



ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

14-17	AdvancED Accreditation Visit
16	MAP Orientation for Parents
19	End of Q1 MS/HS
20	Last Day of School
22-26	Mid Term Break Begins
27	ACTs
29	School Resumes
31	Blood Bank

November

3	PTO Garage Sale
6	Divali (National Holiday)
7-11	CAISSA Season 1 (Miami, FL)
8	Open Forum
12-16	International Week

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,

I hope you are enjoying the week. ES and MS Map testing has been successfully completed and there will be a MAP Orientation session for parents in grades 1-8. The session will focus on how to read the scores, how to interpret the data presented, and there will be time for questions and answers. Please do join us, especially if you are new to the MAP testing. Please bring the MAP results with you.

Next week will be a very busy week for us all at ISPS. The AdvancED team will be here Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The Team will be speaking to students, parents and staff, they will be visiting classrooms, and they will be speaking to Board members. The purpose of the visit is two fold; to verify that ISPS continues to meet AdvancED criteria and secondly, to help ISPS refine the process of continuous improvement.

You will find further information about the visit in this newsletter and Ms Jackie also be

sent out an e-mail which gave you much more information about the visit. We are requesting volunteer parents for the focus sessions. Please reply to jfungkeefung@isps.edu.tt

Next week Friday will be a full day of school. Please plan accordingly as I know that in MS and HS summative assessments may continue through Friday.

Planning has already started for the Parade of Nations and our International Food Festival, to be held in November. If you are interested in helping out, I know the PTO would love to hear from you and would gladly accept offers of assistance. The food festival is a wonderful event that brings together our diverse community, but it is also a tremendous amount of work to organize the event. Please consider helping the PTO make this year's event even better than last years.

I wish you all a very pleasant weekend.

J Barney Latham
Director



THANK YOU!



Thank you to our RBC Race For Kids representatives from ISPS. Saturday we joined in an effort to make a difference / give hope.



AdvancED™ Accreditation Visit

The following is for your information:

“AdvancED is the largest community of education professionals in the world. They are a non-profit, non-partisan organization that conducts rigorous, on-site reviews of a variety of educational institutions and systems to ensure that all learners realize their full potential.”

AdvancED was formed through a 2006 merger of the Pre-K-12 divisions of the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI)—and expanded through the addition of the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC) in 2012.

The International School of Port of Spain was initially accredited with SACS. AdvancED currently accredits over 36,000 schools world-wide and this stamp of approval allows ISPS graduates to earn a US High School Diploma.

AdvancED wants the Accreditation Engagement Review to be about where the school is going and as such, the team’s focus will be on the school’s continuous improvement journey and our current commitment to improvement.



The visiting team will examine the whole institution – the policies, programs, practices, learning conditions and cultural context – to determine how well the parts work together to carry out the school’s mission and vision and how well we are meeting the needs of every learner. The team will use a set of rigorous research-based standards and evidence based criteria.

The visiting team will consist of four members:

- **Dr. Barbara Johnson**
(Lead Evaluator),
Orlando, Florida
- **Dan Yamasaki**
Director at Colegio Panamericano,
Bucaramanga, Colombia
- **Melaney Tinkess**
Elementary School
Principal, the School of
Nations, Brasilia
- **Ivonne Córdoba**
Teacher, Instituto Alpes
Cumbres Guadalajara
School, Mexico

Prior to the team’s arrival, the members have been examining the reports and supporting evidence that have been submitted ahead of their arrival.

At the school between October 15th – 17th the team will be conducting walkthroughs and observations of the classrooms using the AdvancED ELEOT tool.

They will be conducting interviews with focus groups: students, teachers and staff, parents, the ISPS Administration and Board.

Although, there is no formal report immediately available when the review is completed, the team will meet with the administration to conduct an exit interview meeting. This meeting will include ideas and suggestions on reinforcing our improvement efforts.

As you can see from the schedule, this visit will be a packed few days. To best use the allotted time for focus

interviews, the visiting team have asked us to pre-select students on a random basis so that these groups (Gr. 3-5), Gr. 6-8, Gr 9-12, and Gr 7-10, will each have 10 students. They will be interviewed on Monday between 1 and 1:45pm.

For teachers, there are two sessions, Monday 2:30 – 3:15, and Tuesday morning at 8:15 -9:00am. There are also sessions for administrators and Board Members.

For the parent interview groups, the allotted time is Monday October 15th between 11:00 -11:45 pm, We have been asked to send out an email asking for parents to volunteer and to have sub groups along the same division as the students.

Please reply to this email if you would like to be a part of the focus group of parents who will meet on Monday October 15th at 11am. If we receive many responses, the parents will also be randomly selected.

Thank you ahead of time for all your efforts so far on our Continuous Improvement Journey!





- 2. **October 17th**  IFF (Festivals Around the World) Meeting. Looking for International Food Festival Booth Volunteers  **Represent your countries... start thinking!** 
- 3. **November 3rd** PTO Garage Sale 8:00-12noon ISPS Gym
- 4. **November 12-16** International Week
- 5. **November 16th** The International Food Festival (IFF) 6pm-9pm in the ISPS Gym
Our theme is 'Festivals Around the World'



Grade 9 Guidance-Parent Information Session

On October 1st the high school guidance counselors (Louis Moore and John Steinbach) presented information to 16 Grade 9 parents.

This was designed to give parents a big picture view of high school guidance curriculum and how it supports students in their college/career preparation.

We spoke about course selection options and considerations for the MYP and AP programs and their impact on college admission.

Additionally, we addressed some of the challenges that Grade 9 students face as



they transition to high school. It is important that they concentrate on developing solid study and time management skills, while becoming meaningfully involved in ISPS and their community.

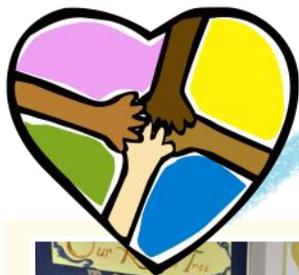
Parent questions generated great discussion about how best to help their students, college options, testing timelines, and student distractions.

All Grade 9 parents should have received an email with a copy of the slides used in our session and a Grade 9 College Prep Check List.

If you did not receive it, contact me at jsteinbach@isps.edu.tt.

We will be hosting a Grade 10 Guidance-Parent Information Session on Tuesday, November 13th.

Grade 10 Guidance-Parent Information Session Tuesday, November 13, 2018



ES Counselor's Corner



KINDNESS TREE



Mikel	4G	Showed caring for the environment when he alerted a teacher about a messy bathroom.	Maria	5W	Volunteered to take the lunchboxes of her grade 5 peers to them.
Norman	4G	Helped a student with an injured leg carry his stuff down the stairs.	Siem	5W	Unasked, he secured a chrome book that was lying idle
Hinata	4G	Stopped in her tracks, went back to the other end of the hallway to open the door for a MS teacher whose hands were full! His words..."I just had the nicest thing happen!"	Kane	5W	Made his teacher's afternoon by giving her a chocolate chip cookie!
Alexander	4B	Bought cookies at the bake sale for students who forgot to bring money.	Nicole	5W	helped a classmate who was having difficulty understanding something
Pernek	KKh	Allowed another student to have his seat in Art class	Addyson	4B	For always stopping to say a cheery <i>Good Morning</i> to reception staff.
Ruby	1Bell	Showed concern for a class mate who was crying and got him support from an adult	Teddy	1A	Bought a donut for a classmate who did not have money for the bake sale.
Felipe	1B	Happily gave up his space in Centre time so another student could do his favorite activity.			

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

Nurse's Notes

Hello everyone,

This week there were more students complaining about nausea, stomach aches and sore throats. Some have headaches and runny noses. If your child has fever

he/she should not come to school and if he/she develops fever while at school i will call you to pick him/her up.



Notice to parents:

For the past three (3)

weeks orthodontic retainers have been at the front desk and no one has claimed them. If your child is missing his/her retainers please collect at the front desk. This is important to continue the work of the braces.



The Blood Bank will be at school on Wednesday 31st October, 2018. This is a great opportunity for community service! Just email or call me and let me know when you would like to come in and donate. Students 18yrs and over may give without parental permission but those between 17 and 18 years need to submit a letter of permission from their parents to be able to donate blood.

Be safe and have a fun weekend.



National Honor Society presents...

Bingo 2018

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Games
Fun
Prizes

AWESOME PRIZES TO BE WON!

- November 24th, 2018
- ISPS Gymnasium
- 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM

General ticket: \$120 | At the door: \$150

Tickets available from October 22nd

Accepting all donations!

Contact Us:
Thomas Lee Young (President) 460-415
Erin Galt (Secretary) 321-0191

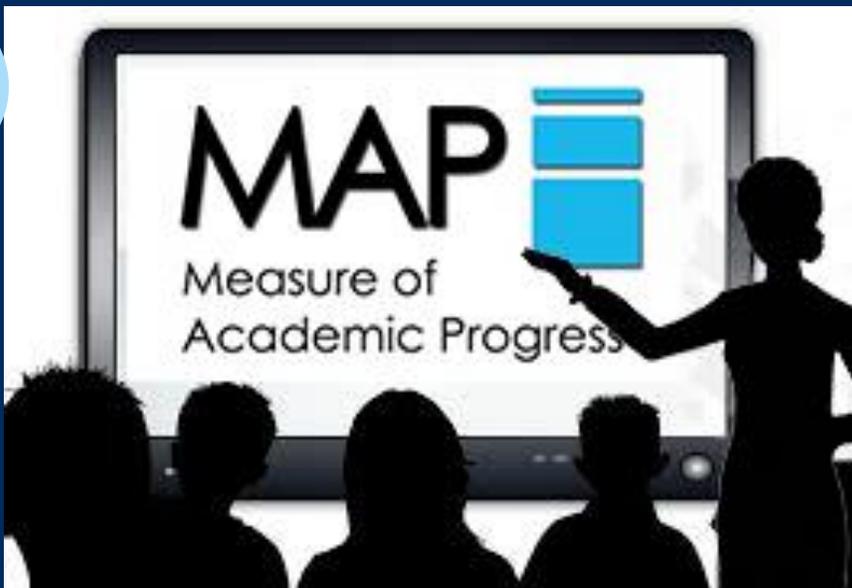
AQUATHLON 18

Atlantic Primary Schools
Multi-Sport Series
National Aquatic Center, Couva

For more information contact
Mr. Alexis Wan at 772-8517
or email wanalexis@yahoo.com

Sunday
28th
October

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Orientation For Parents

Grades 1-8

...If you are new to MAP testing or wish to understand it better....

Tuesday October 16, 2018

7:30 - 8:30 am

Cafeteria

Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) testing is conducted twice a year at ISPS to help teachers, parents, and administrators improve learning for students and to make informed decisions to promote students' academic growth.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



CAIMANS ATHLETICS

After School Activities

- ASA Session 1 and Sports Development team training end on November 30th.
- Registration Forms for ASA 2 will be available from November 26th.
- Please register before 11 January, 2019 to ensure a place in your favoured activity and to facilitate a smooth start of ASA 2.

Thank you very much for supporting the ASA and Athletic Programs.

CAISSA: Volleyball

ISPS Boys' and Girls' CAISSA Volleyball Teams have been cut (10 boys and 10 girls).

The girls and boys are ready to play. The girls played their first Secondary School League Game against St Joseph Convent on Wednesday 10th October at convent. Our boys and girls will take on Maple Leaf International on Saturday 13th October from 9am at our Gym.

Our teams are in fantastic shape and the coaches are confident that ISPS can lift the Girls' Open and Under 16 National titles and take their CAISSA Championship.

Our boys are extremely experienced, confident and skilful. They are try to make four straight CAISSA championships and they want to add the National Secondary Schools Volleyball Open Championship to their trophy cabinet.

ISPS has entered six teams in the three categories in the Secondary Schools league: Girls Under 14, Boys Under 14, Girls Under 16, Boys Under 16, Girls Open and Boys Open.

More students are playing Volleyball since the implementation of The Sports teams Development Program and they are looking forward to representing us on the "Court of Battle".



GOOD LUCK caimans

Field Hockey:

Congratulations to our young Hockey players on their outstanding performance at the Woodbrook Youth Facility. Thanks to the coaches (Amanda George and Petra Zandvliet) and the supporting parents. ISPS will be hosting an Invitational Tournament on November 24th in our Gym. Look out for details.



Soccer:

Kudos to the Under 12 Footballers for their great overall performances in their first try at the Primary Schools Under 12 Football League. Our Boys won one game (10-0), Lost two (3-0, and 1-0) and drew one. They will keep getting better.

At the start of the year the coaches met and it was decided that ISPS would start at the youngest category in the school league. Next year we will move up Boys' Under 14 and enter an Under 12 also. In a few short years, with consistent, focussed and well organised training we will be producing excellent persons, very skilful players and even better teams.

Congratulations to the coaches and players.

Season 1: Ends on November 16th.

Season 2: Starts on November 19th. Please look out for the Season 2 Training Schedule.

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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

October 15—October 26

	Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19
Proteins	Herb Roasted Chicken Or Blackened fish	Breaded Chicken Or Cilantro fish	Beef Bolognaise Or Fish Creole	Sweet & Sour Chicken Or Sweet & Sour fish	Baked Chicken Or Pan Seared Fish
Starches	Cream of Corn Pie	Potato Wedges	Herb Farfalle Pasta	Fried Rice	Warm Potato Salad
Peas/Veggie	Sautéed Vegetables	Coleslaw	Green Salad	Stir-Fry Vegetable Noodles	Steamed Broccoli
Vegan	Seared Tofu	Zucchini Fritter	Lentils meat balls	Vegetable Spring Roll	Tofu Fries
Soup of the Day					Corn 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.

October 2018	Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26
Proteins	Chicken Kebab Or Fish kebab	BBQ Chicken Tenders Or BBQ Fish	Beef Meatballs Or Fish Fingers	Curry Chicken Or Curry Beef	Hot dogs on Baguettes
Starches	Loaded Potato Skins	Sweet Potato mash	Herb Spaghetti	Roti	Condiments Relish Sautéed Onion 4 Cheese
Peas/Veggie	Crispy Glazed Carrots	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