

ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

| 7-9 | CAISSA Season 1 |
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| 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,

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 preuniversity 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 theses 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 Volume 18, Issue 3

Dear Parents.

Welcome back! Two new families (Karame 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)

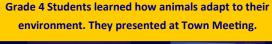
Teachers are collaborating on unit studies and overall the students are in their second unit of study. The timeframe for each unit is flexible and some units can run alongside another unit. Please find the Program of Inquiry (POI) link to view all the units for the three terms. CLICK HERE

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

Angela Shahien, IB Coordinator











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.

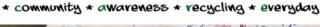
ISPS ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

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.











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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.



















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

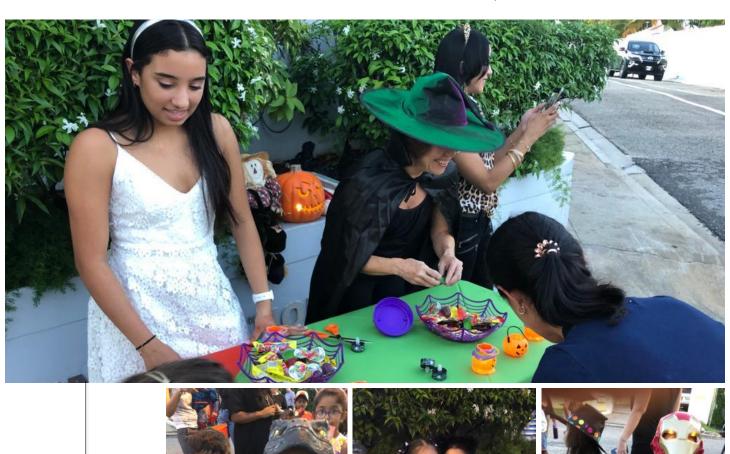
Thank you to all those who participated.

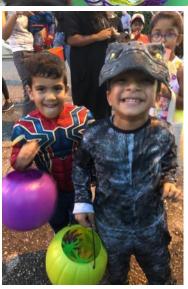
Well done!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Maeve O Donovan

Ghouls Just Want to Have Fun!

















VANDA GOMES, SCHOOL NURSE vgomes@isps.edu.tt

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.

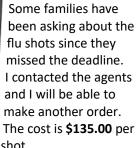
If a student is swelling up, can't breathe, complains about having

Managing Food Allergies At School



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



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

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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.









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)





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CAISSA SEASON 1 SCHEDULE

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| Friday November 8th | | | |
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| 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 Nov | rember 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!







NOVEMBER 2019

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





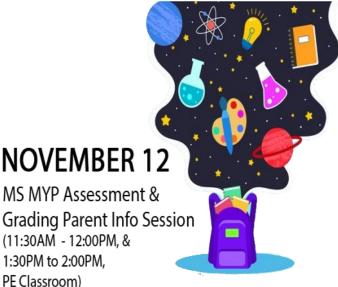
GRADE 6 LOCK IN

November 15th, 2:30 PM - 9:00 AM

North Field/South Field/Green Court/Cafeteria/

Dance Room/Music rooms











ISPS Lunch Menu

CLICK HERE FOR MENU PRICES

November 11-15

| 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 |

