

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:

June 7: Spring Concert
(grades 2-5)
June 9: Senior Graduation
June 15: Kindergarten
Graduation
June 16: ISC @ 50 Party
June 19: Last day of school,
noon dismissal

Message from the Director

Good afternoon ISC,

With just a couple weeks left, there are a lot of things happening before we close down for the summer.

Please note that the library will be closed at 2:00 pm through the rest of the school year. Ms. Tania is out on medical leave due to a broken wrist. The library continues to be supervised throughout the day, but it is necessary for us to close it down at dismissal time.

Congratulations to Mr. Sosa, Mrs. Violenes and all of their students who performed admirably at the Spring Concert last Friday. Audience members were treated to a delightful evening of orchestral music and singing. We look forward to hearing our rock bands perform on June 15th!

A very special congratulations to the class of 2018 valedictorians Shakira Costa and Sanjana Navani as well as this year's salutatorian Muskaan Khemani! Please see page six for more details.

IMPORTANT NOTICE for parents with children who will be in middle school next year: An introductory meeting for the Middle Years Program (MYP) will be Wednesday, June 13th from 6:30-7:15. Room to be announced next week.

Please be aware that the government schools officially end on July 6th. Parents, if you are travelling with your children before that date, you will need an official travel letter to leave the island. As usual, stop by the main office or email Ms. Camille (dijkhuizen@isc.cw) with your travel dates and we will prepare a letter for you right away. It is highly advisable to process your letter at least five days before you travel!



International School of Curaçao

50 Years Celebration

SATURDAY, JUNE 16TH

ISC - High School Campus
Time: 8:00 - 11:00pm
Contribution NAF 50,
(includes entrance and drinks)
Bites available for purchase

Music by
Gino Coelho
DJ Alana

50 years
1968 - 2018

Middle/High School Spring Concert



Adieu Curaçao !

The experiences that the Curaçao culture embodies have left an indelible mark on me as a person. I thank you! The kindness, humbleness and pride demonstrated by the Curaçao people is unmatched in my world travels. The community of ISC has markedly changed me as a person, spiritually and compassionately. I take with me, as I depart, numerous memories of love, epiphanies, and joy. Through five decades in education, spanning several continents, Curaçao and ISC have helped me professionally to be a better listener, be a better world citizen, and moreover learned to tell someone 'I Love Them' every day, sometimes even reminding myself that I love myself too, everyone should remind themselves.

I could write a novel about individual experiences with students, parents and ISC staff. Wow, maybe I will! Marked highlights of my years at ISC:

- Having a group of Lebanese students sitting me down one day to explain that my natural 'me' is Lebanese, which was followed a half dozen ridiculously cool cultural hugs.
- A Mariachi Band walking into the classroom as an introduction to a senior class asking me to be their keynote speaker at graduation.
- Brilliant, college level Theory of Knowledge presentations.
- Seeing numerous 'light bulbs' going full wattage when a student understood the current lesson or a past one
- Dancing in a church during a memorial service with the wife of a very dear teacher, and friend who passed unexpectedly leaving her and their son behind
- Actually, everything from the academic challenges to the kindness of the families of ISC who invited me into their homes to celebrate holidays and family time
- Taking the time to stop and watch the 3, 4 and 5 year olds walking to and from the gym, precious is not a good enough word
- Walking into class and seeing 300 yellow rubber ducks hanging from the ceiling, true story
- Tears and laughter that accompany discovery
- The spirit in the eyes of youth who are naturally curious, and their view of the world which is strong and inspirational, and finally their academic camaraderie, which is so compassionate

So, with my heart full, I offer my sincere gratitude to all.

'Adieu Curaçao'

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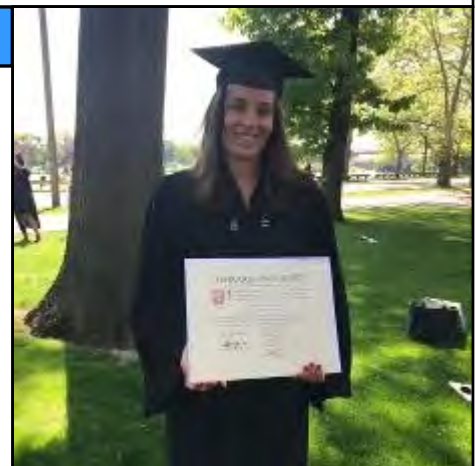
Dr. Kenneth O'Bryhim



Alumni News: Zoe Kibbelaar Class of '14 & Harvard Grad.

On behalf of the ISC teachers and staff, we send congratulation to our class of 2014 valedictorian Zoe Kibbelaar. Zoe recently graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard University.

Way to go, Zoe! ISC is very proud of you!!





PTA GENERAL MEETING

June 6th, Wednesday

Join us for the last meeting of
the school year and board
elections in the library .

5:30

ISC  PTA
SECOND HAND
**UNIFORM
COLLECTION**

Moving away ? Kids have grown ? Need to find a good home for your pre loved uniforms ? Then please donate them . PTA is collecting uniforms for our upcoming pre loved uniform sale in August . Collection box located in front entrances of both sides.



PTA's

**DONUT
DAY**

**Friday, June 1st 7:30-2:00 PM
on Elementary Side**



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Class of 2018 Valedictorian(s) and Salutatorian

ISC High School is proud to announce our recipients for the highest honors in the cohort of 2018. This year we had identical cumulative grade point averages for the academic title of Valedictorian. The awardees are Shakira Costa and Sanjana Navani who obtained the highest GPAs in the class of 2018. The second highest GPA went to Muskaan Khemani who was designated as Salutatorian. Congratulations to the three awardees! ISC is proud of your academic accomplishments!

Co-Valedictorian Shakira Costa is the daughter of Gilberto Costa and Janira Evertsz. Shakira was accepted to and will attend the prestigious and highly competitive direct-entry Global Medical program at Maastricht University in The Netherlands.

Co-Valedictorian Sanjana Navani is the daughter of Gangu and Heena Navani. Sanjana received many acceptances from highly selective universities. In total, these universities offered a combined total of \$370,000 in scholarship money. She will attend Barnard College in New York City where she will pursue a Bachelor's degree in Economics.

Salutatorian Muskaan Khemani is the daughter of Jagdish and Chandni Khemani. Muskaan received several acceptances to top US universities in the United States. She has chosen to enroll in Boston University, going in undecided so that she can explore all that BU has to offer. Of the universities that accepted Muskaan, collectively, they offered her a total of \$210,000 in scholarship money.



Above from left to right: Shakira Costa, Sanjana Navani, and Muskaan Khemani.

International School of Curaçao

Spring Concert Musical

RATS!



The Story of the Pied Piper

2nd - 5th Grade

Thursday, June 7th

1:00 pm

ISC Gym



Elementary News: Lunch party in Grade 4 Non-Native class

To have a nice closure of the theme 'Eten en drinken', Grade 4 organized a lunch on Friday, May 25th, 2018.

With the help of Grade 4 students, the Iguana Room 2 was transformed into a "restaurant" where students had their lunch and practiced their Dutch oral skills e.g. to order their lunch in Dutch.

A big thanks to all parents for providing food for the lunch and helping in any other way. No contribution was too small!

Soenita Poeran



High School News: Grade 10 Non-Native Dutch Project "Luna en het verdwenen licht"

In Grade 10 Dutch Non-Native class the students had to read a Dutch story and were asked to present this story to Grade 4 Dutch Native speakers. Students expanded their vocabulary words by reading the story and improved their pronunciation and Dutch speaking skills with. The ES students of course enjoyed listening to a nice Dutch story.

Thanks to Ms. Goumana and Ms. Halimeh for their collaboration and cooperation for sending their students during their class time to the Dutch class.

Miss. Soenita Poeran



50th Year Anniversary Dance Celebration

Last week Wednesday all our Kindergarten, Elementary and Middle School students came together to celebrate the end of their Dance Unit and our 50 Year Anniversary. The students performed the dance choreographed by Ms. Sabina, our high school PE teacher. The dance closed out the end of the day and it was a fun, enjoyable atmosphere.

HAPPY 50th I.S.C.



ISC Rock Band Performance: June 15

The School of Rock Concert at 27 Bar and Restaurant on Friday, June 15th from 6pm.

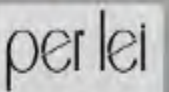
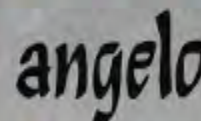
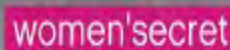
The School of Rock Concert is an event in which rock bands formed by ISC and CAPS students will perform pop and rock music. Family and friends of ISC are all invited! Admission is free. We hope everyone can make it to this special event!

For more info, please email: violenesa@isc.cw



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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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