

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. 15-31: MAP Testing  
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  
Feb. 12-16: Carnival Break  
Feb. 24: Talent Show

## Message from the President of the Board of Directors

On behalf of the ISC Board it is our pleasure to extend some words to our community. The first month of the new year is almost over, and the classes at ISC are in full swing. As the ISC Board, we work together with the Director on the school's policies and in making sure that ISC continues to perform well.

We were very pleased this week with the visit of Dr. Michael Thompson. The topic for the evening session with parents on understanding the journey of our kids is definitely one that each member of our community can relate to. Dr. Thompson compared a student's experience in school with that of a long distance hike, where the main requirements for the hike are motivation and good sporting shoes. The "school shoe" is not a "one size fits all" shoe; each student's journey through school is vastly different and challenging in its own way. Especially appealing was the message of Dr. Thompson that school is not necessarily a preparation for life, as parents tend to believe. It is rather that each child, in his/her own unique way, is living his/her life to the fullest today and every day. Schools are not supposed to "crush" our children. Every child is maximizing his/her own strengths and preparing for a future job. We should therefore focus on the strength of each individual child rather than on the perceived "weaknesses".

At ISC, we have a staff dedicated to the students, teachers who support their journeys, and a community that is caring. These foundational attributes make our school's environment conducive to learning and allows students to take risks. The Board is pleased with the direction ISC is going and looks forward to continued improvement in the years ahead. To this end, we are also pleased to announce an extension to Mr. Vaughan's contract as ISC's Director through the 2020-2021 school year.

We wish you all a successful and pleasant 2018!

Richeline Martina-Joe

President, ISC Board of Directors



## The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN) conference 2018

ISC provides many diverse learning experiences to its students. One of these, the THIMUN conference, has been attended by ISC for many years - as it is one of the largest MUN conferences in the world. Over 3,000 students participate each year. The THIMUN board of directors works directly with the United Nations to promote the values of the UN and educate young people about the UN's mission. The THIMUN conference simulates the lobbying and decision making process of UN diplomats. This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the conference.



The ISC student delegation will represent the island nation of Tuvalu at the conference next week. While Tuvalu is a small country, it is relatively unknown and has provided us an opportunity to learn about a new place. Do *you* know where Tuvalu is?

This year, three students applied for, and received, appointments to special positions. The application process for these positions is highly competitive – but ISC regularly produces highly qualified candidates. Kyril Kibbelaar has been appointed Head Chair of the General Assembly 6th committee, Shakira Costa has been appointed as Chair of the Sustainable Development Committee 1, and Alia Ayoubi has been selected to serve as a journalist for the MUNITY newspaper, the largest daily high school newspaper in the world.

As we travel so far to get to this conference, we tack on a few extra days to do some sightseeing in Europe to gain some cultural perspective. This year, we are visiting Vienna, Austria and Bratislava, Slovakia before the conference.

The following students will be serving as the delegation of Tuvalu at the conference, please wish them luck as they learn about the ins and outs of diplomacy.

**Gudr Al Ayouby, Karina Lalwani, Vanshika Rohera, Sam Keith, Priyanka Rohera, Priyanka Mirpuri, Toshi Jain, Isaac Cyntje**



## Dr. Thompson Delivers to ISC Community

Monday was a busy day for Dr. Michael Thompson at ISC as he presented to various student groups, teachers, and the general community in the evening. Drawn in by his extensive experience and knowledge of student experiences in schools, audiences were able to take away valuable information for the benefit of the students. Dr. Thompson enjoyed his time at ISC and interacting with our community.

A special thank you to ISC's PTA for helping cover some of the costs for bringing Dr. Thompson in. We are pleased to be able to offer opportunities such as this to our families and the PTA has been supportive from the beginning.



# NJHS Brownie Bar



**Help us raise funds to  
organize the Talent  
Show.**



**Friday,  
February 2nd  
ALL BREAKS**

THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY  
HOSTS THEIR BI-ANNUAL

# QUIZ BOWL

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH  
6:00 P.M.

KAYENA AND ALABLANKA ROOMS

GROUPS OF 4-10 PEOPLE

10 FLS PER PERSON

SIGN UP WITH ANY NHS MEMBER

**WIN GREAT PRIZES**



SNACKS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE FOR  
PURCHASE



# THE GIN SHOPPING EXPERIENCE



LAST DATE FOR DROPPING OFF DONATIONS- JAN 30

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



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3RD



**LAST WEEK!**

# ISC Talent Show 2018

## ISC'S GOT TALENT

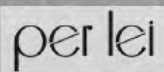
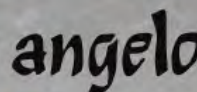
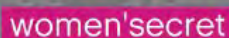
*auditions coming soon!*

Saturday, February 24, 2018

Start preparing; put your groups together and practice.

## 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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