



ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

6	HS Fundraiser— GIN Game Night
7	SATs
9-12	Gr. 11 & 12 Exams
11-12	ES Production
13	Last Day of School All School Early Dismissal
14	ACTs
16—5 JAN	Christmas Break (No School)
6	School Resumes
13	ASA Session 2 Begins

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,

Our Director, Helen Brocklesby, and our Assistant Principal, Maeve O’Donovan are away this week at an accreditation conference.

Last year, ISPS was re-accredited by AdvancED for another 5 years, effective through June 2024. In August this year, AdvancEd announced its merger with Measured Progress, and the two companies rebranded as Cognia.

Cognia saw the need for schools to bridge a gap in traditional school evaluations, merging this with student assessments in order to see a full picture and improve education in a more comprehensive and holistic way. Cognia offers accreditation and certification, assessment, professional services, and consulting to help schools drive continuous improvement. The organization focuses on innovation to provide more agile solutions for school improvement and to drive better outcomes for all students.

Education is ever evolving and so are we. In addition to our new name and brand identity, we are introducing advancements in how we deliver improvement services to our global network. Cognia clients now have better insights into how to improve school quality, create engaging environments for students, and assess student learning more effectively.

**Dr. Mark Elgart,
president and CEO of Cognia**

We look forward to Ms. Brocklesby and Ms. O’Donovan’s return, and sharing many exciting and innovative ideas for our school for the year ahead!

The Holiday Spirit is alive at ISPS, our Middle and High School Students have been “Decking the Halls”, and our ES students and teachers are busy preparing for a special production next week. We look forward to seeing you around the school to enjoy some of these festivities!

Enjoy the weekend!

Jackie Fung-Kee-Fung



**HAPPY
WORLD
SOIL DAY!**

December 5, 2019

Plant a tree to do
your part.

**SCHOOL CLOSURES FRIDAY 13
EARLY DISMISSAL, 11:30 AM**

Elementary Notes

December 5, 2019

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Dear Parents,

We are in our second week of Term Two, and you were able to have discussions with teachers last week about your child's progress regarding Term One. We encourage you to communicate with your child's teachers during each term. PowerSchool is our communication tool, and should be used to view your child's progress and to find out information regarding assignments, grades, homework, and class messages. Reports were distributed via PowerSchool on November 27th., and from all accounts, you were able to access your child's report. Updates on cafeteria accounts are sent to you via e-mail, kindly check your child's account on a regular basis to ensure that there is enough money to receive food items. It is a good idea for parents to review the items students are purchasing from the cafeteria.

All Elementary students will be performing in the *Winnie the Pooh* on December 11 and 12th. By now you would have received your tickets. If for any reason you are not using the tickets, please return them to the class teacher. Thank you to all our parents who have been assisting the class teachers behind the scenes.

Dr. Suzette Julien
Elementary Principal

Primary Years Program (PYP)

All students are on their third unit of study, and we are expecting our students to ask questions and to be curious about what they are learning. In addition, what is being learned in the classroom should be transferred to other situations and context. We want students to understand the skills and concepts throughout each unit of study, and apply them to other disciplines. The Learner Profile and the Attitudes are incorporated and integrated in daily lessons. This month we focus on Empathy and Risk-taker.

Angela Shahien
 PYP/MYP Coordinator

Winnie the Pooh Practice



Students Take Action!

During play before lunch, several of our second grade students decided to take their cultural experience with using their native language (German, Chinese and Spanish) to teach their classmates. These students conducted their own informal learning experiences.



LEARNING ABOUT TURTLES IN ES



Ready, Set, Hatch

The author **Jeanne Alkins** visited Kindergarten to read her book *Ready Set Hatch*. Students learned about the endangered leatherback turtle and were



eager to share their own experiences of seeing these giant wonders lay their eggs.

Momeda Khan
Kindergarten



Alkins also visited Pre-K 3 and 4s to read her book "Ready, Set, Hatch!". It is about a leatherback and his hatchling siblings racing to be the first to get to the sea. This charming story teaches the young turtles a lesson about teamwork.

Sarah Butts
Pre-Kindergarten 3



BOOK BUDDIES



BUILDING LIFE-LONG READING HABITS

This term Grade 1 has been pairing with Grade 5 Bishopp every second Wednesday in a 'Book Buddies' program .

Book Buddies is a concept that pairs different grade-level classrooms for community reading time—an upper-grade classroom connects with a lower-grade one, and students partner for time with books.



To close off this term the Grade 5 students threw Grade 1s a surprise celebration!

The Grade 5 classroom was decorated for Christmas and six students read the "Gingerbread Baby" by Jan Brett.

After the story each student paired with their 'buddy' to read a book that the 'buddy' had written especially for them.

This was then followed by a feast of gingerbread cookies and hot chocolate. A wonderful time was had by all.



Jodi Agostini
Grade 1



DECK THE HALLS

DECK THE HALLS PREP



Students of the Middle and High Schools at ISPS have started their preparation for their "Deck the Halls" competition.

Up and down the halls, classroom doors are adorned with Christmas decorations. Good luck to the winning team!



NHS BINGO



NHS Bingo

A HUGE SUCCESS



This past Saturday our chapter of the National Honour Society held its annual charity bingo event. Collectively, our members spent over 150 hours planning and preparing for this event in order to ensure that everything went smoothly.

On behalf of everyone involved, I want to thank you all for your contributions and for truly making our hard work worth it, making this year's bingo the most profitable one to date. I also want to issue a huge thank you to all of our amazing sponsors, who made the event possible.

The proceeds generated from Saturday's event will allow us to continue to make considerable donations to organizations such as Love All Serve All, the refurbishing of the Wendy Fitzwilliam Paediatric Hospital and many, many more.

This school year, we have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to associate ourselves with some great organizations that are doing some really impactful work, and we are so grateful for your support that would allow us to continue to do so. Thank you all once again.

Nathan Jeremie
NHS President

CAFETERIA NOTICE



ISPS CAFETERIA ACCOUNT BALANCES

Taken from the [Parent-Student Handbook](#)

The Cafeteria uses PowerSchool to monitor account balances, and to track all food and drink purchases made by students. In order to ensure the smooth operation of this system the following guidelines will be implemented and adhered to beginning August 2019:

- Parents will be asked to pre-pay their accounts (minimum of 500\$TT) either at the front desk or in the business office. This is done via cash, cheque or Lynx.
- Parents will be advised via a notification in PowerSchool about the student's café balance once it reaches \$150.00 or less. Café accounts are not allowed to carry negative balances.
- Students and parents should monitor café account balances regularly after making purchases.
- When a student's café account reaches zero, no further purchases will be allowed to the student, **until a deposit is made to the account either at the Front Desk or Business Office.**



THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
OF PORT OF SPAIN
PRESENTS

Disney
**Winnie
the
Pooh**
KIDS

Music & Lyrics by
**RICHARD M. SHERMAN, ROBERT B. SHERMAN,
ROBERT LOPEZ, KRISTEN ANDERSON-LOPEZ**
Music Adapted & Arranged and Additional Music by
WILL VAN DYKE

Book by
CHERYL DAVIS

Based on the stories of A.A. Milne
and the 2011 Disney Animated feature film

SHOWTIMES

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2019 - 6:00 P.M.

&

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2019 - 1:00 P.M.

By Invitation Only



ISPS



2019 - 2020 Events Calendar

DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 SCHOOL CLOSED Local Elections	3	4 Community Sports Night Basketball 7:00-9:45pm; Gym	5 Community Sports Night Football/Volleyball 6:00-8:00pm; Gym	6 HS Fundraiser, GIN Community Service Club, Game Night 3:45 pm– 8:00 pm ISPS Gym	7 SATs 7:30-2:00pm
8	9	10	11	12	13 Last Day of School	14 ACTs 7:30-2:00pm
	GRADE 11 & 12 SEMESTER 1 EXAMS					
				ES Production "Winnie the Pooh" 1:00-2:00pm Theatre	All School Early Dismissal 11:30am	
			ES Production "Winnie the Pooh" 6:00-7:00pm Theatre		Start of Holiday Break	
	Community Sports Night Basketball 7:00-9:45pm; Gym		Community Sports Night Football/Volleyball 6:00-8:00pm; Gym			
15	16 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	17 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	18 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	19 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	20 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	21
	OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 AM—12:00 PM				SCHOOL CLOSED	
22 Dec. Solstice (GMT)	23 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	24 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	25 Christmas Day NATIONAL HOLIDAY	26 Boxing Day NATIONAL HOLIDAY	27 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	28
29	30 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	31 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	1 January New Year's Day NATIONAL HOLIDAY	2 January SCHOOL HOLIDAY	3 January SCHOOL HOLIDAY	4 January
					OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 AM—12:00 PM	
5 January	6 January School Resumes					



HEY PARENTS! NEED TO DO SOME LAST MINUTE SHOPPING AND NEED TO KEEP THE KIDS BUSY?

JOIN US AT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PORT OF SPAIN

Holiday Camp

DECEMBER 16 - 19 • 9 AM - 1 PM
EXTENDED HOURS ON REQUEST

Activities: Art & Crafts, Sand and Water, Baking and lots more.

Contact: Sarah- sbutts@isps.edu.tt



THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PORT OF SPAIN

CHRISTMAS SPORTS CAMP

Activities include:
Handball
Badminton
Football
& lots more

DATE: 16 -19 DECEMBER
TIME: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
AGES: PRE-K - GRADE 5
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
Ms. Joseph: tjoseph@isps.edu.tt
Ms. Butts: sbutts@isps.edu.tt

SESSION 2:
STARTING JANUARY 6 MARCH 23, 2020

YOGA

For Parents



Monday: 7:45 - 8:45 a.m.
Friday: 7:45 - 8:45 a.m.

Location: Dance Room

Please contact Katherine Dalton Brown @ 678 1996

NAMASTE



13 DECEMBER

A day of fulfilled events

STUCO CHRISTMAS

BREAKFAST | GAMES | COOKIES

7:30- 11:30



STUCO's
Christmas Schedule
Friday 13th December

7:30 - 8:30 am - Secret Santa exchange/
Christmas candy gram give out

8:00 - 9:00 am - Christmas breakfast

9:00 - 10:45 am - Christmas games

10:45 - 11:30 am - Christmas cookie decorating

ALL DAY - CHRISTMAS FREE DRESS DAY



STUCO PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS Candy Grams

\$10 candy grams
Available for purchase from
December 5th - December 12th
Reach out to any STUCO member to purchase!

Cards of Hope...



We are asking for volunteers to write greeting cards, written from each persons' heart. Just words of endearment, encouragement, strength, courage and love. We wanted to make a box called "CARDS OF HOPE" and allow the patients at (National Radiotherapy Centre (NRC) to just reach in and get a card, something to maybe lift them that day, and during the Christmas season, and maybe change their lives ... Some of these cards will go to Mt Hope to the Just Because Cancer Kids ward.

A card might be a store-bought card that is personalized with a note written by a volunteer, or it could be completely handmade by an adult or, often, by a child.

These cards can be dropped of in the front by Ms. Hazel.

Thank you.

Jordana Rizk



ISPS Lunch Menu

December 9-13

[CLICK HERE FOR MENU PRICES](#)

December 2019	Monday 09	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13
Proteins	Spanish Chicken & Peppers OR Stew Fish Cubes	Oven Fried Chicken OR Fish Steaks	Glazed Ham Honey Butter Turkey Beef/Chicken/veg Pastelles	Curry Chicken OR Curry Fish	11:30 A.M. DISMISSAL
Starches	Basmati Rice	Mashed Potato	Roasted Red Skin Potato. Cranberry and Apple Stuffing	Bus Up Shot	
Peas/Veggie	Mediterranean Salad	Broccoli Gratin	Christmas rice Pigeon Peas Cassolette	Dasheen Bush Potato and Chana	
Vegan	Grilled Tofu Kebab	Lentil Loaf	Chow Chow Poached Pear Salad	Curry Tofu	
Soup of the Day			Fruit Cake		



GRADE 12 PARENT'S Fundraiser



SVAADA
GOURMET INDIAN KITCHEN

Ticket
\$50.

Fundraiser Voucher #

Location: at One Woodbrook place.
Open everyday (Including Sunday and Holidays) 11am. -10pm.

- Expires date: 19th January 2020
- Meal Voucher: (not a set meal)
- All Proceed goes towards offsetting the Senior Graduation

Grad Ball Fundraiser

The Graduation Ball Committee are fundraising to offset costs for the graduation ball.

They will like your support in buying SVAADA tickets.

The tickets cost \$50 and are valid until January 19th.

Tickets are available by Ms. Hazel. Please support them.