



ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- January**
 30- 3 (FEB) CAISSA—Season 2 D.R.
- February**
 5 NHS Induction Ceremony
 6 5th Grade PYP Exhibition Meeting for Parents
 7 Open Forum
 8 HS STUCO Bake Sale
 9 ACTs
 15 All School Sports Day
 19-22 FCD Prevention Specialists Visit
- March**
 1 ISPS Carnival Jump-Up
 1 All School Early Dismissal 11:30am
 4-5 Carnival (No School)
 6 Ash Wednesday (School Holiday)
 7-8 Professional Development

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,
 It has come to my attention that there may be some confusion over our school calendar. I'd like to clarify any confusion by bringing your attention to 3 points.

1) the calendar that was sent to you on January 10th (it was attached to the newsletter) is the school calendar for 2019-2020 (next school year). It looks very similar to this year's calendar and that might be where the confusion exists.

2) This year's school calendar (2018-2019) was amended in June of last school year and some parents may be looking at the wrong calendar. This year's Easter Holiday begins on the **8th of April** and school resumes on the **23rd of April**.

Click the calendar links for your perusal.
 Please make a note of this as attendance in school affects credits in classes. This is VERY important in grades 9-12 because ...

3) As stated in our handbook in the section of Attendance, on page 7, students in the HS may lose credit for excessive absences. Credit warnings are issued to students and parents as a student nears the threshold. Meetings are held with parents, warning that credit for a specific subject or subjects may be lost, and finally, if the limit is reached, an Academic Standards Committee will meet to decide on weather to revoke credit for that student. A specific number of credits are needed to graduate and if credits

are lost, students will have to make up the credits by taking additional classes or through on-line courses.

Our CAISSA athletes arrived in the DR and are playing their first matches today. We continue to wish them luck. Our MUN students have returned from Canada and they are full of stories about the trip, the conference, and the cold weather.

The Milo Games (a track and field competition held at the National Stadium) have been scheduled for **March 19**. ISPS students have already begun training in the various events and ISPS will be proud to host a team for the games. For further information on the games, please contact Teleshia Joseph at tjoseph@isps.edu.tt. Tryouts for the Milo Games are open to ES and MS students.

We look forward to February and the activities leading up to our annual "Jump-Up". For those of you new to ISPS or Trinidad, we will be giving further details of this event in newsletters to come, but very briefly, it is an event that takes place at ISPS that emulates Carnival and all students participate. It is held on the Friday, just before the Carnival break.

Sports day and our walkathon are slated for **February 15th**.

Enjoy the weekend!

J Barney Latham
 Director



SAVE THE DATE



WALK-A-THON & SPORTS DAY SCHEDULE

Friday February 15th 2019

- School day begins as usual 7:30
- After attendance the Walk A Thon begins at 7:45 - 8:45
- Sports day events will begin at approximately 10:00 am
- All school Dismissal: 12:00 noon
- This year we will charge a flat registration/participation fee of (\$20TTD) for students and parents. A parent wishing to donate \$\$ can make their contribution in an envelope with their name on it to the Front desk/Ms Hazel labeled "Walk A Thon Donation".
- Beginning next week, January 28, parents can register between 7:00 - 7:30 am, at the PHE office/gym area. Students can register throughout the day.
- House points will be awarded, for parents and students and will count towards the overall points for the year.
- Let me know if you have any questions.

NOTE: Walk A Thon Registration takes place from January 28th from 7:00-7:30 am in the PE Office or through the homeroom teachers.

The main objectives of the walkathon are:

- Fundraising – through the donations from students PK-12
- Awareness – the walkathon contributes greatly to achieving our mission to enhance the awareness of inherited blood disorders (namely Thalassemia; Sickle Cell Anemia and Hemophilia). This is a public health issue due to the high prevalence of these disorders in Trinidad and Tobago – approximately 1 in 10 carry the Sickle Cell gene; 1 in 15 carry the Thalassemia gene; 1 in 10,000 people have Hemophilia.
- Providing an opportunity for bringing all our stakeholders to assist in this much needed community who struggle daily, living with inherited blood disorders (IBDs)



Living Our Mission



... Passionate

Congratulations to our very own Zera Te on living her passion and being able to collaborate with the National Philharmonic Orchestra of Trinidad and Tobago for "Seasons Music Rising" this weekend at the Naparima Bowl.

At ISPS we live our mission every day... Our students are constantly growing and discovering their passions.

We at ISPS always encourage our students to believe in themselves and believe in what they are capable of doing, to strive in all they do and to value what they have been learning and achieving.



... Caring

An all-star prison debate team led by the ISPS librarian Debbie Jacob delivered a resounding defeat to the University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) students at Maximum Security Prison (MSP) on Tuesday, January 29.

With Prison Commissioner Gerard Wilson and high-ranking prison officials in attendance, the prison team, calling themselves Team Intellect, beat UTT by a score of 990 points to 640.

The team consisted of the top ten debaters from the interstation-prison debates held between July and September of 2018. Team Intellect represented four prisons: The Eastern Correctional Rehabilitation Centre (ECRC) Carrera, Golden Grove Remand and Maximum Security Prison (MSP).

Using a modified Lincoln/Douglas debate format, both teams delivered passionate arguments on the topic "Are genetics responsible for criminal behaviour or are criminals a product of society?"

UTT chose the topic so prisons chose the side to defend. UTT got stuck with the difficult argument of pinning genetic factors to crime.



ISPS librarian **Debbie Jacob** and the all-star prison debate team comprised of inmates from The Eastern Correctional Rehabilitation Centre, Carrera (ECRC), Golden Grove Remand and Maximum Security Prison (MSP) The prison team beat UTT at a debate in MSP on January 29.

GRADE 7 LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

Spectacular **Sevens** Make the News!

Grade 7 have turned **journalists for their current unit in English. They have been focusing on media bias and news values to determine why news institutions select particular stories over others and why they report them in a certain way.**



As part of the unit 7A were visited by Ms Asha Javeed, Senior Multimedia Investigative Journalist at the Caribbean Communications Network (CCN). Ms Javeed shared her wealth of experience of working within

the print and broadcast industry for the past fifteen years. Her talk covered subjects as wide ranging as what it means to be a free press, journalistic integrity and news values; the relative importance of certain stories over others. Students then, armed with notepads and pre-prepared questions, had the opportunity to ask Ms Javeed their own questions relating to the unit and her personal experiences of the industry. I'd like to thank Ms Javeed very much for giving up her valuable time to come and speak to us in such an interesting and engaging way.

Throughout the course students are also keeping abreast of current and breaking stories such as the death of Journalist Jamal Khashoggi and the current unrest in Venezuela.

Students have taken a great interest in the unfolding events in neighbouring Venezuela and have been researching the political, economic and humanitarian motives countries may have in pledging their support, while examining how different nations have been covering this story.

The summative assessment for this unit will see students forming their own news institutions, establishing their own values and ideologies and then creating a news broadcast. They will report on local, national and international news in a way that reflects these values. We hope to share the broadcasts with the I.S.P.S. community soon!

**Roxanne Veck -
Head of English**

How to analyze the news...

The basic questions you always need to ask about a piece of news are:

- WHO did this story happen to?
- WHAT happened?
- WHERE did it happen?
- WHEN did it happen?
- WHY did it happen?

You might also want to ask

- WHO wants to read this story?
- WHAT is going to happen next?
- WHERE are effects of this story going to be felt?
- WHEN did this story first appear?
- WHY is this story categorised as important news?

For the answer to this last question you need to think about news values →

News Values

In 1965, media researchers Galtung & Ruge analysed international news stories to find out what factors they had in common, and what factors placed them at the top of the news agenda worldwide. They came up with the following list of news values (a kind of scoring system) a story which scores highly on each value is certain to come at the start of a TV news bulletin, or make the front page of a newspaper:

- Negativity**
- Closeness to home (Proximity)**
- Recency**
- Currency**
- Continuity**
- Uniqueness**
- Simplicity**
- Personality**
- Expectedness (Predictability)**
- Elite Nations Or People**
- Exclusivity**
- Size**



College Application Update

January 30th 2019

Every year around this time, there is a buzz around the school community with regard to university /college acceptances. News begins to trickle in with regard to who got accepted to where, and sometimes who didn't. It is indeed an anxious time for the seniors and their families as many of them await responses from the colleges.

As of today, January 30th 2019, we can report 93% of the class of 2019 have applied to universities and of those at least 50% have heard back favorable responses to date, with lots more to come. This includes two seniors receiving offers from University College London, one of the top 10 ranked universities in the world, and another receiving a full scholarship from Northeastern University in Boston. These are amazing accomplishments and we are very proud of our senior class.

World Wetlands Day, February 2



ISPS Staff and Family took to the Caroni Swamp (Caroni Bird Sanctuary) to immerse themselves in our very own wetland...

Every year, on the 2nd of February, we celebrate World Wetlands Day (WWD) to commemorate the signing of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands in the Iranian city of Ramsar in 1971.

The international theme for World Wetlands Day 2019 is 'Wetlands and climate change'.

The Convention on Wetlands, called the Ramsar Convention, is an intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for national action and international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.

Take Action to [#KeepWetlands](#)

Take part in the global celebration [#WorldWetlandsDay](#)

Photos courtesy: Nirvan M Gosein



Elementary School Counselor's Corner



FEBRUARY 6, 2019

5th Grade PYP Exhibition Meeting

FOR PARENTS

**2:45PM
TO
3:00PM**

**Ms. Bishop's Room
Room 141**



- Pernek KKk Voluntarily sat with a classmate who was going to be alone at his table.
- Chloe 1A When her classmate was very upset she asked the teacher to play his favorite song to make him happy and it worked!
- Sam and Hanayo KKk Comforted their teacher with hugs and great caring when they realized that an injury was causing her pain as she walked.
- Ethan, Alexandra, Camila, Hinata 4G Impressed the duty teacher with the way they took care of a classmate who injured her ankle and was walking with crutches.

OPEN YOUR HEART. SHOW YOUR LOVE

In 2019 Help Us To Help A Child With Cancer & Their Family. Donate \$100 per month for 12 Months.

TAKE THE JBF 100 WAYS PLEDGE

FUNDS GO TOWARD:
 HOME AWAY FROM HOME RENTAL
 SALARY FOR BUS DRIVER & DIESEL FOR JBF BUS
 'BREAKFAST IS SERVED' FOR PARENTS ON THE JBF WARD

3 Easy donation options

- Deposit at any branch of Republic Bank Limited - 110 013 207 703 - The Just Because Foundation
- Contact us and we can arrange to collect your checks - The Just Because Foundation
- NLCB Booths Nationwide - The Just Because Foundation. MyPay Account #05

Get this Exclusive JBF Mug at the end of 12 months!

(868) 299-2523
 justbecausefoundation07@gmail.com
 www.thejustbecausefoundation.com

Please call or message to indicate your preferred donation option. **Thank You!**



NOTES From the Nurse

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



Hello Everyone,

We still have some students with flu like symptoms but not as many as earlier this term.

I am still awaiting the flu shots, as soon as I get them I will give you a call. If you have ordered please pay Irene Akien in the business office.

The cost is \$90.00 per shot.

The weather is very hot and dry most days. Students with sinus problems and allergies tend to have more attacks when the weather is like this.

Take care and have a good weekend.

DIRECTOR'S OPEN FORUM

WEDNESDAY

February 06

7:00–9:00PM

 **ISPS Cafeteria**




HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

BAKE SALE

FEBRUARY 8TH 2019

LUNCH AND BREAK - CAFETERIA
BRING LIGHT FUNDS



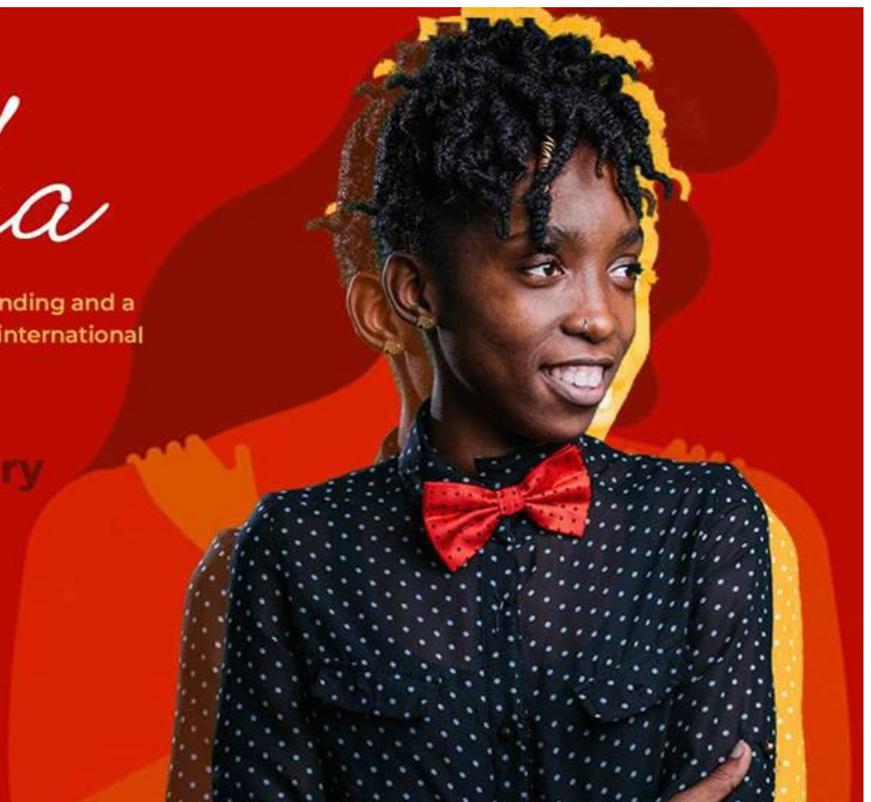
In conversation with

Deneka

How spoken word poetry, personal branding and a kick- style gave this Belmont girl an international audience.

Thursday 7th February

The Writers Centre
14 Alcazar Street, St. Clair
Time: 6PM
ADMISSION: FREE







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2018 - 2019 Events Calendar

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 CAISSA - Season 2 D.R.	2 CAISSA - Season 2 D.R.
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10	11	12	13	14	15 All School Sports Day 7:30am-12:00pm Early Dismissal 12:00pm	16
17	18	19 FCD Prevention Specialists Visit FCD Introduction MS/HS Student Assembly 7:30-8:15am Theatre	20 FCD Prevention Spe- cialists Visit PTO Meeting 1:30pm Green Room	21 FCD Prevention Spe- cialists Visit FCD Parent Discussion Session 6:00-8:00pm Cafeteria	22 FCD Prevention Spe- cialists Visit ISPS PTO Panyard Jam 8:00pm - 12:00am	23
24	25	26	27	28		



ISPS Lunch Menu

February 4—February 15

February 2019	Monday 4	Tuesday 5	Wednesday 6	Thursday 7	Friday 8
Proteins	Italian Chicken Parmesan Or Tuscan Baked Fish	Oven Baked Breast Or Pan Fried Fish	Beef Lasagna	Curry Chicken	Burrito Day Mexican Chicken/Fish Strips
Starches	Spaghetti Pasta	Cranberry Wild Rice	Cheesy Garlic Bread	Buss Up Shut	White Rice Flour Tortilla
Peas/Veggie	Fresh Salad	Sautéed Vegetables	Green Salad	Mango Masala Potato & Channa	Tomato Salsa Sweet Peppers & Charred Onions Guacamole
Vegan	Grilled Tofu	Roast Lentil Loaf	Vegetable Lasagna	Curry Tofu	
Soup of the Day					Pumpkin Bisque

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.

February 2019	Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15
Proteins	Beef Chili Con Carne Or Grilled Fish in Tomato Sauce	Grilled Chicken Drumsticks Or Fish with Garlic Sauce	BBQ Chicken Breast Or BBQ Fish Fingers	Stewed Chicken and Peppers Or Cacciatore fish	Mexican pulled Chicken Or Mexican Spiced Fish
Starches	Spaghetti	Roasted Red Skin Potato	Homestyle Pasta Salad	Scented Jasmine Rice	Taco Shells
Peas/Veggie	Sour Cream & Chive	Steam Vegetable	Corn Grilled	Garden Vegetables	Tomato Salsa 4 Cheeses Lettuce
Vegan	Pumpkin & Red Bean Chili	Vegetable Chickpea Patties	Lentil Peas	Honey Garlic Tofu	This meal can be vegan
Soup of the Day					Pumpkin Bisque