



ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August

31 Independence Day
(National Holiday)

September

2 After School Activities;
Session 1; 2:30-4:30pm (Sep 3-Nov 30)

5 Open Forum; 7-9pm;
ISPS Cafeteria

8 ACTs; 7:30-2:00pm

11 Vision Screening;
7:30-2:30pm

11 ES Curriculum Night, 5-7pm

12 MS Curriculum Night; 5-7pm

13 HS Curriculum Night; 6-8pm

17-21 ES MAP Testing

20 MYP New Parent Session;
7:30-8:30am

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

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to the 2018-19 school year.

It is great having your children back in school. ISPS feels alive again. We are all looking forward to a great school year. Our new teachers are settling in and they are being mentored by returning members of staff.

While our first full week was interrupted by mother nature, everything on Thursday went smoothly. We do not have an earthquake drill planned this week, yet teachers, especially in the Elementary School are going through the procedures of "duck and cover" and taking their kids out to the muster point. This is a precaution in case of aftershocks.

We will be conducting regular drills this

year for fire, earthquake, and lock in - as we have done in the past. The first drill for each scenario will be an announced drill and the remaining drills will be unannounced.

While on the topic of safety, if you are going to be on site, please make sure you sign in with Ms Hazel. If you are on site during a drill or an emergency, please follow the instructions of our security guards.

Once again, a very warm welcome back to the 2018-19 school year and a special welcome to those families that have just joined the ISPS family.

Enjoy the weekend.

J Barney Latham
Director



ELEMENTARY NOTES

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Dear Parents,

Thankfully, we are able to be back at school after the earthquake that took place on Tuesday.

Our goal is to provide a positive learning environment for your child. We expect to work closely with you throughout this academic year. Three teachers joined our team, and we are looking forward to another successful year. The first days of school started with introductions to teachers, programs, and creating essential agreements.

Students learn that their class has its own culture, and they understand that the class dynamics change during the year. Students will need to re-evaluate their initial agreements to determine what works and what needs to change in order to work within the walls of the classroom, and our community.

Communication is important to us and we use a variety of ways to keep you abreast of what occurs in our school as well your child's progress. For instance, you will be receiving your information via e-mail from your child's teachers, See Saw (A look into the classroom), Google Classroom, student/parent meetings, Town meetings, report cards, standardized tests, and student handbooks. In addition, your child's work samples are sent home to keep you abreast of what he/she is learning. Please make sure that you read and discuss all information that is sent home with your child. Our school-wide newsletter is sent via e-mail every Thursday, and this newsletter gives you information about activities in varied departments as well as events and other activities that take place throughout the school. Elementary Notes are sent twice monthly. Please ensure that you read all information, and discuss the same with your child.

Your child's teacher is your first mode of communication. He/she is available via e-mail by using his/her first initial and last name. For example, Suzette Julien (sjulien@isps.edu.tt). Appointments can be scheduled through Ms. Pilar Subero (psubero@isps.edu.tt) for both the principal and the teachers if necessary.

Curriculum Night allows you to find out more about the programs we offer. It is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11th, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Parents will meet specialists and class teachers. Please see the schedule for Curriculum Night in this issue.

We look forward to meeting you!

Have a good weekend!

Suzette Julien,
ES Principal



Primary Years Program (PYP)



Mark your calendar for September 27th, at 7:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. This is an opportunity to get a general understanding of what the Primary Years Program entails. Learn about the five elements of the program: knowledge, skills, attitude, concepts and action. Become familiar with the terminology and the importance of the Program of Inquiry (POI) which is the heart of our curriculum. All new families are invited to meet with us and share their understandings or misunderstanding thus far. We look forward to meeting with you.

Angela Shahien
PYP Coordinator



CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Pre-Kindergarten 3: Ms. Sultan Khan/Ms. Hamel-Smith
Pre-Kindergarten 4: Ms. Butts/Ms. Sahai
Kindergarten: Ms. Khan/Ms. Kier
Grade 1: Ms. Agostini/Mrs. Bellemare
Grade 2: Mrs. Denoon/Ms. Johnson
Grade 3: Ms. West/Ms. Johnson
Grade 4: Ms. Ghany/Ms. Blazer
Grade 5: Ms. Bishopp/Ms. Wiltshire

SPECIALISTS

Student Support Services:

Ms. Solozano, Coordinator
Ms. Sheppard / Ms. Sankar-Gooljar
PYP Coordinator: Ms. Shahien
Counselor PreK-5: Ms. Hyndman
Music PreK-5: Mr. Low Chew Tung / Ms. Brewster
Art PreK-2: Mr. Lopez / **Art 3-5:** Ms. Foote
P.E. PreK-4: Ms. Joseph / **Grade 5:** Mr. Lue Shue
Spanish PreK-5: Ms. Neva, Ms. Abraham, Ms. Galt,
Spanish PreK-1: Mr. Lopez
Media PreK-5: Mr. Chin Lee
Library: Ms. Jacob, Ms. Maya & Ms. Harford
Nurse: Ms. Gomes

Dismissal

Our early childhood students are dismissed as follows: P3 & P4 at 2 p.m.; Kindergarten and Grade 1 at 2:15 p.m. All other grades (2-5) are dismissed at 2:30 p.m. Please ensure that you pick up your child on time.

Please be advised that parents must notify the teacher if your child is going home with anyone other than you (parent) or the designated driver. Any changes to the pick up routine should be communicated.

LATE START DROP OFF @ 8:35 a.m.

Students are to wear their House T-shirts and PE shorts on Late Start days.

**Elementary School
Curriculum Night Schedule
September 11, from 5:00—7:00pm**
Session I: 5:00-5:30 p.m.
PreK— 5 Specialist Teachers in Theatre
Session II: 5:30-7:00 p.m.
PreK—2 Classroom Teachers
5:30 p.m.— 6:15 p.m.
6:20 p.m.— 7:00 p.m.
Grades 3—5 Classroom Teachers
5:30 p.m.— 6:15p.m.
6:20 p.m.— 7:00 p.m.



...ES Counselor's Corner...



Hello Everyone:

A warm welcome to both new and returning families. I am excited to begin this new school year with you and your children and I look forward to a year with lots of learning and growing and fun!

The PK-5 counseling program aims to support all students emotionally, socially and academically through classroom guidance and individual and small group sessions focusing on a variety of life skills and social-emotional topics such as friendships, respect and empathy, personal space, digital safety, conflict resolution and bullying/peer mistreatment. The department also provides immediate support for students during and after critical incidents.

Throughout the school year, I will send you information about our classroom lessons which include discussions, video clips, games and other



resourceful and engaging activities and I will share ways in which you can reinforce the lessons at home.

Currently, we are helping students adjust to the changes that come with a new school year and for some, a new country, a new language, and a new home. One way the school helps with this transition is the Student Ambassador Programme (Grades 3-5) where Ambassadors act as buddies to new students for the first couple weeks of school or until they

get friends of their own.

Additionally, there will be continued check-ins for students in all grades to see how they are settling in. I also invite all parents to please let us know if your child is having an unusually difficult time adjusting and needs additional support.

I look forward to working with each of you to help make your child's school year a successful and enjoyable one! As always, my door is open. Please feel free to contact me at ext. 127 or at phyndman@isps.edu.tt should you have questions, concerns, suggestions or just to say "Hi!"

Meanwhile, enjoy some photos of the new student orientation and also some from first-day students meeting their ambassadors.

Warmest regards,
Ms. Pam Hyndman,
MA (Couns), MA (Ed. Psych)

Welcome to a new school year!

We had a very unexpected start to the new year with an earthquake which led to anxiety and fear.

At school regular drills are conducted to ensure the children know how to react.

According to international guidelines for earthquakes at school we drop under a table, desk and cover heads with hands when the earthquake is over we evacuate and assemble at the muster point on Spanish Court.

Some of our students have Epipens for use in a severe allergic reaction. This is useful information for you: [FDA In Brief](#)

Be safe and have a good weekend!



Short Order Menu (À La Carte Menu)

Breakfast

Ham and Cheese Omelette	\$15.00
Three Cheese Omelette (Cheddar, Parmesan, Pepper Jack)	\$15.00
Garden Omelette (Bell peppers, Tomatoes, Onions)	\$14.00
All omelettes are served with 2 pieces of Toast, Garlic Butter and Roasted Tomatoes	
Choka Trio (pumpkin, spinach, fried aloo) served with Sada or Roast Bake	\$14.00
Salt fish or Smoked Herring served with Sada or Roast Bake	\$16.00
Large Pancake with Eggs and Breakfast Sausages, Butter, Maple Syrup	\$25.00
Pancake	\$ 8.00
Wild Berry Waffles	\$10.00
Extra Syrup	\$ 3.00
Grilled Cheese Melt	\$15.00

Sides

Eggs	\$8.00	Hash Browns	\$13.00	Breakfast Sausage	\$5.00
Maple Bacon	\$9.00	Turkey bacon	\$7.00	Bagel & Cream Cheese	\$14.00
Parmesan rolls	\$10.00	Mushrooms	\$10.00	Toast	\$6.00
Croissants	\$5.00				

Lunch

GCG 4oz Gourmet Burger 3oz fries (Smoked Cheddar, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Garlic Mayo)	\$40.00
Crispy Fish Po Boy (Cole Slaw, Pickles, Tomato and Herb Mayo)	\$45.00
Steak & Cheese Melt Press (Bell Pepper, Onions, Chilli Cheddar)	\$45.00
Linguini Pasta Alfredo	\$50.00
Add Chicken \$10	Shrimp \$20
Wings (Cajun, Honey Buttered, Buffalo) Served with French Fries / Waffles	\$35.00



ISPS Lunch Menu

August 27-September 7

AUGUST 2018	Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 31
Proteins	Chicken Kebab	BBQ Chicken Tenders	Beef & Spinach Meatballs	Curry Chicken	Pan Fried Fish Cakes
Starches	Loaded Potato Skins	Sweet Potato Mash	Marinara Sauce	Buss Up Shut	Butter Cassava
Peas/Veggie	Crispy Glazed Carrots	Cheesy Cauliflower	Herb Spaghetti	Dasheen Bush Choka Potato & Channa	Minted Green Peas
Vegan	Mixed Greens	Baked Beans	Soya Taco with Vegetable Stir-Fry	Curry Tofu	Soya Jamaican Patties
Soup of the Day					Chicken Vegetable Soup

SEPTEMBER 2018	Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7
Proteins	Shake "n" Bake Chicken	Grilled Italian Chicken Strips	Roast Pork Loin with Grilled Pineapple	Sweet & Sour Chicken	Pizza Day
Starches	Shoestring Potatoes	Ranch Potatoes	Sweet Potato Pie	Vegetable Rice	Hawaiian Chicken Flatbread
Peas/Veggie	Coleslaw	Garlic Spinach	Steamed Broccoli	Tempura Ochro	Green Salad
Vegan	Shake "n" Bake Tofu Steak	Italian Vegetable Pitta Pockets	Black Beans	Teriyaki Glazed Tofu	Tomato, Spinach & Mozzarella Flatbread
Soup of the Day					Beef & Dumpling Soup

If you have a special diet or have any allergic reactions to certain foods, please advise our caterers at your earliest