, Difficult To Discipline*.

**Are you using Skyward?**

- 26 people indicated they use the tool
- 6 people said no

**How often do you use Skyward?**

- **Monthly:** 16 people use the tool
- **Weekly:** 10 people use the tool
- **Daily:** 2 people use the tool
- **Never:** 4 people never use the tool

**Is Skyward information helpful?**

- 19 people indicated Skyward was helpful
- 13 people indicated maybe

Our hope is to have 100 percent of our parents using SKYWARD.



# Celebrating Excellence

## Danielle named AASSA Global Citizen



Once a year, the Association of American Schools in South America (AASSA) honors a student or group of students who has worked significantly towards improving their community.

The AASSA Global Citizen Award recognizes a student or group of students selected from AASSA Member Schools in good standing that has made exemplary contributions through a school and/or community-based service program which has led either to:

greater international understanding, positive local or global change, addressing a global challenge, or changed lives—thereby setting an example for us all.

[\(AASSA\)](#)

This year, the AASSA Global



Citizen Award was awarded to ISPS 10th grade student, Danielle Bennett, founder of the NGO "Prevent Obesity in Youth Worldwide," who has dedicated much of her life to be the voice in the fight against obesity.

The monetary prize this year was USD\$500, which goes toward supporting Danielle's charity and her efforts.

The "Prevent Obesity in Youth Worldwide" project focuses on promoting the importance of exercise and a well-balanced diet in young children with an aim at ending childhood obesity.

For eight years, Danielle's NGO has seen youngsters engaging in and practicing healthy lifestyle choices which can prevent obesity.

Her organization works tirelessly to educate and empower the global and regional community with knowledge about youth obesity, while allowing them to engage in extra-curricular

activities, such as her "Ride For Wellness" event

which promotes her idea of having healthy lifestyles.

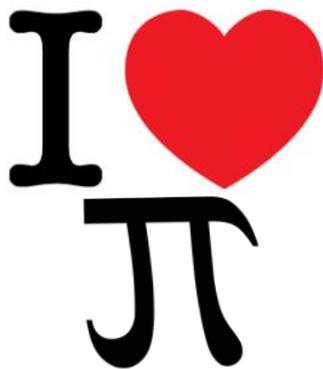
Both Danielle's mother and our Athletic Director, Ashmir Ali, describe her as a remarkable worker who is passionate about her cause.

They describe her as a humble, ordinary girl with a goal of paving the way toward making a difference in youth health by spreading the word of health and wellness to everyone on a local and global stage.

"Danielle's success is a true reflection of the support and encouragement that she has gotten and continues to receive from the ISPS community," Danielle's mother added.

Danielle has been with ISPS since Kindergarten.

**Congratulations Danielle!**



March 14th (3/14) is celebrated around the world as Pi Day.

Yesterday our Math Department joined in the Pi Day celebrations at ISPS.





# DEPT. OF LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

# MARCH MADNESS

## La Locura de Marzo 2018!

In the Language Acquisition Department, part of the mission is to expose students to fun and authentic aspects of the target culture which engage students in language learning.

This month, to celebrate the diversity of Spanish-language music, we are carrying out a school-wide competition to pick the favorite Spanish-language song from those selected.

This week we are choosing the first round. If you would like to participate click this link and answer the Google Forms and your vote will be counted but you need to vote in the first round by Sunday 18th of March.

- 1 **Siguela Bailando**  
Ozuna
- 2 **Andas en mi Cabeza**  
Chino y Nacho
- 3 **Mas Que tu Amigo**  
Juanes
- 4 **Mi Tierra**  
Gloria Estefan
- 5 **Un Poco Loco**  
Luis Ángel Gómez Jaramillo,  
Gael García Bernal
- 6 **Optimista**  
Caloncho
- 7 **La Tierra del Olvido**  
Carlos Vives
- 8 **Te Mueves Tú Se Mueven Todo**  
David Bisbal, Ha Ash y Reik



Games like "Memory" make learning fun and competitive! Here Spanish Phase 2B, Grades 7 and 8 are practicing the vocabulary for travel.

## The Game of Learning Languages

Want to speak a foreign language naturally? Using media such as listening to music or watching videos, or even reading foreign literature can prove helpful. However, playing games can help students absorb an activity better by focusing and engaging through hands-on experience of playing.



Submitted by: Rebecca Tompssett

# Visiting Artists

High School and Middle School Art students participated in a workshop lead by Beverly Fitzwilliam and Kyle Knaggs.

Kicking off the workshop was Beverly Fitzwilliam who provided the students with a demonstration of Acrylic Pouring, a painting technique she often practices. After showing the students the basics of the technique, they were invited to create their own pieces from what they had learnt. The end result was a series of paintings, each one unique in its own way.

Afterwards, the High school students heard from Kyle Knaggs who shared with them his experience in studying architecture and working as a web page designer and the status of both fields locally and globally, a conversation that was both intriguing and helpful for students considering visual arts careers.





# MIMUN

MEXICO CITY INTERNATIONAL  
MODEL UNITED NATIONS

# MUN Students Take Mexico

*“The dynamic I experienced in Mexico was unlike any other I’ve encountered and as a result, I have gained new friends, new knowledge and new admiration for Mexico and its beautiful culture” - Chris Hadeed*

This year the 12 members of the Model United Nations club were in for a treat when advisors Judy Sharpe and Matthew Broughton provided them with not only a great conference with fascinating topics and lively debate on current world issues but also a cultural experience like no other in Mexico City.

The 7-day trip was highlighted by ISPS students taking part in a four day simulation of different United Nations councils that covered topics such as The Syrian Refugee Crisis, The Education gap for women and establishment of nuclear-weapon free zones in the Middle East. MUN allows students to take on a certain position of a country and make decisions and proposals to solve issues based on how their country would handle these pressing issues in real life. The debates help teach diplomacy as well as eloquence and sharpens students in terms of their problem solving ability and competency when having to think on their feet. Students this year have been very pleased with the quality of the conference and the exposure to current global events.

Another highlight of the trip was the cultural experiences enjoyed in between the long



days spent in conference. Multiple tours were planned during our trip exploring Mexico City and learning about its rich history as well as viewing the glorious architecture and tasting the delicious street food. The activity that left the biggest impact was our visit to the Aztec pyramids of the Sun and The

*“MUN was an eye-opening experience that made me know more about international affairs. During the trip, I not only learned more about Mexican culture, but also learned more about the entire world.”*  
- Yujie Song

Moon in Teotihuacan, which was once the biggest Pre Columbian city in the Americas. Overall the trip was a resounding success with students attaining a great deal of knowledge of current events as well as improvement in their ability to think quickly as well as developing confidence when addressing large

crowds. We must also acknowledge the individual success of Ana De Gannes who gained an award for the best Position Paper in her committee. I would like to thank our advisors Mr. Broughton and Mrs. Sharpe for making sure the trip was not only educationally and culturally enriching but extremely enjoyable and one we will never forget.

**Submitted by:**  
President Of Model United Nations, Adam Escalante

*“I think the MUN conference is a wonderful opportunity that encourages young people to become more aware about current global conflicts and get involved in the conversation. Students can share their opinions and compare their views with others, which is important because young people are the future.” - Sol Franco*



Pre K3's  
Collaborative  
Art Project  
for our  
Trees Study

# Easter Tree

Pre-K3's worked collaboratively to create their beautiful Easter tree that ties into their Trees Study Unit.

Submitted by: Shafika Sultan-Khan



Hello Everyone,  
 It appears that we now have less students with flu like symptoms.  
 I have been noticing that some students come to school without having breakfast on the late start Wednesdays when there is no morning break at school. This means that they are really hungry before lunch and have difficulty concentrating in class. Could you please ensure that the children have extra snacks on late start Wednesdays, so that they can function at optimum levels, as we work together to keep them well.  
 Have a great weekend!

### Consequences...



## PTO

### Secondhand UNIFORMS FOR SALE

### HOUSE SHIRTS AVAILABLE

### Gear up for Sports Day!



MARCH 12—MARCH 16		
Aanya	5J	Stood up for a classmate when she was being teased by another student.
Addy	3P	Went out of her way to open a door for a member of the Admin staff who was very appreciative!
Maxence	PK3	Willingly helped a classmate who was having trouble putting on her socks after yoga class.
Anna	PK3	For kindly accepting assistance from a classmate!
Ethan	2D	Opening the doors for a Middle School teacher with full hands!!!
Johan	3P	Helped a classmate clean up a small mess
Camila	3P	Being kind and helpful to everyone in class on Wednesday.
Ethan	3P	Willingly shared his snack with a friend who was sitting alone
Aaryan	2D	Showed great care and concern when a teacher stumped her toe!
Quentin	KKe	When the teacher's supplies fell on the ground, he reached over, picked them up and kindly handed them to her
Amalie	4G	Went out of her way to return an item a teacher had forgotten in a classroom



# GRADE 10 PERSONAL PROJECTS



A collaborative effort with teachers from various disciplines throughout the school to mark the Grade 10 Personal Projects.

# 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

# LATE START WEDNESDAYS



Angelique Julien engages her group in discussion for her "Watering up" the Curriculum for More Effective Instruction session. In this unit of Teachers Teaching Teachers the staff focused on High Impact Instruction, highlighting strategies that center on how we both organize and deliver content.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		19	MS Parent Discussion Group; 7:30-8:30am; Green Room	23	Whole School Dismissal; 11:30am
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15	ES Parenting Group; 7:40-9.00, Drama Room	22	ES Student-Led Conferences; 11:30am-3:00pm	<b>April</b>	
16	ASA Session 2 Ends	23	Last Day of School	9	School Resumes
19-23	Rotary Games — ES/MS	23	Walk-a-Thon & All-School Sports Day; 7:30-11:30am	9	ASA Session 3 Starts



## Menu: March 19th to March 23rd, 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



Monday 19th

**Breakfast:** Fried Bake with Eggs or Sausages or Smoked Herring

**Lunch:** Hot Dogs, Burgers (Beef, Chicken, Veggie), Fresh Salad

Tuesday 20th

**Breakfast:** Coconut Bake, Salt Fish or Smoked Herring, Boiled Eggs.

**Lunch:** Coconut Dumplings, Stewed Chicken or Stewed Beef, Callaloo, Fresh Salad

Wednesday 21st

**Breakfast:** Sada, Dasheen Leaves, Tomato Choka.

**Lunch:** Roti (Buss-Up-Shut Only), Channa & Potato, Curried Chicken, Pumpkin

Thursday 22nd

**Breakfast:** Eggs, Sausages, Roasted Bake, Ham & Cheese Slices

**Lunch:** Fried Chicken, Baked Fries, Fresh Salad

Friday 23rd

**Breakfast:** Hot Dogs, Eggs, Sausages, Waffles, Pastries

**Lunch:** **Last Day of School: School Dismissed Early**

**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.