



ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

- 10 Grade 6-8 Coffee Morning; 7:30-9:00 am
- 11 Grade 9-10 Coffee Morning; 7:30-9:00 am
- 11 Vision Screening; 7:30-2:30pm
- 11 ES Curriculum Night, 5-7pm
- 12 Grade 11 Coffee Morning; 8:45-10:00 am
- 12 MS Curriculum Night; 5-7pm
- 13 HS Curriculum Night; 6-8pm

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,

We are completing our third week of school and all seems to be going very well.

On Wednesday, we began the celebration of our 25th year of operation. We began the celebration by getting all students on the south field lined up to form the number 25. The photographer who does our year-book pictures was on hand with a drone and several aerial photos and videos were taken. They are still being edited, but I am sure those photos will appear in the newsletter very soon.

The second part of the launch was a full school assembly in the gym. We sang the school song, had a ceremonial cake cutting by three members of staff who have been with ISPS since we opened in 1994 on Victoria Avenue. We then sang happy birthday to ISPS and every student got a cupcake. There will be events organized throughout the year to celebrate our 25th year of operation. Thank you to the PTO for organizing the cake ceremony and the cupcakes, Jackie for organizing the photoshoot, and as always, our maintenance and security team for supporting the events. Events such as these help us to fulfil one of our School Improvement Goals: Bringing the community together.

I held the first Open Forum of the year on Wednesday evening, with seven parents and three teachers in attendance. In next week's newsletter, I will publish notes from the meeting so that parents who were unable to attend, can stay in the loop of the

discussions that took place.

Next week, we will continue with our coffee mornings—Monday is MS, Tuesday is Grades 9-10, Wednesday is for Grade 11. Coffee is available from 7:30 am, with introductions beginning at 8:00 am. with the exception on Wednesday where coffee is available from 8:30 am with introductions starting at 9:00 am

Next week, we also have our Curriculum Nights with ES on the 11th, MS on the 12th, and HS on the 13th. These evenings are great opportunities to hear from the teachers what they will be covering during this school year. Curriculum Night is not an individual parent teacher conference, yet individual conferences can be arranged at a later date. We do hope you will be able to attend, as another one of our goals is to increase parent attendance and involvement at such events.

This morning, the fire alarm sounded at 9:48 am, and all students, staff, and cafeteria workers evacuated the building within three minutes, and they assembled at the muster point on the South Field. The source of the sounded alarm occurred in the High School Chemistry Lab. All relevant persons were contacted (ISPS' Board Chair and US Embassy). At 9:57 am, all students, staff and cafeteria workers were notified to return to the building. This was not one of our planned drills. Enjoy your weekend.

J Barney Latham
Director





SECURITY GUIDELINES

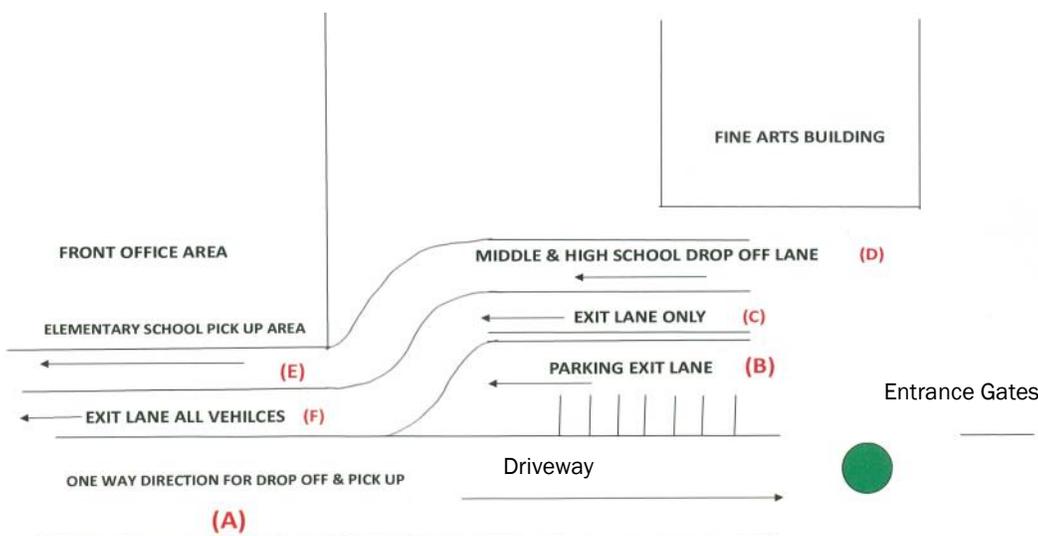
Welcome parents to the 2018-2019 school year at ISPS! As we begin the school year the Security Department would like to inform you about the School's Traffic Management System indicated in a diagram below. To ensure the effectiveness of this Traffic Management System, it requires the full cooperation of you, the parents, guardians and our student drivers.

These are the following guidelines;

- ⇒ Parents must notify the school if there is a change of their driver or pick up arrangements via letter and phone call.
- ⇒ Parents must avoid parallel parking on Columbus Circle leading to ISPS. As this not only inconveniences the residents but also it can lead to an obstruction of passage should there be a need for an evacuation of the school or any emergency situation.
- ⇒ Please note there is police presence at the corner of International Drive and Columbus Circle. Should anyone be found parking irregularly to obstruct traffic flow, parking in front of a resident's driveway, or breaching any Motor Vehicle and Road Regulation Act, he/she can and will be ticketed by the police officers.
- ⇒ Parents parked in front of the school's main office area **MUST** have their engines turned OFF while waiting to collect your child/children.
- ⇒ During the sounding of any of the school's alarms, **NO** vehicular traffic will be allowed to pass the school's security barrier. Also, parents will be expected to vacate their vehicles and proceed to the school's Muster Point (South Field).
- ⇒ The speed limit for traffic on the campus and on International Drive is 10kph.
- ⇒ Parents **MUST** sign and return a Pedestrian Form if you require your child/children to walk home after school only.
- ⇒ Parents must insist that their child/children be outside for pick-up at a particular time, thus shortening your waiting time.
- ⇒ **Parents, when dropping off your child/ children, please be courteous with others who are doing the same.**

A. Ralph, Head Security and Safety

ISPS TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



TRAFFIC DIRECTIONS



You are here

- A** All traffic direction arriving for morning drop off & afternoon pick up.
- B** Lane used to enter or exit parking area along the school's wall/also an exit lane.
- C** Exit lane to be used when exiting the northern parking area. To exit from (D) drop off & pick up lane.
- D** All traffic for drop off & pick up must enter lane and drive in queue by moving up.
- E** Elementary School pick up & drop off zone.
- F** All vehicles exiting (B), (C), (D) must use this lane.

Please be advised of the following

1. Turn off vehicles while waiting in the Elementary School Pick Up area
2. Follow the instructions of Security Officers/Traffic Assistants
3. Parents/Drivers please drive vehicles to head or top of the pick up line to allow movement of vehicles behind
4. Parents will be asked to re-join the pick up line if their children are not available at the assigned pick up area.

We thank you for your cooperation in the above matters.

ELEMENTARY NOTES



September 6, 2018

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Dear Parents,

Now that coffee mornings have ended, we encourage you to stay in contact with your reps for each class and all the other parents from that group. Many of you are new to the school this year, and our vibrant community members can assist with your transition to ISPS.

Communication is important to us, and we recommend that you check Skyward on a regular basis. Last year, the survey showed that several parents never used Skyward, and we are looking forward to more parents using the communication tool.

Curriculum Night allows you to find out more about the programs that we offer. It is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11th, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Parents will meet specialists and class teachers. Please see the schedule for Curriculum Night in this issue. We have limited spaces for supervision of students on Curriculum Night. Please inform me if you require a space for your child.

All teachers are in working sessions on Late Start Wednesdays, we do not have supervision on the Green Court until 8:30 am. We have noticed students have been dropped off at 7:15 am.

Teachers will be sending home information about students who are required to attend our early morning Reading Intervention for Student Success (RISS) and Mathematics Intervention for Student Success (MISS). This program begins in October.

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing for Grades 1-5 begins on September 17 to the 21. This test will give us baseline information on your child. If your child took the test in May of last academic year, that information is being used for differentiated instruction. MAP data from the last academic year and the test in September will provide information as we look at your child's learning profile. Please note the test is administered in September and May of each academic year. You will be receiving more information from your child's teacher.

We look forward to meeting you next Tuesday.
Have a good weekend!

Suzette Julien,
ES Principal

Primary Years Program (PYP)



Mark your calendar for September 27th, at 7:30 am in the cafeteria. This is an opportunity to get a general understanding of what the Primary Years Program entails. Learn about the five elements of the program: knowledge, skills, attitude, concepts and action. We want you to be familiar with the terminology and the importance of the Program of Inquiry (POI) which is the heart of our curriculum. All new families are invited to meet with us and share their understandings or misunderstanding thus far. We look forward to meeting with you.

Angela Shahien
PYP Coordinator



CLASSROOM TEACHERS

- Pre-K 3:** Ms. Sultan Khan/Ms. Hamel-Smith
- Pre-K 4:** Ms. Butts/Ms. Sahai
- Kinder:** Ms. Khan/Ms. Kier
- Grade 1:** Ms. Agostini/Mrs. Bellemare
- Grade 2:** Mrs. Denoon/Ms. Johnson
- Grade 3:** Ms. West/Ms. Johnson
- Grade 4:** Ms. Ghany/Ms. Blazer
- Grade 5:** Ms. Bishopp/Ms. Wiltshire

SPECIALISTS

Student Support Services:

- Ms. Solozano, Coordinator
- Ms. Sheppard / Ms. Sankar-Gooljar
- PYP Coordinator:** Ms. Shahien
- Counselor Prek-5:** Ms. Hyndman
- Music PreK-5:** Mr. Low Chew Tung / Ms. Brewster/ Ms. Sylvester
- Art PreK-2:** Mr. Lopez / **Art 3-5:** Ms. Foote
- P.E. PreK-4:** Ms. Joseph / **Grade 5:** Mr. Lue Shue
- Spanish PreK-5:** Ms. Neva, Ms. Abraham, Ms. Galt,
- Spanish PreK-1:** Mr. Lopez
- Media PreK-5:** Mr. Chin Lee
- Library:** Ms. Jacob, Ms. Maya & Ms. Harford
- Nurse:** Ms. Gomes



Elementary School Curriculum Night Schedule September 11, from 5:00—7:00pm

Session I: 5:00-5:30 pm
PreK—5 Specialist Teachers in Theatre

Session II: 5:30-7:00 pm
PreK—2 Classroom Teachers
5:30 p.m.— 6:15 pm
6:20 p.m.— 7:00 pm

Grades 3—5 Classroom Teachers
5:30 p.m.— 6:15 pm
6:20 p.m.— 7:00 pm





...ES Counselor's Corner...



Dear Parents,

Two years ago we launched our Kindness Tree during the month of October which is designated as anti-bullying month according to the American School Counselor Association since two of the strongest antidotes to bullying are empathy and kindness.

The goal is to notice and reward pro-social behaviors in an effort to increase them – much as we do sports and academics. “Kindness Detectives” from all walks of the school report ES students’ acts of kindness that they have noticed that week. “Students of Kindness” are announced in their classrooms and their photos are published in the weekly Newsletter.

This has been a very successful initiative as measured by increased awareness and acts of kindness towards both teachers and classmates. Perhaps the most successful outcome last year was that students became very excited and

asked if they could also be detectives and notice each other!

Many thanks for reinforcing this gesture at home and as always, I welcome your feedback and suggestions for helping this to grow from strength to strength.

Photo: Martin and Theodore on their last day at ISPS. They wanted one more photo near the tree since they had received hearts during the year. Of course we happily gave them their hearts with every confidence that they would continue sharing acts of kindness in their new school!

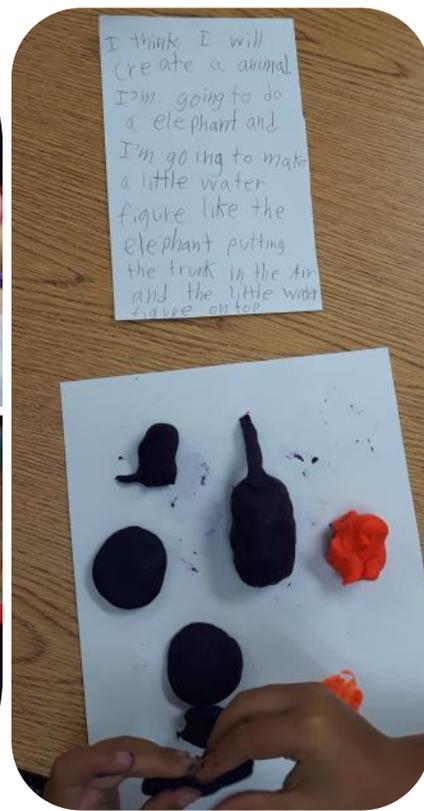
And....Congratulations to all of this week’s recipients and to all ISPS students who we KNOW will make their way to the Kindness Tree this year so that we end up with a fully blooming tree!

Kindest regards,

Ms. Hyndman
ES Counselor



Student	Grade	Act of Kindness (September 3-7)
Wajeeha	5W	For showing great caring for a friend
Alicia	5B	For showing great caring for a friend
Pernek	KKh	Willingly gave up his seat on the carpet so a classmate could sit on his favorite letter
Max	KKe	During centres, without being asked, willingly found a blue building block for a child who needed one.
Maya	PK4	Made a kind choice to solve a problem on the playground.



Differentiation: Key to Tapping Potential

The third grade teachers have been using differentiated learning strategies in their classrooms to create Math and Writing lessons that are both hands-on and engaging. These Math centres have allowed students to access concepts in different ways through the use of manipulatives, visuals and technology. These types of strategies allow the students to make meaningful connections in learning.

Math Centres

The students in third grade got to explore Math in hands on ways through centres set up in their classroom.



Play-Doh Writing

The students explored the writing process through play-doh sculptures. They learned that making a sculpture requires not only initial thought and planning but also a lot of tweaking and restructuring along the way - much like the writing process!

Samantha Sankar-Gooljar
Student Support Services



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PORT OF SPAIN...

25 Years Later

I felt like Alice in Wonderland 25 years ago when I opened a glass door on 18 Victoria Avenue and walked into a new world with an unexpected opportunity to be the International School of Port of Spain's middle and high school English teacher. This would

be a strange and wonderful place for me -- a journalist, who had never taught before.

My editors in the Trinidad Express newspaper wondered what in the world I was doing when I decided to sacrifice my job as a full-time journalist with double the salary I would make as a teacher. When they couldn't persuade me to stay, the Express gave me a monthly stipend to keep my name so I wouldn't freelance for any other newspaper while the Express decided how to use me. Eventually, the paper made me editor of the Junior Express.

This turned out to be a challenging and rather scary time as a single mother raising two children, but Robert Shapiro



Library Corner

By Debbie Jacob

from the US embassy believed I would be a good English teacher, and that belief sustained me. I was not your traditional English teacher. I held a BA in anthropology -- a degree which served me well in every career I ever chose. By the time I

earned my Master's degree in International Education from Framingham State University, I knew teaching English offered as many challenges and rewards as journalism. I got to instill a love for reading in students and teach them how to write. I wrote a children's book, Legend of the St Ann's Flood, which has been in print now for 13 years and is used in many elementary and secondary schools in Trinidad and Tobago.

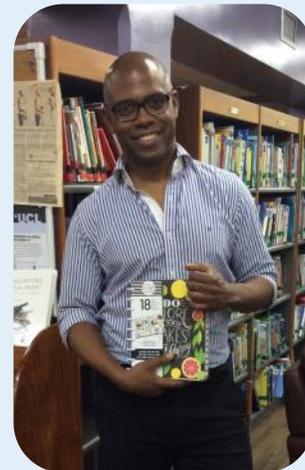
Every day became a new challenge. I mostly enjoyed teaching students who had struggled with writing. When we moved to Westmoorings, I told my friend Greer Jones-Woodham, the art teacher, I couldn't figure out why certain students had difficulty

A Community of Readers

The ISPS library encourages students, teachers and parents to read. A community of readers is a vibrant community that understands themselves and the world around them better.

We encourage parents to visit the library to check out books for their own reading pleasure and books to their children. Studies on reading show that children are inspired to read by seeing their parents and teachers read.

This is why the ISPS library kicked off the school year with a competition for teachers



to win a cool, 18-month planner. Teachers used the library catalog to identify three books they plan to read this year, and they checked out a book to read.

One of the choices for this competition had to be a Caribbean book. Ian Joseph won the competition.

writing. She always said, "Excellent art student" so I began hanging out in art class to see why this was so and Mameda Khan's kindergarten class to see how these students had become fearful of writing.

This is when I learned that some students need a visual approach to language. I came up with a method of using visual, concrete images to create structure in an essay. Using a pop culture, nonfiction textbook called Seeing and Writing, students' writing soared and my work ended up in that same college textbook published by the University of California at Berkeley and Bedford/ St. Martins.

Macmillan Caribbean commissioned me to write five study companions for Caribbean Literature, which were shaped by my teaching.

I learned as much about writing from my students as they learned from me, and I jumped at the opportunity to become the librarian about 13 years ago. I can honestly say, I have never loved a job more.

Working in a library brings the most incredible combination of peace and excitement. Surrounded by 27,000 resources, I could foster a love for reading and teach research skills. Local schools

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began to use me to encourage reading throughout the country, and I wrote a collection of short stories Speaking of Promises.

My love for teaching led me to the Youth Training Centre (YTC) where I taught CXC English language. That experience became a book, *Wishing for Wings*, which highlights the experience of teaching teenagers imprisoned for violent armed robbery and murder. During this time I learned what a true community of learners are when Louis Moore, our guidance counselor, organised an army of teachers in our school to support that project with donations for textbooks. Eventually, I landed in Port of Spain prison where I started a library with the

help of my daughter, Ijanaya, who designed the space that inmates who had once been on death row tore down and turned into a library space for inmates to read to their children.

I have had so many amazing learning experiences in my time at ISPS. I learned the importance of being creative, following dreams and taking chances. I am the person I am today – who loves reading and writing more than ever because of ISPS. I am forever grateful that Mr. Shapiro and the US embassy envisioned a life for me that I never imagine. I am forever grateful that ISPS took a chance on me. I still feel like I am tumbling down Alice’s rabbit hole.



Hello Everyone,

This is a reminder that vision screening takes place on Tuesday 11th September 2018 at school in the conference room. It is free of charge and is conducted by technicians from Optometrists Today. Please sign the attached consent form and return to my office, or Ms. Hazel Walker at the front desk if you would like to have your child/children screened.

At school if it is suspected that a child has head lice by a parent or teacher the child is sent to my office, I check and if I confirm the suspicion I call the parent and treatment is recommended.

Once the child has been treated he/she continues school but children are not to miss school because they have head lice.

Please note that even though we do not have a policy it is optional that children may wear hats while outside during P.E. or outdoors for any extended period. Please feel free to send hats in their school bags.

Even though it is the rainy season some days are very hot and we encourage you to protect your skin and eyes by using sunscreen, wearing sunglasses, hats and protective clothing when outdoors for prolonged periods.

Have a good weekend.



VISION SCREENING:
Bringing Your World Into Focus

Please return the completed form by Monday 10 September, 2018.

I want my child/children to have vision screening done

Name/s _____ Grade _____

Name/s _____ Grade _____

Name/s _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian

ISPS In Brief

Masters of Education



CONGRATULATIONS to our Masters of Education Graduates!

For the past two years, 6 of our ISPS Staff members took on the role of students in their pursuit of obtaining a Masters of Education offered by Framingham State University, in Boston, USA. ISPS is proud to have teachers who embrace being lifelong learners. Join us in congratulating Danielle Harford, Judy Sharpe, Luanne Chin, Danny Lopez, Sasha Bowen and Donna Clarke.

First Aid & CPR Training

First aid and CPR training will be conducted at school on Saturday 15th September, 2018 for staff and parents by the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society.



Please contact our school nurse, Vanda Gomes at vgomes@isps.edu.tt if you would like to attend. It is from 8am-4pm. You will be given a certificate on successful completion of the course and the cost is \$350.00 per person.

Looking forward to seeing you.

New Staff Biographies

Shemille John

Greetings ISPS community! I am Shemille John, the newest member of the Physical Education department.

I served as a Physical Education Teacher at Five Rivers Secondary School for the past three years. When it comes to teaching, I believe it is a necessity to combine peer learning as well as positive reinforcements from the teacher. This method allows the children to understand any topic from their own perspective. Once children are engaged, they learn better and most of all they have fun while doing it.



I have been an advocate for competitive dragon boat racing for a decade. My passion is introducing dragon boat racing to young children and working with them to become competitive athletes. My commitment has afforded me the opportunity to be part of

the national dragon boat racing team that participated in World Dragon Boat Racing Championships in 2011 (Tampa, Florida) and 2013 (Szeged, Hungary). I am also a United States Dragon Boat Federation (USDF) certified Level One coach.

Outside of work, I am an enthusiast for beach limes, travel and spending quality

time with friends and family. I look forward to being a part of the ISPS community.

Carol Bahadoorsingh

Hello, ISPS community! I am Carol Bahadoorsingh. I am thrilled to be in Middle School Individuals and Societies! Allow me to introduce myself!

I grew up in Charlotte, North Carolina and have lived in Trinidad for the past 15 years. I have been teaching 26 years. I first taught high school English in North Carolina. Then I taught literature and writing while studying at Auburn University. I then moved to Trini-

dad and taught Primary Five Creative Writing at St. Andrew's.

One of my favorite things about teaching is getting to know my students. I always strive to keep a happy, friendly classroom where students feel free to share and make deep connections. I also believe that laughter is a great healer, and is an important element in my classroom.

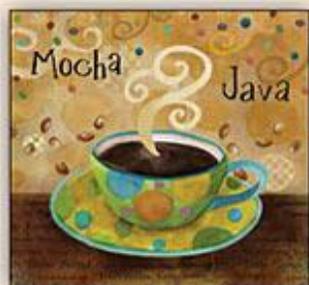
When I am not at school, I enjoy reading, watching movies and cooking. I also love to play with my four dogs and travel.

I am very excited to be at ISPS and can't wait to get to know you all.



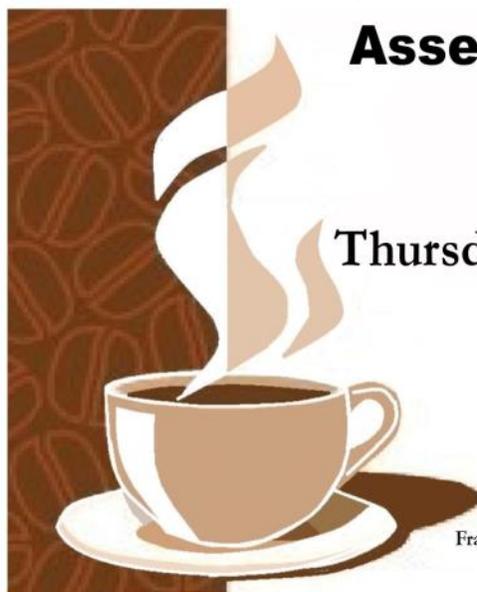


Please note that all coffee mornings start at 8 am on regular school days and 8:45am on Late Start Wednesdays.
ALL COFFEE MORNINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE GREEN ROOM



MYP COFFEE MORNING

Assessment in the MYP



Thursday 20th September, 2018

7:30 am

Mr. Huerta's Room

Hosted by:

Frank Huerta (MS Principal) & Angela Shahien (IB Coordinator)

<p>Sunday 9th September 2018</p>	<p>Monday 10th September 2018</p> <p>Middle School 6, 7 & 8 8:00am Coffee available from 7:30 am</p>	<p>Tuesday 11th September 2018</p> <p>Grades 9 & 10 8:00am Coffee available from 7:30 am</p>
<p>Wednesday 12th September 2018</p> <p>Grade 11 8:45 am Coffee available from 8:00 am</p>	<p>Thursday 13th September 2018</p> 	<p>Friday 14th September 2018</p> 



YOGA

FOR PARENTS

Monday (7:45 - 8:45 A.M.)
&
Wednesday (8:50 - 9:50 A.M.)

Location: Dance Floor

Please contact
Katherine Dalton-Brown
@
678-1996

NAMASTE

Yoga Classes
at ISPS



Every Tues. 3:40 and Thur. 3:15 (1 hour)
\$50 drop in. Mats available. All levels welcome

For more information 345 9463



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P.E. Shorts	\$30
House T-Shirt	\$30

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 11, 2018
5-7:00 PM



12 SEPTEMBER

MIDDLE SCHOOL

CURRICULUM NIGHT

5 - 7:00 PM

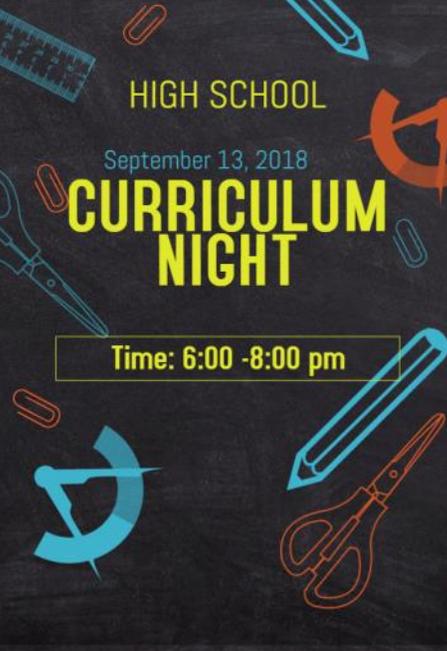


HIGH SCHOOL

September 13, 2018

CURRICULUM NIGHT

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm



ISPS Cheerleading Team Tryouts!

Wednesday September 12, 2018 5:30-6:30 pm ISPS THEATER

Coached by Gemma Facinelli Middle & High School



Beach CLEAN UP



TRINBAGO
INTERNATIONAL
COASTAL CleanUP
BE THE SOLUTION. BEAT PLASTIC POLLUTION!

September 15, 2018

Be the Solution... #BeatPlasticPollution



Location:

Chaguille beach (Next to Five Islands Amusement Park)

Time:

6:30 am – 9:30am

The Cleanup:

- Divide into groups of four members where each member will either collect glass, plastic, miscellaneous items or data entry
- Transport will be provided and group returns to ISPS at 9:30
- Gloves, garbage bags, data cards and water will be provided



Please contact Denise Scott at 633-4777 ext 410 or dscott@isps.edu.tt



International School of Port of Spain

2018 - 2019 Events Calendar



September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 KG & G1 Coffee Morning 7:30-9:00am After School Activities Begin 2:30-4:30pm	4 G2 & G3 Coffee Morning 7:30-9:00am	5 G4 & G5 Coffee Morning 8:45-10:00am Open Forum 7:00-9:00am Cafeteria	6	7	8 ACTs 7:30-2:00pm
9	10 G6 - 8 Coffee Morning 7:30-9:00am Green	11 G9 & G10 Coffee Morning 7:30-9:00am Green Vision Screening 7:30am-2:30pm Conference Room ES Curriculum Night 5:00-7:00pm	12 G11 Coffee Morning 8:45-10:00am MS Curriculum Night 5:00-7:00pm	13 HS Curriculum Night 6:00-8:00pm	14	15
16	17 ES MAP Testing	18 ES MAP Testing	19 ES MAP Testing	20 ES MAP Testing MYP New Parent Session	21 ES MAP Testing	22
23	24 Republic Day (National Holiday)	25 MS MAP Testing	26 MS MAP Testing	27 MS MAP Testing PYP New Parent Session 7:30-8:30am	28 MS MAP Testing PTO Welcome Back BBQ - "Dads that Cook" 5:00-8:00pm	29
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CAISSA MOVES TO FLORIDA

Dear Parents,

As many of our parents are aware, we are honored to participate in the CAISSA Season Tournaments that support student athletes in Volleyball, Soccer, and Basketball with teams from the Cayman Islands, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Trinidad and Tobago, and Venezuela, participating.

CAISSA is an outstanding opportunity for our schools to come together for the challenge of competing, as well as for developing ongoing relationships among schools, teams, and players. The Directors and Heads of Schools for CAISSA encourage athletes to challenge themselves in the spirit of competition, strive for the win through good sportsmanship while embracing this experience, which is unique to each player. Lasting memories are formed through the CAISSA experiences.

Significant time and energy goes into a successful CAISSA experience. We have not been without challenges in recent years, particular in relation to flight times, consistency of homestays, total cost to families, etc. All of the CAISSA Athletic Directors and schools have dedicated a great deal of time and energy into preparing for, planning for, and providing for these experiences. However, our schools have not been able to mitigate some of the challenges in our current model.

Therefore, the Directors and Heads of the CAISSA schools, along with the CAISSA Athletic Directors, have evaluated and considered various models and possibilities to identify an improved approach. After multiple discussions, we are now pleased to share with our communities the following plan for CAISSA tournaments, effective for the 2018/2019 school year:

- All season tournaments will be held in Port St. Lucie, 2 hours north of Miami, Florida.
- We have identified an experienced professional, Mr. Bert Richardson from International Sports Services, to work with us to coordinate the events in that location.
- Each hosting school will continue to be involved in planning for the tournament.
- All sporting opportunities will be live streamed to provide for local school team spirit.

What is the rationale and reason for making this change?

1. All CAISSA teams will now be able to fully participate as they will be able to fly to Florida and join all tournaments.
2. We will provide more efficient travel logistics and costs to our families. Flight costs are similar from our locations in South America to Port St. Lucie. There are more airline options to Florida from our cities in South America. Our athletes from Grand Cayman and Venezuela will avoid the challenges of flying through Panama.
3. We will eliminate the challenge of finding host families for every tournament and will provide a safer and more consistent experience for our athletes by staying at hotels. A highly structured environment will prevent opportunities for misbehavior, consumption of alcohol, or curfew problems.
4. We intend to increase learning partnerships in Florida and provide expanded opportunities for our athletes. We have identified potential local teams and coaches in Florida for collaboration and shared experiences.

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Caymans Athletics

By: Ashmir Ali

5. We will continue to promote positive school support for our athletes before, during and after tournaments, including pre-tournament rallies, post-tournament celebrations, and live-streaming during the tournaments.

The five Directors and Athletic Directors from the Cayman Islands, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Trinidad and Tobago, and Venezuela, are in full support of this plan, and we believe that it is a positive step forward in providing an improved experience for our athletes. Our plan going forward is for all Directors to attend the first tournament of the year in November in Port St. Lucie, to personally observe the activities, logistics and events, and then to meet immediately following the tournament in order to evaluate and discuss next steps.

We very much appreciate the support from the families of our athletes and from our school communities and we are committed to continuously improving our CAISSA association to benefit our student athletes.

Respectfully,

J. Barney Latham

Director, The International School Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

After School Activities

- Session 1 of 2018-2019 will begin on September 3rd and end on November 30th.
- Pre-Kindergarten students must not register for Session 1 of After School Activities.
- Please register early as spaces are limited. Click [here](#) for registration forms.
- For Lambert School of Dance click [here](#).
- Yoga has been added on a Wednesday from 2:45 to 3:45. This will take place in the Dance room and will cater for students from Grades 2 to 12.
- Please let me know if your child is interested in participating in Swimming classes.

Important After School Activities Information

- Parents of students who are not taking part in the ASA program must make arrangements to pick up their child no later than 15 minutes after school is dismissed.
- Refunds will not be made after the second week of activities.
- Every effort will be made to contact parents as early as possible if an activity must be cancelled on a particular day. Please ensure that contact numbers given are accurate.
- Parents must pick up their children no later than 4:00pm after activities.
- Parents should not attend classes as there is the tendency to distract the students (especially in Gymnastics, Soccer and Karate classes).
- Students who are disruptive in classes will be given “a strike” and reported to the athletic director and parent.

Training Schedule for Developmental Sports Teams for Season 1 September 3rd to November 30th

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3:45-5:15pm Volleyball Grades 8 -12	3:45-5:15pm Basketball Grades 3 -12	3:45-5:15pm Volleyball Grades 3 -12	3:45-5:15pm Volleyball Grades 3 -12	2:45-4:15pm Basketball Grades 3 -12	
	3:45-5:15 Soccer Grades 3 -12	3:45-5:15pm Rugby Grades 3-12	3:45-5:15 Soccer Grades 3 -12		9:00-10:30am Rugby Grades 3-12
		3:45-5:15pm Field Hockey Grades 3-12		2:45-4:15pm Field Hockey Grades 3-12	

Short Order Menu (À La Carte Menu)

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

September 10-September 21

SEPTEMBER 2018	Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14
Proteins	Creamy Chicken & Onions	Roasted Turkey Breast	Beef Lasagna	Curry Chicken	Burrito Day Mexican Chicken/Fish Strips
Starches	Penna Pasta	Cranberry Fried Rice	Cheesy Garlic Bread	Buss up Shut	White Rice Flour Tortilla
Peas/Veggie	Grilled Zucchini	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
SEPTEMBER 2018	Monday 17	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 19	Thursday 20	Friday 21
Proteins	Chilli Con Carne	Grilled Chicken Drumsticks	BBQ Chicken Breast	Honey Garlic Chicken Breast	Stewed Chicken
Starches	Spaghetti	Mac & Cheese	Homestyle Pasta Salad	Pumpkin Rice	Vege Peleau
Peas/Veggie	Sour Cream & Chive	Roasted Squash	Corn Grilled	Sautéed Patchoi	Cole Slaw
Vegan	Pumpkin & Red Bean Chilli	Vegetable Chickpea Patties	Lentil Peas	Honey Garlic Tofu	Vege Peleau
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