

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:

Jan. 15: Report Cards
Jan. 15-31: MAP Testing
Jan. 22: Dr. Michael
Thompson Visit
Jan. 24-26: Talent Show
Auditions
Jan. 26: 100th Day of
School
Feb. 1-2: MPG Testing
Feb. 6: Early Dismissal, 3rd
Qtr Staff Development Day

Message from the Director

Dear ISC,

Happy New Year to all and best wishes for 2018! We hope your break was both restful and productive. Welcome back students— great to have you on campus again, but it is time now to focus on the second half of the academic school year; there is much ahead of us before we close down in June. To the class of 2018, hang in there and try to enjoy your last months as ISC students; it will be fleeting.

Parents, please read page two thoroughly regarding guest speaker Dr. Michael Thompson. In the past we have hosted evening workshops/presentations for our parents which targeted specific topics of interest. We were very fortunate to be able to lure Dr. Thompson back to our island to specifically work with ISC. In 2015 he was here as a keynote speaker for the AASSA Educators' Conference that was hosted by ISC and attended by educators from other international schools in the Latin America region.

You will not want to miss out on his evening session designed specifically for parents.

On a different note, 2nd quarter report cards go out next Monday! For grade K3-2, parents will receive a digital copy. Grades 3-5 will receive them directly from the homeroom teacher. Report cards for grades 6-8 need to be picked up by parents in the main office and grades 9-12 at the high school office. They will be available starting at 12:00.

Douglas Vaughan
Director



*Dr. Michael Thompson will be at ISC on
Monday, January 22nd to present to students,
teachers, and parents.*



Dr. Michael Thompson Presentation for Parents

On Monday, January 22nd, Dr. Michael Thompson will be on campus to work with and present to ISC's students and teachers. Dr. Thompson was invited directly by the school to help address an achievement gap issue; in general, our data has shown that our girls are outperforming our boys. From the day we initially engaged Dr. Thompson last school year, that gap has narrowed and we are hopeful that his presentations will provide additional insight and help toward narrowing it further.

In addition to his work during the school day, Dr. Thompson will host a presentation for parents in the evening from 6:30-8:30 at ISC's gymnasium. Below you can read the title of his presentation as well as the abstract which is directly from his [personal website](#).

Dr. Thompson is a highly regarded and recognized speaker and we are honored to have him in Curaçao. We strongly encourage and recommend that you attend for the betterment of your children. The presentation is meant for parents only. If you need supervision of your elementary child/children (please, no younger than K5), the Kayena and Alablanka rooms on the high school campus will be supervised by responsible high school students. ISC families are welcome to drop their child off there prior to the presentation if unable to find alternative supervision.

ISC will extend an invitation to parents and teachers from CAPS and as ISC parents you are welcome to invite up to two personal guests. The event is not open to the general public. It is important for us to have a general idea regarding the total number of guests. Please take a moment to complete this one questions survey, which will close on **FRIDAY, JANUARY 19**. Click here: [RSVP DR. MICHAEL THOMPSON PRESENTATION](#)

The Pressured Child: Helping Your Child Find Success in School and Life

Abstract

"The Pressured Child" is, in fact, a presentation for "pressured parents" who have forgotten what school is actually like. It is a talk for parents who are gripped by worries and misapprehensions about their children's life in school. In the presentation, Dr. Thompson describes the psychological journey that children experience during their thirteen years in school. He reminds parents that children are almost never judging themselves by grades: they are always monitoring their own development and constantly searching for three things: connection, recognition and a sense of power. He illustrates how children find those in many different arenas of school life. There are three kinds of children in school: 1) those whose journeys are characterized mostly by success, 2) those whose journeys are characterized by a chronic but manageable struggle, and 3) those whose journeys are characterized by fury and despair. Each journey has its own different pressures. Every child is constantly developing strategies for coping with the pressures that he or she feels.

In order to write the book, Dr. Thompson went back to school, following students, seventh graders through seniors, in independent, Catholic, and public schools. In the book and in this talk, he shares stories from the trenches, taking parents and teachers into the school day experience of children, illuminating how they manage their school careers and how the best educators and wisest parents can support them along the way.



A vibrant poster for the ISC Talent Show 2018. The background is a dark blue gradient with bokeh light effects. At the top, two spotlights shine down. The title "ISC Talent Show 2018" is in a light blue, sans-serif font. Below it, a silhouette of a person jumping is visible. The main title "ISC'S GOT TALENT" is in large, bold, yellow and white letters, with a large yellow star replacing the letter 'A' in "Talent". A handwritten-style text "auditions coming soon!" is written in white cursive across the middle. Below the main title, the date "Saturday, February 24, 2018" is written in white, followed by the instruction "Start preparing; put your groups together and practice." in white. In the bottom right corner, there is a "50 years 1968 - 2018" logo. A horizontal row of small white stars separates the top section from the red section below.

ISC Talent Show 2018

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TALENT

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Saturday, February 24, 2018

Start preparing; put your groups together and practice.

50 years
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**AUDITIONS TO BE HELD ON
JANUARY 24, 25, 26**

LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

**SIGN-UPS AVAILABLE SOON IN THE MAIN
OFFICE**

GIN: 4th Annual Shopping Experience

Dear ISC community,

I would like to request your support for the upcoming **4th annual ISC GIN clothing drive**. Our goal is to mobilize ISC students, families, and friends of the ISC community to donate children's clothing, toys and accessories (ages - newborn to 18 years) for the '**Shopping experience**' scheduled for **February 3rd in ISC's gymnasium**.

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, toys or accessories of your child that are in good condition (please make sure that the clothes are washed and clean). Collection boxes are set up in all homerooms by our GIN students.

THE GIN SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

4TH ANNUAL Clothing Drive

DROP OFF CLOTHES, TOYS, AND ACCESSORIES AT YOUR HOMEROOM! AND REMEMBER, PLEASE BRING CLOTHES IN GOOD CONDITION.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3RD

GIN GLOBAL ISSUES NETWORK

DONATE NOW

What we are looking for: shorts, 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 and make 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

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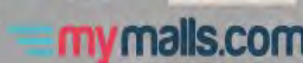
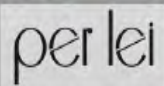
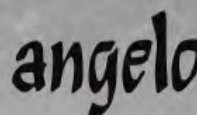
Just before the Holiday Break, ISC officially received the two plaques from NEASC to recognize the school's membership and new accreditation with the association.

Congratulations to ISC's teachers, administration, and support staff for this accomplishment!



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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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