



# ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### February 2016

26 HS Parent Conferences  
**EARLY DISMISSAL 11:30AM**  
**HS ONLY**

#### March 2016

2-6 CAISSA, ISPS, Girls' Soccer/Boys' Basketball  
 5 PTO/ CAISSA Family Day  
 8 End Term 2 (ES)  
 11 **Teachers' Professional Training Day: 11:30 a.m. dismissal for students**  
 18 Last day of school before Easter break  
 21 Easter break begins  
 25 Good Friday (National Holiday)

#### One Mission

ISPS develops independent learners who strive for academic excellence, pursue their unique potential and meet challenges with confidence and integrity as they prepare for global citizenship.

#### A Shared Vision

A collaborative community creating a vibrant environment that enriches character, while inspiring a passion for learning and personal excellence.

#### Students' Honor Code

As a member of the ISPS community, I pledge my academic integrity, honesty, and respect. I will prepare for global citizenship by being open minded to ideas, perspectives, and cultures; being curious and courageous both inside and outside of the classroom; thus expressing my individuality as an independent free-thinker. I will also be open to self-reflection, recognizing my faults, and striving for improvement and excellence in all that I do.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to you all and I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable Carnival. The recruitment fairs in Boston and San Francisco were very successful. I look forward to sharing with you brief bios on all of our new teachers once the hiring process has been completed.

Please be prepared for the High School Parent conferences that will be on February 26th. On that day we will have early dismissal for HIGH SCHOOL students only. Also the new academic calendar for 2016-2017 has been approved by the ISPS Board, so please look out for it in next week's newsletter.

Congrats to the ISPS Physics department on the win at the Structural Building Competition! The students did a project on Aesthetic Design. Congratulations as well to all the music students for their achievements at the 31st Biennial Music Festival of Trinidad and Tobago. We are proud of their accomplishments!

Our MYP Consultant's visit to ISPS has been rescheduled for this coming week, the 24th and 25th of February. It had been postponed in January due to the weather conditions in the Northeast USA. We look forward to meeting with the consultant and receiving her input and recommendations as we move forward with MYP implementation.

The International School of Port of Spain is engaged in an ongoing process of continuous improvement of which all stakeholders are an integral part. Our school is using the AdvancED Parent Survey as a means to elicit your opinions to help target areas for improvement as well as identify areas of strength to be maintained. Next week you will receive via email instructions and a link to access the survey. Your cooperation and support in completing the parent survey would be greatly appreciated. We value your input! Thanks in advance for your anticipated assistance.

Have a happy week!

All the best, Abby Majendie

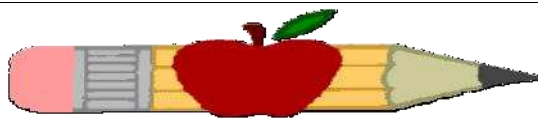
The International School of Port of Spain is engaged in an ongoing continuous improvement process, of which all stakeholders are an integral part. This academic year 2015-2016 is the final year in our current three year School Improvement Plan (SIP 2013-2016). We shall shortly begin the formulation of a new School Improvement Plan (SIP 2016-2019) to guide our efforts for the next three academic years. We need your help to do this.

Our Accreditation Body, AdvancED has a Parent Survey that we shall use as a tool to gain parent feedback. The five sections on the survey represent the five AdvancED Standards for Quality School Systems and provide a means for learning about parent expectations of a high-quality school system. We look forward to your support.

Jackie Fung-Kee-Fung



# Elementary Notes



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Dear Parents,

Measurement for Academic Progress (MAP) testing took place this week, and we encountered a few technical problems that was reported to NWEA, the testing centre. MAP testing will continue into next week for make-ups. Once the testing period is over, and the teachers have analyzed the scores you will receive your child's report.

It is important that our students participate in events in the wider community, and this year our students joined hundreds of other students from around the country to participate in the 31st Biennial Music Festival of Trinidad and Tobago. We are proud of our students who have participated in the festival. Thank you to our parents who have transported students to the event.

Thank you to all the parents who came out to support our Carnival Jump-Up. We appreciated all the assistance we received with the costumes.

Best regards,

**Suzette Julien**  
Elementary Principal



## CALENDAR

March 8	End of Term II
March 11	Teacher P.D. day 11:30am Student Dismissal
March 15	MILO Games for grades 3-5
March 18	Reports Distributed / Kite Flying / Free Dress Day
March 18	Last day of School before Easter break

## Primary Years Programme

All teachers are involved with the preparation for the Grade 5 Exhibition in May. At our PYP collaborative meeting on Tuesday, the teachers discussed the general statement that the students created. The general statement will be used to guide the students' research on Sharing the Planet. In addition to discussing the general statement, the mentors for each student discussed concerns and logistics for their assigned mentees. The exhibition is the culmination of the programme, and we expect that all our students exhibit all the attitudes required to be successful during the process.

*PYP Coordinator, Angela Shahien*

## ISPS' Students at Music Festival 2016

The 31st Biennial Music Festival of The Trinidad and Tobago Music Festival has begun and ISPS has been well represented. We started off with the Girl's Vocal Solo (8-10yrs.), where out of 120 contestants our ISPS girls all succeeded to the next round. Congratulations to the girls Amoi Dunbar, Isabelle Smyth & Ariel Wong and good luck in the Semi-finals. Our next category was the Piano Solo (12 & under), where Max McCarty, Masayoshi Kato, Zuriel Te, Ariel Wong & Zera Te participated. Both Ariel Wong and Masayoshi Kato made it into the finals and we await their results. In the String Solo (15 and under) North Finals category, we are pleased to highlight the success of our ISPS students in which Zera Te placed first and Jasmine Wong came in at 3rd place. Our Elementary School Choir also made their mark on stage only 5 points shy of placing 1st in their category.

On Saturday 20th February we continue waving our ISPS flag in the Boy's Vocal Solo (8-10yrs) represented by Max McCarty. Ariel Wong, Zera Te and Jasmine Wong will also take part in the Sight Reading competition on Sunday 21st February, and our Grade 2 student Zuriel Te and his sister Zera Te will participate in the Piano Duet (12 & under) category on Tuesday 23rd February

Our students have been working very hard towards representing ISPS and we would like to take the time to congratulate them in all of their successes.

**Inge Schuler, Music Teacher**





# Nurse's Notes

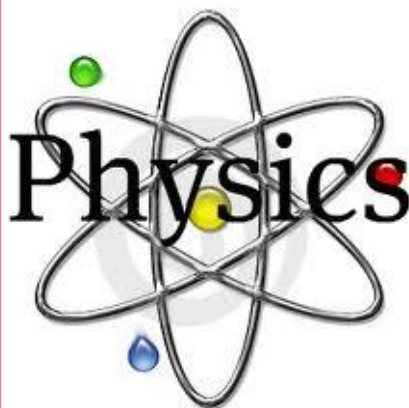
VANDA GIBBINGS-GOMES

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a lovely break. This week many students started complaining about flu like symptoms, including coughing, nausea and abdominal pain. Some students have even been getting relapses.

This is just a reminder about preventing the breeding of mosquitoes in our community by keeping the surroundings clean and getting rid of unnecessary containers with water.

Do enjoy the weekend and be safe.



## ISPS wins Structural Building Competition — Best Aesthetic Design

We wish to extend Congratulations to our High School Physics team, who competed at the Institution of Structural Engineers' **2016 Secondary Schools Design & Build Competition**. HS seniors: Alex Lee Young and Nathanael Lue Chee Lip, and HS Junior: Rebecca Almandoz won the prestigious prize for Best Aesthetic Design at the competition held at The UWI - St. Augustine on Saturday 29th January 2016. With 34 secondary schools participating, this was a significant achievement for our team. They did not win the overall competition, where the towers were loaded with weights to the point of destruction. Based on results, we ranked 11th overall for that part of the competition. However, it was an excellent effort as they set the pace for the other schools as they completed their tower within 1 hour of an allocated 2.5 hours. The competition tested the students' abilities to apply what they know about forces and structures in a "real life" situation, to do research, to use their imagination and creativity, and to work effectively as a team. Well done on making ISPS proud!

**Daren Maynard**  
AP Physics 1 & 2





INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PORT OF SPAIN

# COLLEGE



# GUIDANCE

# INFORMATION SESSION

Dear Parents,

As a follow up to an email that was sent out last Friday (February 15th) I would like to remind all parents of the 11th grade class of the the college guidance information session being held on Monday February 22nd at 1:00pm in the library.



The College Guidance Process may be new to some of you and familiar territory for others. However, the purpose of this session is to get everyone on the same page,

This session will cover:

- General College/University Application Processes
- College Guidance at ISPS (Junior and Senior Seminar)
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Dates, Deadlines and Timelines
- General Q & A

I do hope that you all can attend so that we get an early start on this process.

Regards,

Louis Moore  
School Counselor

## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT



### Beetham Residents Enjoy Successful J'ouvert

ISPS P.E. & Health Teacher and member of the Sweetville Committee helped plan a successful J'ouvert celebration for the Beetham residents. The 2016 J'ouvert presentation titled *The Beetham Gardens Powder Possee* was held at the corner of Tenth and Main streets and was sponsored by the blink I bmobile Foundation.

*"We have to do our part to help reduce the negative stigma of the Beetham Gardens because the effort must come from within."*

— Albert Sprott





# ISPS



## Takes 1st & 3rd in Music Festival Finals

**Congratulations to all our Trinidad and Tobago Music Festival participants!!**

***SUCCESS in our first Finals!!!***

### **String Solo (15 and under)**

#### **North Finalists**

1st place — Zera Te [left]

3rd place — Jasmine Wong [right]



**Thus far, all ISPS participants have progressed to the next round!**

***The following students have succeeded in mini-prelims and will be going on to the next round:***

### **Girl's Vocal Solo (8-10 yrs.)**

– Amoi Dunbar, Isabelle Smythe & Ariel Wong

### **Piano Solo (12 and under)**

– Max Mc Carty, Zuriel Te, Ariel Wong & Zera Te

### **Girl's Vocal Solo (16-19 yrs.)**

– Naomi Bolastig

### ***Awaiting results:***

#### **Primary School Choir**

**(12 and under)**

– ISPS ES Choir

### **Still to come...**

#### **Thursday 18th February**

**Piano Solo (13-15 yrs.)** – Kate Short

#### **Friday 19th February**

**Operatic Aria -Ladies (open class)** – Kate Short

#### **Saturday 20th February**

**Boy's Vocal Solo (8-10 yrs.)** – Max Mc Carty

#### **Sunday 21st February**

**Sight Reading (12 and under)** – Ariel Wong, Zera Te & Jasmine Wong

#### **Tuesday 23rd February**

**Piano Duet (12 and under)** – Zuriel Te with Zera Te

#### **Friday 26th February**

**Music Theatre Solo (open class)** – Mandisa Harewood, Naomi Bolastig & Kate Short

#### **Saturday 27th February**

**Girl's Vocal Duet (16-19 yrs.)** – Mandisa Harewood with Naomi Bolastig



# FEBRUARY 2016

## International School of Port of Spain 2015–2016 Events Calendar

JANUARY 31	1 HS MAP TESTING  Q2 MS/HS REPORTS	2	3	4	5 SCHOOL CARNIVAL PARADE 11:30 A.M. WHOLE-SCHOOL DISMISSAL	6
7	8 NATIONAL CARNIVAL (NO SCHOOL)	9 NATIONAL CARNIVAL (NO SCHOOL)	10 ASH WEDNESDAY (SCHOOL HOLIDAY)	11	12	13
14	ES MAP TESTING  EARLY DISMISSAL 11:30AM—MS ONLY  MS PARENT CONFERENCES 12:00N—3:30PM GYM	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26  EARLY DISMISSAL 11:30AM—HS ONLY  HS PARENT CONFERENCES 12:30—3:30PM GYM	27
28	29	MARCH 1 "MATHLETICS 2016"	MARCH 2 "MATHLETICS 2016"	MARCH 3	MARCH 4	MARCH 5





# CAISSA Reloaded is just 14 days away

The planning committee has done a lot of work for the tournament. Here is what we have planned:

1. Tournament Name- CAISSA Reloaded (Boys' Basketball and Girls' Soccer).
2. Date: 2nd to 6th March. CMS Girls will be coming in on Tuesday 1st March at 11:25 p.m. and the other teams will be arriving on Wednesday 2nd March at 4:30 p.m. All teams leave on Sunday 6th March at 6:00 a.m.
3. We will be using an app to access the schedules, rules, live stream, teams, menu, list of sponsors and also a live chat.
4. 8A QR code will be placed on the t-shirts to access the tournament site. No paper, No plastic water bottles and Styrofoam will be used during the tournament.
5. Teams will be greeted at the airport by our team ambassadors (Students from Advance PE) and bussed to ISPS.
6. The Opening Ceremony is on Wednesday 2nd March at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in our theater.
7. T-shirts have been ordered and a special **GREEN** shirt will be on sale for all Caiman supporters.
8. Games start from 8:00 a.m. on Thursday 3rd March and end at 5:30 p.m., 7:30 a.m. on Friday and end at 2:00 p.m., and 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and end at 5:30 p.m.
9. The Closing Ceremony is on Saturday 5th March at 7:00 p.m. in our theater.
10. All games and events will be streamed live.
11. \*\* We still have some boys and coaches to house.
12. We are planning a pep rally for Tuesday 1st March.
13. \*\*We need parent sponsors for food stuff for the athletes. This will be served at the athletes' refreshment booth during tournament days.
14. We will send out the link and directions to access the app soon.

**Ashmir Ali**

Please contact me if you would like to get involved.

PS: This is a huge undertaking and it can only be successful with the assistance of the entire ISPS community. Show your Caiman Spirit!



# THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PORT OF SPAIN

CONFIDENCE EXCELLENCE INTEGRITY

Dear Parent,

The International School of Port of Spain will be hosting CAISSA (Caribbean Area International Schools Sports Association) Boys' Basketball and Girls' Soccer tournaments from March 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The main goals of this event are to encourage the development of students through athletic endeavour, increase school spirit and foster a vibrant learning environment.

The organising committee is requesting housing for the 112 students and 16 coaches from the four visiting schools; The Carol Morgan School, Academia Cotopaxi, Balboa Academy from Panama and Escuela Campo Alegre.

All parents and members of the community who would like to support the event by supplying sports drinks, bottled water, fruits and other food items, or in any other way can also contact Physical Education Department.

Your assistance will ensure that this event will be a successful and worthwhile learning experience for the entire school community.

Please call (620-6866) or email (aali@isps.edu.tt or ashmirali@hotmail.com ) if you are interested in assisting.

Thank you for your support,

**Ashmir Ali**

**Athletic Director**

Please indicate if you would be willing to house students from the visiting schools.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of students you are willing to House: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return to Ashmir Ali, aali@isps.edu.tt, 620 6866*



Open to all Members of the ISPS Community



**Free!** Come and get your **Free!**  
**Free!**  
Lunch at the ISPS Food Truck



**Saturday 5th March**  
**11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**



**Support our Caimans—  
Football and Basketball!**

**Plenty of Food, Games, Entertainment!!**



Rock Climbing



## ISPS CAIMANS TRAINING SCHEDULE — SEASON 2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
GIRLS' Soccer 2:30-5:30PM	GIRLS' Soccer 3:30-5:30PM	GIRLS' Basketball 3:30-5:30PM	GIRLS' Soccer 3:30-5:30PM	GIRLS' Basketball 2:30-4:30PM
BOYS' Basketball 3:30-5:30PM	BOYS' Basketball 3:30-5:30PM		BOYS' Basketball 3:30-5:30PM	
	RUGBY 2:30-4:30PM	RUGBY 2:30-4:30PM	RUGBY 2:30-4:30PM	
MS Boys' Soccer 2:30-3:30		MS Boys' Soccer 2:30-3:30		

CAISSA Season 2 (Boys' Basketball/Girls' Soccer) @ ISPS From March 2-6, 2016



### SCUBA DIVING FOR THE ISPS COMMUNITY



Get started & learn to dive with the **PADI Open Water Course**.

Open water divers, prepare to go further with the **PADI Advanced Open Water Course**.

Or Simply have fun, hone your skills & **dive in beautiful Tobago**.

Sat 5 Mar	Meet Instructor Sean
Mon 14 Mar	Registration of Courses
Apr 8, 9 & 11	Theory Classes for PADI Open Water Course
Sun 10 Apr	Pool sessions for Open Water & Advanced Open Water
Apr 15 - 17	TOBAGO Trip for Certification Dives

Contact Vidya at 789 6538 or [tobagodiveexperience@gmail.com](mailto:tobagodiveexperience@gmail.com)

For all parents/ students interested in Scuba Diving, please contact Vidya of Tobago Diving Experience. This company has worked with parents and students of ISPS over the past few years.

Ashmir Ali

# ISPS School Store

Let's Build School Spirit



Purple Polo \$75



Red Polo \$75



Orange Polo \$75



Green Polo \$75



Pink Polo \$75



Turquoise Polo \$75



Steel Tumbler \$65



Steel Tumbler \$65



Baseball Cap \$60



Baseball Cap \$60



Baseball Cap \$60



BPA Free Infuser Bottle \$60



Visor \$45



Koozie \$25



Luggage Tag \$20



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY					
<b>February</b>		5	PTO/ CAISSA Family Day	4	<b>SCHOOL RESUMES</b>
26	HS Parent Conferences	8	End Term 2 (ES)	15	End Quarter 3 (MS/HS)
	<b>EARLY DISMISSAL 11:30AM HS ONLY</b>	11	<b>Teachers' Professional Training Day: 11:30 a.m. dismissal for students</b>		
<b>March</b>		18	Last day of school before Easter break	<b>May</b>	
2-6	CAISSA, ISPS, Girls' Soccer/ Boys' Basketball	21	Easter break begins	25	CAISSA, Dominican Republic, Girls' Basketball/Boys' Soccer)
		25	Good Friday (National Holiday)	26	Corpus Christi (National Holiday)
		27	Easter Sunday (National Holiday)	30	Indian Arrival Day (National Holiday)
		<b>April</b>			



## Menu: Feb 22-26 , 2016

Everyday there will be a set menu at a fixed cost (Table d'hôte) and some days may have an À la carte menu where items are priced individually

<b>Monday 29th</b>	<b>Breakfast:</b>	Sada: Okra, Tomato Choka, Eggs, Sausages
	<b>Lunch:</b>	Rice Pilaf, Dhal, Curry Chicken Or Curry Fish, Fresh Salad
<b>Tuesday 1st</b>	<b>Breakfast:</b>	Cheese Subs, Eggs, Sausages, Cheese Paste
	<b>Lunch:</b>	Vegetable Rice, Lentils, Baked Chicken Or Lamb, Chunky Vegetables, Tossed Salad
<b>Wednesday 2nd</b>	<b>Breakfast:</b>	Chow Mein, Channa & Cheese, Stew Chicken
	<b>Lunch:</b>	Shepherd's Pie, Black Bean, Fresh Salad, Plantains
<b>Thursday 3rd</b>	<b>Breakfast:</b>	Fry Bake Or Coconut Bake, Smoked Herring, Eggs, Cheese
	<b>Lunch:</b>	Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Baked Fish Or Chicken, Kidney Beans, Fresh Salad
<b>Friday 4th</b>	<b>Breakfast:</b>	Pancake, Waffles, Sausages, Bagels & Cream Cheese
	<b>Lunch:</b>	Macaroni ple, Pigeon Peas, Honey Fry Chicken, Fresh Salad

**Elementary Options:**

Any Sandwich served with a small salad, milk, water or juice and fruit: \$15.00

**Prices for Lunch: VAT INCLUSIVE (Table d'hôte)- Fixed Menu:**

**Elementary Lunch:** \$20.00      **Medium Lunch:** \$25.00      **Large Lunch:** \$28.00



**Prices for (A la Carte Menu):**

**6 in. Subs (Tuna, Ham and Cheese, Turkey, Ham):** \$10.00      **Chicken Sub:** \$12.00  
**Vegan Delight (Cheese, Vegetables):** \$10.00      **Fruit Bowl served Monday and Tuesday:** \$10.00  
**Baked French Fries:** \$10.00      **Fresh Juices:** \$6.00(s) \$7.00(m) \$8.00(l)      **Milk (normal/soy):** \$6.00

**Note:** Vegetarian meals are available upon request. Students & Staff who suffer from allergies or have dietary requirements, please let the café know in advance so that they can try to facilitate you.