

## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CURAÇAO

## ISC WEEKLY

## NEWSLETTER



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## Dates to Remember:

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

September 26: Progress Reports

September 30: 12:00 Dismissal due to local elections

## From The Director

Good afternoon ISC,

Thank you to all who turned up for our Back-to-School night last week and last night's IB Information Night. Your attendance was greatly appreciated by our teachers and staff.

Coming up this weekend ISC will be represented in the [Goals4Kids](#) tournament and we hope you can come out to support our teachers. A special thank you to Ms. Allison Grubb for organizing both the women's volleyball and women's soccer teams to compete in this important fund-raising event where proceeds go directly to [Fundashon Tuma Mi Man](#) in support of education for underprivileged children on the island. Good luck to our women's teams!!

Please take note of a couple changes made to the calendar. The Curaçao Clean-Up date has been officially moved to the 24th of September instead of the 17th. On September 30th there will be a 12:00 dismissal due to the elections. And our PTA Halloween Carnival has been changed from Friday, October 28th, to Saturday the 29th.

One topic addressed on Back-to-School night to all parents was the importance of regular school attendance and the problems absences can cause. I provided data from last year's attendance records and stressed how detrimental chronic absences can be for a student's development. To help drive this point home, here is a [website that has a compiled list of articles](#) on the topic. The sheer number of articles available for consumption is testament alone to the importance of regular student attendance.

Have a great week.

Sincerely,

Douglas Vaughan

Director



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## Attention!

Office hours for our Account Manager has changed this year. Mrs. van Rosberg is available during the following times:

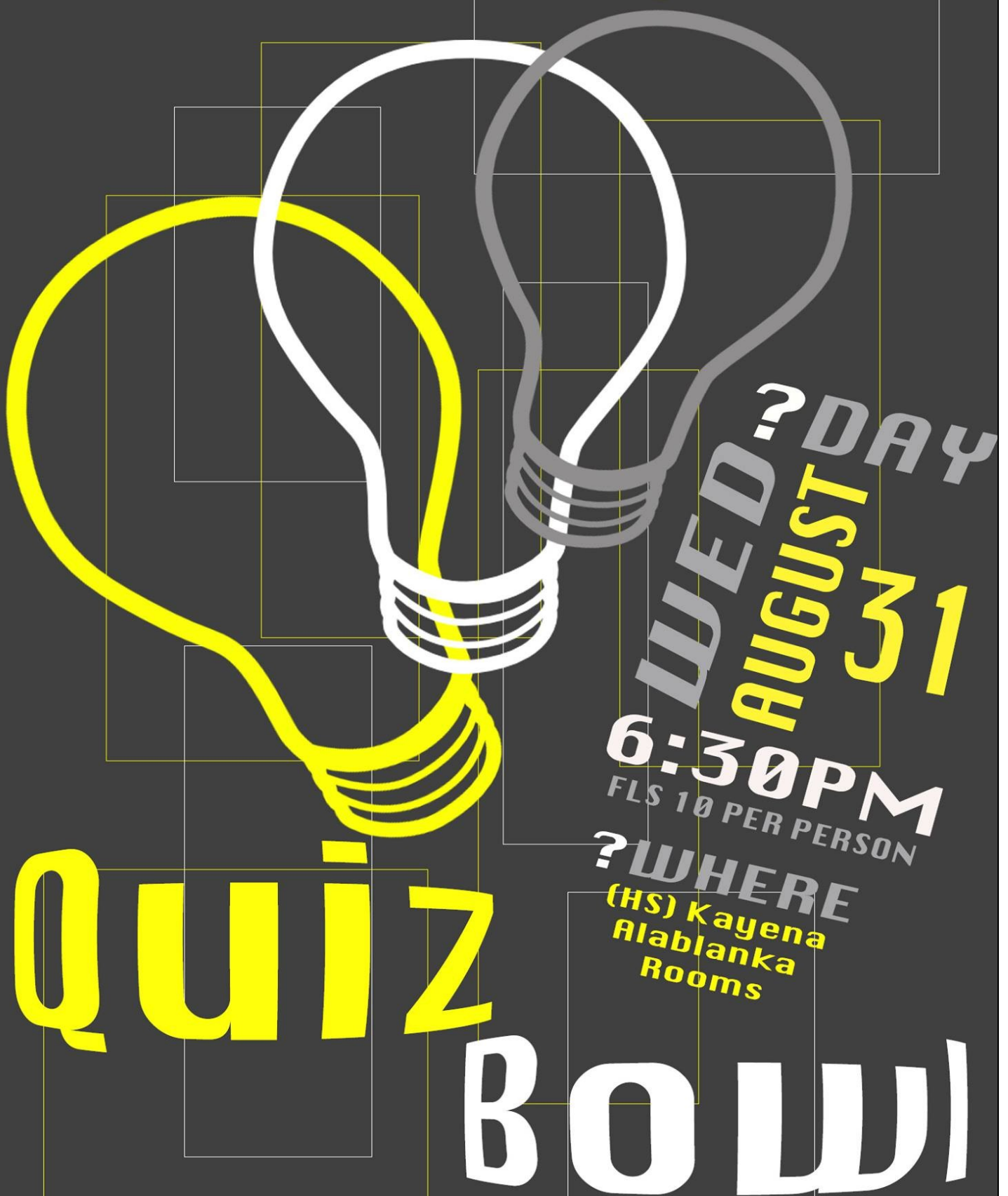
Monday - Thursday

7:30-3:00

***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.***

# The National Honor Society Presents



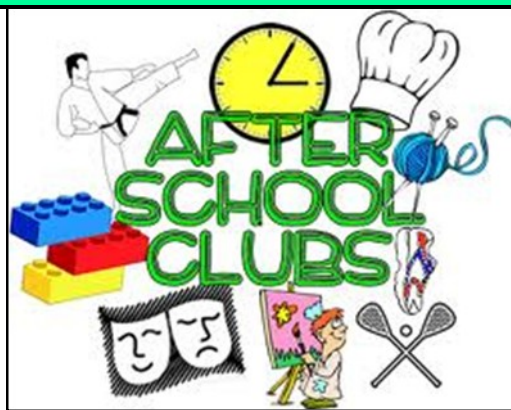
Teams of 6-10 can register with any NHS member by Aug 29

## After School Activities to be Posted Soon!

The 1st semester Activity Guide will be posted in the Learning Plus Bulletin Board tomorrow! Activities are planned to start the week of September 5th, once the required enrollment is reached. All Varsity and Junior Varsity activities will also be included in the guide. Please find the digital version on pages 9-11.

Thank you for your patience and participation.

-Mrs. Hart



## Alumni News: Class of 2013's Annick de Haas

Whenever I think back to the ISC, I think of the many inspirational posters scattered around school. I remember sitting in Mr. Vaughan's 7<sup>th</sup> grade History classroom making fun of a basketball poster reading: 'You miss all the shots you don't take'. I spent six years, all throughout middle school and high school, detesting those posters. But they've stuck with me. That's because they're right.

After graduating from ISC with my IB Diploma, I moved to Amsterdam to study Sociology at the University of Amsterdam, experience independence, experimenting and going through all the ups and downs of growing up. The following year I traded Sociology in for Media studies, with an emphasis on film. After about three years, I felt the urge to change my surroundings; I was at a stand still. I decided to write to numerous internationally based independent (documentary) and commercial production companies like Sony, to tell them that their business was incomplete without me. Eventually the right company answered, located in New Zealand. I am now living and interning for another 4 months as a (post)production assistant in Auckland. I am exploring possibilities of a permanent residency and considering taking a job offer at my current internship.

Although I don't like to admit it, Mr. Vaughan and his History class basketball poster have made me realize that there really is *no* limit, to anything in life. Sure society has its expectations and pressures that we (un)willingly conform to. But thanks to ISC, borders and limitations don't exist for me; not in friendship, love or career. If we don't at least try, we don't learn and experience. And then we don't grow into individuals. Often enough, when we do (finally) try, and we succeed. Otherwise I wouldn't be in Auckland right now.

So just remember, you miss all the shots you don't take!!

-Annick de Haas

Class of 2013



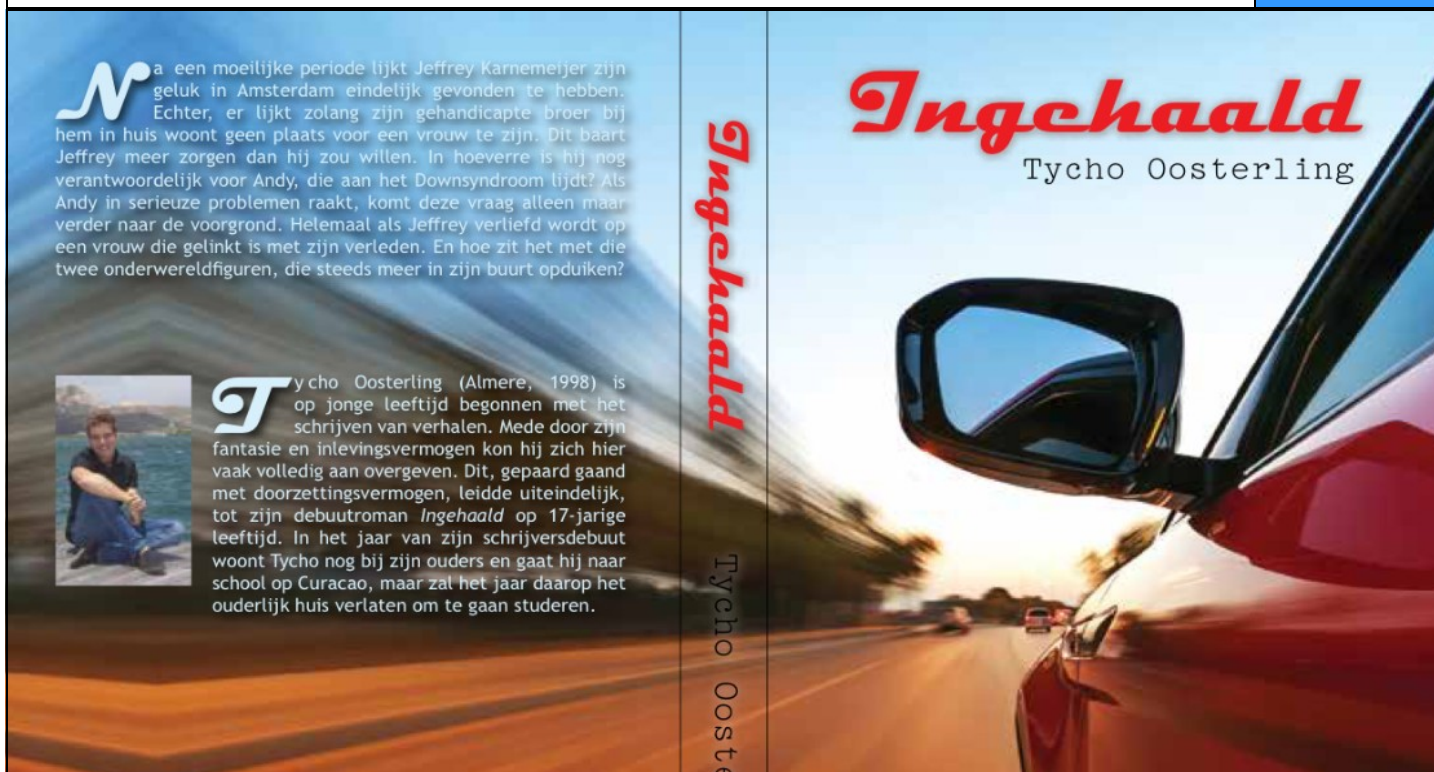


## Student Spotlight: Grade 12 Student Tycho Oosterling

Congratulations to ISC senior, Tycho Oosterling for recently publishing his first book: "Ingehaald". Tycho spent six month from start to finish and his transcript was received with enthusiasm from a publisher in Holland who invited him for a visit over the summer. Shortly thereafter, the Printing on Demand publisher agreed to move forward and publish his book. As of August 19th, the book has been available on the publisher's web store and as soon as the hard copies arrive on the island, Tycho has been invited by Bruna for a book signing. Once the date is confirmed, we will let the community know!



Tycho Oosterling



## Message from Elementary Principal Ms. Querales

Dear ISC families,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year. I hope you had a wonderful summer break filled with quality family time, fun and exciting travels. We are ready to continue learning and growing as individuals and as members of a school family. Our main goal in the Elementary School is to inspire the joy of learning in our students by providing a well-balanced, child-centered environment that supports and challenges them. We encourage children to be active participants in their own learning and to continually question what they are learning and how it connects to their own experiences. We encourage parents to be active participants in their child's education always keeping in mind they are individuals who learn and grow at their own pace. Home school connections are extremely valuable in helping them with their development- both social and academic.

We expect all members of our school family to follow the pillars of I AM ISC as we fulfill our vision "An international education today for the global citizens of tomorrow".

Thanks for everything you do in supporting your child's education through your commitment to ISC. I look forward to a successful school year.

Ms. Alex

Elementary School Principal



# ISC Student Council

President – Nakhari Alberto



Hi, I'm Nakhari Alberto. The student council to me represents unity. We will work together to accomplish set goals for the school.

Vice President – Kyril Kibbelaar



Hello, I'm Kyril Kibbelaar, your Student Council Vice President. I aim to work closely with the rest of the student council to make this year great!

Public Relations – Caitlin Brown



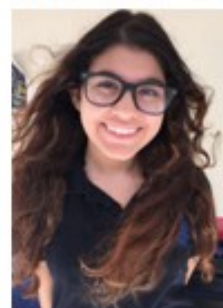
Hello, I'm Caitlin Brown. I love art and music which is why I took the position of PR. I look forward to designing and help organize school events. Hope everyone has a great year.

Secretary – Sanjana Navani



Being part of the Student Council organization for five years had been an amazing opportunity for me. I've been able to learn a lot and always had fun with organizing events. I'm so excited to take on the role of the secretary. I'm looking forward to a bright and fun – filled year!

Public Relations – Alia Ayoubi



Hey! I'm Alia. I love reading and writing and plan on making a career out of both. I also love both listening and playing music and I'm looking forward to a productive year on the council.

Student Council



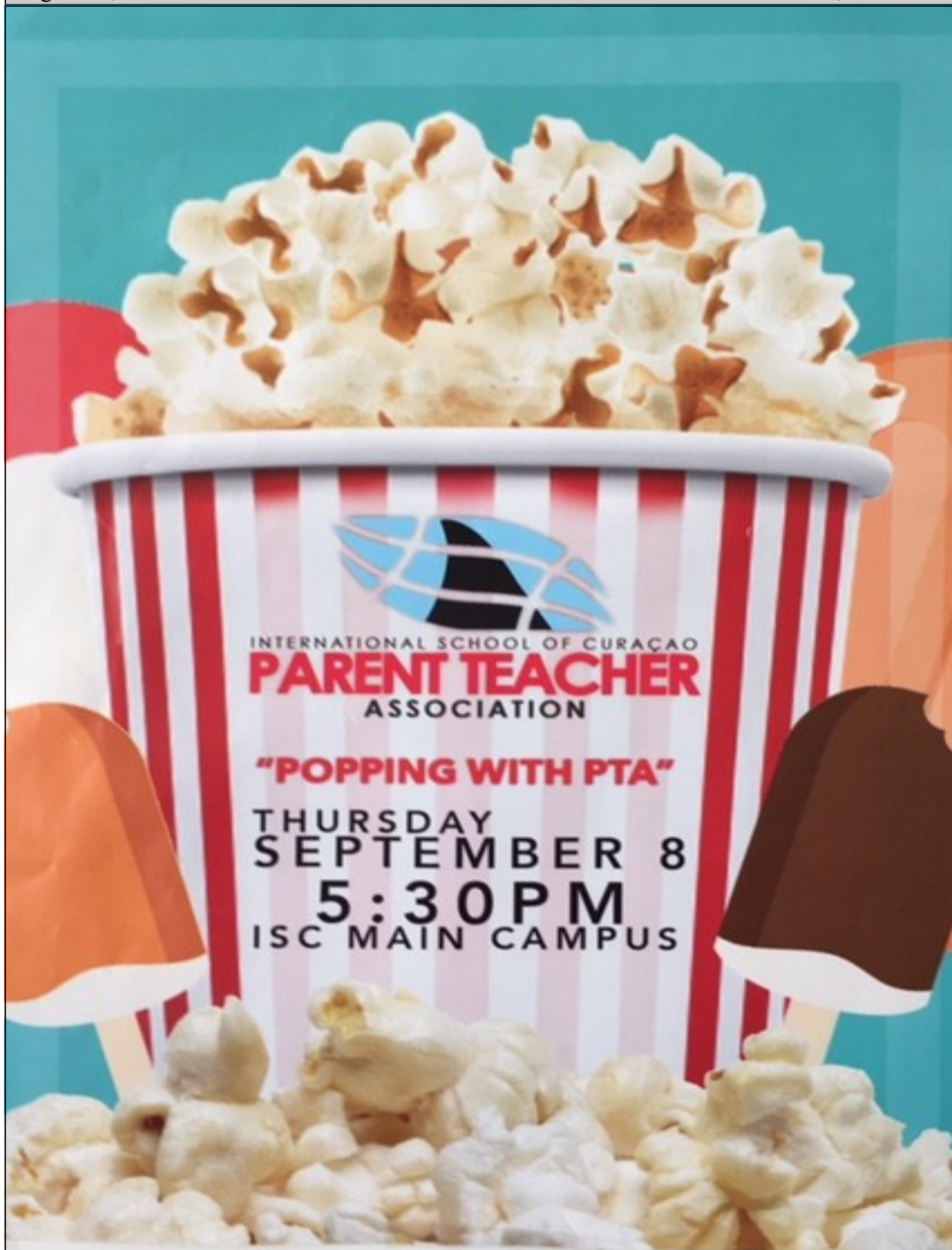
2016-2017



**Curacao Cleanup:  
Saturday, September 24th**

**Halloween Carnival:  
Saturday, October 29th**





## From the School Nurse:

Dear Parents,

My name is Nathania Da Costa Gomez, and I am a registered nurse at ISC. My role as the School Nurse is to provide preventative health services to keep the school environment as healthy as possible for all children. My goal is to make learning healthy habits fun and I visit the elementary class rooms throughout the school year doing hands on health teaching with the students in various topics such as nutrition and hygiene. I also tend to and treat all illnesses and injuries that occur on the campus. Throughout the year I will share important health information and tips that may pertain to your child. The Health Center is located in the elementary school side and I am in the office Monday to Friday 7:35am to 3:30pm. Email: [dacostagomez@isc.cw](mailto:dacostagomez@isc.cw).



One question we address from time to time: **Can I send my child to school if he's not feeling well?**



If your child has a temperature higher than 38 degrees Celsius or 100 degrees Fahrenheit, body aches, and extreme sleepiness or is coughing or vomiting, you need to keep him home until he is free of those symptoms for 24 hours. If he's not really sick, but something seems off, let the school nurse know and ask her to monitor your child.

## 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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## Learning Plus Activity Guide

## Registration Information

**Who can register**

ISC students K3 – 12, Parents, Staff, Teachers & Community members.

**How can I register?**

Forms can be found at the back of this guide. Additional copies are available at the main office or the PE office.

**Please follow the following procedure:**

1. Complete one registration form per child.
2. Please complete the personal information. In the event of a schedule change or emergency, it is imperative that we have your **telephone number and email address**.
3. Ensure the name of the activity, time, day, and fee information is completed correctly.

**Where do I register and pay?**

**ONLY** in the Main Office.

**When will activities start?**

**STARTING WEEK** of September 5th 2016.

**How much is an activity?**

Each Block consists of **TEN sessions**. Most activities cost **60Nafl. per block**. Some activities have a separate fee structure to cover cost of materials. For exact costs on the activity you plan to join, please refer to the Activity Guide.

**Are there Refunds?**

Once the program has begun, there will be no refunds. If an activity is cancelled, full refunds will be issued.

**How many participants in each activity?**

As a rule of thumb, activities have a minimum of eight participants. Please note that if there are not enough participants registered, the activity will be cancelled, so please encourage your friends and family from outside ISC to join.

**How will my child know where to go?**

Students will be led to their respective activities either by the Activity Teacher or Mrs. Hart. Parents are not required to take them.

**How will I know when an activity is finished?**

An email will be sent home at the end of **EACH** activity, as all activities do not finish at the same time.

**Please be on time to pick up your child / children after their activity. All activities finish at 3:15pm.**

## Sign Up Form

## Monday

- |                          |                      |    |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Holiday Crafts 3 - 6 | 85 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Soccer 2 & 3         | 60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | KidCross K5 - 2      | 60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |                      |    |

## Tuesday

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|--------------------------|------------------------|----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Arts & Craft K3 - K5   | 75 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hip Hop 3 - 6          | 60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sports Fun K5 - 2      | 60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Animal Awareness 3 - 6 | 60 |

## Wednesday

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|--------------------------|---------------------|----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chess 1- 5          | 60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Super Singers 3 - 5 | 60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Gymnastics K5 - 2   | 60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |                     |    |

## Thursday

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|--------------------------|----------------------|----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Confirmation 12yrs + | 50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hip Hop K5 - 2       | 60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Blog Spot 3 - 7      | 60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Volleyball 4 - 7     | 60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |                      |    |

## Friday

- |                          |                         |    |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | First Communion 8 yrs + | 50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Yoga K5 - 2             | 60 |

Total

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

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_

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



## ACTIVITY GUIDE

Block 1 2016 - 2017

September - November

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**Arts & Crafts**

Fun activities to help students develop their fine motor skills to prepare them for holding their pencils and writing.

Grade: **K3 - K5** Teacher: **Ms. Sherryda & Ms. Chita**  
 Time : **2:15 - 3:15** Day: **Tuesday**  
 Location: **K3 Classroom** Cost: **Naf1.75**

**Sports Fun K5 - 2**

Fun games that trigger children's natural playfulness and energy, it lends itself to quick workouts that are full of variety that keep kids intrigued and moving. Fundamental motor skills like running, throwing, climbing, jumping are practiced.

Grade: **K5 - Gr.2** Teacher: **Ms. Liza & Ms Kari**  
 Time : **2:15 - 3:15** Day: **Tuesday**  
 Location: **Gym** Cost: **Naf1.60**

**Animal Awareness**

During this class, we will think about ways to help the animals in need, plan fun activities and create materials to bring awareness. A visit to the Animal Shelter will also be included.

Grade: **3 - 6** Teacher: **Ms. Sarah**  
 Time : **2:15 - 3:15** Day: **Tuesday**  
 Location: **2nd Grade** Cost: **Naf1.60**

**Kid Cross**

Games and exercises that energize and develop gross and fine motor skills, within the fun exercise, physical competence, like agility, balance, coordination are practiced and increased.

Grade: **K5 - 2** Teacher: **Ms Sabina**  
 Time : **2:15 - 3:15** Day: **Monday**  
 Location: **Gym** Cost: **Naf1.60**

**Soccer 2-3**

Students will have fun learning the game of soccer through adapted games and skills.

Grade: **2 - 3** Teacher: **Coach Sem**  
 Time : **2:15 - 3:15** Day: **Monday**  
 Location: **Gym** Cost: **Fl.60**

**Gymnastics**

This is a basic class, where students will learn balance and simple transference of weight movements. Students need to wear appropriate clothing and need to walk with a pair of slippers to change into after class.

Grade: **K5 - 2** Teacher: **Ms. Liza & Ms Kari**  
 Time : **2:15 - 3:15** Day: **Wednesday**  
 Location: **Gym - Stage** Cost: **Naf1.60**

**Chess**

Come learn OR improve your knowledge of Chess, the class is opened to beginners and veterans alike.

Grade: **1 - 5** Teacher: **Mr. Edler**  
 Time : **2:15 - 3:15** Day: **Wednesday**  
 Location: **PE 1** Cost: **Naf1.60**

**Yoga**

Mindful child yoga is based on doing yoga and/or games to help cultivate awareness of patience and listening for the kids.

Grade: **K5 - 2** Teacher: **Ms Ritu**  
 Time : **2:15 - 3:15** Day: **Friday**  
 Location: **PE 2** Cost: **Naf1.60**

**Hip Hop**

Our little Hip Hoppers will go through their moves with Ms. Raiza.

Grade: **K5 - 2** Teacher: **Ms. Raiza**  
 Time : **2:15 - 3:15** Day: **Thursday**  
 Location: **PE 2** Cost: **Naf1.60**

**First Communion**

Preparation classes for First Communion. **Students must already be 8 years old** and parents must be willing to bring their child to church on Sundays to the English Mass. Since it is going to be a one year preparation students and parents need to commit to being dedicated to this class and students must attend a minimum of 90% of the classes. Payment is strictly for materials and copies made during the course of the class.

Grade: **8 years and older** Day: **Friday**  
 Teacher: **Ms. Hart & Ms. Sara** Time : **2:30 - 3:30**  
 Location: **TBA** Cost: **Naf1.50**



### Holiday Crafts

Explore your creative side with our Holiday Crafts class. Students will get into the festive mood with projects to decorate their home and/ or tree. Learn about Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanza and Diwali.

Grade: **3 - 6** Teacher: **Ms. Goumana**  
 Time : **2:15 - 3:15** Day: **Monday**  
 Location: **5B Classroom** Cost: **Naf1.85**

### Hip Hop

If you are a serious Hip Hopper then this activity is for you. Learn more complex dance moves like the pro and perform in front of your peers.

Grade: **3 - 6** Teacher: **Ms. Sabina**  
 Time : **2:15 - 3:15** Day: **Tuesday**  
 Location: **Gym** Cost: **Naf1.60**

### Super Singers

Super Singers is for boys and girls who love to sing, dance, and perform. The Super Singers will learn singing skills and fun songs. They also get the chance to perform in assemblies and concerts

Grade: **3 - 5** Teacher: **Ms. Allison**  
 Time : **2:15 - 3:15** Day: **Wednesday**  
 Location: **Music Room** Cost: **Naf1.60**

### The Blog Spot

In this class, students exercise digital citizenship within a secure classroom blogging space. The tool we will use; Kidblog, gives students' writing a meaningful purpose and an authentic audience. Students will be motivated to write for their peers and engage with a global network.

Grade: **3 - 7** Teacher: **Ms. Sarah**  
 Time : **2:15 - 3:15** Day: **Thursday**  
 Location: **ES Computer Lab** Cost: **Naf1.60**

### Volleyball

Volleyball season for Junior Varsity students is in January and to keep our students practicing to maintain and improve their skills this class is being offered.

Classes will be once a week for 10 lessons.

Grade: **4 - 7** Teacher: **Ms. Hart**  
 Time : **2:15 - 3:30** Day: **Thursday**  
 Location: **Gym** Cost: **Naf1.60**

### Confirmation

Preparation for Confirmation, **students must already be 12 years old and parents must be willing to bring their child to church on Sundays to the English Mass.** Since it is going to be a one year preparation students and parents need to commit to being dedicated to this class and students must attend a minimum of 90% of the classes. Payment is strictly for materials and copies made during the course of the class. .

Grade: **12 years and older** Day: **Thursday**  
 Teacher: **Ms. Stephanie** Time : **3:40 - 4:40**  
 Location: **TBA** Cost: **Naf1.50**

### Varsity & Junior Varsity

**Varsity & Junior Varsity Program 2016 - 2017**  
**Program will begin the week of 5th September.**

**Varsity Soccer Boys & Girls -**  
 Tuesday & Thursday - SDK (tentative) 3:45 - 5:00

**Varsity Volleyball Boys & Girls -**  
 Monday & Wednesday ISC GYM 3:30 - 5:30

**Varsity Basketball Boys & Girls -**  
 Tuesday & Thursday - ISC GYM - 3:30 - 5:00

**Junior Varsity Soccer -**  
 Tuesday & Thursdays 2:30 - 3:30  
**Practice will start at ISC and then move to Sithoc.**

**Junior Varsity Volleyball Boys & Girls**  
 Will begin in January

Registration forms are available online or at the Main Office.

Please register A.S.A.P and make **payment at the Main Office by September 5th, 2016.**

**Students are allowed to practice as soon as registration and payments are received.**

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