



ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

- 10 Mini College Fair
- 14-17 Yearbook Photos
- 15 MAP Orientation For Parents
- 15 PSATs
- 16 Gr. 6-9 "Scene & Heard"
- 17 PYP Parent Meeting
- 18 End of Q1 MS/HS
- 21 SSS ES Parent Meeting
- 23 Parade of Nations
- 27-28 Divali (National Holiday)
No school

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,

Firstly, I would like to really appreciate and thank the PTO for putting on the wonderful Welcome Back BBQ and 25th Anniversary Celebration. Also to the ISPS fathers who did so much grilling and cooking. It was delicious. I truly appreciate everyone who worked so hard to make it happen.

It has only been two months since I arrived in Trinidad, although frankly it seems much longer! What I already know is that ISPS is a real community. Multi-cultural, multi-lingual, multi-personality to be sure but a community all the same. For many international families and I believe, even long staying or local families, ISPS is part of our extended families. Students find friends from India, America, Denmark and Uganda. Teachers and parents find the same.

Ubuntu is a Southern African term meaning "humanity." It is usually translated as "I am because we are," or "humanity towards others," but is often

used in a more philosophical sense to mean "the belief in a universal bond of sharing that connects all humanity."

It seemed to me that the Welcome Back BBQ was in the spirit of Ubuntu and also a fitting celebration of the 25 years' history of international education and our community.

It has been a really good start to the year and we would like to extend this spirit of growth, innovation and rejuvenation to the International Day on the 23rd October. I invite all our families to join us in a celebration of what is at the heart of ISPS, our internationalism.

I described it today as "fete" meets International Day. So please put the date in your diary and come along and celebrate with us. There will be music, dance and song!

Have a lovely week.

Helen Brocklesby
Director

PICTURE DAYS

<p>HIGH SCHOOL</p> <div style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 20px; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;">OCT 14</div>	<p>MIDDLE SCHOOL</p> <div style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 20px; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;">OCT 15</div>	<p>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</p> <div style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 20px; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;">OCT 17</div>
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PTO NEWS - Thank You!

On behalf of the PTO, I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the ISPS community for helping to make last Friday's 25th Anniversary Barbeque a resounding success! Parents, teachers, staff and students: 'Thank You!'

From beginning to end, the smiles, friendly chatter and all around 'good vibes' were evident. When Famer Nappy and Nadia hit the stage, I couldn't tell who enjoyed the performances more...the kids or the vibrant moms who jumped and waved at the front. Well done ladies!

Our band of 'merry dads' certainly outdid themselves this year! We send out a special 'Thank You' to Robert Hadad for corralling the group and heading the well-oiled production machine that is the ISPS Dads.

By all accounts, the Dads produced mouthwatering eats and served them with a smile. Seeing Mr. Barney under the tent was an unexpected bonus as he made a special trip back to our shores just for this event.

The feedback has been tremendously positive overall, and we've been told that we have set the bar for next year's event...no pressure at all!

Finally, if you did not receive your complimentary 25th Anniversary commemorative pin on Friday, please feel free to stop by Ms Hazel and pick one up.

See you around school!

Natasha Chinapoo
PTO President



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PTO EXECUTIVE

President	Natasha Chinapoo
First Vice President	Kathryn Hadad
Second Vice President	Minou Montano
Treasurer	Rhonda Mansoor
Secretary	Helen Beddow

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Cultural Committee Chair:
Dimar Ching-Johnson

Events Co-ordinator:
Suzette Farah

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Tuesday October 22nd | PTO Special Meeting, 1:00 p.m. |
| Saturday November 9th | CAISSA Family Day, Time TBC |
| Saturday November 16th | PTO Garage Sale, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday November 20th | Food Festival Meeting, 1:00 p.m. |

(Please note that due to an event-filled Term 1, the Food Festival HAS BEEN DEFERRED to Term 3. We invite all stakeholders to attend the meeting on November 20th as we seek to revamp and revitalise our headliner event of the school year. More details to follow.)

25th Anniversary & Welcome Back BBQ



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!



High School takes lead on Houses

Our entire house system has been revamped and eight of our High Schoolers have stepped up to the challenge in their roles as House Captains! Sorcha Bissessar, Jonathan Als, Isabela Mazely, Reynaldo Montano, Vivian Sabga, Edward Laquis, Shannon De Verteuil and Ayden Hadeed have been elected as Captains for Nariva, Mayaro, Caroni and Maraval respectively. Yesterday we kicked off the second of our MS/HS house activities with a Middle and High School Dodgeball Competition. Both students and teachers competed for house points. Congratulations to Mayaro for winning first place. The goal of these monthly events is to build house points and a major event in building house points is our Sports Day. Sports day this year will take place on Friday, January 31st. House Captains will shortly start work in homerooms with members of their houses, in preparation for this big event.

Our HS and MS prefects have also been doing excellent work by monitoring and leading Homeroom activities and monitoring duty rosters in the cafeteria and student lounge. HS Prefects are also assisting Mr. Mario Davis with Elementary School students by creating rosters to accompany these ES students to their after school activities."

- Ms. O'Donovan



ISPS INTERNATIONAL DAY OCTOBER 23, 2019

Climate change is the defining issue of our time – and we are at a defining moment. If we do not change course by 2020, we could miss our chance to avoid the disastrous consequences of runaway climate change. The time for ambitious #ClimateAction is now.

António Guterres
Secretary-General of the United Nations

International Day, October 23rd 2019
Traditionally each year the International School of Port of Spain celebrates “International Week”. This year we are focusing all our efforts on one full day and declaring an International Day. This is carded for Wednesday, October 23rd.
This is the day before the UN designated United Nations Day, always held on October 24.

As always at our international events we welcome the opportunity to honor the diversity of our community with special events that highlight the work of the United Nations. Over the last few years we have been highlighting several of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), otherwise known as the Global Goals. These are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

This year we are focusing on Goal 13: take urgent action to combat climate change and its impact. This is indeed timely following the successful impact our students made with their initiative to hold a climate strike right here in Port of



A nation that destroys its soils destroys itself. Forests are the lungs of our land, purifying the air and giving fresh strength to our people.
Franklin D. Roosevelt

Spain on September 25th.

Our Parade of Nations Ceremony will be beginning at 1:00 pm in the ISPS Gym. At 9:00 am, we have a special assembly with guest speaker Jonathan Barcant on Goal 13: Take Urgent Action to Combat Climate Change and Its Impact.

INTERNATIONAL DAY SCHEDULE

9:00 AM	Guest Speaker, Jonathan Barcant (Goal 13, Climate Action) ISPS Theater Grades 5-12. Faculty, Staff & ISPS Community Invited
1:00 PM	Parade of Nations Assembly Whole School & ISPS Community

International Day at ISPS, 2019 will be a true celebration of our internationalism. We are inviting ALL students, faculty & staff, AND our PARENT COMMUNITY to attend this very special assembly. We encourage all attendees to wear national dress or the colours of your country so that you can be an active participant in our ISPS celebration of our diverse and global community.

17 Goals to Transform Our World

This Year We Highlight Goal 13



Students Affected by Saharan Dust

This week I saw many students with various complaints, stomachaches, headaches, sore throats, cough, and runny noses. Most of them did not have fever.

The high level of Saharan dust on some days does not help especially with those who have respiratory problems, and this week was so varied with hot dry spells and rain.

I hope next week would be better. Take care and have a fun filled weekend.



VANDA GOMES,
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Exploring Using Balls in PK-3

Ms Sultan-Khan's Pre K3s are working with different types of balls for their Balls Study, exploring balls that sink and balls that float.

Students had fun making predictions and observing balls that 'stay on top the water' and balls that "touch the bottom.



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Living Our Mission



Stronger Together

On Thursday, October 10th, Priyanka Lalla attended an event held by The Child Protection Unit of Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, which was held at Lakshmi Girls High School, St. Augustine. She was invited by the TTPS to join them in to speak to young people about Peer Pressure. She has created a brochure with their approval and will also have several speaking engagements throughout TT this year.

They learnt about her past initiatives on promoting the rights of the child and for this reason, they asked her to join them as a spokesperson.

Well done to Priyanka.

#excellence



CAIMANS ATHLETICS

Athletics Update

Volleyball

On Thursday our volleyball team was once again successful in their 3 matches; winning against Bishops Anstey High School in 2 sets - 15-6, 15-6; Woodbrook Secondary - 15-11, 15-3; and Diego Martin North - 15-8, 15-9. We still await the date for the Semi-Final Round.

Soccer

On Saturday, our U14 team defeated St. Anthony's with a score 4-2. Joey Mahoney scored 2 goals, as well as Juan scored 2. We face St. Mary's College on Saturday at 10:15 right here at Spanish Court Grounds.

On Wednesday, our U15 girls match ended in a draw 0-0 with Mucurapo B. We played our last match next Wednesday, October 16th at 12:30pm at Hasely Crawford Stadium against Mucurapo A.



Saturday Games Schedule

Round	Date	Team 1	vs	Team 2	Venue
Round 4	(Oct 12)	St. Anthony's	vs	Fatima	ISPS
	9:00 am	ISPS		St. Mary's	ISPS
Round 5	(Oct 19)	Fatima	vs	ISPS	TBD
	10:30 am	St. Mary's		Fatima	TBD
Round 6	(Oct 26)	ISPS	vs	St. Anthony's	TBD
	10:30 am	St. Mary's		Fatima	TBD



Go Caimans!



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2019 - 2020 Events Calendar

OCTOBER 2019

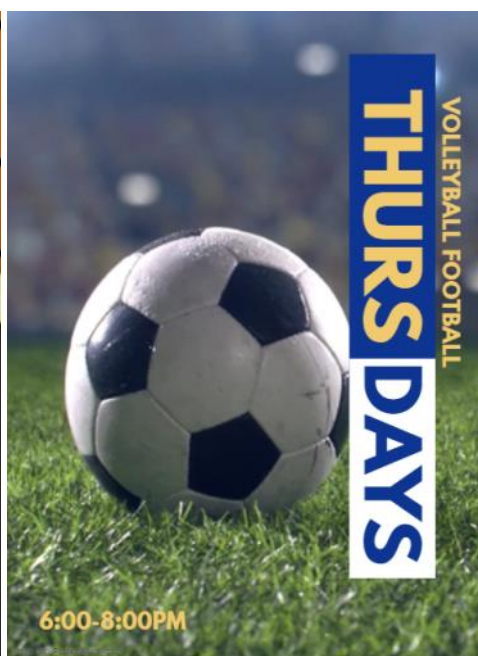
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Health Week HS MAP Testing G9-10	2 Health Week HS MAP Testing G9-10 U15 Girls Soccer Dunross Prep vs ISPS 1:00-2:00pm Community Sports Night Basketball 7:00-9:45pm Gym	3 Health Week HS MAP Testing G9-10 G4 Field Trip to Eco Park & Petting Zoo Chaguaramas 10:00am-12:30pm Community Sports Night Football/Volleyball 6:00-8:00pm Gym	4 Health Week HS MAP Testing G9-10 ISPS 25th Anniversary BBQ 5:00-8:00pm Gym / North Field	5 SATs 7:00-2:00pm
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COMMUNITY SPORTS NIGHTS



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL

7:00-9:45PM



THURS DAYS

VOLLEYBALL FOOTBALL

6:00-8:00PM

SCENE AND HEARD!!


WEDNESDAY 16th October, 2019

@6:00PM

ISPS THEATRE

FREE ENTRY

Come see the 6TH - 9TH GRADE Drama Students Presentations. Featuring Scenes they have created and developed in class. Also a special presentation by ISPS....TOO MUCH DRAMA CLUB!!! TELL YOUR STUDENTS.... BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!! COME OUT AND SUPPORT!!!

Scene and Heard!

October 16th ,2019
At 6:00 pm
ISPS theatre
All are invited .. FREE!
Performances:
grades 6-9 and Drama Club

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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



MID-TERM BREAK

OCT 29 TO NOV 03

THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
OF PORT OF SPAIN

UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE FAIR

FRIDAY OCTOBER 11, 2019 - 9-11am

Meet one-one with schools from USA & Canada



FREE ADMISSION | High School Students and Parents are invited to attend



ISPS Lunch Menu

October 14-25

[CLICK HERE FOR MENU PRICES](#)

October 2019	Monday 14	Tuesday 15	Wednesday 16	Thursday 17	Friday 18
Proteins	Creamy Chicken Mushrooms OR Stew fish Cubes	Honey Garlic Chicken OR Fish Steaks	Beef Meatballs OR Grilled Fish Marinara Sauce	Curry Chicken OR Curry Fish	Buffalo Chicken Wings OR Buffalo Fish Finger
Starches	Roasted Garlic Mash	Mac & Cheese	Penne in Pesto	Buss Up Shot	Steak Fries
Peas/Veggie	Mediterranean Salad	Garlic Toast	Fresh Apple	Dasheen Bush Potato and Channa	Fresh Fruit Chow
Vegan	Grilled Tofu Kebab	Lentils Loaf	Soya Meatball	Curry Tofu	Boil Corn
Soup of the Day			Chicken Noodle Soup		Potato Soup with Toasted Bread Crumbs

October 2019	Monday 21	Tuesday 22	Wednesday 23	Thursday 24	Friday 25
Proteins	Beef Chili Con Carne OR Grilled Fish in Tomato Sauce	Grilled Chicken Drumsticks OR Fish with Garlic Sauce	BBQ Baked Wings OR BBQ Glazed Fish	Grilled Chicken Drumsticks OR Fish with Garlic Sauce	Paprika Pulled Chicken OR Mexican Spiced Fish
Starches	Spaghetti	Roasted Red Skin Potato	Steak Fries	Roasted Red-Skin Potato	Nachos
Peas/Veggie	Sour Cream & Chive	Steamed Vegetables	Fresh Fruit Chow	Steamed Vegetables	Tomato Salsa 4 Cheeses Lettuce
Vegan	Pumpkin & Red Bean Chili	Vegetable Chickpea Patties	Soya Patties	Vegetable Chick-pea Patties	This meal can be vegan
Soup of the Day					Pumpkin Bisque