INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CURAÇAO

ISC WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dates to Remember:

October 7: 12:00 Dismissal, End of 1st Quarter

October 10-14: Regatta Break, School Closed

October 17: 2nd Quarter Begins

October 19: PSAT Exams (High School)

October 21: UN Day

October 24: 1st Quarter Report Cards

October 25-29: PANAMUN Conference

October 29: PTA Halloween Carnival

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

From The Director

Good morning ISC,

First and foremost, congratulations to all of our teachers today as it is World Teacher Day. Thank you for all that you do every day. Thank you for guiding, caring, and watching over our students. Thank you for putting your best foot forward daily despite the many numerous and regular challenges you work through consistently as you help meet the needs of your students. Thank you for choosing to be a teacher and making the difference in the life of a child.

The first quarter of school ends this week already. Students, make sure all of your work is handed in before leaving for the Regatta Break; teachers will be finalizing student grades in preparation for report cards, which will be handed out on the 24th. Missing work will undoubtedly have a negative impact on your overall scores!

Our UN Day Committee has been working hard and gearing up for the celebration scheduled for Friday, October 21st. If you have not yet had a chance to help contribute, but wish to help, please contact the committee directly (unday@isc.cw). Parent support– specifically for the food booths, (click here for details) is crucial for success of the event. The schedule for the event is on page four.

Thank you all for your patience over these past couple weeks; between the strike, stormy weather, and elections this week, the school's routines have been thrown off and understandably impacted your individual planning. We appreciate your continued support.

Note that next week there will not be a newsletter. Expect the next one to come out on October 19th.

Enjoy the Regatta Break and see you on the 17th!

Douglas Vaughan
Director

International School of Curaçao

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CURAÇAO PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Halloween Carnival planning meeting:

Thursday, October 6th:

8.15 AM @ Boosty on Cas Coraweg

OR

2.15 PM in MS Math Room

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

Safety Drills Conducted: Lock Down and Evacuation

ISC staff and students recently conducted safety drills on campus to help ensure our community is prepared in the event of a true emergency during the school day. Last Thursday we practiced our lock down procedures, which would be used in case of an immediate threat on campus. Yesterday we practiced an evacuation, which would be implemented in the case of a fire or any other event that would make it unsafe to stay on campus. We have different evacuation locations depending on the situation, but typically students and staff convene on the soccer field of the high school campus.

The school has developed a comprehensive crisis handbook that is reviewed and updated regularly as needed. Each classroom and office has a copy which is kept in a identifiable bag and carried by teachers and staff at the time of an evacuation. The drills completed reflect policies outlined in the handbook. Practicing the drills in a safe and orderly fashion helps us be as ready as we can be if/when an emergency arises.

The first two drills were made known to the students and staff in advance to help them practice the routines. Later in the year the Director will sound the alarms without notice in order to simulate a real event and assess the process to determine where deficiencies may be and where improvements can be made.

From the Library: Beanbags Maintain Popularity

For the third time from the start of last school year, and when they were first purchased, we have re-filled the highly used and popular beanbags. Students regularly use the area to read, work on their iPads or computers, or simply take a few minutes to sit down and relax.

The library continues to have a high volume of student traffic each and every day, which is a great indicator of engaged students.

National Honor Society: Sustainable Goals of the United Nations

In celebration of United Nations (UN) month, ISC's National Honor Society presents the adopted sustainable goals of the United Nations 2016-2017 session.

Lost and Found: Please Pick Up Your Missing Items!

Does your child come home with items missing from their backpack? If so, it is possible the lost supplies ended up at the Lost and Found, located on the elementary side under the covered area. Please pass by to see if any of these items belong to you! More expensive items are kept in the office with Ms. Camille waiting to be claimed. We have several student wallets and a couple rings; you will need to describe these items before they are handed over.

UN Day Photography Contest

Are you an ISC Middle or High School student who loves photography?

Then submit a digital photograph which displays your interpretation of this year's United Nations International Theme: **One Humanity - Shared Responsibility.**

MORE DETAILS IN LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER!!

Fun Walk For Animals: Moved to Sunday, October 9th

Ready for an early morning workout for you AND your dog? Join us at this fun event and help us help them! Come and be a part of our annual fundraising walk:

TIME: 07:00 AM (07:30 AM START)

START: Zanzibar Beach Parking

TICKETS: NAf 25*
[Get yours @ I.S.C (in front of the library, after school) or at any of these locations: Dierenbescherming Curacao | Albert Heijn Zeelandia, Curacao | Bruna Curacao | Mensing's Caminada | Get A Pet Boutique]

* Ticket includes: admission to the event, T-Shirt and food/drink voucher (to be picked up at the animal shelter 2 days prior to the event or on location on the day of the walk).

Don't have a dog? No problem! You are welcome to join!

ROUTE: Jan Thiel - Caracasbaai - Peninsula Island (Finish: Caracasbaai volleyball field)

Each year in October, Stichting Dierenbescherming Curaçao aims to raise the much needed funds to be able to continue the much needed work. In the process we also like to create awareness. So why not have a bit of fun while doing so?

We promise your dog(s) will like it too!

High School News: Senior Class Revives ISC's Greenhouse

The Grade 12 IB / ISC Biology class has been given the responsibility of putting the HS Greenhouse to use. Each of the 4 groups has a section of this space to grow and maintain until February 2017 for extra credit. Phase I of this project has already begun. This makes their teacher really happy and proud to see their enthusiasm.

Ms Sini

Greenhouse Renewal

By: Maxine Russel

Taking care of our section of the Greenhouse, with our group: Me, Ming, Esther & Tycho

Day 1

Today we paved our section of the greenhouse, breaking the soil, watering it and placing new rich soil from me and Esther down in our section. Additionally, I set down small cute shells bordering the corners of our piece.

After setting down the soil, we planted an old watermelon plant, in the hopes of reviving it. We also planted some green onions that Ming had been taking care of for a while.

Finally, Ming had some family come by to set up a wooden border/walking area and a new door for the entire greenhouse.

ISC Sharks Volleyball Schedules

Varsity Girls

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
20-Oct	5:00 PM	SKAIH	NL
1-Nov	4:00 PM	SGO	NL
8-Nov	4:00 PM	Regina Pacis	NL
15-Nov	4:00 PM	St. Jozef	NL
18-Nov	4:00 AM	St.Paulus	SDK
25-Nov	5:00 AM	Ancilla Domini	SDK
29-Nov	4:00 PM	KAP	NL
2-Dec	4:00 AM	Kol.Jos.Civillies	SDK
5-Dec		Semi finals	NL
6-Dec		Semi finals	NL
8-Dec		Finals	NL
9-Dec		Finals	SDK

Varsity Boys

(NL: Suffisant, SDK: Brievengat)

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~~6-Oct~~	~~4:00 PM~~	~~St. Jozef~~	~~NL~~
18-Oct	5:00 PM	SAAN	NL
27-Oct	4:00 PM	SKAIH	NL
3-Nov	5:00 PM	JPDuarte	NL
8-Nov	5:00 PM	St Paulus	SDK
17-Nov	5:00 PM	KAP	NL
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