



# ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June	
14	Senior Walkthrough
14	Rock Out with Reach Out
17-18	G 8 Tobago Field Trip
18	HS Graduation Ceremony
19	Labour Day (National Holiday)
20	Corpus Christi (National Holiday)
21	ASA Session 3 Ends
24-25	HS Production
24-26	HS Exams
26	Grade 5 Transition Ceremony
27	G 8 Transition Ceremony
28	All School Dismissal 11:30 am Student Dismissal

## 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

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Parents,

This has been a very active week with much student excitement.

Students have been performing in Spanish classes all week, demonstrating their language skills that they have been developing all year. Thank you to all parents who took the time out of work to attend.

On Tuesday we began the Arts Festival in the gym, with art displays in the gymnasium. There is some outstanding artwork, and the displays will continue through tomorrow. Please take some time to drop into the gymnasium to view the work.

Wednesday evening, we had a talent show, dominated by ES students, who danced, sang, and played a variety of instruments. The evening was very well attended and the children performed exceptionally well.

This evening we will be highlighting our Steel and Strings, and the performance begins at 5:00pm. On Friday evening we have our Drama and Voice students on stage and the performances will begin at 1:00pm.

Our seniors return from their internships to complete their senior walkthrough, and to rehearse for graduation.

On Friday evening from 6:00pm to 11:0pm, the Reach Out students will be hosting their annual Rock Out concert with over 10 of T&T's best bands. There will be food for sale and the event will be very entertaining. Tickets are still on sale at the front desk.

On Saturday morning, a group of our MS students will be heading out for a beach cleanup. This event is part of the Design class

where they had to plan an event which would have a positive impact in our community. The bus will be leaving ISPS at 7:15am and the scheduled return is 1:30pm.

Next week we have our Grade 8's going to Tobago for 2 days, and our Grade 12 graduation ceremony on Tuesday evening at 6:00pm.

A reminder to you that school is closed on Wednesday the 19th and Thursday the 20th, and school re-opens on the 21st.

The following week is our MS/HS Production "Into the Woods, the musical" at 6:00pm in the Theatre. I encourage parents to attend as it looks like it is going to be a great show.

We are near the end of the school year and it is both a joyous time and a time of sorrow. As an international school, we will have many students and staff leaving us at the end of the year and it is a time of mixed emotions for us all. We have been having sessions with children and parents who will be transitioning to other schools. Remember that bringing closure is a very important part of that journey. Please ensure that your children can benefit from the closure activities that we have planned by making sure they attend school through the 28th of June.

Enjoy the weekend.

Barney Latham  
Director

## CHECK US OUT ONLINE!





## THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PORT OF SPAIN

### Notice from the Business Office

Dear Parents, please be informed that with effect from August 1, 2019, **CASH** will **no longer** be accepted as a form of payment for tuition fees. We will continue to accept payments for tuition fees in the form of **Manager's cheques, wire transfers, internet transfers and direct deposits.** Individual notices will be sent home with our students. Thank you for your co-operation.

## WANTED: USED UNIFORMS

**HAS YOUR CHILD OUTGROWN HIS OR HER UNIFORM?  
IS IT STAIN & HOLE FREE? WE'LL TAKE IT!**

WE PROVIDE UNIFORMS FOR STUDENTS WHOO NEED ONE.  
PLEASE SEND THE UNIFORMS IN BY JUNE 25TH. THANK YOU!  
Contact Simone Hadeed @ [simonehadeed@yahoo.com](mailto:simonehadeed@yahoo.com) or 683-9072 for more details



# Living Our Mission

Photos: Nicholas Bhajan



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## ... Excellence Catch Me If You Can!

Sunday 9th June was a great day for one of our own...

Rylie Ramroop made his debut as an official Trinidad & Tobago Karting Association (TTKA) driver, at Wallerfield International Race Course in the Sportsman category. No 42.

Rylie represented well in his group, giving some 'veterans' a run for their money.

Starting in 8th position in all three races, Rylie was able to capture 2nd, 2nd and 4th place. This led him to a final standing of 2nd place overall... Excellent performance for a newbie!

Rylie is now off to Guyana on July 6th then back to Wallerfield on July 14th.

Great things are expected from young Ramroop.

At ISPS we live our mission every day...

#excellence





# PK-4 Explore

# LIVING THINGS



Pre-K 4s have been exploring the characteristics of Living Things through their Sharing The Planet PYP unit. Ms Giselle is a trained veterinarian and she came to talk to us all about animals and their life cycles. She brought a special visitor, Dewey, and we learnt all about a parrot's life cycle and the things we will need to do to take care of a pet.



# MIDDLE MATTERS

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

At this time of year our Middle School is in a transitional phase where there will be a new cohort of 6th graders and our 8th graders are transitioning into High School. We held support and guidance sessions for both parents and students to make these changes as comfortable as possible. Of course, a highlight every year in Middle School is our Grande Riviere Science Trip.

Our 7th Graders became young naturalists as they learned about the migration of our leatherback turtles after their hatchings. It was a great example of the world being their classrooms as they were able to witness this amazing phenomenon in person. The trip was a huge success and a wonderful bonding opportunity for our 7th Graders.

Frank Huerta  
Middle School Principal

"I thought the trip was a complete success! We all learned about science, about ourselves and about each other. My favorite part was seeing the turtles and sharing with all of my students."

-Ms. Neira

"I thought the trip was great. It was beautiful location, lots of learning, people seemed to have fun, great hike, and the turtles were amazing! My favorite part was learning about the turtles and holding the babies!" -Mr. Steinbach

"I think that the Grande Riviere trip was very educational and fun. I loved being able to interact with the turtles and hike!"

- Kimaya Ollivierre



# ISPS Arts Festival Opening 2019







# Farewell.... And all the Best!

To all families who will be leaving us, we wish you all the best in your new schools and homes. We will cherish the memories made with you and your children and we thank you for your contribution to ISPS over the years.

A sincere and heartfelt thank you to all the parents who attended the *Families on the Move* coffee morning on Tuesday. We appreciated your generous sharing of your thoughts and feelings regarding your time at ISPS and your anxieties, hopes, and dreams as you move back home or prepare for another global adventure.

This is always a happy/sad time for me – happy to see the amazing growth in your kids from the time they first arrived at ISPS, yet sad that I am losing touch with most of them and will not get to see the remarkable young people/adults I know they are destined to be.

Again, we thank you for being a part of the ISPS family always. Here are a few special moments from my session with the kids who are leaving....

With appreciation for the time we shared over the months and years...



Pam Hyndman  
ES Counselor



# LIBRARY CORNER

Several studies show that children who consistently read in the “summer” holidays return the following school year an average of three months ahead of their non-reading peers. They exhibit sharper comprehension and analytical skills than their non-reading friends, and they are better able to relax and concentrate. Their verbal skills grow and their empathy skills increase.

The trick is to make holiday reading fun and natural – even for reluctant readers. Above all, reading must be relevant to children’s lives. Children should always be in charge of their reading choices with some helpful guidance from their parents. If you try to force children to read, they will be resentful so take this opportunity to make this an exercise in independence.

Check the library website for suggested summer reading. The site lists the books that were required summer reading for last year.



## Library Corner

By Debbie Jacob

### Ideas for holiday reading:

1. Check online for interesting tips – There are many newspaper and magazine stories that appear just before the holidays that can guide you in a fun-filled holiday selection of books.
2. Give a book allowance for the summer – Provide students with a set allowance that can only be used for books. The allowance goes up every week or every month if they can prove they read the books.
3. Foster a love for reading by modeling reading – Just like every other time of year, holiday reading should feature some quiet time in your house with all electronic devices switched off. There should be a dedicated time to wind down and read, and parents should engage in this activity as well.
4. Make reading sessions short – Use one picture book for small children; no more than 20 minutes to ½ hour for a chapter book. Choose short

chapter books and read as long as it is enticing and exciting for children.

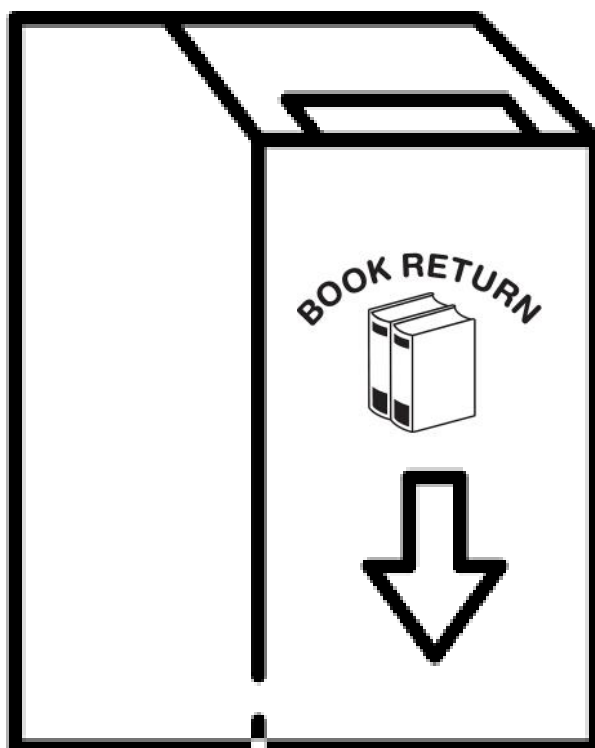
### Some of my favorite picture books:

1. Children Make Terrible Pets by Peter Brown – When a bear finds a child and takes him home for a pet, the bear’s mother warns it is not a good
2. The Paper Bag Princess by Michael Martchenko – When a princess’s boyfriend is kidnapped, a princess practically moves mountains to save him. When she finally finds her prince, the ungrateful prince comments

idea. But the bear must learn the hard way. This is a great book to teach empathy skills and point of view.

on her disheveled appearance. The princess tells the prince just how awful he is. This is a great book that teaches young girls the power of self.

3. Du Iz Tak by Carson Ellis – Written entirely in a make believe language, this book forces children to think outside the box. What is this language? The discussions will be amazing.
4. Do Unto Otters by Laurie Keller – This funny book about manners will teach young girls about the importance of behaving like a lady.



It's that time of year again...time to return all books and library resources. This year, the library is reminding you to return all items by Monday, June 16th, 2019. Thank you and have happy 'summer'.



## STUDENT HIGHLIGHT



When **MARIA OSEGUERA CONTRERAS** came to me last month about doing an internship in the media, and I asked Bocas Lit Fest to take her on, I had no idea she would be working at my prison officer/inmate debate, which was a Bocas Lit event in collaboration with the Wishing for Wings Foundation and the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service.

### CARING GLOBAL CITIZEN

It was a packed house with all the media, Acting Commissioner Dane Clarke and vacationing Commissioner Gerard Wilson and the Deputy Mayor of Port of Spain at City Hall present on Tuesday night to her inmates and officers debate "Does every creed and race find an equal place in Trinidad and Tobago?"

The inmates beat the officers by 200 points. Maria, served as a timekeeper for the debate. She handled all the challenges of setting up and managing the event for the night with confidence and grace. I'm sure it was a memorable and meaningful educational experience for Maria.

## Summer Reading List

# READ

Grade 6 -	<i>All the Answers</i> by Kate Messner
Grade 7 -	<i>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas</i> by John Boyne
Grade 8 -	<i>Doll Bones</i> by Holly Black
Grade 9 -	<i>Pinned</i> by Sharon Flake
Grade 10 -	<i>Jane Eyre</i> by Charlotte Bronte
English 11 -	<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i> by Mark Haddon
College Skills -	<i>Elements of Style</i> by William Strunk
Creative Writing -	<i>Stephen King On Writing</i>
AP Language -	<i>A World of Ideas</i> by Lee Jacobus
AP Literature -	<i>Hamlet</i> by William Shakespeare and <i>Wuthering Heights</i> by Emily Bronte
Capstone -	Research (Grade 12) <i>The Checklist Manifesto</i> by Atul Gawande.

\*Grade refers to the grade your child will be in in the coming academic year, 2019-20.



High Court Civil Judge **JAMES ABOUD** congratulates **JAYLON ROBINSON** and other members of the Team Intellect, the all-star prison debate team, which beat prison officers on Tuesday at City Hall in Port of Spain. The topic for the debate "Does every creed and race find an equal place in Trinidad and Tobago".

The debate team is a project of ISPS librarian **DEBBIE JACOB** and the debate and the debate was sponsored by the Trinidad and Tobago Prison system in collaboration with the Wishing for Wings Position and the Bocas Lit Fest.

# ESPAÑOL

Rebecca Tompsett,  
Head of Department



## GRADE 2

Second graders present their play El Gato y la Luna

## EL GATO Y LA LUNA



*This is the time of year for the Elementary Spanish program's Teatro Café, when each class from Grade 1 to Grade 5, presents the play that they have been working on during the year to their parents and other classes.*

*This is a feature of the Canadian AIM program (Accelerative Integrated Methodology) which Elementary school implements for Spanish.*

*Students learn to express themselves naturally in Spanish as they work on a play which they present at the end of the school year. Congratulations are due to Miss Neva who is a Certified AIM teacher and has created original materials for the AIM organization.*



## GRADE 3

Third Graders present their play Los Tres Cerdos Pequeños

## LOS TRES



## CEDROS PEQUEÑOS

## LA GALLINA CATALINA

## GRADE 1

First Graders present their play La Gallina Catalina.







#### GRADE 4

Fourth graders present their play Un Viaje Muy Largo



## THE EUROPEAN FILM FESTIVAL

#### GRADES 7, 8 & 9

8th, 9th and 10th grade Spanish students attended the Spanish movie, *Las Aventuras de Tadeo Jones*, at the European Film Festival, Trinidad and Tobago. It was a humorous and exciting adventure movie taking place in Machu Pichu, Peru.

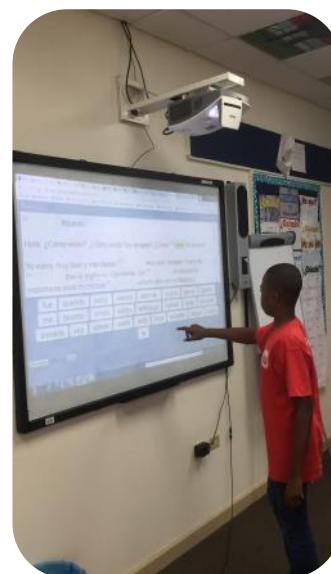
Señor Vicente Cacho, Consejero/Counsellor, Embassy of Spain to Trinidad and Tobago, addressing and interacting with the students on the last day of the Film Festival, for the screening of *Adventures of Tadeo Jones*.



## QUIZLET

#### GRADE 7 & 8

Students are using technology applications (Quizlet and Textivate) to engage in team-work and competition in Spanish.



## & TEXTIVATE





# ISPS SOCCER



CAIMANS ATHLETICS

## National Primary School Soccer 2019

ISPS will be entering the National Primary School Soccer League.

This year we would like to enter two teams which include boys U-12 and girls U-15. The league is scheduled to begin in October, however, we await confirmation from the organizers.

We would like to encourage all interested students from grade 4 through grade 7 to visit Ms. Joseph in the PE Office. Training sessions for the U-12/ES students will begin next Monday, 10th June during lunch time. U-15/MS, will training session will be confirmed at a later date.

**NOTE:** While all students are encouraged to try-out, selection will be based on individual skills, game understanding, sportsmanship and attendance. This is necessary since it is a competitive 7 vs 7 tournament.

Once school resumes in August we will re-arrange the training sessions to ensure that we work as a team.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ms. Joseph: [tjoseph@isps.edu.tt](mailto:tjoseph@isps.edu.tt)

## U14 Boys National Soccer

- The U-14 league will begin in September 2019.
- All eligible students are encouraged to the sessions in preparation for this competitive league.
- Training days are currently on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45pm-5:15pm.
- The team will be coached by Dexter and assisted by Karl.
- Please contact Ms. Joseph if you have any questions: [tjoseph@isps.edu.tt](mailto:tjoseph@isps.edu.tt)



**VOLLEYBALL****Under14 Girls'****The Most Improved Player**

Amoi Dunbar

**The Coaches Choice**

Ellice Ali and Avery Blue

**The Most Valuable Player**

Gabby Mckenzie

**Under 16 Girls'****The Most Improved Player**

Sarah Carpenter

**The Coaches Choice**

Asia Chan

**The Most Valuable Player**

Danyelle Bennett

**Under 14 Boys'****The Most Improved Player**

Dylan Baksh

**The Coaches Choice**

Justin Chin Lee

**The Most Valuable Player**

Chaiym Baker

**Under 16 Boys'****The Most Improved Player**

Joseph Mahoney

**The Coaches Choice**

Reynaldo Montano

**The Most Valuable Player**

Shane Patterson

**CAISSA Girls' Team****The Most Improved Player**

Emily Costa

**The Coaches Choice**

Jamie Sabeeney

**The Most Valuable Player**

Abigail Mahoney

This team won the CAISSA Volleyball Championship in Florida in November.

**CAISSA Boys'****The Most Improved Player**

Reynaldo Montano and Shane Patterson

**The Coaches Choice**

Aaron Chan  
Alec Payne-Ramjit  
Nathan Jeremie

**The Most Valuable Player**

AJ Rahael



This team won the CAISSA Volleyball Championship at CMS in November for the 4th consecutive time.

This team also placed 2nd in the Open category of the National League.

**SOCCER****CAISSA Girls' Soccer****The Most Improved Player**

Maria Oseguera

Vivian Sabga

**The Coaches Choice**

Hannah Schjolberg  
Emily Costa  
Brooke Fabres

**The Most Valuable Player**

Jamie Sabeeney

Our girls placed 4th in CAISSA Can all the girls on that soccer team please stand and be recognized.

**CAISSA Boys'****The Most Improved Player**

Jonathan Als

**The Coaches Choice**

Edward Laquis and Nathan Jeremie.

**The Most Valuable Player**

Juan Montealegre Corriols

This team placed 5th in the CAISSA football tournament in the DR.

This year we had an Under 12 Boys' team that competed in the National Primary Schools Football League.

**Under 12 Soccer Boys'****The Most Improved Player**

Zachary Fabres

**The Coaches Choice**

James Collier  
Jonas Schjolberg

**The Most Valuable Player**

Sam Smyth

Shane Telford

**Under 14 Girls'****The Most Improved Player**

Avery Blue

**The Coaches' Choice**

Isabelle Smyth  
Valentina Zamudio

**The Most Valuable Player**

Nicole Branski

**CAISSA Boys'****The Most Improved Player**

Joseph Mahoney

**The Coaches Choice**

AJ Rahael  
Ayden Hadeed

**The Most Valuable Player**

Jamari Bowers

These boys placed 4th in the CAISSA Tournament

**BASKETBALL****NATIONAL OPEN DIVISION****Girls'****The Most Improved Player**

Sacha Avey

**The Coaches Choice**

Danyelle Bennett

**The Most Valuable Player**

Abigail Mahoney

This team won the North Zone Division of the League.

**Under15 Boys'****The Most Improved Player**

Rohan Bhagwansingh  
Simon Hadeed

**The Coaches Choice**

Chaiym Baker  
Elias Ali  
Otto Hirstus

**The Most Valuable Player**

Joseph Mahoney

**HOCKEY**

For the first time in ISPS, we had a girls and boys Field Hockey team.

**Boys' Field Hockey****The Most Improved:**

Tito Leroux  
George Eaton

The Coaches Choice  
Pedro Zamudio

**The Most Valuable Player**

Seim Zandvliet

This team placed first in the Primary Schools Outdoor League

**Girls' Field Hockey****The Most Improved player**

Rebecca Winefield

**The Coaches Choice**

Valentina Zamudio

**The Most Valuable Player**

Nicole Branski

**SPECIAL AWARDS:**

**Outstanding Service to Caiman Athletics**  
Business office

**Outstanding Service to Caiman Athletics**  
Raynor Bonyun

**Outstanding Service to Caiman Athletics**  
Carynn Chen

**The Female Caiman Spirit Award**

Jamie Sabeeney

**The Male Caiman Spirit Award**

Nathan Jeremie

**The Outstanding Female Athlete of 2018-2019**

Abigail Mahoney

**The Outstanding Male Athlete of 2018-2019**

AJ Rahael

*Thank you to the entire ISPS staff for supporting the Caiman Athletic Program.*



# CAIMANS ATHLETICS



# ISPS

## 2018 - 2019 Events Calendar



# JUNE 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> PTO Garage Sale 8:00am-12:00 noon Gym
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Personal Project Parent Meeting	<b>4</b> <b>G5 Parent Meeting— Transition to MS</b> 7:45-9:30 am Dance Room	<b>5</b> Eid Ul Fitr <b>NATIONAL HOLIDAY</b>	<b>6</b> Overnight Biology Field Trip - Matura Departs @ 10:30am  <b>STUCO Talent Show</b> Theatre 6:00-8:00pm	<b>7</b> Overnight Biology Field Trip - Matura Return 2:30pm  <b>Sports Awards Ceremony</b> 5:00-9:00pm ISPS Gym	<b>8</b> ISPS vs Alumni Football Friendly  2:00-5:30pm Spanish Court Field
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Teatro Café G3 8:15-9:00am G1 11:50-12:15 G2 12:15-12:35 G4 1:00-1:45pm Room 235	<b>11</b> Teatro Café G2 7:30-7:50am G1 8:40-9:00am G3 10:00-10:45am G4 1:00-1:45pm Room 235  <b>Families on the Move</b> 7:30-8:45am Cafeteria  <b>G8 Parent Transition to High School</b> 1:00-2:30pm Cafeteria  <b>Arts Festival VA/Design Exhibition</b> 4:00-5:30pm ISPS Gym	<b>12</b>  <b>G3 Field Trip to Upick Farms</b> 9:00am-12:00noon  <b>G8 Student Orientation</b> 9:30-10:30am Cafeteria  <b>Arts Festival Talent Show</b> 5:30-8:00pm ISPS Theatre  <b>Open Forum</b> 7:00-9:00pm Cafeteria	<b>13</b> End of Senior Internships  <b>Student Orientation— Grade 5 with Grade 6</b> 1:10-2:30pm Middle School  <b>Arts Festival Steel &amp; Strings</b> 5:00-6:30pm ISPS Theatre	<b>14</b> Teatro Café G5 8:15-9:00am Room 235  <b>Senior Walkthrough</b> 10:00-10:30am  <b>Arts Festival Drama &amp; Voice</b> 1:00-2:20pm ISPS Theatre  <b>Rock Out with Reach Out</b> 6:00-11:00pm North Field	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>G8 Tobago Field Trip</b>	<b>18</b> <b>G8 Tobago Field Trip</b>  <b>HS Graduation Ceremony</b> 6:00-7:30pm ISPS Theatre	<b>19</b> Labour Day <b>NATIONAL HOLIDAY</b>	<b>20</b> Corpus Christi <b>NATIONAL HOLIDAY</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>ASA Session 3 ends</b> 2:30-4:30pm	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>HS Production</b> 6:00-7:30pm ISPS Theatre  <b>HS Exams</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>HS Production</b> 12:30-2:20pm ISPS Theatre  <b>HS Exams</b>	<b>26</b> <b>G5 Transition Ceremony</b> 8:00-9:00am ISPS Theatre  <b>HS Exams</b>	<b>27</b> Reports posted on SKYWARD  <b>G8 Transition Ceremony</b> 10:00-11:00am ISPS Theatre  <b>G8 Reception</b> 11:00-12:00noon Dance Room	<b>28</b> <b>Last Day of School</b> 11:30am Dismissal	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>						





# ISPS Lunch Menu

June 17—June 28

June 2018	Monday 17	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 19	Thursday 20	Friday 21
Proteins	Beef Chilli Con Carne OR Grilled Fish in Tomato Sauce	Grilled Chicken Drumsticks OR Fish with Garlic Sauce	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Mexican Pulled Chicken OR Mexican Spiced Fish
Starches	Spaghetti	Roasted Red Skin Potato	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Taco Shells
Peas/Veggie	Sour Cream & Chive	Steamed Vegetable	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Tomato Salsa 4 Cheeses Lettuce
Vegan	Pumpkin & Red Bean Chilli	Vegetable Chickpea Patties	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	This meal can be vegan
Soup of the Day			PUBLIC HOLIDAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	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.

June 2018	Monday 24	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26	Thursday 27	Friday 28
Proteins	Spanish Chicken Thighs OR Stew Fish Cubes	Oven Fried Chicken OR Fish Steaks	Beef Meatballs OR Grilled Fish Marinara Sauce	Curry Chicken OR Curry Fish	BBQ Baked Wings OR BBQ Glazed Fish
Starches	Basmati Rice	Mash Potato	Herb Spaghetti	Bus up Shot	Steak Fries
Peas/Veggie	Mediterranean Salad	Broccoli Gratin	Fresh Apple	Dasheen Bush Potato and Channa	Fresh Fruit Chow
Vegan	Grilled Tofu Kebab	Lentils Loaf	Soya Meatball	Curry Tofu	Soya Jamaican Patties
Soup of the Day					Pumpkin Bisque