

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CURAÇAO

ISC WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER



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An international education
today for the global
citizens of tomorrow

VISION

The International School of Curaçao
educates students from diverse
cultures to have the skills to **think**
creatively, **communicate** effectively,
reason critically, and
act compassionately.



Dates to Remember:

August 16: Back-to-School
Night

August 22: IB Information
Night

August 28-31: MPG/MAP
Testing Grades K5-8

September 4: Online Progress
Reports

Message from the Board of Directors

Dear students, parents and caretakers, admin staff, teachers, staff and other stakeholders,

On behalf of the ISC School Board, I wish you all a successful new school year.

We would like to extend a special word of welcome to all new students and their parents and caretakers. Thanks for choosing ISC! Thanks for allowing us to add educational value to the lives of young future global citizens.

This school year has a special meaning, as ISC is celebrating its 50th anniversary; an achievement we can be really proud of. ISC started 49 years ago with a small group of American students who were connected to the U.S. Consulate in Curaçao. Today, at the beginning of our 50th year, we have grown to become a community of over 350 students from Curaçao and many other countries of the world. We are proud of the many alumni of ISC who throughout the years have been occupying and are still occupying vital positions in the community, locally and internationally. We are also proud of our current students, who are moving steadfastly forward, eager to succeed and to be happy, each in his or her unique way. We would like to thank you for your cooperation in (part of) the 50 years of existence of our school and we invite you to celebrate this anniversary year with us. In time, you will receive information on the activities scheduled throughout the year so you can join our festivities and other events.

There are many great plans lying ahead of us, this school year as well as in the near future. Under the inspiring leadership of our Director, Douglas Vaughan, and the admin team and all teachers and staff, we are confident all plans for this school year will come true. We as the ISC Board will continue to liaise with the Director on an ongoing basis to support ISC's plans and goals.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Director with any suggestion you might have for a further optimization of ISC and of our school community. Your contribution, in whatever way, will always be greatly appreciated. I wish you lots of success for the new school year!

Richeline Martina-Joe

President of the ISC Board



Message from the Director

Dear ISC,

It is great to see everyone back on campus and engaged thoroughly in the process of teaching and learning. New parents/students, welcome to ISC; I hope your transition to our community has been a smooth one.

As mentioned by our Board President, we are entering into our 50th year. This milestone is an attribute to the vision of Margaret Mast, who at the time was the wife of the United States Vice Consul in 1968. She envisioned an American-based education in English for citizens of the United States who lived on the island. In 1971 ISC was officially incorporated as a non-profit foundation and overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors, a system of governance that's still in place today. Margaret Mast set the foundation for what ISC is today. However, ISC would not have made it this far if not for the dedicated teachers, staff members, parents, local businesses, and supportive community members over the past five decades. ISC also owes a debt of gratitude to the U.S. Consulate for their commitment and support. Without them, ISC would likely not exist today as we have come to know it.

As we prepare to celebrate our 50th this year, we will also begin to look forward to the future of ISC. Similar to past stewards of the school, we now have a responsibility to assure ISC is functioning at a high level for future generations of students long after we have gone. And similar to the past, we will need the full support of our current community to propel the school forward.

ISC's current staff carries with them the same dedication towards the school and our students. I'm proud to be working with them on a daily basis as we strive to provide a quality education in a safe and welcoming environment for your children.

I wish you all a successful 2017-2018 school year!

Douglas Vaughan
Director

Curriculum Consultant Judi Fenton Officially Begins ISC's School Year

ISC teachers and staff officially returned to work on August 2nd. In preparation for the new school year, they were immediately engaged in a three-day professional development program facilitated by [Judi Fenton](#) who, among other areas of expertise, is a specialist in curriculum. Teachers and administrative staff worked together the first day on team building activities and then collaborated to strengthen ISC's curriculum the following two days.

ISC will continue to target professional development opportunities for teachers and staff in order to address areas of need and to better serve the school's community in general. Continual improvement and refinement of current practices are essential to maintain a high quality of education for our students.

Interested in supporting professional development opportunities for ISC teachers? Please email info@isc.cw with the subject heading "Teacher Development".



Individuality

Collaboration

Involvement

Respect

Responsibility

I AM ISC

Elementary News: Principal's Greeting

Dear elementary school parents,

These past few days have been great as everyone is effortlessly settling into new routines. We are ready to continue learning and growing as individuals and as members of a school family.

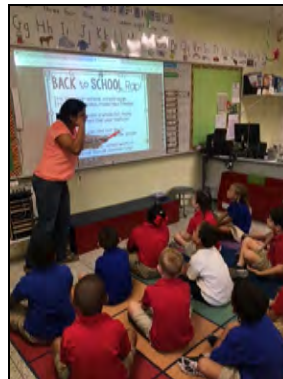
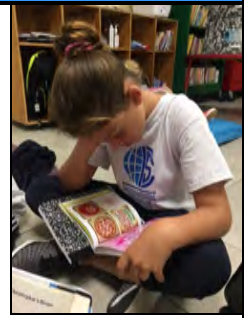
Our main goal in the Elementary School is to inspire the joy of learning in our students. This school year and as part of our continued school improvement, we are implementing a new set of standards across subjects areas. We as educators are looking forward to the change and classroom teachers have been working collaboratively in planning and setting everything into place.

I would like to encourage you to be an active participant in your child's education as home school connections are extremely valuable in helping them with their development both socially and academically. Your involvement can be as simple as attending special events, presentations and staying current on school happenings. Please make sure you stay connected with the school by reading the ISC Weekly and checking the parent portal. Please keep in mind that most of the communication is done digitally.

Thanks for everything you do in supporting your child's education through your commitment to ISC. I look forward to an excellent school year and I hope to see you during Back to school Night.

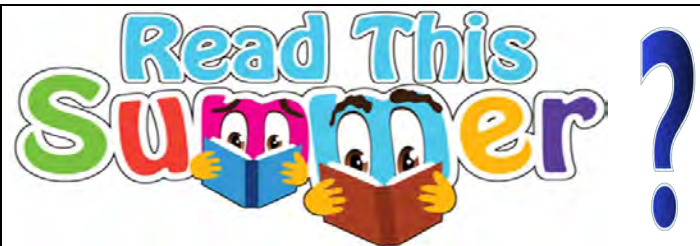
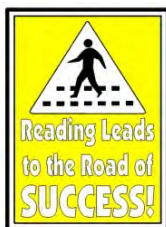
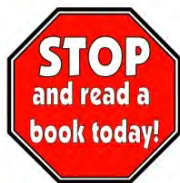
-Ms. Alexandra Querales

Elementary Principal



From the Library: Did you.....

If you did, bring to the library your "Summer Reading Book Log" paper sheet. The students who read the most books will win an iTunes gift card.



The library continues to expand its collection. At the end of last year and over the summer, 172 new books have been added into circulation and are ready to be checked out. We hope you enjoy the new titles!

Nurse's Office: Welcome Back to a New and Healthy School Year!

The Health Center serves the needs of sick and injured students, faculty and staff of ISC. It includes educational materials on health and wellness for students, parents, faculty and staff. As the School Nurse, I work closely with the counselor and teachers to ensure your child is happy and safe at school. The Health Center is located in the Elementary School area and is open from 7:30am to 3:30pm Monday to Friday. If you would like to schedule a meeting to discuss health concerns of your child, please contact me at dacostagomezn@isc.cw.

Sincerely,

Nathania Da Costa Gomez, RN

ISC Heath Center

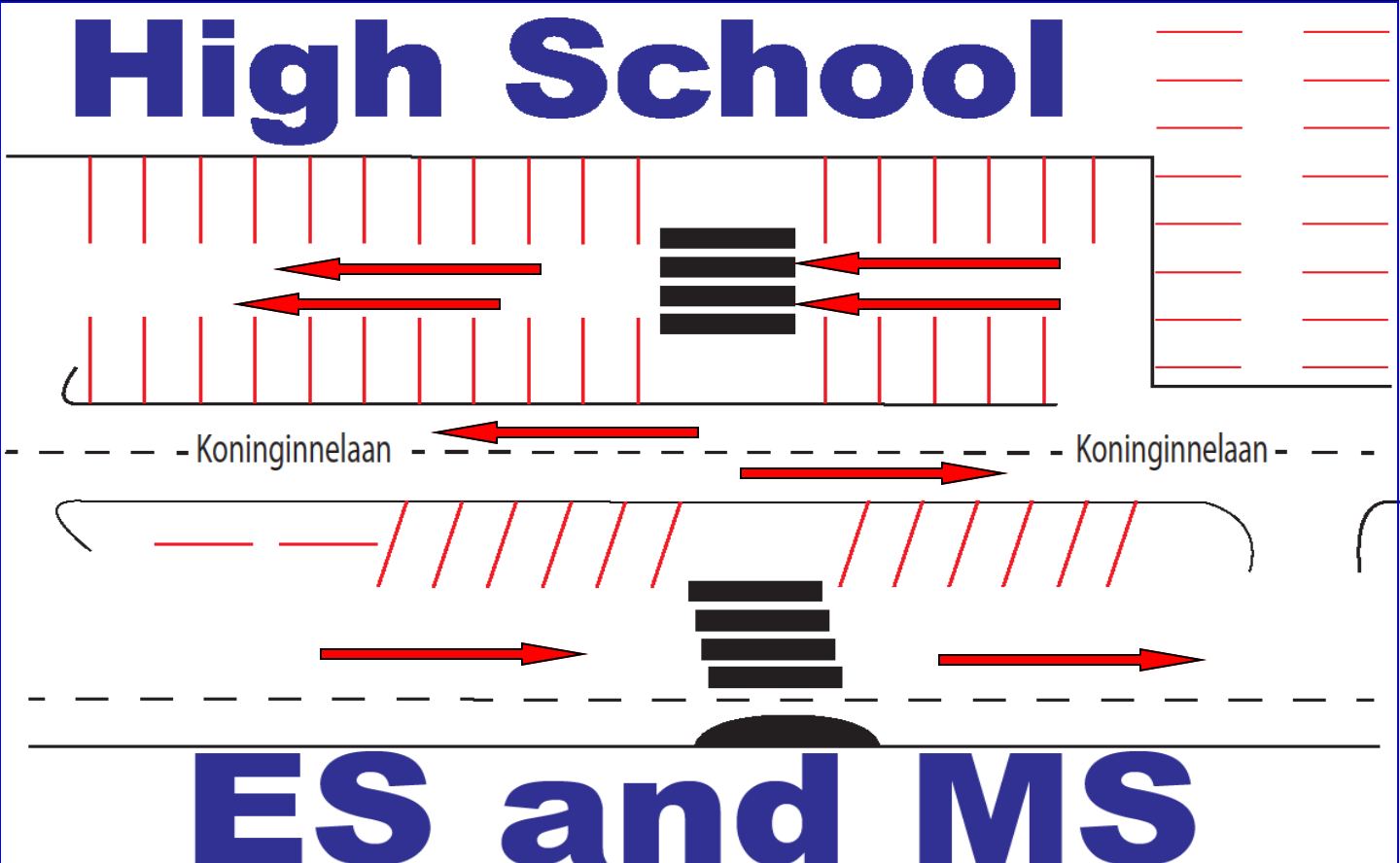


Traffic: Drop-off and Pick-up Routines

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 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 or the pedestrian walk-way leading to the lower side of the campus.
- 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 running 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 walk to the gate immediately, traffic quickly becomes congested.
- 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.



NHS: Welcome Back!



The National Honor Society would like to wish everyone a successful and productive school year.

The NHS will kick off their first fundraiser of the year at the end of this month. Please see details to the right. Funds raised are used directly by the NHS to support their community service initiatives throughout the year.

-NHS

Quiz Bowl

Thursday, August 24th
6.30-8.30

Kayena and Alabanca rooms
10fl per person

6-10 people per group

To sign up contact any NHS
member

nhscuracao@gmail.com



Our Annual BACK To SCHOOL Night



Wednesday, August 16th

New Parents:

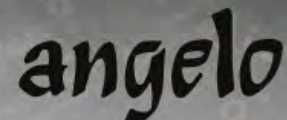
*From 6:15 - 7:00 Q&A session and tour
of the school.*

All Parents:

*7:15
ISC Gym*

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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