



ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

- 2 PreK3/ 4 Coffee Morning
- 2 ASA Session 1 (Sep 2—Nov 29)
- 3 KG/ G1 Coffee Morning
- 4 G2/ G3 Coffee Morning
- 5 G4/ G5 Coffee Morning
- 9 G6-8 Coffee Morning
- 10 G9-10 Coffee Morning
- 10 MS Curriculum Night
- 11 G11 Coffee Morning
- 11 ES Curriculum Night
- 12 HS Curriculum Night
- 13 Speech & Hearing Screening
- 16-20 ES MAP Testing

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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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you are beginning to settle into the rhythm of school again. I often say that a school without children is like a boat without water and while it was great to have the time before school opened to think, reflect and plan, it is only when the children resume that we really have our *raison d'être*.

We started this week with our Late Start Wednesday. This opportunity, during the busy school week, to plan, reflect, collaborate and learn as a whole staff is so important for us as a learning community. This year at ISPS we are introducing a new uniform appraisal system for all staff and this was discussed and reviewed again on Wednesday. Next Wednesday will be used to start the whole school academic tracking process with a review of last year's academic performances and a forward planning session.

The After School Activities program is fully starting next week and I would like to thank parents for their support and feedback about the new program and payment system. I know that there have been a small number of glitches and would ask that parents contact Mario Davies directly with any concerns or questions so that they can be addressed. mdavis@isps.edu.tt

Likewise with PowerSchool, most parents are online but if you have any challenges, please contact Reccia Cummings rcummings@isps.edu.tt. She will also be

available at all of the Coffee Mornings over the next two weeks to help resolve any issues directly with you, and will also be hosting specific sessions to help familiarize all parents with all the features of the Unified Classroom. Please look out for specific dates scheduled for this in September.

Many of you have popped in to say hi and I appreciate the amount of positive comments and feedback which I have heard from you about ISPS and how wonderful our teachers and staff are. ISPS is proud to be a professional learning community and while we don't always get things right the first time, we are focused and committed to continual improvement and always challenging ourselves to do things better. Please do feel free to come and see me if you need too, my door is open, as are the doors of all staff at ISPS. It is only by working in partnership with you that we can achieve our aim of supporting each student at ISPS in achieving personal excellence.

I look forward to meeting more parents over the coming weeks at the coffee mornings and sharing with you the ISPS vision for holistic, enriching, powerful world class education.

- Helen Brocklesby



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

SCHOLARS

36 Earn Advanced Scholar Awards for exceptional achievement on Exams

AP International Diploma



Mirabai Francois

AP International Diploma



Caitlin Yarna



Anya Camps



Aaron Chan



Ana de Gannes



Christopher Hadeed



Sacha Avey



Arran Moses



Poppaea Driver



Sol Franco



Vandita Maraj



Julian Nahous

Members of The National Honour Society



Thomas Lee Young



Erin Galt



Jada Johnstone



SCHOLARS

26 Earn Advanced Scholar Awards for exceptional achievement on Exams



Ellen Song'e



Dominic Cockburn



Aaron Chan



Amanda Conyers



Sydney Lee Chong



Bianca Bideshi



Arran Moses



Martina Pino



Courtney Lawrence



Anastasia Thiessen



Julian Nahous

We highlight our graduates who have delivered excellent results in The College Board's Advanced Placement Program. The AP examinations provide willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams.

Both **Caitlin Yarna** and **Mirabai Francois** qualified for the AP International Diploma with averages over 4.5. **Fifteen students** qualified for AP Scholar Awards with Distinction: Sacha Avey, Sorcha Bissessar, Anya Camps, Ana de Gannes, Poppaea Driver, Sol Franco, Mirabai Francois, Erin Galt, Christopher Hadeed, Nathan Jeremie, Jada Johnstone, Gabriel Lameira, Thomas Lee Young, Vandita Maraj, and Caitlin Yarna. Our graduates who received AP Scholars with Honors are Aaron Chan, Amanda Conyers, Ellen Song'e, Bianca Bideshi, Dominic Cockburn, Courtney Lawrence, Sydney Lee Chong, Arran Moses, Julian Nahous, Martina Pino, and Anastasia Thiessen.

Congratulations to all our Scholars for their outstanding results!



VANDA GOMES,
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UPCOMING EVENTS
Speech & Hearing Screening
Friday, September 13, 2019

Vision Screening
Friday, 27 September, 2019

Upcoming Screening

Welcome back to school. I hope the vacation was good for all.

We are an allergy aware school. Due to the various allergies students have I would like to remind parents to check with teachers or me before you bring food to the classrooms e.g. for birthday parties etc.

If your child has food allergies remind them that they should not eat food from others.

Speech and hearing screening takes place on **Friday 13th September, 2019** at school the cost of screening is **\$100.00 per child**. **Please click on the button below for the consent form**. Please send in all payments to me by Wednesday 11th September, 2019. Make cheques payable to: Wendy Senior Gomez.

Vision screening takes place on **Friday 27th September, 2019** at school. This is conducted by technicians from Optometrists Today and there is no cost attached. Look out for this form next week!

Also, all parents are invited to take part in the First Aid and CPR training to be held at school on Saturday, September 7, 2019, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The cost is TTD\$500. Please let me know by September 4, 2019, if you would like to take part.

Have a great week!

SPEECH & HEARING SCREENING

Virus Notice

It appears that many students are getting viruses. Some of the most common symptoms are: lethargy, fever, stomach-aches, diarrhoea, nausea. whether it is one or two viruses I don't know.

In order to prevent the spread of organisms I have asked all teachers to encourage students to wash hands frequently, blow their noses into a tissue and discard, cough and/or sneeze into a tissue and discard or into their sleeve or shirt neck. Teachers are also supplied with lysol wipes to wipe frequently touched surfaces.

Remember to sign consent forms for speech and hearing and vision screening which were sent earlier this week.

Have a great weekend.

Parents,

You are invited to our
PowerSchool Mobile App
Training

**ACCESS OUR
SCHOOL'S
DATABASE
FROM YOUR
PHONES**



Elementary School Friday 6th September

Middle School Friday 12th September

High School Friday 13th September



All Trainings are from 7:30-8:30 am

Independence Day Dress Code

Dear Parents, Join us in Celebrating Independence Day

Saturday is Independence Day for Trinidad & Tobago. It marks 57 years of independence for this multi-cultural nation. As a result, we would like to acknowledge this significant event for this country by wearing the national colours, red, black and white. Students are encouraged to wear appropriate dress in all or any combination of only red, white and black with their black school shoes on Friday 30th August. The alternative to this is wearing the school uniform.

We look forward to an abundance of red, white and black colours on Friday to celebrate Trinidad & Tobago's independence. Have a great day!

Dress Guidelines:

NO

- Torn jeans
- Blue jeans (only black, white or red jeans). If you do not have these colours, you may wear your school pants or skirt.
- Shorts (boys and girls)
- Tights
- Sweat pants (Track pants are permitted)
- Slippers or slides (only enclosed shoes permitted). Only red, white and black shoes are allowed.
- Spaghetti straps
- Exposed midriff
- Inappropriate logos on t-shirts.

Thanking you for your support in this.



THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PORT OF SPAIN

Class of 2019





21students
offered scholarships to the value of \$20,600 per annum for 4 years

95%
admitted to their first choice or high priority school





TOP 51

20% accepted
to the top 51 universities in the world



ISPS



2019 - 2020 Events Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 PreK3/4 Coffee Morning 7:40-9:00am Green Room After School Activities Session 1 (Sep 2-Nov 29)	3 KG/G1 Coffee Morning 7:40-9:00am Green Room	4 G2/G3 Coffee Morning 8:40-10:00am Green Room	5 G4/G5 Coffee Morning 7:40-9:00am Green Room	6	7
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15	16 ES MAP Testing	17 ES MAP Testing	18 ES MAP Testing	19 ES MAP Testing	20 ES MAP Testing	21
22	23 MS MAP Testing	24 Republic Day NATIONAL HOLIDAY	25 MS MAP Testing	26 MS MAP Testing	27 MS MAP Testing Vision Screening 7:30am-2:00pm	28
29	30 HS MAP Testing G9-10 (Oct 1-4)					
					Note: Grade 12 Coffee Morning TBA	



ISPS Lunch Menu

September 2-13

September 2019	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6
Proteins	Stew Chicken OR Baked Fish Creole	Italian Chicken Strips OR Italian Baked Fish	Honey Glazed Chicken OR Oven Fried Fish	Korean Sticky Chicken OR Teriyaki Glazed Fish	Pizza Day Add Chicken
Starches	Corn pie	Linguini Pasta	Scallop Potato Pie	Vegetable Rice	Tomato & Mozzarella Pizza
Peas/Veggie	Grilled Vegetables	Spinach Mixed Greens Salad	Steam Broccoli	Chunky Vegetable	Mixed Green Salad
Vegan	Stew Soya Chunks	Italian Vegetable Pitta Pockets	Black Beans	Teriyaki Glazed Tofu	Tomato & Mozzarella Pizza
Soup of the Day					Beef in Dumpling Soup

September 2019	Monday 09	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13
Proteins	Chicken Parmesan OR Tuscan Baked Fish	Oven Baked Breast OR Pan fried fish	Beef Lasagna	Curry Chicken OR Curry shrimp	Burrito Day Mexican Chicken/Fish Strips
Starches	Sautéed Penne Pasta	Basmati Rice	Cheesy Garlic Bread	Buss Up Shut	White Rice Flour Tortilla
Peas/Veggie	Fresh Salad	Sautéed Vegetables Lentils Peas	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

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.