



ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

7-9	CAISSA Season 1
8	U12 Hockey Tournament
11-13	Feasibility Study
12	MS MYP Assessment & Grading Session for Parents
12	MS Parent/ Teacher Conf. 11:30 Dismissal (MS Only)
14	HS MYP Assessment & Grading Session for Parents
14	HS Parent/ Teacher Conf. 11:30 Dismissal (HS Only)

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,

Welcome to the second quarter.

This week is a frenzy of activity, preparing for CAISSA. We wish all the students well and are hoping for an ISPS team in each of the finals. Let the games begin!

Over the last year, the Board of Directors has been working on a strategic plan for the school. They spent many many hours working with teachers, administrators and parents to understand the school better and to develop a strategic plan which creates a route map to take ISPS closer to fulfilling our vision and mission.

The strategic plan will be shared with you over the coming week. One element of the plan was to conduct a feasibility study with respect to the option of introducing IBDP either to replace AP or to sit along side it. The IB DP (International Baccalaureate Diploma Program) is a pre-university college preparation program which feeds from the MYP.

Next week a consultant Mr. Rory Mooney, will be in ISPS to carry out surveys and focus groups amongst a variety of stakeholders. Mr. Mooney was selected to undertake this project as he has extensive experience in education - having taught at the elementary, high school and tertiary college levels. In addition, he has been an elementary school Principal and held senior leadership roles with a number of private education companies and not-for-profit foundations - including the International Baccalaureate Organization.

Mr. Mooney, is highly familiar with all IB and AP programmes having worked for schools in the US and globally who were implementing each or both of the programmes.

Importantly, Mr Mooney has conducted numerous similar feasibility studies for private schools, school groups and school

systems in numerous countries worldwide. First and foremost, each feasibility study is rigorously undertaken with clear objectivity on any possible outcome.

If you would like any more information about the study or strategic plan please let me know.

Please also note that next week are the MS and HS Parent Conferences. I know that last year we trailed a different approach to these, having them over a longer time. This year we have reverted to the usual format however we will be doing a survey at the end of the conferences to ask your opinions about which approach you prefer.

Also as you are aware, PowerSchool caused us some challenges with reports. We are working through the glitches and aim to reissue the reports before the conferences next week. I would remind parents that the full report for each student is on PowerSchool and what we are working on is the conversation of that information to a PDF report.

Please also be mindful of checking your children's cafeteria balances. We have a significant number of students who are in deficit. It is our policy for the cafeteria not to allow students to purchase items once the balance has reached zero. Please check this so that your children can continue to enjoy the services of the ISPS café.

We appreciate your support and understanding and we work through these technical challenges.

Finally, please note a change in the calendar: Monday December 2nd is the date announced for Local elections. ISPS is used as a polling station and as such there will be NO school on that day.

Kind regards,

Helen Brocklesby
Director

Elementary Notes



November 7, 2019

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! Two new families (Karamé Bernal and Vere-Whiting) joined us, and we are excited that they are here. We are in our final weeks to mark the end of Term 1 on November 20th, and reports will be posted on November 27th. Class teachers will be sending out scheduled times for you to choose for the upcoming parent conferences on November 29th. Students are dismissed at 11:30 a.m., and conferences begin at noon. Please ensure that you pick up your child on time as teachers will be preparing for your meeting. Specialists (music, art, media) meetings do not have a scheduled time and are held on a first come first basis. This system has worked and all parents are encouraged to attend the meetings to receive firsthand information on your child’s progress. Teachers are always available to schedule a meeting with, just e-mail your child’s teacher.

Each year we have a holiday concert and all elementary students take part in the concert. This year they will be performing *Winnie the Pooh* on December 11th and 12th. You will receive information from your child’s teacher. Additionally, parent representatives from classes play an important role with costumes, etc. Please note that they will also be contacting you. The concert is always a wonderful event that highlights cooperation, collaboration, commitment and overall love for the stage. We encourage parents to get involved and be part of the production.

Hockey was introduced last year, and our students have demonstrated their skills and talent on the court. Our hockey program continues to be developed, and we have great support from our parent community. This Friday, November 8th our hockey team will be participating in the Primary Schools Hockey Competition. We do wish them well.

Goooo Caimans!

Primary Years Programme (PYP)

Teachers are collaborating on unit studies and overall the students are in their second unit of study. The timeframe for each unit is flexible and some units can run alongside another unit. Please find the Program of Inquiry (POI) link to view all the units for the three terms. [CLICK HERE](#)

Words of the months November/December: balanced and confidence. Please discuss with your child.

Angela Shahien, IB Coordinator



Grade 4 Students learned how animals adapt to their environment. They presented at Town Meeting.



Grade 4 students buddied with PK4 for reading



Students designed and built their wind power sleds and tested them to determine how to make it travel the furthest distance. Several students redesigned their models and eventually got them to move.

ISPS ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

DO YOUR PART!



The ISPS Environmental Club has started a beverage container recycling project to make our school greener and cleaner one step at a time.

We invite you to DO YOUR PART by locating the iCARE-bin closest to you and deposit ALL plastic & glass bottles, aluminium cans, and drink cartons (tetra-pack).

No further separation is required as all beverage containers go in the same bins. We do ask you to please rinse them before placing them and remember that only beverage containers go in the bins.

Look for these posters around the school made by club members using repurposed paper only.



Halloween Costume Contest



On Friday 25th October, the last day before our break, we had a Halloween competition. It was very successful with full adherence to dress code and rules. The lunchtime judging was fun for those who participated and also for the judges. The first, second and third place participants won MovieTowne tickets. In addition to this they made their houses proud by earning house points. The results were as follows:

Middle School

- 1st Maria Camarinhas Costume-Lapis Lazuli- Nariva
- 2nd William Farah Costume- Gift Box- Caroni
- 3rd Auria Kangale Costume- Spider with wings- Mayaro
- 3rd Oliver Eaton Costume- Zombie- Mayaro

High School

- 1st Victor Villanueva Costume - Climate Calamity- Caroni
- 2nd Kaitlin Oxley Costume - Crown Planet of the Universe- Maraval
- 3rd Isabella Garrido Costume Skeleton Waitress- Maraval
- 3rd Kaitlyn Moses Costume - Surgeon- Nariva

Teacher

Ms Neira Costume - Dead Whale and plastic pollution.- Nariva

Thank you to all those who participated.

Well done!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Maeve O Donovan



Ghouls Just Want to Have Fun!





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Managing Food Allergies At School



Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a good break.

We are an allergy aware school. This means that we are aware that there are students and staff with various allergies. All teachers are informed about the students in their class with allergies.

Parents should check with either class teachers or myself about the foods to be avoided especially for class parties.

While it is good for us to know about the students with allergies, it is also important to know that research in the U.S. has shown that **22-25%** of students having an anaphylactic reaction for the first time do so at school.

This is a very high number so we have to take precautions and be aware of the signs and symptoms of anaphylactic reactions.

If a student is swelling up, can't breathe, complains about having

difficulty swallowing, is covered in hives these are serious signs and can occur even though there is no history of allergies.

By being cautious we aim to prevent and/or treat any allergic reaction in a timely manner.



Flu Shots

Some families have been asking about the flu shots since they missed the deadline. I contacted the agents and I will be able to make another order. The cost is **\$135.00** per shot.

If you would like to get the flu shot for your family please pay Irene in the business office by **Friday 15th November, 2019.**

I will not be able to order more since school will be closing in December and it will be too rushed.

Have a wonderful weekend.



#DIFFERENCEMAKERSFUTURESHAPERS #EXCELLENCE

LIVING • OUR • MISSION



He has finally done it!

Rylie Ramroop has captured his first win in Trinidad & Tobago!

Rylie has had good days and bad days but through it all he persisted.

Last Sunday was definitely a great day for him as he applied all the knowledge he learned from his mentors and trainers and performed to the best of his ability.

Rylie finished the year in Guyana in 2nd place overall for the championship.

He is in 6th place in



Trinidad and Tobago, as he only participated in 4 out of the 8 events for the year.

He continues his training with his team in Orlando and has his final meet in December.



MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARENT-TEACHER
CONFERENCES

Nov 12
12:00 — 3:00 PM
ISPS GYM



CAIMANS ATHLETICS



CAISSA SEASON 1

Welcome to CAISSA Season 1, 2019! We kicked off the three day CAISSA tournament today by welcoming our rivaling teams, Cayman International School (CIS) and Carol Morgan School (CMS). Please see next page for the Season 1 schedule. (Click [HERE](#) for live streaming)





CAISSA SEASON 1 SCHEDULE

Soccer Schedule

Friday November 8th			
9:00 AM	CIS	VS	CMS
11:30 AM	ISPS	VS	CIS
2:00 PM	CMS	VS	ISPS

Saturday November 9th	
FINALS DAY	
11:30 AM	SOCCER FINALS

Volleyball Schedule

Wednesday November 6th			
TIME	TEAM 1	Main Court	TEAM 2
4:00 PM	ISPS	VS	ISPS JV

Thursday November 7th			
TIME	TEAM 1	Main Court	TEAM 2
9:00 AM	CIS	VS	ISPS
10:15 AM	CMS	VS	ISPS JV
11:30 AM	CIS	VS	CMS

Friday November 8th			
TIME	TEAM 1	Main Court	TEAM 2
1:00 PM	CIS	VS	ISPS JV
2:15 PM	CMS	VS	ISPS

Saturday November 9th	
FINALS DAY	
8:00 AM	VOLLEYBALL 3RD PLACE GAME
9:00 AM	VOLLEYBALL FINALS

Basketball Schedule

Thursday November 7th			
TIME	TEAM 1	Main Court	TEAM 2
1:15 PM	CIS	VS	ISPS
2:30 PM	ISPS	VS	CMS
3:45 PM	CIS	VS	CMS

Friday November 8th			
9:00 AM	CMS	VS	ISPS
10:15 AM	CIS	VS	ISPS
11:30 AM	CIS	VS	CMS

Saturday November 9th	
FINALS DAY	
10:15 AM	BASKETBALL FINALS

#GOCAIMANS!





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2019 - 2020 Events Calendar

NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 End Mid Term Break	2 SATs
3 Daylight Saving	4 School Resumes	5	6 ISPS Varsity/JV Volleyball Game 4:00-5:30pm; Gym	7 CAISSA Season 1	8 CAISSA Season 1 U12 Hockey Tournament Woodbrook Youth Facility 8:15am-2:00pm	9 CAISSA Season 1
10	11	12 MS MYP Assessment & Grading Session for Parents 11:30am-12:00pm P.E. Classroom MS Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:00pm-3:00pm; Gym 11:30am Dismissal for MS ONLY MS MYP Assessment & Grading Session for Parents 1:30-2:00pm P.E. Classroom	13 Community Sports Night Basketball 7:00-9:45pm; Gym	14 HS MYP Assessment & Grading Session for Parents 12:00pm-12:30pm P.E. Classroom HS Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30pm-3:00pm; Gym 11:30am Dismissal for HS ONLY Community Sports Night Football/Volleyball 6:00-8:00pm; Gym	15 G6 Lock-in 2:30pm & MS Game Night 5:30-9:30pm	16 PTO Garage Sale 8:00am-12:00pm; Gym G6 Lock-in Ends at 9:00am
17 NHS & HS Art Field Trip Mt. Hope Hospital 8:30am-4:30pm	18	19	20 ES End of Term 1 HS Bake Sale Fund Raiser 12:35pm-1:20pm Learning Kitchen Community Sports Night Basketball 7:00-9:45pm; Gym	21 Community Sports Night Football/Volleyball 6:00-8:00pm; Gym	22	23
24	25	26 FCD School Visit	27 ES Term 1 Reports FCD School Visit FCD Parent Session 5:00-7:00pm; Cafeteria Community Sports Night Basketball 7:00-9:45pm; Gym	28 FCD School Visit Community Sports Night Football/Volleyball 6:00-8:00pm; Gym	29 FCD School Visit ES Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:00pm-3:30pm ES Classrooms 11:30am Dismissal for ES ONLY	30 NHS Annual Bingo Fundraiser 5:00-9:00pm ISPS Gym

ISPS Middle School
GAME NIGHT!
 Hosted by
Grade 9
NOV 15
5 | 9 PM
IN THE CAFETERIA
ENTRANCE FEE \$60
FOOD INCLUDED

NOV 16
8AM - 12PM

ISPS PTO
GARAGE SALE

TURN YOUR CLUTTER INTO CASH
 Calling all to COME SHOP

ISPS GYM

GRADE 6
LOCK IN
 November 15th, 2:30 PM - 9:00 AM
 North Field/South Field/Green Court/Cafeteria/
 Dance Room/Music rooms



NOVEMBER 12
 MS MYP Assessment &
 Grading Parent Info Session
 (11:30AM - 12:00PM, &
 1:30PM to 2:00PM,
 PE Classroom)

NOVEMBER 14
 HS MYP ASSESSMENT &
 GRADING PARENT INFO SESSION
 (12:00 AM - 12:30 PM,
 PE Classroom)

HIGH SCHOOL
Parent-Teacher
Conferences

November 14th 12:30PM - 3:00PM, ISPS Gym



ISPS Lunch Menu

November 11-15

[CLICK HERE FOR MENU PRICES](#)

November 2018	Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15
Proteins	Chicken Kebab OR Fish Kebab	Chicken Tenders OR Baked Fish	Beef Meatballs OR Fish Fingers	Stir Fried Beef OR Sweet & Sour Chicken	Hot Dogs
Starches	Loaded Potato Skins	Sweet Potato Mash	Herb Spaghetti	Egg Noodles	Condiments Relish Sautéed Onion 4 Cheese
Peas/Veggie	Crispy Glazed Carrots	Red Beans Stew	Marinara Sauce	Vegetable Spring Rolls	French Fries
Vegan	Mixed Greens	Soya Cakes	Soya Meatballs	Sweet & Sour Tofu	Soya Jamaican Patties
Soup of the Day					Vegetable Soup

NATIONAL HONOUR SOCIETY

Bingo 2019

Saturday 30th November
5:00pm - 8:00pm

International School, P.O. Box 1
1 International Drive,
Westmoorings

Additional Bingo cards
\$10.00 each

Refreshments included

ALL proceeds go to charity

For more info contact:
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Over \$50,000
in prizes!

\$150

retain this stub for door prizes