



ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Parents,

The end of the school year is upon us.

This week has been one of celebration and recognition. We have had the Grade 5 and Grade 8 transition ceremonies, and class parties. Tomorrow will be our end of year awards and final assemblies for ES at 7:30, MS at 8:30 and HS at 9:30, in the theatre. Following that, the entire school will move into the Gymnasium for a few final awards and a farewell assembly.

For all of those students and teachers who will be leaving ISPS, we wish you the very best of luck on your new adventure. We want to thank you for being part of our community and the contributions you have made while at ISPS.

For families returning, please remember that the first day of school is Wednesday, August 21st.

On a personal level, I would like to

thank the entire ISPS community for the support over the last three years. We have seen many changes over the last three years and I feel ISPS is poised for great things next year. We hosted the AdvancEd review team, who gave us some direction in areas for improvement, we have developed a Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) for 2019-24, we have a Board Strategic Plan and an Action Plan that combines them both. We have set goals for next year and our direction is clear so that when Ms Helen arrives in August, we are poised to begin the school year strong.

I wish ISPS tremendous success in the future and as I will be in and out of Trinidad next year, I will be seeing you again.

Have a great summer break.

J Barney Latham
Director

CHECK US OUT ONLINE!



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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SCIENCE CORNER

Welcome to Our Last Newsletter!



Well it's that time of year and impossible to believe how fast this academic year has gone.

It is always sad to say goodbye to our teachers when they leave us and this year is no exception. This year we say goodbye to two of our Science teachers. Ms. Sharpe is about to embark on a new chapter in her life and soon heads to China to take up a new job.

Her adventurous spirit and passion for her subject matter filtered into her classes and subsequently her students.

I thank her for her many years at ISPS and wish her luck in her future adventures. All I can say is our loss is China's gain.

Mr Shaws' time here was brief, but in that short time he has made a tremendous impact.

I was privileged to have him a member of my department if only for one year. He brought chemistry alive for his students and the resounding feedback I got from them all year long was how 'FUN' chemistry was.

He managed to prepare them extremely well for their exam and make it fun all along the way.

This must surely be the epitome of what good teaching is all about. We wish him well. He will be sorely missed.

I would like to thank you, our parents for your continued support in all levels of the school. Please have a peaceful, safe and enjoyable Summer vacation. Until next year!

Maevae O'Donovan
Science Dept. Head

GRADE 8 TOBAGO TRIP

To end the year with a splash, the grade 8 students ventured to Tobago for an overnight cultural trip from June 17 to June 18, 2019. Students were able to learn more about Tobago and experience some of the wonders it has to offer.



ARGYLE WATERFALL

POOL AT MT IRVINE BAY RESORT



LUNCH AT JEMMA'S SEAVIEW RESTAURANT

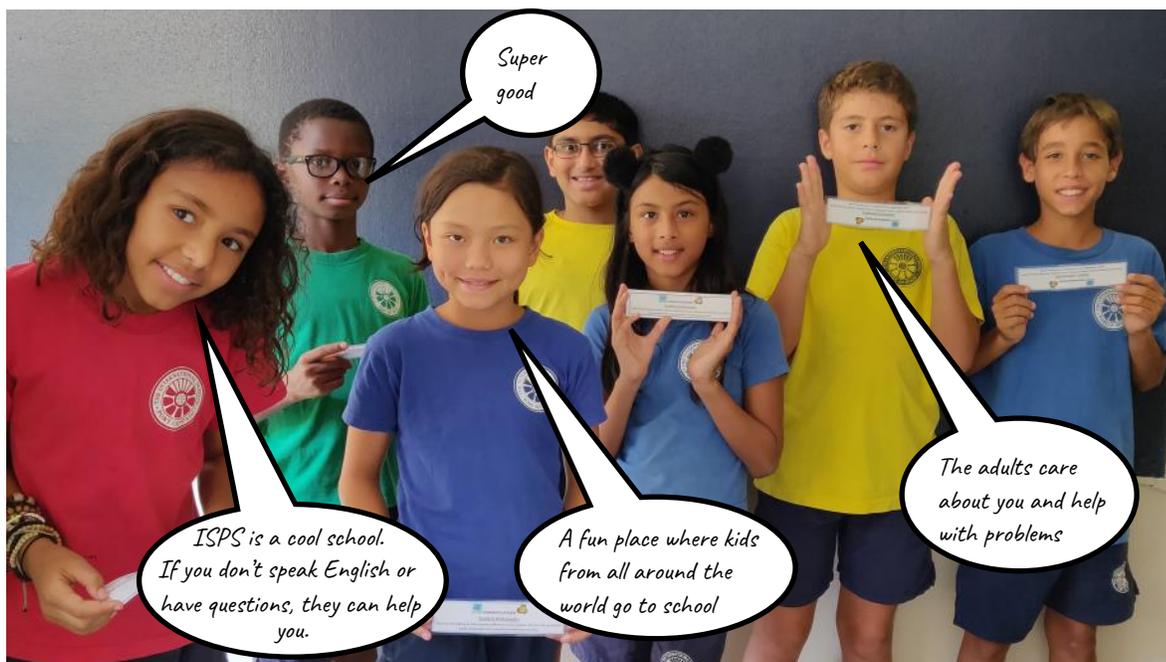
GLASS BOTTOM BOAT

SNORKELING ON THE REEF





COUNSELLOR'S CORNER



To the new student ambassadors who kindly offered to welcome and support incoming ISPS students for the new school year. A very warm welcome and we know they will represent the school well and be positive difference makers in the lives of the new students.



Here's how Grade 2 ambassadors would describe ISPS to a new student:



Grade 3's answers to the question, "Why would you be a good Student Ambassador?"



Grade 4 Ambassadors answers to "Why do you want to be a Student Ambassador?"



Living Our Mission



... Excellence Catch of the Day!



Alexander Reigns Supreme at Annual Kingfish Tournament

Our very own, Alexander Hadad celebrated winning in the Junior Angler Division at the annual Kingfish Tournament in Saturday 15, June.

Boats took to the seas angling to capture the largest Kingfish, Cavali, Carite, Tuna/ Bonito, Wahoo and Mahi-mahi (Dorado).

A total of 61 anglers entered the competition on 16 boats. 875 lbs of fish were caught, with 400 lbs being donated to charity.

Alexander's team, Team Sea Hunter, also won Best Boat and Boat Pool with 194.10. They captured the largest Mahi-mahi, with weight of 20.4 lbs.

Way to go Alexander and Team Sea Hunter. Congratulations!

At ISPS we live our mission every day...

#excellence





This year marked our inaugural International Arts Field trip to New York City!

At the end of May, our Grade 9 Drama and Grades 9 & 10 Music classes embarked on a tour of Broadway, with the goal of strengthening their knowledge and experience of Musical Theatre in preparation for their own staging of "Into the Woods Jr."

Our home base for the tour was ROW NYC. Students participated in a trio of workshops hosted by Broadway Up Close; an educational tour service run by Tim Dolan.

On our first day, students took a bus tour of Uptown NYC and visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art to see two special exhibits, Play It Loud: Instruments of Rock N Roll and Camp: Notes on Fashion.



Later that day, they participated in a workshop focusing on Stage Management, with Theresa Flanagan who detailed the many hats that a Stage Manager wears.

Students engaged in a few activities testing their reflexes and timing (calling and engaging lighting and sound cues) and ability to think quickly and effectively under pressure, which no doubt contributed to their skills on "Into the Woods Jr."



Our second day began with a workshop with Musical Director Joey Chancey.

He offered a wealth of information to students on everything from having to improvise as a concert musician to organising itineraries and housing for an entire orchestra.

Students began to see how entwined all the roles and aspects of the Arts are. Following this was a walking tour of Broadway, where students learned about the exciting, crazy and sometimes scary history of many of the theatres.



Our day culminated with a trip to the Broadway Theatre to see King Kong.

an exciting new play that features incredible puppetry and a team of 35 people using a modern take on the the japanese art of Kuroko theatre to bring a 20 foot Gorilla to life on stage.

Students were thrilled by the experience, noting many key points of information learned in the workshops and making connections to their units of inquiry.



Our last day was spent walking around Uptown NYC, with a trip to the Statue of Liberty.

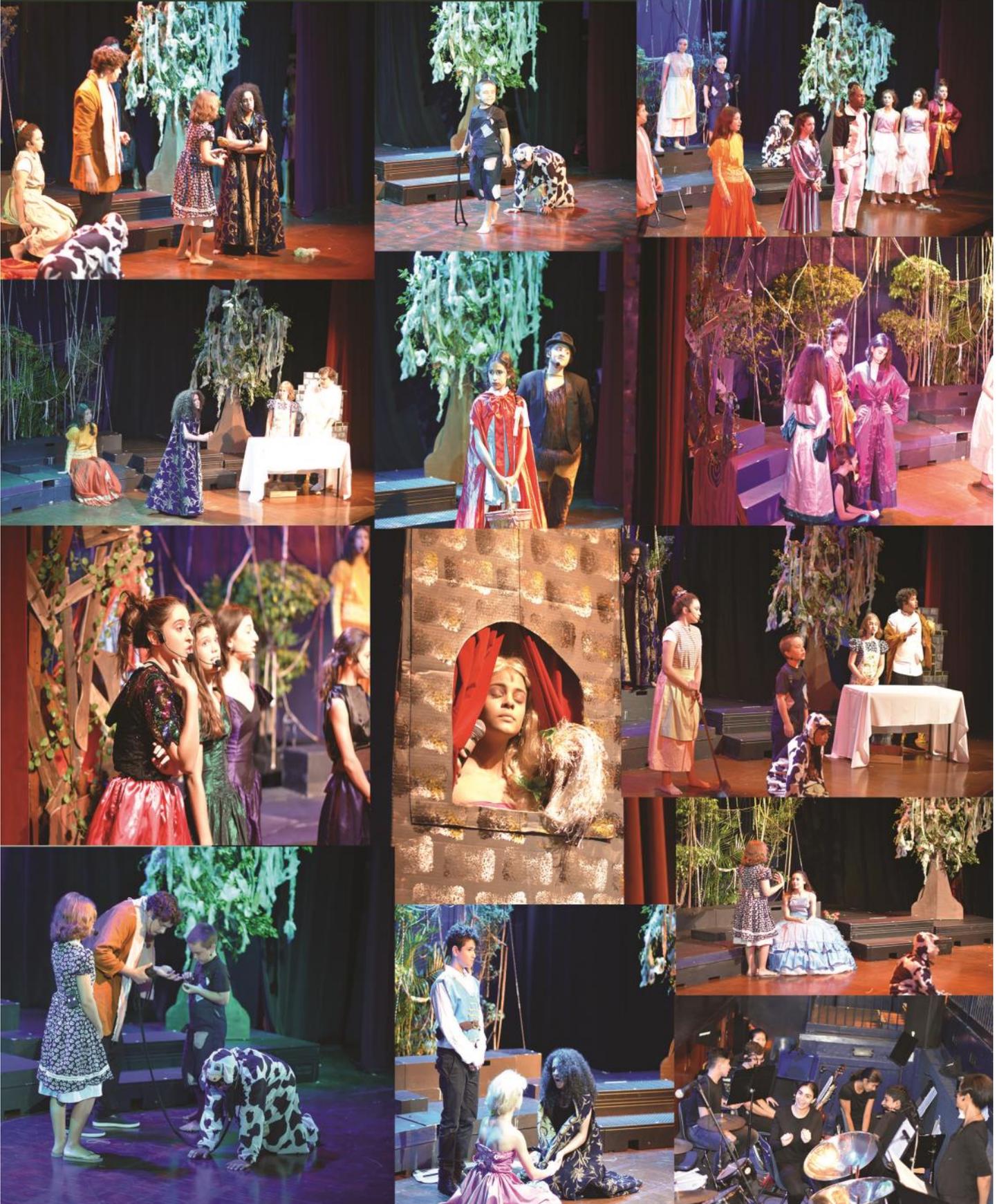
In the evening, there was a trip to Greenwich Village to the famous Village Vanguard, the oldest Jazz club in NYC, for a concert by the Mark Guiliana Jazz Quartet.



It was an exciting conclusion to the tour, one which has no doubt left wonderful memories and a wealth of knowledge for future creative endeavors.



Into the Woods jr HS & MS Drama Production 2019





CAIMANS ATHLETICS



ASHMIR ALI
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

This year was a strange, but an outstanding year for sport in ISPS. We do well at athletics despite our small size and the fact that we lose so many athletes every year. We must constantly build our teams.

YEAR 2019 IN REVIEW

Looking Back on 2018-2019

This year was different from past years. The format of CAISSA was changed. Boys' and Girls' Volleyball CAISSA was held in Florida for the first time and managed by a contracted firm.

This was done to raise the standard of officiating, to expose the athletes to better facilities, provide safer accommodations and to expose the athletes to talent scouts. However, this made the tournament more expensive for all the participants and some schools could not send teams to some tournaments.

CAISSA Season 1- Volleyball

November 7th to 11th

Port St Lucie Florida

History would report that Volleyball CAISSA (season 1), the very first held in the USA, was dominated by ISPS. Our teams continue to be outstanding and made it to both finals.

Our girls took back the Championship they surrendered to CMS last year. They have now won this tournament 6 out of seven times in the last seven years.

The ISPS boys' team dominated again. They were very impressive and won every set. This was their fourth consecutive CAISSA volleyball Championship. Congratulations to the teams and the coaches.



The Girls' met their nemesis, CMS, in the finals, but confidently won in straight sets. They stamped their authority early on by displaying a consistently high skill level.

In a very different Closing Ceremony, AJ Rahael and Abigail Mahoney won the MVP Awards.

The players and coaches are looking forward to continuing the ISPS dominance in CAISSA Volleyball next year.

National League Volleyball

We registered three girls' teams: U 14, U 16 and U 20, and two boys' Teams U 16 and U 20 in the North Zone.

Our girls place first in the U16 and Second in the U20.

Our boys won both divisions in the North Zone.

In the National Championships, which was played at ISPS, Our Girls' Under 16

played brilliantly to win the silver medal.

In the Boys' Open Category, the Caimans fought tooth and nail in a thrilling National final to finish a creditable second behind the very impressive Pleasantville Secondary School.

CAISSA Season 2 Boys' and Girls' Soccer

January 30th to February 3rd

CMS hosted CAISSA season 2. This was the first time Boys' and Girls' Soccer was being hosted together.

All the teams, with their extremely large contingents, again stayed at hotels.

The Boys' tournament saw a combined team of Escuela Campo Alegre and CMS JV, CMS Varsity, Academia Cotopaxi, Cayman International School, and ISPS battled for the top spot.

In the girls' category, CIS and CMS JV combined, CMS Varsity and ISPS squared

off in a three-team tournament.

The host was the favourites in both categories. The boys contest was extremely competitive and physical. CMS won all their games easily and was seeded number one after the round robin stage.

AC earned the second spot, CIS the third seed, ISPS earned a hard played fourth spot and the combined team was seeded fifth.

In the play-off game between ISPS and the combined team, ISPS fell behind in the first half from the penalty spot and their fate was sealed in the second half with another penalty. ISPS was out of the semis. This was the first time in eleven years that ISPS boys ended in the cellar position.

AC eventually won the championship 2-1 against a very disappointed CMS team.

The CMS girls feared differently from their boys. They won every game



convincingly. They won the tournament with the combined team second and ISPS taking the bronze.

In the boys' category, Edward Laquis was selected to the All-Tournament team.

In the girls' Jamie Sabeoney and Emily Costa made it on to the Girls' All-Tournament Team.

Season 3: CAISSA Basketball

Basketball was hosted By Academia Cotopaxi from 27th to 31st March.

All the Girls' Teams had pulled out of the tournament, mainly because of the high cost of travel this year. It is also the first time in fourteen years that ISPS did not have a girls' team in a CAISSA Tournament. This also affected the ISPS Boys' Team.

The Caimans had won this tournament for the last four years. However, this year we barely managed to get eight boys to make the trip.



The team was made up of four eight graders, one ninth, two eleventh graders and one senior, a very inexperienced team. CMS travelled with a roster of twelve and AC, the host, also had a twelve-man roster.

ISPS showed lots of determination and spirit and almost overcame a shocked CMS team.

At the end of the encounter, ISPS lost to the favourites by only eight. CMS won all their

first round games and met AC in the finals.

AC played brilliantly and snatched the championship. This was the sixth consecutive time that CMS had lost in the Finals of Boys' CAISSA Basketball. ISPS boys' placed fourth, the first time in ten years that ISPS did not come in the medals. Jamari Bowers was selected to the All-Tournament team.

ISPS entered two teams in the National Secondary Schools Basketball League: a Boys' Under 15 team and A Girls' Open team. The Girls showed off their frustration of not participating in CAISSA to defeat all the other school in this division. They won each game by at last fifteen points to win the North Zone Division.

Our Boys' U 15 team won one game and lost two. Coach Spratt used this tournament as an opportunity to expose the younger players to competitive Basketball. They performed admirably and we are confident that ISPS Basketball legacy will continue to build.



Milo Games 2019

The 2019 Milo Game was held on Tuesday 19 March. ISPS had 55 students, comprising of Marchers and track athletes.

ISPS marcher team looked very uniformed and disciplined in their green, blue, black and white t-shirt and shorts with white socks and black pants.

ISPS participated in events from Under 7 to Under 15 on the Track and also in the Field events.

ISPS was a force to be reckoned with having students as finalist in 20 out of 22 events.

ISPS won six individual track medals:

Boys 400m

Under 15

Joey Mahoney — **3rd place**

Boys Open Walking

William Farah — **1st place**

James Collier — **2nd place**

Boys 400m

Under 11

Pedro Zamudio — **2nd place**

Max Maumaire — **3rd place**

Girls 200m

Adriana Housty — **3rd place**

Girls 400m

Adriana Housty — **2nd place**

And three Relay medals:

**Boys 4x100m — Under 9
3rd place**

**Boys 4x100 — Under 11
3rd place**

**Girls 4x100 — Under 15
3rd place**

We also won 13 medals in the Field Events:

CRICKET BALL

Under 11

Marcus West

1st place

Gabriella Sabeeney

2nd place

Avery Blue

3rd place

Under 9

Christian Telfer

3rd place

SHOT PUT:

Under 15

Isaac Reiber

1st place

DISCUS:

Under 15

Sophia Chinapoo

1st place

Isaac Reiber

3rd place

LONG JUMP:

Under 11

Zumila Dijksterhuis

2nd place

Abigail Chin-Lee

3rd place

Ryan Blue

4th place

Under 9

Alexander Knaggs

2nd place

Rafael Wan

2nd place

JAVELIN:

Under 15

Otto Hirstius

3rd place

Middle School Sports Festival

Middle School Sports Festival (CAISSA Middle School) was cancelled by CIS. ISPS volunteered to host the tournament, but the other schools were not interested in participating.

Field Hockey

It was a very busy year for Hockey. The teams participated in seven tournaments.

In the Stacy Sui Butt Invitational ISPS placed 4th with Siem Zandvliet being named the MVP and ISPS earning the most disciplined team award.

At the St Mary's Girls RC Indoor tournament ISPS placed 3rd. The fearless Nicole Branski won the MVP award.

At the Trinidad and Tobago Hockey Board National Primary Schools Indoor Tournament ISPS impressed with a third place finish.



ISPS lifted the 1st place Trophy at the TTHB national indoor U-12 tournament. ISPS also took first place at the TTHB Primary School Skills tournament and showed why they were a force to be reckoned with.

At the TTHB primary schools outdoor ISPS placed 6th.

Congratulations to all the Hockey players and the coaches.

Congratulations to all players,





After School Activities

Session 1 of 2019/2010

Begins on September 2nd

Ends on November 29th

Forms for Session 1 (2019/2020) ASA and Sports Teams will be available at the front desk from August 21st.

Thank you for supporting our After School Activity Program.

Camp Caiman:

We will not be having camp this year. Our apologies.

THANK YOU to everyone for making my life at ISPS enjoyable, productive and possible. ISPS is a fantastic school with tons of potential. The fun part is developing and getting better and learning from missteps.

I would like to wish everyone the best of luck, peace and happiness.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PORT OF SPAIN

SUMMER CAMP

DATE: JULY 1 - JULY 19, 2019

9:00 am - 2:30 pm



4 - 6 Years Old

**Art & Craft
Drama
Cooking
Dance/ Drama
Exploratory Science
Sports**

7 - 8 Years Old

**Art & Craft
Cooking
Dance/ Drama
Exploratory Science
Sports**

9 - 10 Years Old

**Cooking
Digital Music
Production
Coding
Sports
Dance**



FRIDAY FIELD TRIPS!

HOW TO REGISTER:

Collect form from school's Front Desk.
Return completed form to Elementary
School Office or fax: (868) 632-4595
Contact#: 633-4777 Ext. 123



11-12 Years Old

**Cooking
Exploratory Science
Robotics
Sports**