

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CURAÇAO

ISC WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER



International
School of
Curaçao

Dates to Remember:

August 17: New Parent
Orientation and Back to
School Night

August 23: IB
Information Night

September 5: Progress
Reports

September 5-16: MPG
Testing (Grades K5-2)

September 12-30: MAP
Testing (Grades 3-8)

September 24: Curaçao
Clean-Up

From The Director

Welcome back ISC!

Firstly, we hope to see you at tonight's Back-to-School event. Please refer to my email that was sent out last Friday for the details.

Having students back on campus, full of energy and excitement, has been wonderful; it is great to see returning students and the many new ones we have this year.

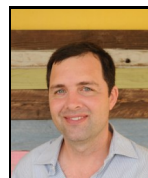
Enrollment is above our predicted numbers for the first time in many years. And, although it is always fluid, if our numbers remain steady as of today, it will be the first time in 7 years we will begin the school year with more students than the previous year (not including First Steps). I want to commend our staff for all of their hard work and dedication. Their commitment to ISC and our student body is undoubtedly the driving force behind our success and in turn, a beacon for families who recognize the quality education ISC can provide for their children.

This year we will continue to build on our successes and find ways to improve our areas of weakness. I look forward to another rewarding year working hand-in-hand with the staff, parents, and of course, our outstanding student population.

Wishing you a productive school year!

Douglas Vaughan

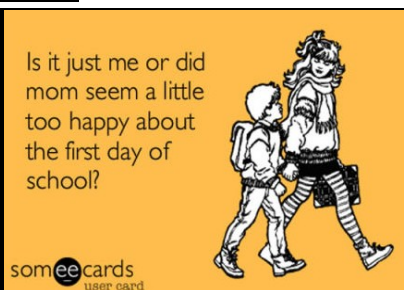
Director



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***Our Vision: An
international
education
today for the
global citizens
of tomorrow.***



Our Mission: ISC educates students from diverse cultures to have the skills to think creatively, communicate effectively, reason critically, and act compassionately.

Traffic: Drop-off and Pick-up Routines

Dear Parents,

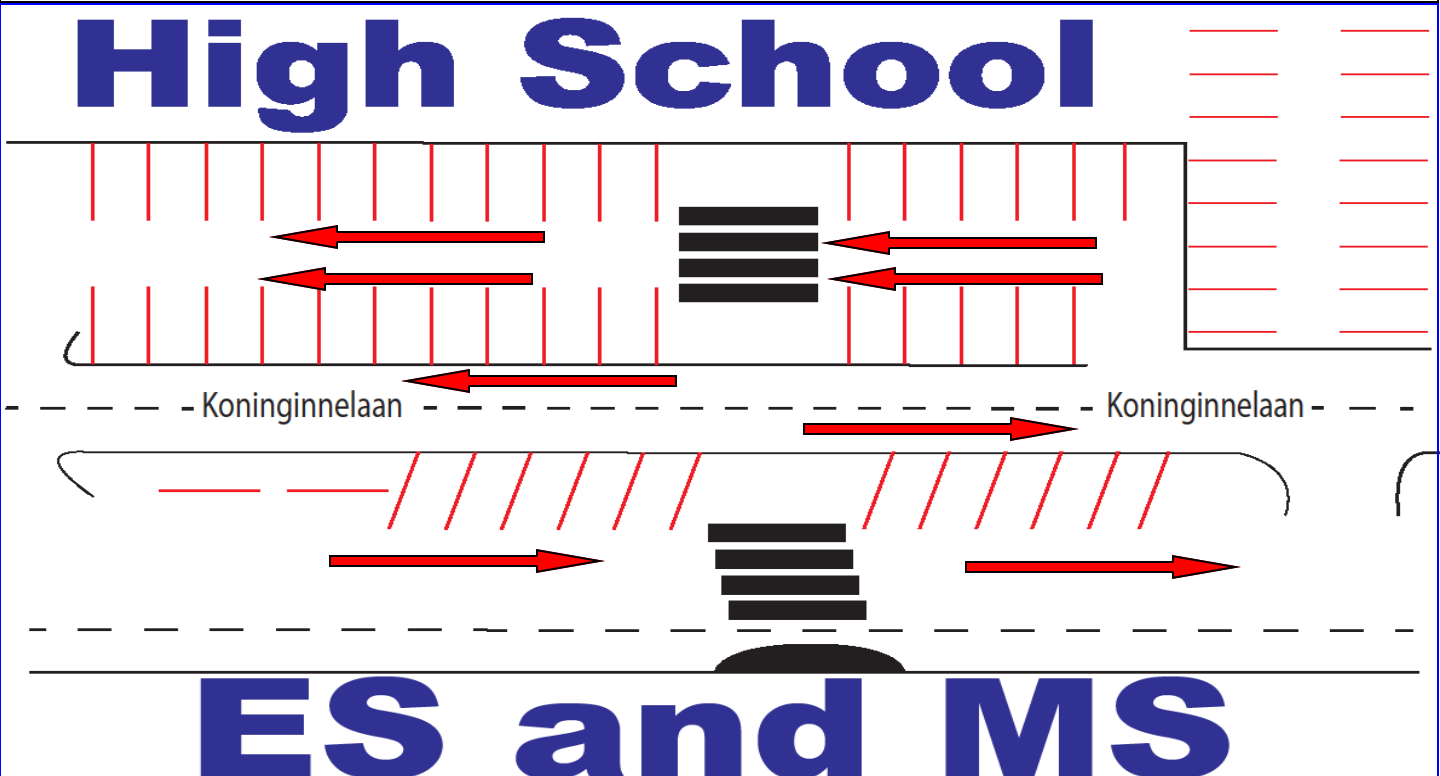
To help us assure safety for your children, please follow the guidelines below when dropping off and picking up. If everyone works together, the flow of traffic will undoubtedly be more efficient and safe.

- If you are driving through to drop off, please move as far forward as empty space allows; it is nice to drop your child at the gate, but cars begin to back up onto the road quickly. This includes both the elementary and high school sides. On the high school side, please be aware and try not to block open parking spaces where other parents may be trying to park.
- Please do not park in the drive-thru spaces at the right (elementary side) and leave your car unattended. This area is specifically meant for swift drop-off and pick-up only. Parking in these areas clogs the flow of traffic coming off of Koninginnelaan.
- Please refrain from parking on Koninginnelaan or dropping off your child directly from the road; both are major safety concerns.
- The security guards do their best to direct traffic to keep the flow going smoothly. Please be respectful at all times; they are working not only to direct traffic, but also to keep your children safe from accidents.
- During pick-up, help us out! Have a conversation with your child to help us get them to the gate and your car faster. We call students by name over the intercom system (elementary/middle school side) when we see your car coming; if they don't head to the gate immediately, it will undoubtedly have an impact on the line of cars backing up.
- Be patient. We have all been in a hurry to get somewhere, particularly in the mornings, but please be patient with the process and we will do our best to keep cars moving to get you on your way.

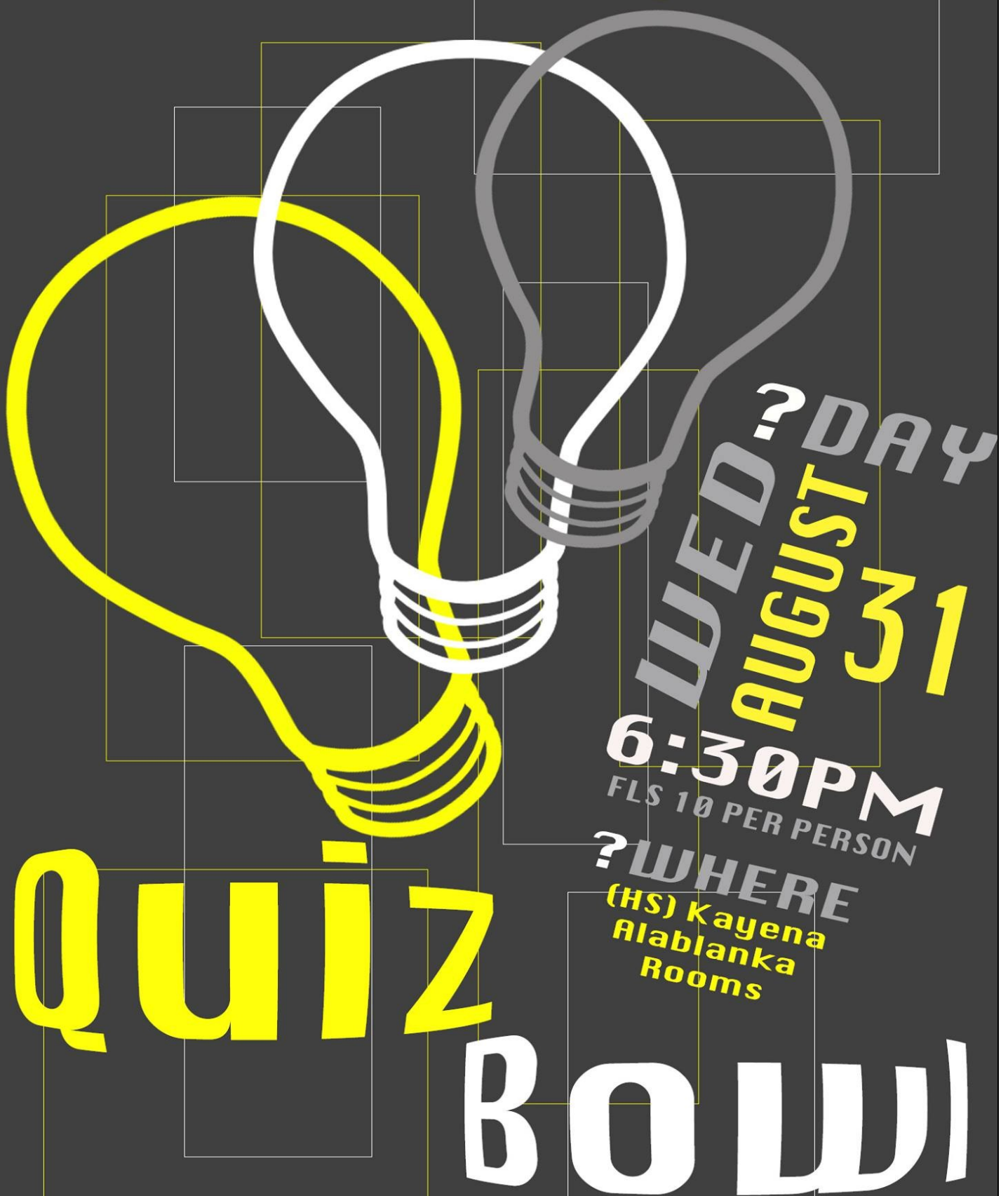
Sincerely,

Douglas Vaughan

Director



The National Honor Society Presents



Teams of 6-10 can register with any NHS member by Aug 29

The Curaçao Youth Theater & The International School of Curaçao
Present



AUDITIONS

ISC MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17 &
THURSDAY AUGUST 18**

SIGN UP AT THE MAIN OFFICE

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:
THE CURAÇAO YOUTH THEATER

Varsity and JV Sports: Registration Now Open

The ISC Sharks are ready for another fun-filled, successful season! We encourage all students throughout middle and high school to get involved and be part of a team. [Click here for a printable version](#) of the registration form, or stop by the high school and/or main offices for a copy. Payment can be made in the main office. For more information regarding ISC athletics, please contact Athletic Director, Ms. Sabina Evertsz at: evertszs@isc.cw

Varsity & JV Sports Registration Form 2016 - 2017



Student: M / F

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Grade _____ Student ID# _____

Date of Birth (m/d/yr) _____ Email _____

*SPORT (Check all that apply)

*V= Varsity for HS students

*JV=Junior Varsity for MS students

VOLLEYBALL - V	
SOCCER - V	
BASKETBALL - V	

BASKETBALL - JV	
SOCCER - JV	
VOLLEYBALL- JV	

Emergency contact info:

Name: _____ Relationship to Athlete _____

Phone # (list all that apply) (h) _____ (c) _____ (w) _____

Doctor's name _____ Phone # _____

Medical conditions Yes ____ NO ____

If yes, please explain

Parent /Guardian

I, the undersigned, hereby agree to the participation of my son/daughter in ISC Junior Varsity & Varsity sports program.

Name (print) _____ Signature _____

Payment Fee: (1 sport) Naf 85,- (2 sports) Naf 150,- (3 sports) Naf 200,-

On My Return to ISC

The minute I got on the plane in 2014 I knew I had made a big mistake. By the time I got to Miami I was distraught. I called my daughter and in tears told her “I want to go back.” She assured me that I had made the right choice. Nana needed me, she needed me, my friends in Richmond had missed me so much, my best friend and old business partner was ready to start anew. Still, with all the obligations and opportunity waiting at home, I had my doubts. I arrived home June 29th, 2014, with a huge “To Do” list.

I had just spent the last two years in Curaçao; falling in love. Not with an individual but with a whole island of people. I fell in love with a small school working so hard to fulfill its mission during trying economic times. I fell in love with Middle Schoolers, and the hard transition out of childhood. (I had always taught high school and even though I shepherd my own child through these tremulous years, I had no clue how hard it could be.) I fell in love with my colleagues, some who have given years to the mission of ISC. I saw the love and dedication daily. I fell in love with language; the diversity of the spoken word here is truly amazing. Most of my students speak three languages, and I can sit for hours just listening. I fell in love with the sunshine and the blue sea and Banda Abou, those grey hills that turn green at the first drop of rain. Needless to say I was smitten.



By the summer of 2015 I just couldn't stand it any longer, I had to come for a visit. I flew down in early August, ready for some serious beach time. It had been a long year in the cold grey skies of the East Coast. Imagine my surprise when the first person I run into is Douglas Vaughan leaving the beach with his family late one Saturday afternoon. I really don't know which one of us was more surprised, me or Doug? I took it as sort of a cosmic sign that I was in the right place at the right time. When I got the email from him in October offering me my old position I was over the moon! I wonder, if I had made a different choice that summer where would I be?

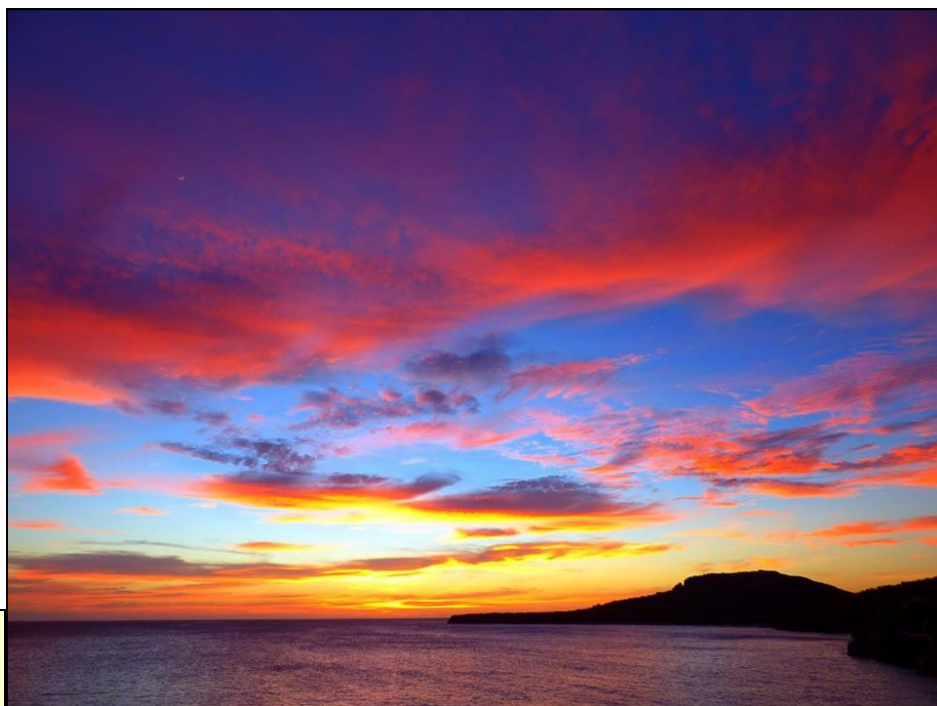
I'm so happy to be back at ISC. This past week has been a real treasure. Students stopping by to say hello and welcome back. Kids I had my first year are today's Seniors! My awesome 7th grade class now juniors, thinking about college applications. And the little sixth graders are so grown up. It has been so meaningful to me to see them, and to think I had a small role in their development into these beautiful young adults. I know most of the credit goes to Mom and Dad, but still, I can't help but take some pride in their transition from Middle Schoolers into confident young people ready to take on the complex world we all live in today. I am ISC, and super proud, happy, and honored to be part of it.

My door is always open to students and parents, if you have any concerns about your child please stop by my classroom after school. I fell in love with ISC and by extension your child. Anything I can do to help you get through Middle School I'm ready, willing, and able!

Love,

Cynthia Webb

Photo: Taken at Cas
Abou residence by
Mr. Dan Cwik



ISC Welcomes New Staff Members

Please welcome ISC's newest staff members to our community! On August 5th, all new staff members officially reported to school in preparation for the new school year. The majority arrived together on August 1st, ready to jump into their new environment and take on the challenges that await them. As with everyone new to Curaçao, they were first welcomed with the stifling heat that can make it difficult to adjust to the island. All are taking it in stride and have begun their settling in process while becoming familiar to the island and ISC.

Thank you to all the "buddies" who helped make their transition to Curaçao a smooth one!

On behalf of the ISC community: students, parents, and colleagues— Welcome!



Above: ISC staff and friends waiting at HATO for the new school members to arrive on August 1st.



Margarita Dingjan
- IB/HS Art



Jennifer Lenz
Bio. 9, Science 10, Algebra 9



Bradylee McGeough
IB Business, History 9, English 9



Elizabeth McGeough
Grade 3



Evelyn Restrepo
- K - 12 Counselor



Kelli Volkman
Grade 3



Cynthia Webb
Middle School Social Studies



Luelle Wilson
Learning Resource/Highly Able

High School News: Class of 2016 IB Score Results

Congratulations to the class of 2016 on their successful IB results. Their two years of hard work and dedication to the program directly contributed to the overall success ISC's most recent cohort in the IB program.

Preliminary feedback from some of the graduates indicate that their scores have led to numerous college credits at their respective universities even before they first step foot onto the campus.

Congratulations!

Session	Diploma results	%	Certificate results	%
May 2007 (10th)	5 out of 8	63%	50 out of 56	89%
May 2008 (11th)	8 out of 17	47%	35 out of 48	73%
May 2009 (12th)	11 out of 13	84%	85 out of 99	86%
May 2010 (13th)	17 out of 18	94%	50 out of 55	90%
May 2011 (14 th)	14 out of 19	74%	50 out of 53	94%
May 2012 (15 th)	14 out of 16	88%	93 out of 103	90%
May 2013 (16 th)	13 + 1 out of 14	100%	50 out of 53	94%
May 2014 (17 th)	15 out of 15	100%	101 out of 107	94%
May 2015 (18 th)	13 out of 15	87%	59 out of 64	92%
May 2016 (19 th)	16 out of 18	89%	47 out of 55	85%

ISC Partners

*Discounts from Local Businesses
for ISC Employees*



The International School of Curaçao (ISC) is a preK-12, accredited, private, nonprofit, coeducational day school recognized by the local government of Curaçao that provides instruction in English. ISC was founded in 1968 and offers a rigorous academic program in order to prepare students who plan to pursue higher learning at colleges and universities around the world.

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