



ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

13	Speech & Hearing Screening
16-20	ES MAP Testing
17	Grade 12 Coffee Morning
18	Community Sports Night
19	Community Sports Night
23-27	MS MAP Testing
24	Republic Day (National Holiday, No School)
27	Vision Screening
30- 4 (OCT)	HS MAP Testing

October

3	Blood Bank
15	MAP Orientation For Parents
16	HS "Scene & Heard"
27-28	Divali (National Holiday)

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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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for everyone who attended both the High School and Middle School Coffee Mornings this week and also the Curriculum Nights. I know that I am still meeting new people and seeing new faces, but I am also starting to recognise many people and families. Being a rookie is always challenging, I am on such a steep learning curve and having to say, "Sorry, I don't know" an awful lot however, it is also refreshing, an opportunity to see the world from a different set of lenses and to examine your own perspectives and views from a different vantage point. While it is not always easy, it is also an opportunity to learn and I always relish that.

I was recently thinking about a well-known African saying which is that it takes a village to raise a child. While we don't live in a village, ISPS is a small interconnected community. It is true that that can be conflict in communities and families, there is without doubt, huge strength in our diversity. I hope that you see us at ISPS as part of your village, part of your community so that we can work

together to support our children as they learn and grow. The world is changing at an unprecedented rate and it is vital that we prepare our children to be successful in a multi-cultural, fast-changing, society. Morals, values and beliefs are the roots which we hold onto and by sharing our differences I believe that we help to develop personal strength and understanding not only for us but also for our children.

Following on from my recommendation about a book for parents of boys, a parent recommended, *Untangled*, by Dr L D'amour. It is a New York Times bestseller. An award-winning guide to the sometimes erratic and confusing behaviour of teenage girls that explains what's going on, prepares parents for what's to come, and lets them know when it's time to worry.

I hope that you have had a rewarding week and I look forward to another week of learning with you and your children next week.

Helen Brocklesby
Director



SAVE THE DATE



25 YEARS

FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER

TICKETS ON SALE SOON

FACULTY HIGHLIGHT



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QUALIFICATIONS

BA Elementary Education /
Special Education

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Meet Michelle Anderson

My name is Michelle Anderson and it is my privilege to be the new Instructional Coach at ISPS this year.

An Instructional Coach partners with teachers to help them incorporate best teaching practices into their teaching so student learning increases.

On a consistent basis I engage in professional conversations with teachers to refine their craft of teaching. It could be thought of as daily professional development.

The following are examples of skills that an instructional coach helps teachers to refine: Planning, Assessments, Data Analysis, Classroom Management, Student Engagement, Effective Questioning, Instructional Techniques, Integrating Technology, Specific Feedback, and Differentiation.

ISPS is committed to supporting, encouraging and refining its already amazing teachers. I am here to be a part of that process.

EXPERIENCE

- 37 teaching experience.
- 5 years instructional coach.
- Experience mentoring and evaluating teachers.
- Excellent organizational communication and facilitation skills.

COMMUNITY SPORTS NIGHT



We have decided to introduce a registration process to have persons interested from the Community (parents, staff, students, alumni) register and sign a Liability Release Form. Given that it is for the ISPS Community there will be no charge for registration. It will be monitored this term to see if any adjustments are required. Your Team's assistance will be greatly appreciated in advertising and promoting these activities.

Thanks for your consideration.

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Updates from the Nurse

Hello Everyone,

So far the students who were ill at the beginning of the school term appear to be much better.

Students who are referred for speech and hearing will be given a note for parents.

Vision screening takes place on Friday 27th September, 2019. If you haven't already signed up your child/children and would like to have screening done, complete and submit the attached form. Screening for vision is free and is conducted by technicians from Optometrists Today.

The blood bank will be on the school compound on Thursday 3rd October 2019. Please let me know if you would like to donate and the time you prefer between 9am and 2:30pm.

Every year we offer flu shots to our families, I was informed by the agents that they will be available next month so I will let you know when I get them. The cost is now TT\$135.00. Please pay Irene in the business office and she will give you a receipt. Orders will only be placed for those who pay.

Due to a few deaths in the United States due to vaping I am attaching some information on the dangers of vaping to young people

<https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/>

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Speech & Hearing Screening

Friday, September 13, 2019

Vision Screening

Friday, 27 September, 2019

VISION SCREENING

NHS PRESENTS



Students will compete in 6 mini challenges in pairs, with 1 minute for each task.

The pair to complete mosts tasks wins!

Tasks include: Face the Cookie, Chopstick Challenge, and many more!

SEPTEMBER 27 IN THE GYM

12:15PM (HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH)

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QUICK LINKS

[Hosay's Bitter History](#)

[Story on the Hosay riots](#)

[David Rudder's Hosay](#)

Hosay's Bitter History

Hosay, the Shi'ite Muslim commemoration of the martyrdom of Mohammed's grandsons, Hassan and Hussein, is currently going on. It began September 10. This is a beautiful and moving ceremony that no one living in Trinidad should miss.

Hosay takes place in two places: St. James and Cedros. It usually starts about 8 --10 pm at night on the main street in St James. The last day begins between 10 am to noon in St James and includes a march to QRC.

Please find with in the article the following:

1. The structure of Hosay (Below)
2. An article I wrote on June 16, 1994 in the Trinidad Guardian called "Hosay's Bitter History" (Quick Links)
3. A link to the Hosay riots (Quick Links)
4. A You tube link to David Rudders calypso " Hosay" about the cancellation of Hosay during the 1990 coup. (Quick Links)

The Structure of Hosay

1. First Night: Hosay begins with flag night -- The tssa drums play hand (rhythm), which is the call to battle. Flags are paraded through the street.
2. Night two: The small tadjah (tomb) representing Hassan is paraded through the streets.
3. Night three: The larger tadjahs are paraded through the streets.
4. Fourth night: Men in stockinged feet "dance the moon", a green one representing Hassan and a red one representing Hussein. The two moons meet in the middle of the street. Four of the hands have played by now including the call to battle. This is the only night the fifth hand, the mourning rhythm plays.
5. On the fifth day, there is a parade through the main road in St James to the sacred Hosay ground which is located inside the Queen's Royal College (QRC) grounds, which was given by the queen of England as a holy ground. There, the moons are planted in the ground.
6. he sixth day. Some time early in the morning the tadjahs a re taken to the sea in Cedros where they are destroyed so that the souls of Hassan and Hussein can return to the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.



AP STUDENTS

Charting a Path to College Credit



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The AP® Program has introduced for the 2019-20 school year new resources and processes designed to help students earn college credit and placement. At ISPS students have already started participating in the new process by signing up online with the CollegeBoard for each AP class they are taking. Students will get personalized feedback through new digital tools that provide daily support for every AP classroom. Their teachers will be able to track their performance throughout the year using monthly personal progress checks.

Here's some additional information you and your student need to know:

- Students will be asked to register for AP Exams in the fall. AP Exams will continue to be given in May.
- The exam fee isn't changing. However, there will be a \$40 fee for late registration (after Nov. 15) and a \$40 cancellation or unused exam fee.
- The AP Exam Registration form will be distributed on HS Curriculum Night. It is to be filled out and signed by both parent and student. The form is to be returned to the Business Office together with the exam fees by October 4, 2019.

Parents: learn about the new resources and processes for AP® in the 2019-20 school year.

<https://parents.collegeboard.org>

Hear what students think about the changes to AP® in the 2019-20 school year.

<https://youtu.be/3MCNEYCZWqw>

The new AP® resources and processes are designed to help more students earn college credit and placement. Learn more.

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/pdf/ap-2019-students-parents-handout.pdf>





ISPS



2019 - 2020 Events Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 PreK3/4 Coffee Morning 7:40-9:00am Green Room After School Activities Session 1 (Sep 2-Nov 29)	3 KG/G1 Coffee Morning 7:40-9:00am Green Room	4 G2/G3 Coffee Morning 8:40-10:00am Green Room	5 G4/G5 Coffee Morning 7:40-9:00am Green Room	6	7
8 Grandparents Day	9 G6-8 Coffee Morning 7:40-9:00am Green Room	10 G9-10 Coffee Morning 7:40-9:00am Green Room MS Curriculum Night 5:00-7:00pm	11 G11 Coffee Morning 8:40-10:00am Green Room ES Curriculum Night 5:00-7:00pm	12 HS Curriculum Night 5:00-7:00pm	13 Speech & Hearing Screening 7:00am-12:00n	14
15	16 ES MAP Testing	17 ES MAP Testing G12 Coffee Morning 7:40-9:00am Green Room	18 ES MAP Testing Community Sports Night—Bball & Vball 7:00-9:00pm ISPS Gym	19 ES MAP Testing Community Sports Night — Football 6:00-8:00pm ISPS Gym	20 ES MAP Testing	21
22	23 MS MAP Testing	24 Republic Day NATIONAL HOLIDAY	25 MS MAP Testing	26 MS MAP Testing	27 MS MAP Testing Vision Screening 7:30am-2:00pm	28
29	30 HS MAP Testing G9-10 (Oct 1-4)					



ISPS Lunch Menu

September 16-27

[CLICK HERE FOR MENU PRICES](#)

September 2019	Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20
Proteins	Caramelized Chicken in Potato Carrots OR Grilled Fish	BBQ Chicken Drumsticks OR Honey glazed Fish	Chinese Chicken Tenders OR Asian Fish	Garlic Chicken skewer OR Paprika Fish Skewer	Bake and Shark with Accompaniments
Starches	White Rice	Mac & Cheese	Asian Noodles Salad	Wild Rice Pilaf	(Fried Bake)
Peas/Veggie	Sautéed Vegetables	Roasted Vegetables		Sautéed Patchoi	
Vegan	Red Bean Chili	Lentil Loaf	Vegetable Spring Rolls	Honey Garlic Tofu	Soya Burgers
Soup of the Day					Corn Soup

September 2019	Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Wednesday 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27
Proteins	Beef Chili Con Carne OR Grilled Fish in Tomato Sauce	Public Holiday Republic Day	BBQ Chicken Breast OR BBQ Fish Finger	Stewed Chicken and Peppers OR Cacciatore fish	Mexican pulled Chicken OR Mexican Spiced Fish
Starches	Spaghetti		Homestyle Pasta Salad	Scented Jasmine Rice	Taco Shells
Peas/Veggie	Red Bean Chili		Corn Grilled	Garden Vegetables	Tomato Salsa 4 Cheeses Lettuce
Vegan	Pumpkin & Red Bean Chili		Lentil Peas	Honey Garlic Tofu	This meal can be vegan
Soup of the Day					Pumpkin Bisque

If you have a special diet or have any allergic reactions to certain foods, please advise our caterers at your earliest convenience so that they may prepare a menu that fits your needs.