



ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

9	G9-10 Coffee Morning
10	MS Curriculum Night
11	G11 Coffee Morning
11	ES Curriculum Night
12	HS Curriculum Night
13	Speech & Hearing Screening
16-20	ES MAP Testing
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) 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

Dear Parent/Guardians,

It has been such a pleasure meeting so many parents at the Coffee Mornings this week. I have met parents from Columbia, France, USA, Holland, India, Uganda and of course Trinidad amongst others. The privilege of meeting and working with people around the world, is never lost of me. It also brings its challenges with cultural differences and occasional misinterpretation. I recently read *The Culture Map* by Erin Meyer and was fascinated. It is an easy read and well recommended to anyone who would like to understand other nationalities and cultures a little better. I wish I had read it years ago.

I am looking forward to meeting more parents next week for Middle and High School Coffee Mornings. I would especially like to thank the PTO for their constant attendance and support so far (although I am not sure that my waistline is going to cope with much more of the excellent snacks that go with my coffee).

At the Wednesday Late Start, in addition to the data analysis, as a staff we also talked about boys and their development. In a number of schools where I have worked, I have seen that boys seem to be losing their way. Less of them taking up leadership roles and sometimes opting out of academic challenges. I read this week that number of female students in the UK, taking exams in A-level sciences overtook males for the first time ever this year. Great news for the girls but I do rather worry about our boys. If you are a parent of boys, I highly recommend *It's a Boy* and *Raising Cain* both by Dr Michael Thompson.

It's a Boy! provides expert advice on the developmental, psychological, social, emotional, and academic life of boys from infancy through the teen years. Exploring the many ways in which boys strive for masculinity and attempt to define themselves, psychologist Michael Thompson, Ph.D., a leading international expert on boys' development, and journalist Teresa H. Barker identify the key developmental transitions that mark a boy's psychological growth and emotional health, and the challenges both boys and parents face at each age.

Debbie Jacob, our fantastic librarian, has ordered the books and already has them downloaded on our kindles which parents can come in and borrow.

Please remember to mark the Curriculum Nights next week in your diary. These sessions are a wonderful opportunity to meet your children's teachers and to hear what your children will be studying this year. We are aiming for 100% parent participation so please do come along and help us reach our goal.

The other date of the 4th October has been confirmed as the Welcome Back Barbeque, made extra special in that it will also celebrate the 25th years of ISPS. Please do note it in your diaries and Dads get your aprons ready!

Finally, I would like to remind you that our doors at ISPS are always open for you. Please do come and talk to us if you need too as we work together to support our children to achieve personal excellence.

- Helen Brocklesby
Director

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UPCOMING EVENTS
Speech & Hearing Screening
Friday, September 13, 2019

Vision Screening
Friday, 27 September, 2019

Upcoming Screening

Hello Everyone,

There are still some students with flu like symptoms but less than last week.

Speech and hearing screening takes place on Friday 13th September 2019 at school. Please complete the attached form and submit money by Wednesday 11th September 2019.

Vision screening takes place on Friday 27th September 2019. The form is now attached for your permission to have your child/children screened. This screening is free and is conducted by technicians from Optometrists Today. Please return this form by Wednesday 25 September.

The blood bank will be on our premises on Thursday 3rd October, 2019. Let me know if you would like to donate. This is one way for us to give back to the community.

Please note, our school takes child protection seriously. Please see our child protection policy with attachments on the anti-bullying policy, the child protection document and child abuse forms on the school's website.

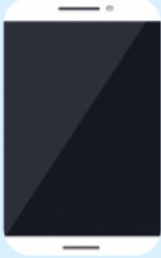
Have a great weekend!

SPEECH & HEARING SCREENING

VISION SCREENING


Parents,
You are invited to our
PowerSchool Mobile App
Training

ACCESS OUR SCHOOL'S DATABASE FROM YOUR PHONES



Elementary School Friday 6th September
Middle School Friday 12th September
High School Friday 13th September

All Trainings are from 7:30-8:30 am



Middle School/ High School
Dear Parents, Join us for our 2019-2020 Coffee Mornings



Grades 6-8 Monday Sept. 9	Grades 9-10 Tues Sept. 10	Grade 11 Wed. Sept. 11
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Time: 7:45 am - 9:00 am (Mon, Tue Thurs)
8:45 am - 10:00 (Late Start Wednesday)

Location: Green Room



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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
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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)					
					Note: Grade 12 Coffee Morning TBA	



ISPS Lunch Menu

September 9-20

September 2019	Monday 09	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13
Proteins	Chicken Parmesan OR Tuscan Baked Fish	Oven Baked Breast OR Pan fried fish	Beef Lasagna	Curry Chicken OR Curry shrimp	Burrito Day Mexican Chicken/Fish Strips
Starches	Sautéed Penne Pasta	Basmati Rice	Cheesy Garlic Bread	Buss Up Shut	White Rice Flour Tortilla
Peas/Veggie	Fresh Salad	Sautéed Vegetables Lentils Peas	Green Salad	Mango Masala Potato & Channa	Tomato Salsa Sweet Peppers & Charred Onions Guacamole
Vegan	Grilled Tofu	Roast Lentil Loaf	Vegetable Lasagna	Curry Tofu	
Soup of the Day					Pumpkin Bisque

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

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.