

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CURAÇAO

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NEWSLETTER



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Dates to Remember:

May 8, 9: GGD Visit

May 8-24: MAP
Testing

May 10: US Visa
Information Night

May 11-12: CNaVT
Exam (High School)

May 18: AP Spanish
Exam

May 19: Spring Concert

May 20: Wine &
Bubbles Fundraiser

May 25-26: Ascension
Break (No School)

June 7: Elementary
Concert

From The Director

Welcome back ISC,

It is good to see everyone back on campus— refreshed and ready for the final stretch before we wrap up yet another school year. Stay focused everyone; there is only six weeks left!

Thank you to our PTA who is helping celebrate the school's top commodity— our teachers— as it is Teacher Appreciation Week. Throughout the week they have a number of treats and activities planned. Yesterday they started off the week with omelets for brunch and some deserts for lunch. Tonight— zumba and kick boxing! Thank you teachers for all that you do each and every day.

Parents, you may have noticed that the crosswalks and speed bumps in the parking lots have been freshly painted yellow over the break. As an important reminder, please be cautious at all times while driving through during morning drop-offs and afternoon pick-ups. The areas on both the high school and elementary sides are extremely busy during these two times of the day. For the safety of our students, staff, and other parents, please be sure to always drive through slowly, do not park on the crosswalk itself and refrain from dropping your child off directly on the road that dissects the campus. Thank you.

An important notice for high school students— particularly graduating seniors who will be continuing their studies in the US. Next week Wednesday at 7 p.m. there will be an informational session regarding US student visas. The presentation will be given by a representative of the US Consulate along with our college counselor, Mrs. Kate Ribeiro. The meeting will be on the high school side in Kayena and Alabanka.

Have a great week.

Sincerely,

Douglas Vaughan



***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.

Middle School News: Farm to Table Workshop at Hofi Cas Cora

To celebrate 'Earth day', 6th & 7th graders went on a field trip to Hofi Cas Cora, where they were engaged in a farm-to-table workshop in which they learned more about creating a sustainable environment, including growing vegetables and cooking with them. They also learned about sustainability on a farm, including the waterworks system (wind-energy, ground water), water conservation (incl. micro ecosystem), irrigation, recycling organic waste, fertilization using organic waste, and of course harvesting the vegetables needed for the cooking workshop. It was a fun learning experience, students cooked a wholesome meal using the ingredients grown organically at Hofi Cascora.

From Farm To Table ISC 7th Grade



ISC Model United Nations (ISCMUN) 2017

The ISC Model United Nations conference took place on April 7 & 8. This year, the conference included 52 delegates and 6 staff members. The 52 delegates were comprised of students from High School elective MUN classes, the CURMUN club (run by ISC students Tessa Seferina and Doris van Kersen) as well as previously trained students from the upper grades. Experienced students are given leadership roles and run the conference by serving as chairpersons. These “chairs” are in charge of everything from ensuring that proper procedures are followed to ensuring the productive flow of debate. In order to participate, students have to research the country that they represent and research the issues to be debated. The MUN delegates represent the views of their country’s government regarding these issues. Some delegates submit their resolutions (formal solutions) for debate. The merits of these solutions are debated and, in the end, the resolution is voted on; this determines if the group feels the solutions are effective and should be implemented.



This year, 9th graders got into the act quickly by being active during the debates and submitting their resolutions for debate. There were fireworks between China (Kyril Kibbelaar) & Israel (Elizabeth Fleet) who clashed on many policy proposals and called each other out on their hypocrisy. Debate was lively and the Chairs did an excellent job keeping the debate moving. Kyril Kibbelaar was awarded best speaker, Lorenzo Sasso was named funniest delegate, Ming Chen Deng was selected best chair and Sam Keith was recognized to be the best new delegate. Congratulations to all participants on a successful conference and thanks to the PTA for providing our lunch and Ms. Ribeiro for the best cupcakes in the universe on Saturday.

– Dan Cwik



Individuality

Collaboration

Involvement

Respect

Responsibility

I AM ISC

High School Rock Band *Friendly Fire* Performs Live

Over the holiday, the brave HS General Music class stepped onto the stage of Curacao's well-known music venue Bar 27. The place was packed with friendly ISC parents, staff, and students along with some passing-by admirers. For those who couldn't make it out, here is a quick summary of the show.

The HS GM rock band, AKA Friendly Fire, opened the concert with ACDC's classic rock song "T.N.T." to give homage to the venue's rock atmosphere. The song featured Molly Brown and Oliver Gomperts dueling on electric guitars and Carlos Espineira jamming on the bass.

The band later slowed it down a bit with Gustavo Cardenas's dulcet voice singing "Should've Gone Home" by Man Zelmerlow. The piano ballad, played by Elizabeth Fleet, silenced the crowd in awe.

Songs from many musical genres were covered throughout the night including "High and Dry" from the English alternative rock band Radiohead, which had Gudr Al Ayouby nailing the high notes, to Beyonce's "Daddy's Lessons" which was sung by Kyara Olliemuller, who captivated the audience's attention with her amazing stage presence and vocal improvisation. Later in the show, Brandon Schotte on bass and Charles de Haak on drums gelled together during "Castle on a Hill" by Ed Sheeran. The popular song was sweetly harmonized by Elizabeth Fleet and Gustavo Cardenas.

The band showed their versatility and talents throughout the concert by frequently changing instruments and lead singers. Some students played up to three different instruments that night! The band set a positive atmosphere and connected with the audience. People were singing along, clapping to the beat, and moving to the songs. It was clear that everyone present was having a great time.

After about an hour of rocking, the band closed the night with the catchy song "In the Middle" by Jimmy Eat World. The song started with the familiar guitar intro which was perfected by JC Palm. An amazing drum solo by Oliver Gomperts concluded the song and ignited the crowd in uproar.

Finally, just as the band was just about to walk off-stage, the crowd starting chanting "we want more, WE WANT MORE!" so of course the band played a little bit longer and concluded the concert successfully.

Thank you to all of those who came out to support the students and the music program! Congratulations to the HS General Music students, you all rocked! To the students who won't be here next year, you will be missed dearly in music class, and please remember: don't stop the music!

- Ms. Allison





CINCO DE MAYO

MAY 5TH, OBVIOUSLY

**"GREEN CARDS" WILL
BE PROVIDED BY YOUR
HOMEROOM AND CAN
BE EXCHANGED FOR
FREE CHIPS & SALSA
**TACOS ARE AVAILABLE
TO BE PURCHASED ON
THE DAY**



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Date

**May
6 and 7**

Registration/ Check in on Saturday May 6th starts from 8:00 to 8:30am

Games start at 9:00 am

Quarter / semi- and finals will be played on Sunday May 7th, 2017.

Games start at 2:00pm sharp (team must be present at 1:30)

Age categories: 11-15, 16-18, 19 and up (Mixed teams are allowed)

Registration Fee Naf. 35 (per team)

For more information please contact
Mrs. Sabina at: evertszs@isc.cw



3rd Annual Clothing Drive: GIN Seeks Donations

Dear ISC community,

I would like to request your support for the upcoming **third annual ISC GIN clothing drive**. Our goal is to mobilize ISC students, families, and friends of the ISC community to donate children clothing (ages - newborn to 18 years) for the **'Shopping experience'** scheduled to be organized on **Saturday May 27th at ISC**.

Disadvantaged children and children from orphanages will be invited to the clothing store where they will be allowed to shop (pick their own clothing). The store will be set up like a mini version of a clothing department store. Instead of just donating the clothes to the orphanages, we would like to give these children an opportunity to have a shopping experience by allowing them to pick something of their own liking.

In order for this event to become a reality we are requesting donations of any used clothing of your child that is in good condition, please make sure that the clothing is washed and clean. **Collection boxes will be set up in all homerooms by our GIN students starting Monday May 8th . From May 22-26th, all collected clothing will be sorted gender and age wise.**

What we are looking for:

Types of clothing: short, pants, t-shirts, blouses, shoes, dresses, skirts, accessories, toys etc.

What we are not looking for: used socks, underwear, torn or stained clothes

We hope to reach out to these children with a difference!

Thanking you in advance for your support! If you have any questions, you can email me at chuganik@isc.cw

Regards,

Kavita Chugani

Global Issues Network Coordinator

Annual Fund Raising Event

Dear Parents,

The Board's Development Committee has been busy ironing out all the fine details for May 20th and are ready to present the 6th annual Wine & Bubbles Night hosted at Madero Ocean Club. The first 50 pre-sale tickets sold out quickly prior to the break and now that everyone is back from the holiday, it is time to sell the rest!

We printed 350 tickets and our goal is to sell them all! With your help, it will be possible. Apart from your own tickets, please help spread the word and reach out to others who are looking for a great night out and at a great value.

Tickets are available directly in the main office. Stop in to buy yours today!



Notice Regarding School Nurse

Dear ISC Community,

Please be advised that our school nurse, Ms. Nathania, is on extended medical leave and will not return before the end of this school year. She will be with us again to start the new school year in August. In the interim, for the remainder of this school year, all minor incidents will be addressed by the classroom teachers and/or level principals; each classroom has been stocked with basic first aid supplies. For incidents that are not minor and need more attention, the school will call parents/guardians immediately. Should your child become ill during the day, you will receive a call directly from Ms. Camille in the main office.

On behalf of ISC, we wish Ms. Nathania a quick recovery.

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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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