

ISC WEEKLY

"AN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION TODAY FOR THE GLOBAL CITIZENS OF TOMORROW."

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Dates to Remember:

November 29: Elementary Holiday Concert
 December 1: Chorus and Band Performance
 December 4: Sinterklaas
 December 5: PTA General Meeting
 December 14: 2nd Quarter Ends, 12:00 Dismissal
 December 5-14: Midterm Exams (High School)
 December 17-January 7: Holiday Break, School Closed
 January 8: 3rd Quarter Begins

Message from the Director:

Dear ISC,

The PTA has scheduled their second general meeting for Wednesday, December 5th from 1:00 -1:45 in the Maker Space Room to discuss upcoming activities. As always, parent involvement is greatly appreciated– we hope to see you there!

In case you missed it, this morning our music students performed live on Mainta TV Direct 13. Congratulations to Mr. Sosa and his musicians!

Click on the top picture to watch the first half of their performance and the bottom picture for part two.

Sincerely,

Douglas Vaughan
 Director



IMPORTANT NOTICE: If your family is traveling before December 21st and returning after January 6, you will need a formal travel letter. Please contact Ms. Camille in the main office for details.



Thanksgiving Lunch in Pictures



NJHS HOLIDAY DRIVE

**DEADLINE: TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 11TH**



**YOU CAN DONATE:
NON-PERISHABLE FOODS
CLEANING SUPPLIES
TOILETRIES AND PERSONAL ITEMS**



**WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT:
EXPIRED FOODS, GLASS JARS AND
BAKED OR USED PRODUCTS.**



**BOXES WILL BE PLACED IN
EACH HOMEROOM**



**NJHS WILL PROVIDE
PRIZES TO THE TOP 3
HOMEROOM DONATIONS.**



*'Tis the season for
... Holiday Tunes!!*



*Please join us for a short
holiday performance with
the ISC chorus and band.
We will be performing festive
songs for the community at large.
So bring your friends and
family to share in the holiday
spirit.*

**December 1st, 2018
1:30 pm
Zuikertuin Mall**



NJHS Holiday Drive



Dear ISC Community,

Once again it is that time of year when we begin to think of all the things for which we are thankful. As Thanksgiving approaches we know that the holiday season cannot be far off. And the holiday season means the annual Holiday Food Drive is getting underway.

Our goal this year is for everyone to donate as much as possible so that each classroom's box can be entirely donated to a family. We will still be collecting the same items we have in the past: canned and non-perishable foods, basic household supplies, and toiletries. Below, please find examples of items that can be donated. Please make sure that the food you donate has not expired!

This year's donations will be split between the Fuik Neighborhood Center and the Santa Famia Church.

Boxes will be placed in each Homeroom by the NJHS members.

As members of the ISC community we are fortunate to have an abundance of good in our lives. We have good food to eat and good clothes to wear. Let's take this time to share that abundance with those less fortunate.

As an added incentive, NJHS will provide prizes to the top 3 homeroom donations.

NJHS would like to thank you for all your support and we wish you a very Happy Holiday Season!

Holiday Food Drive items list

Non-Perishable Foods:

Canned Fruits
Canned Vegetables
Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, Spam etc.)
Canned Soups
Fruit juices (in non-breakable containers)
Rice
Pasta
Coffee
Cereals
Dry or canned beans
Powdered/evaporated milk
Boxes of crackers
Boxes of cookies
Cooking oil (canola, olive, vegetable etc.)

Cleaning Supplies:

Laundry detergent
Paper towel
Bleach
Dish soap
Window cleaner
All-purpose cleaner (regular or anti-bacterial)

Toiletries and Personal Items:

Deodorant
Body soap
Shampoo
Hair conditioner
Toilet paper
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes

We are unable to accept: expired foods, glass jars and baked or used products.

Sinterklaas and his piets @ISC



Elementary News: Kindness Rocks Project at ISC

ISC is starting their own project titled "Kindness Rocks" by creating our own inspirational rock garden. We invite parents and students to create their own rocks with inspirational messages to promote happiness in the school environment.

We will place rocks students bring in our school rock garden between the small basketball court and the band classroom.

ISC is part of the kindness movement in the world: The Kindness Rocks Project has one simple goal, to promote random acts of kindness in the shape of painted rocks with inspirational words!

The garden is being started as part of the class visits to Elementary classrooms taking place this week.



Afternoon Bus Schedule December 5-14

Due to the high school midterm exams, the bus departure times from campus for afternoon drop-offs will be as follows:

December 5: 3:05
 December 6: 3:05
 December 7: 2:05
 December 10: 3:05
 December 11: 3:05
 December 12: 2:05
 December 13: 2:05
 December 14: 12:05

REMINDER: One way bus passes are available for purchase in the main office. If your child is not signed up for the bus, but lives in Jan Sofat or Zuurzak and needs to take the bus home these last couple weeks, space is currently available.



**ONE
WAY
BUS
PASS**

ISC Debate Champions

As a closing event to the Global Entrepreneurship Week, a debate took place at the University of Curacao. Prior to this, three students: Tanishq Virwani, Catherine Ribeiro and Emma Buchan won in a preliminary round at ISC and then moved on to the finals. On Sunday, November 18, ISC was set to compete against UCoC in the closing event, but the opposing team dropped out last minute. The organizers from GEW were quick to find a solution, so the ISC team put their best foot forward and competed against the “partners” team. The “partners” team was made up of three professionals, all from the economic sector. There were three rounds of debate where the teams had to argue for or against various topics.

Winning two of the three rounds, the ISC team was named champions and awarded trophies. The girls spoke confidently and articulated their points convincingly. You could tell the opposing team was surprised by the level of competition, and the audience was both entertained and challenged by the arguments the team put forth. Congratulations team ISC!



Above: Team ISC, Global Entrepreneurship Week debate champions: Catherine Ribeiro, Tanishq Virwani, and Emma Buchan.

Middle Years Program Implementation Update

What's happening with the implementation of the IB MYP? (International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program)

ISC's decision to adopt the MYP Program will benefit student learning, teacher knowledge, and value for parents. We are excited to bring these benefits to the ISC community.

ISC was approved as an MYP candidate school in May, 2018. We are currently developing and working our plan to implement the program at ISC. We will submit our *application for authorization* in October, 2019. What are we doing in the interim?

- the Director, Middle School Principal & MYP Coordinator are meeting regularly to plan the training and implementation process to move to the MYP Program (grades 6-10; also known as “Years 1-5” in MYP lingo)
- a full staff MYP training session was held at the start of the school year to inform staff and faculty at all levels about the MYP
- ongoing monthly collaborative training/planning sessions take place for MYP teachers
- 6 teachers participated in official IB training in October (with more training to come)
- bi-weekly consultation between the MYP Coordinator and MYP consultant
- current focus areas include: scheduling, training, cultivating a focus on inquiry and unit planning

Some key assets of the MYP Program include:

- learning for understanding
- the exploration of global challenges
- interdisciplinary lessons
- a focus on international mindedness
- empowering students to develop their talents

Work is ongoing toward a smooth implementation!

Sincerely,

Dan Cwik, MYP Coordinator



10 Reasons



Middle Years Programme

why the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) encourages you to become a creative, critical and reflective learner

1



Become a life-long learner

Learn 'how to learn' using communication, research, self-management, collaboration and critical thinking skills.

2



Learn by doing and experiencing

Through the MYP community project you learn to service the community and connect what you learn in the classroom to "real life".

3



The MYP encourages critical thinking

It teaches you to analyse and evaluate issues, generate novel ideas and consider new perspectives.

5



Learn for understanding

Not just to memorize facts or topics and prepare for exams.

4



Explore global challenges

The MYP helps you increase your understanding of the world by exploring globally significant ideas and issues.

6



Train yourself to:

- organize and plan your work
- meet deadlines
- concentrate
- bounce back
- persist
- think positively.

7



Subjects are not taught in isolation

You are encouraged to make connections between subjects.

8



It empowers you to develop your talents

Feel empowered to prove what you know and earn the MYP certificate or MYP course results.

10



It encourages international-mindedness

The MYP helps you critically appreciate your own culture and personal history, as well as the values and traditions of others.

9



It prepares you for future education

Prepare yourself for the IB Diploma Programme or IB Career-related Programme delivered by IB World Schools globally.



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FREE FOOD



AFRICAN MOVIE DAY

Brought to you by the National Honor
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**Thursday, November
29th, 2018**

Ms.Guerrero's room from 11:45 AM to
12:30 PM

Dear ISC family,

You are cordially invited to the **Elementary Holiday Music Concert: We are Thankful** on **Thursday, November 29th from 1:00pm** in the covered area.

Students in grades K3-5th will be sharing fall and folk songs that remind us what we are thankful for. On the day of the concert, please have your child dress in the following clothing:



ISC Dive Club: Volunteering at the Coral Nursery

Valued at more than \$445 million USD per year, Curacao's coral reefs generate that huge income through the fishing and dive industries, but reefs all over the world are in trouble.

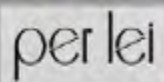
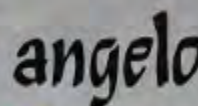
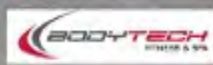
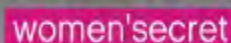
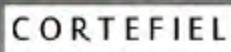
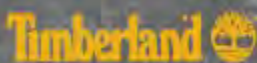
This is why members of the ISC dive club volunteer in the coral nursery each month tending to the baby corals that will eventually be planted back out on our reefs.

Over the weekend the students teamed up with the CAPS dive club to raise 600 nafl during a car-wash held here at ISC. All proceeds will go to support the efforts of the Coral Restoration efforts on the island.



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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