



ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

- 18 End of Q1 MS/HS
- 21 SSS ES Parent Meeting
- 23 International Day Guest Speaker
- 23 Parade of Nations
- 24 United Nations Day
- 25 MS/HS Q1 Reports on PowerSchool
- 27-28 Divali (National Holiday)
No school
- 29-3 (Nov) Midterm Break (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,

I hope that it has been a good week for you.

We are nearly at mid-term and I think everyone is looking forward to the break. I know that the first quarter is always the hardest and for newbies like me, students, teachers and parents, the October break is extra welcome as an opportunity to catch our breath and rest a little.

I would like to congratulate Ketisha Williams and her colleagues in the Arts Department, for the excellent Drama performances put on last night by the Middle and High School students. It was great to see the students putting on such well written and thought through scenes. I know that the evening was enjoyed by all.

This Sunday we will be hosting Soccer Fest with matches being played against three visiting football clubs. Boys will compete in U15, U10, U12 games, while the girls' play in the U15 class. All games will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This exciting day will end with a match between ISPS Dads against Coaches from 2:15 p.m. I encourage you to come out

and support our teams, Go Caimans!

Next Wednesday, 23rd October is the 2019 International Day. The day is full of activities, debate and learning for the students and will culminate in the Flag Parade program. This assembly starts at 1pm and I would like to invite and encourage all of you to join us, dressed in your own National Dress. The finale of the program will be a Teacher and Parents' Parade of the Continents. This year we have 42 different nationalities at ISPS from five continents.

Internationalism is at the heart of ISPS, and we would like to share our differences and celebrate our similarities with you.

This year the event will also feature, an Elementary School Choir, a Staff Choir and our Environmental Activities as well as the school band. Please do come along, we know from Carnival, a celebration starts with the people and you are very much part of the ISPS community and we hope that you will be able to celebrate with us.

Helen Brocklesby
Director

PARADE OF



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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



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

hold a climate strike right here in Port of 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.

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



ELEMENTARY NOTES

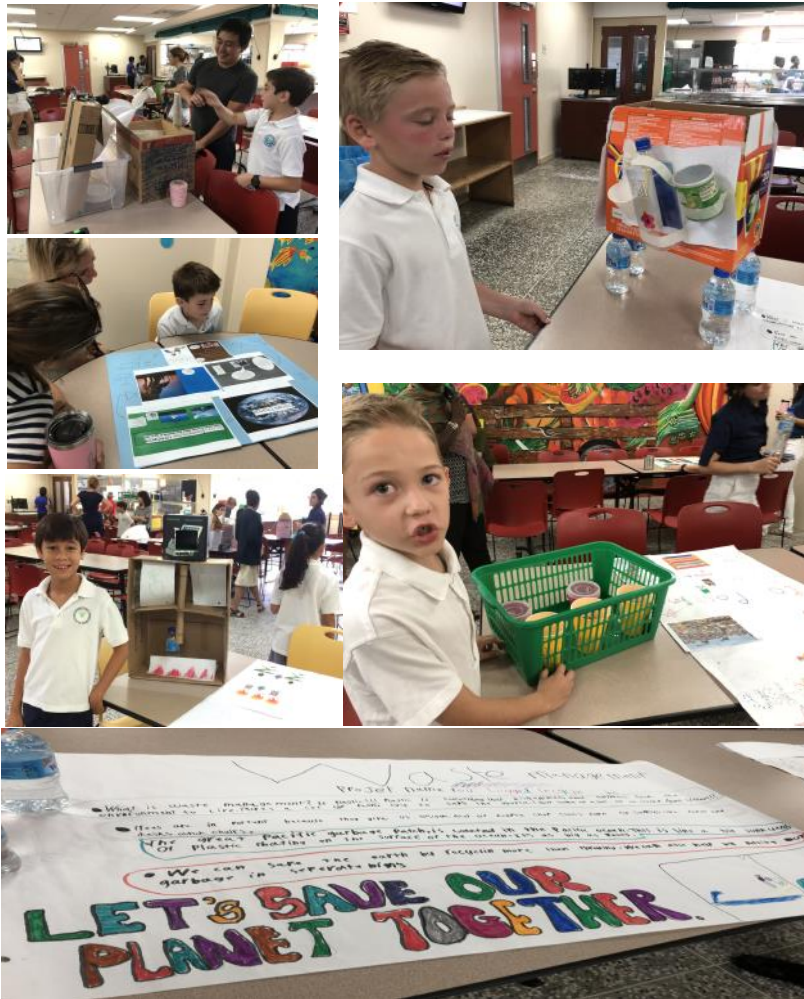


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Dear Parents,

Grade Three students are exploring and taking action on how they can impact their environment. These students' voices echoed the same message: Saving the Planet. Students learned about waste, climate change, deforestation and many more topics that led them to believe that their environment is in dire need to be saved. One voice can lead to change and make a difference.



Visiting classes K-5 gives me the opportunity to see how our students are engaged in their learning. Class teachers attended the Lucy Calkins Reading and Writing workshop last year, and this year we have fully implemented the program. Reading and writing approaches have been the focus for our team and students are receiving a balanced literacy program. They are using several strategies and approaches to their reading and writing.

Have a good weekend!
 Dr. Suzette Julien
 ES Principal



Primary Years Program (PYP)

All students have completed their first unit of study and their specialists and class teachers collaborate with each other to integrate teaching and learning wherever possible. Class teachers keep you abreast of their unit studies. Additionally, International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program unit planners have been changed in specific areas, and teachers are working together on the changes. One of the changes is on agency. This means that students are at the center of their learning and they are choosing how to understand their own learning.

PYP focus words are the following: collaboration, knowledgeable and tolerance.

Angela Shahien
 PYP Coordinator

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)

On Tuesday, we had several parents who attended our annual meeting to learn about MAP scores and what they mean. A few parents had questions about the RIT score, and norms related to the standardized test. Now that you have your child's score, please do not hesitate to come in and speak with us if you have any questions. Students take MAP testing in the Fall (October) and Spring (May). We test students in the Winter (February) if they have been a target student who we want more data on for instructional purposes.



INFORMATION SESSION

Do you have questions about the services provided by our Student Support Services department?

SSS will be hosting an information session for Elementary School parents on **MONDAY OCTOBER 21ST** from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria. Topics to be covered include:

- Academic/Behavior support and enrichment
- English for English Language Learners (ELL)
- Early intervention



- Meet the members of the SSS team
- Hear about the services we offer to students
- How can SSS support parents?
- What is an Individual Learning Plan (ILP)?

MIDDLE MATTERS

Congratulations to our new Middle School Student Council members and Class Representatives! I'm sure we can look forward to an action filled year and special thanks to Ms. Angela Hernandez and Ms. Jenna McIntosh, the STUCO sponsors for their efforts in organizing the elections. They will be working closely with STUCO members for the upcoming year. Their first mandate is to improve communication in all of Middle School through weekly announcements of House and sporting activities with posting of results on Tuesdays.

-Maeve O'Donovan
Assistant Principal



Aidan Camacho
President



Jan Zandvliet
Vice President



Sophia Bahadoorsingh
Secretary



Auria Kangale
Treasurer

Grade 6 Class Representatives

Sonny Josse

Elhadj Diouf

Grade 7 Class Representatives

Elizabeth Allan

Ruarch Baker

Zachery Maharaj

Grade 8 Class Representatives

Sophie Potter

William Farah

Crest Initiative

Our Middle School Homeroom teachers continue to work with students on the Crest Initiative where each Homeroom develops a crest and theme for endangered animals of Trinidad and Tobago. This exercise will help to boost homeroom spirit and collaboration in Middle School. Stay tuned for the day for the Crest Launch to be announced.





DEBBIE JACOB,
LIBRARIAN
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The ISPS library is proud of its collection of international literature. We have Spanish and French books on kindles and I-pods for your reading and listening pleasure. Our collection of books features authors from all over the world. Discover an internationally acclaimed author in the ISPS library.

Here is a list of some of my favourite books by authors from around the world:

1. [En el tiempo de las Mariposas](#)
by Julia Alvarez
Set in the Dominican Republic, this novel of life during General Trujillo's dictatorship will move readers to tears.
2. [The Testaments](#)
by Margaret Atwood
Co-winner of this year's Booker Prize, Margaret Atwood continues her story of Gilead, a theocratic society, which she began in The

Come Celebrate the World with Us!

Handmaid's Tale, first published in 1985. In The Testaments, readers learn what happened to Gilead.

3. [The Ghost Bride](#)

by Yangsze Choo
British overlords rule Malaya, but the Chinese cling to their culture in the late 19th century. In the port town of Malacca, Li Lan, bound by culture and superstition, has little chance of a happy or prosperous marriage. All her hopes are dashed when she is married off to a family's ghost. Malaysian writer Yangsze Choo has created a magical and mesmerizing novel like no other you have ever read.

4. [The Pickup](#)

by Nadine Gordimer
Published in 1999, during the post-apartheid era, The Pickup tells the story of dislocation and immigration in the Arab world. The late South African Nobel Laureate captures the challenges of immigration in a novel that was far ahead of its time.

5. [The Guyana Quartet](#)

by Wilson Harris
His magical realism



precedes that of Colombian writer Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Guyanese writer Wilson Harris gave the world the theory of fossil memories and magical realism on a whole new level.

6. [Mr Ives' Christmas](#)

by Oscar Hijuelos
This late, great Cuban-American writer penned this touching Christmas story about how a simple, successful man faces sadness and loss after his son is killed one Christmas. This beautifully written tale of forgiveness is the perfect holiday read.

7. [Oh Gad!](#)

by Joanne C Hillhouse
This debut novel by Hillhouse, an Antiguan writer, captures the agony of an Antiguan who is trying to fit back into the land where she was born.

8. [The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared](#)

by Jonas Jonasson
Plunge into this rip-roaring adventure about a centenarian who escapes from an old people's home. Jonasson is one of Sweden's most popular writers.

9. [The Far Pavilions](#)

by M. M. Kaye

This spellbinding love story between a British officer and an Indian girl is an adventure that evokes the rich, complex culture of colonial India.

MM Kay, a British subject born and raised in India, was 70 years old when her masterpiece took the world by storm.

10. [The Wine of Astonishment](#)

by Earl Lovelace

Perhaps the most renowned Trinidadian writer of the modern era, Lovelace captures the essence of Trinidadian culture. This historical novel chronicles the struggles of the Shouter Baptists in Trinidad when their religion was outlawed by the British.

11. [The Cairo Trilogy – Palace Walk, Palace of Desire and Sugar Street](#)

by Naguib Mahfouz
Lose yourself in the

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backstreets of Cairo as the late Egyptian Nobel laureate explores the colourful culture of Cairo.

12. Pato Donald Procurado
The ISPS library has an extensive collection of comics in Portuguese.

13. [Le Petit Prince](#)
by Antoine De Saint-Exupery
Check out this beautifully illustrated French classic and discover the Little Prince in his original language.

14. [Inner City Girl](#)
by Colleen Smith-Dennis
When Martina, a poor girl from Kingston passes for a prestige school, she can't believe her luck or the challenges she will face in a prestige school. Jamaican Young Adult (YA) writer Smith-Dennis shows readers just what it means to get an education in Jamaica.

These are just a few books from our international collection. Come to the ISPS library and discover the book of your dreams.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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.)



NATASHA CHINAPOO,
ISPS 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



PLEASE NOTE
Revised PTO By-Laws available on website. [Click Here](#)

NOTICE PTO SPECIAL MEETING

The ISPS PTO
invites you to its
Term 1
Special Meeting
on
Tuesday 22nd October
at 1:00pm
in the Cafeteria

Reminder

Parents, please confirm your child to carry the flag for the Parade of Nations Ceremony.





VANDA GOMES,
SCHOOL NURSE
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Preventing Reinfestation



Hello Everyone,

Students are still getting ill. The most common complaints are headaches, stomachaches, nausea, sore throats, cough, some have fever.

This time of the year we expect some students to return to school with head lice. So far I haven't been informed about any of our students contracting head lice. Getting them is not a problem but keeping them is, since they actually feed off the blood in the head.

At school if a child is suspected of having lice I check them in my office and call the parent and when the child has been treated parents let me know. Head lice is not a reason to miss school.

Please see school policy for lice on the school's [website](#).

Here are some simple ways to get rid of the lice and their eggs, and help prevent a lice

reinfestation:

- Wash all bed linens and clothing that's been recently worn by anyone in your home who's infested in very hot water (130°F [54.4°C]), then put them in the hot cycle of the dryer for at least 20 minutes.
- Dry clean anything that can't be washed (like stuffed animals). Or put them in airtight bags for at least 3 days.
- Vacuum carpets and any upholstered furniture (in your home or car), then throw away the vacuum cleaner bag.
- Soak hair-care items like combs, barrettes, hair ties or bands, headbands, and brushes in rubbing alcohol or medicated shampoo for 1 hour. You also can wash them in

hot water or just throw them away.

Because lice are easily passed from person to person in the same house, bedmates and infested family members also will need treatment to prevent the lice from coming back.

Locally 'lice shield shampoo' is available over the counter at selected pharmacies this helps to prevent lice from infesting your head.

The Seattle Hospital recommends **-CETAPHIL CLEANSER for Nix Treatment Failures:**

- Buy Cetaphil cleanser. No prescription is needed. It works by coating the lice and suffocating them.
- Apply the Cetaphil cleanser throughout the scalp to dry hair.

- After all the hair is wet, wait 2 minutes for Cetaphil to soak in.
- Comb out as much excess cleanser as possible.
- Blow dry your child's hair. It has to be thoroughly dry down to the scalp to suffocate the lice. Expect this to take 3 times longer than normal drying.
- The dried Cetaphil will smother the lice. Leave it on your child's hair for at least 8 hours.
- In the morning, wash off the Cetaphil with a regular shampoo.
- To cure your child of lice, repeat this process twice in 1 and 2 weeks.
- The cure rate can be 97%.
- Detailed instructions can be found online: www.nuvoforheadlice.com

I hope this has been useful information.

Feel free to contact me at 633-4777 ext 425 or drop by my office if you have any concerns/queries.



CAIMANS ATHLETICS

Athletics Update

Soccer

On Saturday, our U14 Boys was once again victorious, this time against St. Mary's College with a score of 2-0. **(Scores: Juan, Joey)**

On October 19th, we face Fatima College at St. Mary's Grounds at 9am.

On Wednesday, our U15 Girls defeated St. Agnes AC with a score of 2-0. This game was the last on the fixture so we await to see who moves forward. **(Scores: Sarah, Gabrielle)**

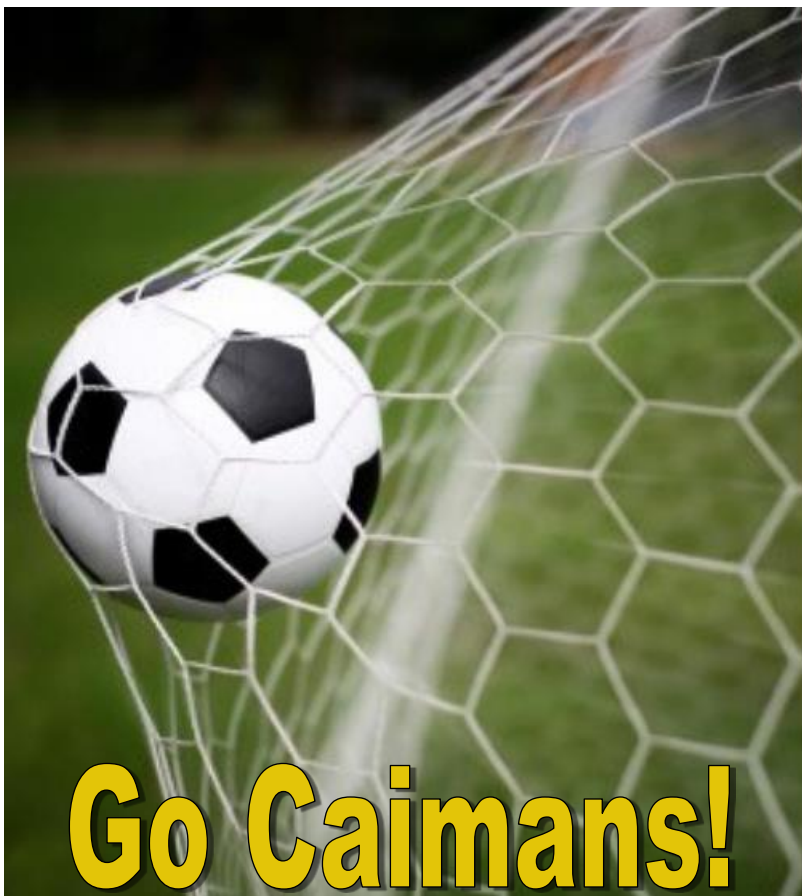
Volleyball

Today the Semi-Finals of the U20 North Zone Secondary School Volleyball Tournament begin here at ISPS. ISPS, finishing 1st in the group, plays against the 4th place finisher Holy Name at 4pm.



Saturday Games Schedule

Round 5 (Oct 19)	Team 1	vs	Team 2	Venue
10:30 am	Fatima		ISPS	TBD
11:45 am	St. Mary's		Fatima	TBD
Round 6 (Oct 26)	Team 1	vs	Team 2	Venue
10:30 am	ISPS		St. Anthony's	TBD
11:45 am	St. Mary's		Fatima	TBD



Go Caimans!

SOCCER FEST

ISPS will be hosting a Soccer Fest on
Sunday 20th October.

Games on the Inside:

- U-15 Fast Five Indoor Soccer tournament
 - ⇒ This is a four team tournament.
 - ⇒ The visiting teams are from Trimmont, Claxton Bay Senior Anglican AC and Roystonia Youth FC.
 - ⇒ These matches would be from 10:00am-2:00pm.
- ISPS Dads vs Coaches at 2:15pm

Games on the Outside are as follow:

- U10 boys vs Trimmont at 10:30am
- U15 girls vs Claxton Bay Senior at 11:30am
- U12 boys vs St. Monica's at 1:00pm



ISPS




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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13	14 HS Yearbook Photos 7:30am-12:30pm Theatre	15 MS Yearbook Photos 7:30am-11:00pm Theatre MAP Orientation for Parents 7:35-8:45am Cafeteria HS Field Trip to HADCO, D. Martin 7:40-9:00am	16 PSATs 9:00am-12:30pm Gym U15 Girls Soccer Mucurapo Girls vs ISPS Hasely Crawford Stadium 11:30am-12:30pm Community Sports Night Basketball 7:00-9:45pm Gym Gr. 6-9 "Scene & Heard" 6:00-7:30pm Theatre	17 ES Yearbook Photos 7:30am-12:30pm Theatre PYP Parent Meeting 7:40-8:40am Green Room Community Sports Night Football/Volleyball 6:00-8:00pm Gym	18 End of Q1 MS/HS	19
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COMMUNITY SPORTS NIGHTS



7:00-9:45PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL




6:00-8:00PM

THURS DAYS
VOLLEYBALL FOOTBALL

24TH OCTOBER

BAKE SALE


FOR SOLAR PANELS FOR THE HYDROPONICS SYSTEM



GIN CLUB

ES/ MS BREAK & LUNCH CAFETERIA

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

NHS' HALLOWEEN CANDY GRAMS



PLACE YOUR ORDER BEFORE FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

COME TO VIVIAN, SARAH, ABBY OR ERIC

DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE DELICIOUS TREATS FOR ONLY \$10!!!



NHS Bingo

ISPS GYM, NOVEMBER 30, 2019 @ 5:00PM



ISPS Lunch Menu

October 21-25

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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

MID-TERM BREAK

**OCT
29**

TO

**NOV
03**

SCHOOL RESUMES:
NOVEMBER 04