



ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- January**
 18 End of Q2 MS/HS
 22-30 MUN Montreal, Canada
 25 MS/HS Reports on Skyward
 30- 3 (FEB) CAISSA—Season 2 D.R.
 31 PYP Parent Meeting
- February**
 9 ACTs
 15 ISPS Sports Day
- March**
 1 ISPS Carnival Jump-Up
 1 All School Early Dismissal 11:30am
 4-5 Carnival (No School)
 6 Ash Wednesday

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,

Another busy week here at ISPS. After School Activities (ASA) started this week and we have 116 students enrolled in the 24 different ASA offered by the school. The goal of the ASA programme is exposure and fun activity for the children. While we offer basketball and soccer in the ASA programme, these are intended to introduce the sport to the children.

For competitive sports, there in the after school Sports Development Programme. This programme further develops skills in the sport and there are competitive games arranged with other teams in the region.

Within that programme, students are selected to be on a team based on their ability and skills. Sports that are offered in this programme are Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Rugby and Field Hockey.

The second Quarter for MS and HS ends on Friday the 18th and Grades will be posted on Skyward on the 25th of January. I urge all MS and HS parents to review results with their child(ren) to help set targets for the 3rd and 4th quarters.

Children will not normally set goals for themselves and this is a skill that they should be developing. Your assistance at home will

help in this regard. When setting goals, keep in mind that while academics are important, effort and attendance are equally important. You have access to all of this data on Skyward and I urge all parents to review it with your son/daughter. If you need assistance in accessing Skyward, or would like training, please e-mail Reccia Cummings at rcummings@isps.edu.tt

Our boys and girls soccer teams are in their last week of preparation before they head off to the tournament in the Dominican Republic.

Our teams look great and coaches are telling me that we have a good chance of winning the tournament. We are very optimistic and we wish both teams the very best of luck.

Our Model United Nations students head off to Montreal next week as well. While MUN is not a competition, it is a simulation where students get to look at real world issues and debate topics, just as the UN does. There is a lot of excitement and we wish them a great experience.

Have a very nice weekend

J Barney Latham

Director



Micayla Billouin (Gr. 11)

ELEMENTARY NOTES

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Dear Parents,

Our students have settled in after their holiday break, and we are excited about their learning. Several families (Beddow, Miranda, Walter Galton and Heffes-Doon) joined us when we returned after the break, and we welcome them to our community.

All students in grades three through five will continue to use the Writing Practice Program (WPP). Please ensure that your child is using the program to improve his/her writing skills. In addition, there are tutorials that assist students to improve skills such as punctuation and sentence structure. Ask your child teacher to assist you if you have any questions.

Early morning programs (reading and mathematics) begin at 7:15 a.m., and students are asked to arrive five minutes before their instruction begins.

All students are expected to arrive by 7:25 a.m., the bell rings at 7:30 a.m. and students' attendance is taken by 7:35 a.m. Please note that if your child has been consistently late in any given week, you will be receiving a note reminding you that your child arrived late with the number of days they were late.

A reminder to parents that the costumes used for the holiday play will be reused for the upcoming carnival parade that is held at the school on March 1, 2019. Teachers and class representatives will contact you with more information early next month.

Please note that I am away from school at this time, and Angela Shahien may be contacted at ashahien@isps.edu.tt or call 632-4591 ext. 223.

Suzette Julien
Elementary Principal

Dates to Remember:

January 14—ASA began
January 25—House Meeting
January 29—Yearbook Photo Retakes
January 31—PYP Parent Meeting

Primary Years Programme (PYP)

All new parents will be asked to attend a Primary Years Programme (PYP) meeting on January 31st. At this meeting, parents will receive information on units, assessments, and reporting information. Please make every effort to attend.

Classroom teachers continue to participate in NGSS science webinars to improve their understanding of how to integrate cross cutting concepts, disciplinary core ideas, and science and engineering practices in science driven units. They have already begun to use the concept of phenomenon in their lessons to engage students.

In addition grade 5 students have begun the process of preparing for their exhibition unit. Even teachers have contributed their ideas to what will prove to be an authentic learning experience. The grade 5 teachers will update parents on the topic and the process of the exhibition unit.

PYP words for this month: Communication, Respect and Empathy (please discuss with your child)

Angela Shahien
IB Coordinator



**Tuesday 29
January
7:45—11:30 a.m.**

RETAKES



Music & Movement

Ms. Sultan-Khan's Pre K3s took part in a fun obstacle course of Music and Movement. Students worked on their sensory development, and coordination skills by jumping, stepping, and crawling.

Submitted by Shafika Sultan-Khan

Grade 9 & 10 HIGH SCHOOL RECITAL



This morning, High School (Grade 9 and 10) Music students presented their Summative Recital, PRIMA, in the ISPS Theatre. From ensemble renditions to scintillating solos, the recital featured an eclectic mix of music genres and themes; a performance of student's work and explorations from over this last semester.

Submitted by: **Kendra Sylvester**

VAMOS AL RESTAURANTE



Middle School and High School Emergent level Spanish students recently participated in field trips to restaurants in Port of Spain. Middle School went to Inka Peruvian restaurant in December and High School to Taryn's Venezuelan restaurant.

They were immersed in a Spanish-speaking environment and were required to read the menu and order their food. The students were also able to resolve any difficulties using what they had learned in class about ordering; in doing so they learned about typical Hispanic foods. Visitors to Taryn's got the opportunity to try some traditional Venezuelan food and drink like arepas, empanadas, cachapas and chicha.

The High School students from grades 9/10 and 11/12 went to Taryn's restaurant. The students sampled Venezuelan cuisine and used what they learnt in class for our "Buen Provecho" unit in a real life context.

Submitted by Rebecca Tompsett y Marianna Abraham



ES Counselor's Corner



**KINDNESS
TREE**

- Mahaut KKh Got help and support from a teacher when she saw that another student was sad.
- Luke 4G Quickly volunteered to collect the football at the end of lunch break
- Luke 4G Tried to comfort and encourage another student who was having difficulty finishing a task.
- Marcos 4G Comforted and encouraged another student who was having difficulty finishing a task.
- Renata 2D Patiently, and with a smile, held the hallway door open for a teacher
- Kane 5W Encouraged and supported a classmate



DETAILS TO FOLLOW



MESSAGE FROM OUR PTO

Happy New Year to our ISPS family! We are excited to have you all back at school as this term promises to be one to remember.

We are getting into the full swing of Trinidad Carnival and if you are able to, try to take in a "fete" or two and experience some true Trini vibes!

However, if you are unable to make it out to the parties, the PTO has some exciting events planned for our ISPS family this term during the Carnival season. More on that as the weeks progress.

Next term's big event will be our ISPS 25th Anniversary celebration close to the end of the school year. We will be forming a core planning committee so if you are interested in assisting, please contact any member of the PTO or email us at ispspto@isps.edu.tt

The PTO meets monthly on the third Wednesday of the month and we always invite members of the community to join us in our discussions. Notice of the meeting will be given in the newsletter the week before.

We will be looking to fill a few positions for the 2019-2020 school year so getting involved now will give you a great idea of what volunteering entails.

We look forward to seeing you all around school!

Natasha Chinapoo
ISPS PTO Secretary



Living Our Mission



ISPS student in Soccer Youth Partner Program

Five young footballers, including our very own, Michael Peter Hadad, went to Atlanta in early January to get a taste of what training sessions are like for 2018 MLS Cup champions Atlanta United FC.

The footballers were chosen by an Atlanta United coach, after a five day youth training camp in December, with Queen's Park Football Academy at St. Mary's Grounds.

The young footballers were selected

out of a pool of 250 Queen's Park trainees.

The boys spent the second week of January, training twice per day with the U12s and U13s at the Atlanta United FC headquarters in Marietta, Georgia.

The other four boys selected were from Fatima College.

Congratulations Michael!

Submitted by: Kathryn Hadad





NOTES From the Nurse

VANDA GIBBINGS-GOMES
SCHOOL NURSE, R.N., R.M.

Hello Everyone,
Some students have been displaying flu like symptoms.

For your information, the flu shot you received in my office contained the H1N1 so you are covered. Parents have been asking me about getting the shot, the company I deal with is out of stock they promised to let me know when they receive a shipment, I will let you know when it is in Trinidad.

If your child gets flu like symptoms and fever you should take him/her to get checked by your doctor especially if the fever is very high (39C or 102F) and is accompanied by cough, difficulty breathing or pain in the chest.

Take care and have a good weekend.



YOGA For Parents



Monday (7:45 - 8:45 AM)
&
Wednesday (8:50 - 9:50 AM)

Location: Dance Room

Please contact Katherine Dalton-Brown @ 678-1996

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PICTURE RETAKES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

ABSENT ON
PICTURE DAY?

OR

JUST NEED
A RETAKE?



ISPS



2018 - 2019 Events Calendar

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day NATIONAL HOLIDAY	2 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	3 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	4 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	5
6	7 SCHOOL RESUMES	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 After School Activities Session 2 Begins (Jan 14-April 5) Grade 9/10 Spanish Field Trip 7:30 AM—9:15 AM Taryn's Restaurant	15	16 Grade 11/12 Spanish Field Trip 12:00 PM—2:15 PM Taryn's Restaurant, Mucurapo Rd.	17 HS Music Recital 8:00-9:00am Theatre	18 End of Q2 MS/HS	19
20	21	22 MUN Montreal, Canada	23 MUN Montreal, Canada	24 MUN Montreal, Canada	25 MUN Montreal, Canada MS/HS Reports on Skyward	26 MUN Montreal, Canada
27 MUN Montreal, Canada	28 MUN Montreal, Canada	29 MUN Montreal, Canada	30 MUN Montreal, Canada CAISSA - Season 2 D.R.	31 CAISSA - Season 2 D.R. PYP Parent Meeting		



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2019-2020 School Calendar

August 2019						
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September 2019						
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November 2019						
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Important dates
183 Days

August (8 Days)

1 Emancipation Day (National Holiday)

7 New Staff Orientation

14 All Staff return to work

21 School Opens

31 Independence Day (National Holiday)

September (20 days)

24 Republic Day (National Holiday)

October (19 days)

27 Divali (National Holiday)

28 Divali observed (no school)

29 Mid Term Break Begins

November (20 days)

December (10 days)

13 Last day of school. School ends at 11.30 am

16 Start of Christmas Break

25 Christmas Day (National Holiday)

26 Boxing Day (National Holiday)

January (20 days)

1 New Year's Day (National Holiday)

6 School resumes

February (15 days)

24 Carnival Monday (No School)

25 Carnival Tuesday (No School)

26 Ash Wednesday (No School)

27 PD No School (Teacher Work Days)

28 PD No School (Teacher Work Days)

March (20 Days)

27 Last Day of School

30 Spiritual Baptist Liberation Day (National Holiday)

April (13 days)

10 Good Friday (National Holiday)

13 Easter Monday (National Holiday)

14 School Resumes

May (20 days)

24 Eid-ul-Fitr (National Holiday)

25 Eid Observed (No School)

30 Indian Arrival Day (National Holiday)

February 2020						
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March 2020						
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April 2020						
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May 2020						
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June 2020						
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July 2020						
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June (18 days)		July	
11	Corpus Christi (National Holiday)	1	Last teacher work day
19	Labour Day (National Holiday)		
26	Last Day of School		

Holiday - No school for Students and Teachers	Professional Development Day
National Holiday - School Closed	First & Last Day of School

2019

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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

January 21—February 1

January 2019	Monday 21	Tuesday 22	Wednesday 23	Thursday 24	Friday 25
Proteins	Chicken Kebab Or Fish Kebab	BBQ Chicken Tenders Or BBQ Fish	Beef Meatballs Or Fish Fingers	Curry Chicken Or Curry Beef	Hot Dogs en Baguettes
Starches	Loaded Potato Skins	Sweet Potato Mash	Herb Spaghetti	Roti	Condiments Relish Sautéed Onion 4 Cheese
Peas/Veggie	Pigeon Peas	Baked Beans	Marinara Sauce	Dasheen Bush Choka Potato & Channa	French Fries
Vegan	Mixed Greens	Soya Cakes	Soya Meatballs	Curry Tofu	Soya Jamaican Patties
Soup of the Day					Vegetable Soup

If you have a special diet or have any allergic reactions to certain foods, please advise our caterers at your earliest convenience so that they may prepare a menu that fits your needs.

January 2019	Monday 28	Tuesday 29	Wednesday 30	Thursday 31	Friday 1
Proteins	Shako "n" Bako Chicken Or Baked Fish with Tomato Sauce	Grilled Italian Chicken Strips Or Italian Baked Fish	Honey Glazed Chicken Legs Or Lemon Fish	Korean Sticky Chicken Or Teriyaki Glazed Fish	Pizza Day Add chicken Add pineapple Add bacon
Starches	Parley Potato Mash	Ratatouille in Tomato Sauce	Scallop Potato Pie	Vegetable Rice	Tomato & Mozzarella Pizza
Peas/Veggie	Grilled Vegetables	Spinach Mixed Greens Salad	Steamed Broccoli	Chunky Vegetables	Mixed Green Salad
Vegan	Shako "n" Bako Tofu Steak	Italian Vegetable Pita Pocket	Black Beans	Teriyaki Glazed Tofu	Tomato & Mozzarella Pizza
Soup of the Day					Beef in Dumpling Soup