



# ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### May

26-30	HS Broadway Tour & Workshop Field Trip (NYC)
28	ERB Orientation for Parents (Grades 3-8)
28-29	G7 Grande Riviere Trip
30	Indian Arrival Day (National Holiday)
31	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> (Full Day Power Outage)

### June

1	PTO Garage Sale
5	Eid-ul-Fitr (National Holiday)
6	STUCO Talent Show
6-7	HS Overnight Biology Field Trip
7	Sports Award Ceremony

## 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

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Parents,

We have successfully completed the last round of MAP testing for the year, and while we do not yet have the results for this last set of MAP tests I can report to you some very good news regarding our MAP testing results.

In late March, we hired the services of a data consultant that has experience working in other international schools. Cameo Analytics reviewed ISPS' MAP data from Fall 2014 through to Winter of 2018-19, 5 years of data.

The Findings of the report are: "Students taking the NWEA Map assessment at ISPS consistently score well on percentile rank, RIT and conditional growth, as compared to NWEA Map norms. For the last three years, ISPS has had an average RIT higher than the average AASSA group for all grades and in all subjects. For example, using percentile rank for the Fall 2018-19 assessment, 84.2% of test takers scored above the 50th percentile in Language, 77.2% of test takers scored above the 50th percentile in Mathematics and 77.5% of test takers scored above the 50th percentile in Reading."

The reference to AASSA group is a comparison to other international schools in the region that belong to the Association of American Schools in South America who also use the MAP testing.

The report is 21 pages of data analysis does point to some specific Grade levels that should be monitored in a specific area (reading for example) and that will

be part of our improvement plan for next year.

On a completely different note, we have been notified by T&TEC that we will be without power on the 31st of May. They are finishing the job that they began the last time we had a power outage. As there will be no electricity, school will be closed on the 31st.

As we get into the last 5 weeks of school, we have several weeks which are broken by public holidays. Please emphasize with your children the importance of staying focused on academics and attendance is an important part of that. In addition, the last day of school is June 28th and we would like all children to experience the awards ceremonies that take place on that day. Please resist the temptation of pulling your children out early.

This weekend we have 15+ HS students, as well as staff members, participating in Project Care. The two day project will be refurbishing a school in downtown Port of Spain. While the physical work will finish on Sunday, many of our students have projects going at ISPS in order to raise money for Project Care. Those fundraising events will continue for several weeks and the MS Student Council has set a goal of raising 10,000TT\$. Please consider supporting those fundraising events.

Have a nice weekend

J Barney Latham  
Director

Please see inside for  
Financial Aid Form  
instructions.

**NO SCHOOL**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019**





## THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PORT OF SPAIN

Please note, the International School of Port of Spain  
will be **closed** on

**Friday, May 31**

T&TEC will be completing maintenance work at the  
school.

We will be back open on **June 3**.



## ISPS FINANCIAL AID FORMS ARE READY!

**\* All applications are confidential**

ISPS Parents can apply for a small grant to assist with the tuition  
fees for the 2018-2019 academic year.

If you would like to apply for this grant from the  
Director's Fund which is for temporary financial  
hardships, please submit a completed form to the

Admission Department by June 14.

ANY QUERIES, E-MAIL  
[admissions@isps.edu.tt](mailto:admissions@isps.edu.tt)

Parents interested in  
Financial Aid can find the form [here](#).



# Living Our Mission



## ... Innovation

### 3R's with PK-3

Pre K3s **REDUCE**, **REUSE**, **RECYCLE**  
Study allowed for students to gather information, become more aware of the world around them, and solve problems.

They ended their unit with a group activity sorting pictures of harmful and helpful actions to our planet.

After collecting recyclable items throughout the unit students created their own object using the materials.

They will be on display in the front office from Monday 27th May.







# HIGH SCHOOL HEADS UP

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

The Grade 10 MYP Exhibition was a fantastic display of the students' investigative, creative and entrepreneurial aptitudes and the whole school was privy to the hard work of our 10th Graders. The students explored topics such as hydroponics, healthy living, product design and social issues such as the stray dog population in Trinidad and Tobago.

Our seniors are off on their internships where they are exposed to the world of work. They will develop their skill sets and refine their interests before they embark on their journeys at University. I ask that you encourage and mentor them through such a defining and crucial time in their lives.

- Frank Huerta,  
High School Principal

## MYP Project Title Highlights

- Starting a cookie making business
- Hydroponics
- Improving baking skills
- Increasing Fortnite Solo win percentage
- Growing a vegetable garden
- Growing herbs/ vegetables for restaurants
- Making a portable baitwell
- Healthy recipe book
- Electric guitar building and the instrument's influence on the Trinidadian sound in music
- Anatomy and traits of the octopus
- Music Composition and Production
- Product Design- Lounge set inspired by Porsche
- Learning how to cook
- Raising awareness for environmental issues
- Building a cooler sound system
- Organizing a games night fundraiser to benefit youth imprisoned
- Photo book of Trinidad and Tobago





## Call out for bilingual English/ Spanish volunteers for Venezuelan Migrants Registration process

The Immigration Division of the Ministry of National Security has asked our community for volunteers to give some hours of translation, clerical and humanitarian support in their registration of Venezuelan migrants which will take place at the **Queen's Park Oval**.

**Date: Friday 31st May to 14th June including weekends.**

The Centres will be operational from 7 am to 5 pm daily. There is no minimum number of hours to volunteer though preferable in either of 2 shifts: 7 am to noon or noon to 5 pm.

**Volunteers aged 17+ are welcome.**

Some training will be carried out before commencement; during the period May 27-29, 2019.

If you are interested in volunteering a few hours of your time please contact Ms Tompsett at [rtompsett@isps.edu.tt](mailto:rtompsett@isps.edu.tt) as soon as possible.

**ENGLISH TO SPANISH**

# NOTES

## From the Nurse

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

Hello Everyone,

Parents who have EpiPens for their children are aware that there is a shortage in the United States.

I have been informed that EpiPens are still valid for up to 6 months after their expiry date.

Let me know if you have any questions.

This is a link for some more information on the [EpiPen shortage](#)

Have a good weekend!



LIGHTING THE PATHWAYS  
TO LEARNING

## ERB ORIENTATION

### Parents - Grades 3-8

If you are new to ERB Writing assessment or wish to understand it better.

- The ERB Writing Assessment is conducted once a year at ISPS.
- It measures written expression, ideas, punctuation, capitalization, and general usage.
- Individual scores are shared with parents and the results are used to provide specific

**Date:** Tuesday May 28, 2019

**Time:** 7:30-8:30 am

**Location:** Cafeteria

**Looking forward to seeing you there!**





**Orange A:** (left to right): Max Chin Lee, Sirui Zhao, George Eaton and Hinata Aoyagi.

This past weekend ISPS competed in the annual Primary School Tennis Tournament held at the Country Club, Maraval. The tournament was a two day event with the Under 10 Red Ball Division played on Saturday 18th May 2019 and Orange, Green Dot and Hard Ball on Sunday 19th May, 2019.

Teams consisting of 4 players competed against each other. ISPS entered one team in the Under 10 Red Ball, two teams in Orange Ball, One Team each in the Green Dot and Hard Ball divisions.

The Under 10 Red Ball team consisted of Maximilian Chin Lee, Louis Eaton, Amir-Ala Nurafza and Elias Schjolberg.

Unfortunately, due to an injury Louis Eaton was unable to

participate, but the team went on to compete. Each player on the team had to play against one player from the other school. All four games were played simultaneously. The first opponent was Dunross and there were some butterflies to work out as Amir-Ala and Elias lost their matches 5/10, 3/10 respectively and Max won his match 10-4. ISPS' second match against Tobago saw the ISPS players more comfortable and with better results. Amir-Ala, Elias and Max all played well finishing with 7/10, 6/10 and 10/2 respectively. The last match against Pt. Fortin Anglican Preparatory was tough and ISPS had to fight for their

points but were only able to finish with Max winning his match 10/7 and Amir-Ala and Elias losing 7/10 and 2/10 respectively. Great efforts by all the players and congratulations to Max Chin Lee who finished the day undefeated.

The second day of the tournament teams split into Doubles partners and matches were Doubles games up to 11 points. ISPS entered two teams in the Orange Ball Division with ISPS A made up of Hinata Aoyagi, Sirui Zhao, George Eaton and Max Chin Lee, and ISPS B consisting of Toon Zandvliet, Rafael Wan, Austin Siler

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**CAIMANS ATHLETICS**

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and Valentina Escudero Naranjo. ISPS A started the day against Dunross Preparatory School with the Doubles Teams of Hinata/George and Sirui/Max winning their matches 11/9 and 11/4 respectively. Unfortunately the next two matches ISPS A could not come up with wins against Maria Regina and Five Rivers Preparatory Schools losing 7/11, 6/11 and 3/11, 9/11. ISPS A finished third in their group and did not advance to the Elimination round. ISPS B fared better splitting their first set of games against Dunross Preparatory School with Doubles Teams of Toon/Rafael and Austin/Valentina scoring 5/11 and 11/8 respectively. The teams won their next set of games against St. Monica's 11/6 and 11/9. However, lost against a strong Point Fortin R.C. Preparatory School 3/11 and 5/11. ISPS B finished third in their group.

The Green Dot Division team consisted of Alex and Julian Rampaul, Siem Zandvliet, Oliver Eaton and Gabriella Sabeeney. There were four other teams in ISPS' group with Tobago as their first opponent. Doubles Teams of Siem/Julian and Ollie/Alex had a couple of competitive games but lost both 13/15 and 6/15 respectively. The teams then split their games against St. Andrew's Preparatory School with Siem/Julian winning 15/10 and Gabriella/Alex losing a close 15/16 game. They went on to better results with Siem/Julian and Ollie/Alex winning both games 15/10 and 15/6 respectively. But then split their last set of games against Dunross Preparatory School with Siem/Julian and Ollie/Gabriella finishing 15/4 and 2/15 respectively. ISPS finished 3rd in their group and advanced to the B Division

Elimination Round where they faced St. Monica's Preparatory School in the Semi-Final Match. Siem/Julian and Ollie/Alex won their games 15/6 and 15/11 respectively to advance to the Championship Match in which they faced another Dunross team.

Siem/Julian won their game 15/8 and though Ollie/Alex lost the game 13/15, they were able to win enough points for ISPS to win the match and B Division.

Team of Marcos West, Adam Mackenzie, Inara and Abigail Chin Lee and Auria Kangle entered the highest level of the tournament, Hard Ball A. Doubles Teams of Marcos/Inara and Abigail/Adam faced Tobago and were able to win their first two matches 11/4, 11/1 respectively. They then faced Dunross Preparatory School losing both games 3/11 and 10/11, and splitting their games against St. Andrew's Preparatory School 11/10 and 11/12. ISPS finished third in the group. There were only 4 teams in the division and all teams advanced to the Elimination Round with ISPS playing St. Andrew's in the Semi-Final Match. Unfortunately ISPS would not split their games this round and lost both games 8/21 and 15/21. However, ISPS came back in the 3rd Place Match against Tobago splitting their games 21/8 and 15/21 finish third in the division.

Congratulations to all the players who represented ISPS and gave great efforts. And to Mr. Siler, Mrs. Eaton, and Mrs. Straessle-Chin Lee for helping manage the teams, making sure they were safe and organised for their games. Thanks to everyone who came out to watch and support the teams on a great two days of tennis.

Submitted by: Jonathan Chin Lee



Hardball A Team: 3rd Place



Orange Ball Team.



Green Dot B Champions.



Push pop Team.



Push pop Team.



## Sports Award Ceremony

It's time to recognize our athletes & coaches who have represented our school throughout the year.

Please join us as we take part in this joyous event.

There will be refreshments, awards, & athlete recognition with a few other surprises for an enjoyable evening.

**June 07, 2019**

**ISPS Gym**

**6:00pm**

**\$100 TT per person**

Tickets can be obtained at PE Office

(Student athletes need not pay)

1. Yes, we will be attending the ceremony.

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ number attending: \_\_\_\_\_.

2. No, we will be unable to attend & so will our child.

3. No, we will not be able to attend although our child will still be attending.

Student's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_.

**\*\*Please return this form with payment to the front office by June 3rd\*\***



**CAIMANS ATHLETICS**



ISPS FUND PROJECT CARE

# FRIDAY 24TH BAKE SALE



All Profits Go To  
Project Care



**FRIDAY 24 MAY**  
During Lunch



NELSON STREET GIRLS RC  
SCHOOL

## HELP PROJECT CARE TT



THIS SCHOOL NEEDS BASIC  
FACILITIES LIKE: BLACK BOARDS,  
FANS, STOOLS, TABLES, AND  
MORE

Lets raise 10,000 to help this school  
For more information got to:  
<https://www.facebook.com/projectcarett/>



ISPS PTO

1ST JUNE 2019  
8am-12noon

# GARAGE SALE

ISPS GYM

## MS STUCO

IS PARTICIPATING IN THE PTO GARAGE SALE AND  
WE'RE LOOKING FOR

## GARAGE SALE ITEMS

CLOTHES, TOYS, BOOKS,  
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, ETC

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS PROJECT  
CARE 2019 - RESTORATION OF NELSON  
STREET GIRLS RC SCHOOL

DROP OFF ITEMS BY MISS  
HERNANDEZ OR MISS JENNA BY MAY  
29TH!



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**QFCC FOOTBALL ACADEMY**

**U-13 Boys Host**

**A BINGO LIME**

**FUNDRAISING FOR THEIR TOUR TO USA CUP 2019**

**Friday 7th June, 2019.**

**Time: 7:00 PM / Venue: The Centenary Hall, St. Mary's College**

**Each Ticket Includes 3 Bingo Cards**

**\*Awesome Prizes To Be Won\***

**\$150**

**Dad's World Famous Burgers And Drinks On Sale.**

**Doors Open At 6:00 PM**

**QFCC FOOTBALL ACADEMY FUNDRAISER**

**Saturday 25th May**

**BBQ / Lime \$50**

**11am - 2pm @ QPCC Oval**

**JUNE 14**

**Rock Out With Reach Out**

**LIVE IN ISPS NORTH FIELD**

**///ENTRY \$50/START AT 6PM/END AT 11PM///**

**FEATURING JOINTPOP, KIN SOUND SYSTEM, SIDE KICK ENVY, HAIL THE HATTER, CIRCLE SQUARE AND MANY MORE**

**CONTACT US AT (868) 736-5124**

**RORO PRODUCTIONS**

**FOOD ON SALE**

# Kickboxing, Curry & Coolers

## A FAMILY FUN COOLER LIME

Experience the exciting Boom Bang kickboxing exhibition & let your kids join in a kickboxing workshop! Let them play in the playground and splash park, while you try the best Indian curries!

**Sunday May 26, 3-6pm**

**Windsurf Park, Westmoorings by the Sea.**



**Adults 120 TTD / Children 50 TTD**

Tickets include entry, kickboxing exhibition, splash park & 1 curry dish

Add-on tickets for the workshop are 50TTD per child.

Don't forget to bring change for the bake sale, raffle tickets and face paint

**SIGN UP NOW FOR THE KICKBOX WORKSHOP! FUN GUARANTEED!**

GET YOUR TICKETS **BEFORE 21 MAY** VIA MOODY 5085877 @BOOMBANG/ST.JAMES; PETRA 7149744, TITCH 7158664 OR AMY 4785520 @ISPS/WESTMOORINGS; SARAH 2724260 @ISPS/GOODWOOD; KATE 3158888 @MAPLE LEAF/WESTMOORINGS; NAUREEN 7016255 @ST.ANDREWS/VIC GARDENS; SADHAVI 7094060 @FEDERATION PARK

**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





# ISPS

## 2018 - 2019 Events Calendar



# JUNE 2019

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

May 27—June 7

May 2018	Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 31
Proteins	Stew Chicken OR Baked Fish Creole	Grilled Italian Chicken Strips OR Italian Baked Fish	Honey glazed chicken legs Sm/lg only OR Lemon Fish	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Pizza Day Add Chicken Add Pineapple Add Bacon
Starches	Mash Potato	Ratatouille in Tomato Sauce	Scallop Potato Pie	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Tomato & Mozzarella Pizza
Peas/Veggie	Grilled Vegetables	Spinach Mixed Greens Salad	Steam Broccoli	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Mixed Green Salad
Vegan	Stew Soya Chunks	Italian Vegetable Pitta Pockets	Black Beans	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Tomato & Mozzarella Pizza
Soup of the Day				PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Beef in Dumpling 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.

June 2018	Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7
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