



ISPS WEEKLY

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

- 23-27 MS MAP Testing
- 24 Republic Day (National Holiday, No School)
- 25-27 AASSAA Training Institute
- 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) No school
- 29-3 (Nov) Midterm Break (No School)

November

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

ISPS Contact #: 633-4777

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Good afternoon and I hope that you have had an enjoyable week.

School is in full swing now, and the corridors are full of students and chatter. Late Start Wednesday this week was devoted to teaching and learning and looking at different ways to increase classroom participation for all students. Next week we will start sharing best practice with different departments leading the professional development sessions for the rest of their colleagues and we are all looking forward to learning from all the different departments: Social Studies, Music and Spanish and so on.

At the coffee mornings, I spoke about the dangers and problems which can be associated with internet and mobile phone use especially amongst children. Last year France banned all mobile phones from schools for children up to Grade 9.

At the time the French Education Minister Jean-Michel Blanquer said,

"We know today that there is a phenomenon of screen addiction, the phenomenon of bad mobile phone use... Our main role is to protect children and adolescents. It is a fundamental role of education, and this law allows it."

Educational professionals and parents across the world are becoming increasingly aware of the negative aspects and extremely unpleasant content that our children can be exposed to whilst online. I strongly advise that you monitor your children's devices. Check their browsing histories, turn the internet off at night. Even for us, mobile phones are addictive, and we should also protect our own mental and physical health. Keeping your phone next to the bed could be very

damaging to our health warned the California Department of Public Health last year. The truth is that there is so much we don't know about the long term effects of radio frequency energy.

It was recently reported that over 1,000 American schools are rolling out the use of Yondr to control phone use this year. Teens will keep their phones on them but put them inside pouches, which they magnetically lock themselves. At the end of the day, they tap their pouches on magnetic unlocking stations located around the school. Trials held in San Francisco worked well in terms of improving concentration and discouraging children from using their phones too much throughout the day.

I don't know what the future holds for mobile phones in schools, but I do know that we are in uncharted territory and we need to remain vigilant and carefully evaluate both the benefits and dangers of phones in schools.

Next week Trinidad and Tobago will be celebrating Republic Day. It is a public holiday, so we will not be in school on Tuesday 24th September.

Enjoy your weekend!

Kind regards,

Helen Brocklesby
Director

LINKS TO ARTICLES

[France Bans Smart Phones From Schools](#)

[And So Are Its Mental Health Risks](#)

[Teenage Hangups: The Draconic Plans To Keep High Schoolers Off Their Phones](#)

SAVE THE DATE



25 YEARS

FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER



PTO NEWS

Hello Parents

Almost one full month has gone by and the school year is in full swing. We are all now well settled into our daily routines...hopefully! Having just concluded the back-to-school 'Coffee Mornings', our 2019-2020 PTO Calendar of Events moves swiftly along with our 25th Anniversary Barbecue!

This event is free of charge and will take place on Friday 4th October at 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m on the school grounds.

Mouthwatering meats will be fired up on the grill courtesy of our 'ISPS Dads' while snacks and fun activities will keep the kids busy. We have many exciting surprises in store for you; this year's barbecue will definitely be 'one for the books'...come out in your numbers and let's celebrate our 25 years at ISPS!

Keep an eye out for more info about this and all our upcoming PTO Events on the notice board just outside of the Reception area.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in two weeks on October 4th

ISPS PTO



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PTO EXECUTIVE

President	Natasha Chinapoo
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Treasurer	Rhonda Mansoor
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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Cultural Committee Chair:
Dimar Ching-Johnson

Events Co-ordinator:
Suzette Farah

PTO NOTICE

ROOM REP MEETING

DATE: Wednesday 25th September, 2019

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: ISPS Cafeteria

Please note we still need Room Reps for Grade 6 Ms Veck, Grade 6 Ms Angney, Grade 8 Ms Meade, Grade 10 Ms Bahadoorsingh, Grade 11 Ms Fyfe and Grade 11 Mr Joseph.

Feel free to attend the meeting if you are willing to volunteer for any of the above Grades.



SECURITY GUIDELINES

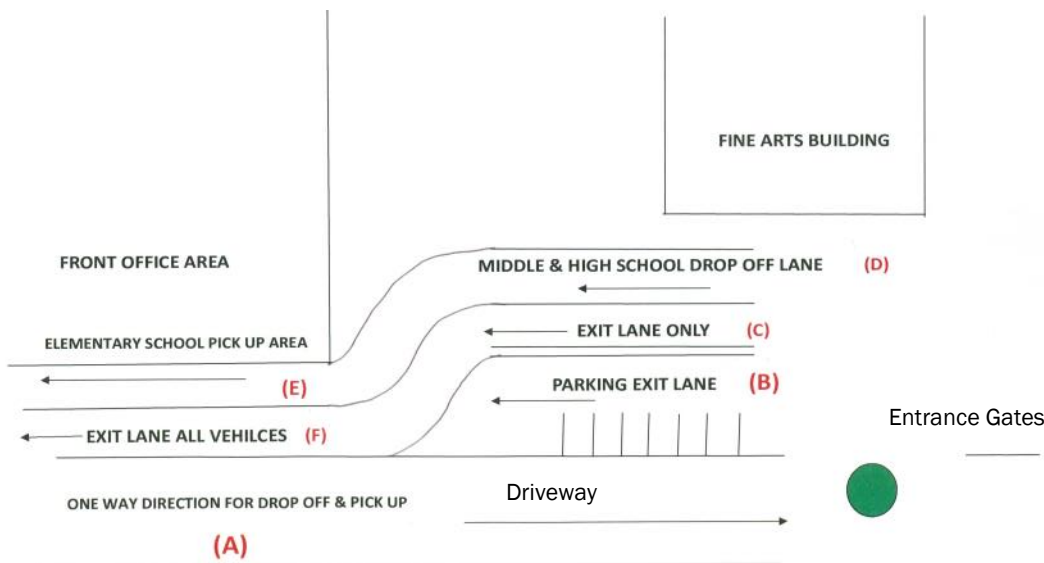
Welcome parents to the 2019-2020 school year at ISPS! As we begin the school year the Security Department would like to inform you about the School's Traffic Management System indicated in a diagram below. To ensure the effectiveness of this Traffic Management System, it requires the full cooperation of you, the parents, guardians and our student drivers.

These are the following guidelines;

- ⇒ Parents must notify the school if there is a change of their driver or pick up arrangements via letter and phone call.
- ⇒ Parents must avoid parallel parking on Columbus Circle leading to ISPS. As this not only inconveniences the residents but it can lead to an obstruction of passage should there be a need for an evacuation of the school or any emergency situation.
- ⇒ Please note there is police presence at the corner of International Drive and Columbus Circle. Should anyone be found parking irregularly to obstruct traffic flow, parking in front of a resident's driveway, or breaching any Motor Vehicle and Road Regulation Act, they can and will be ticketed by the police officers.
- ⇒ Vehicles parked in front of the school's main office area **MUST** have their engines turned OFF while you wait to collect your child/children.
- ⇒ During the sounding of any of the school's alarms, **NO** vehicular traffic will be allowed to pass the school's security barrier. Also you will be expected to vacate your vehicle and proceed to the school's Muster Point.
- ⇒ The speed limit for traffic on the campus and on International Drive is 10kph.
- ⇒ Parents **MUST** sign and return a Pedestrian Form if you require your child/children to walk home after school only.
- ⇒ Parents must insist that their child/children be outside for pick-up at a particular time, thus shortening your waiting time.

A. Ralph, Head Security and Safety

ISPS TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



TRAFFIC DIRECTIONS



You are here

- A** All traffic direction arriving for morning drop off & afternoon pick up.
- B** Lane used to enter or exit parking area along the school's wall/also an exit lane.
- C** Exit lane to be used when exiting the northern parking area. To exit from (D) drop off & pick up lane.
- D** All traffic for drop off & pick up must enter lane and drive in queue by moving up.
- E** Elementary School pick up & drop off zone.
- F** All vehicles exiting (B), (C), (D) must use this lane.

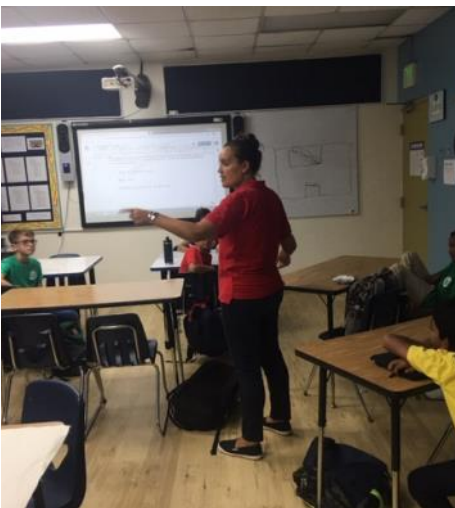
Please be advised of the following

1. Turn off vehicles while waiting in the Elementary School Pick Up area
2. Follow the instructions of Security Officers/Traffic Assistants
3. Parents/Drivers please drive vehicles to head or top of the pick up line to allow movement of vehicles behind
4. Parents will be asked to re-join the pick up line if there children are not available at the assigned pick up area.

We thank you for your cooperation in the above matters.



Living Our Mission

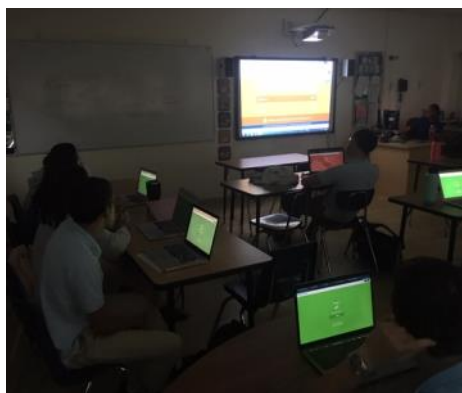


Homeroom Crest Initiative

Well done to the MS homeroom teachers who worked with their homeroom students on the Crest Initiative yesterday.

As I visited the classes, I was delighted to see the Prefects appearing to take leading roles in the process. Again thanks to Carolyn for taking a leading role in this. Once we have a date for the Crest Launch, I will let you know.

[#excellence](#)





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 AASSA Training Institute — IFMA’s Essentials of Facility Management, 8:00am—4:00pm, Dance Room	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)					

COMMUNITY SPORTS NIGHT



7:00-9:45PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
BASKETBALL



6:00-8:00PM

THURSDAYS
VOLLEYBALL FOOTBALL

We are happy to continue our Community Sports Nights and will continue the 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.
E-MAIL Sprott or Ricardo Lue Shue for more info:

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Staff Yoga
3:15 to 4:15
Green Room
Cost: \$50

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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Middle School
Sept 23-27



ISPS Lunch Menu

September 23-October 04

[CLICK HERE FOR MENU PRICES](#)

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

Sept-Oct 2019	Monday 30	Tuesday 01	Wednesday 02	Thursday 03	Friday 04
Proteins	Spanish Chicken Thighs OR Stew Fish Cubes	Oven Fried Chicken OR Fish Steaks	Beef Meatballs OR Grilled Fish Marinara Sauce	Curry Chicken OR Curry Fish	BBQ Baked Wings OR BBQ Glazed Fish
Starches	Basmati Rice	Mashed Potato	Herb Spaghetti	Bus Up Shot	Steak Fries
Peas/Veggie	Mediterranean salad	Broccoli Gratin	Fresh Apple	Dasheen Bush Potato and Chana	Fresh Fruit Chow
Vegan	Grilled Tofu Kebab	Lentils loaf	Soya Meatball	Curry Tofu	Soya Jamaican Patties
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