

## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CURAÇAO

## ISC WEEKLY

## NEWSLETTER



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## Dates to remember:

December 4:  
Sinterklaas

December 7: Online  
progress reports

December 9-18: High  
School Midterm Exams

December 18: Early  
Dismissal

December 21– January  
8: Holiday Break,  
School Closed

January 11: 3rd Quarter  
Begins

## From The Director

Good afternoon ISC,

Many parents have asked me directly about the leaking water in front of the school where students are dropped off. The large pipe from which the water is leaking out of does not belong to the school. In fact, to our surprise it doesn't belong to Aqualectra either– it belongs to the refinery and runs down the street to Asiento. The pipe itself has become corroded in many places and has been leaking for the past couple months; this particular leak happens to be just under the concrete at the school's entrance.



The refinery knows about the leak and have attempted to remedy the problem more than once, but it has been determined that basic repairs will not be sufficient enough. They are currently waiting for new materials in order to bypass this area of piping altogether.

In the meantime, we will do our best to keep the area that is continually wet from becoming too slippery due to the build-up of algae. Please be cautious if you do drop off your children in this section of the parking lot.

Hopefully the area is fixed soon! Apart from being a nuisance and potential hazard to those who get in and out of their cars in that area, the amount of water wasted each day is significant.

Enjoy the rest of the week.

Sincerely,

Douglas Vaughan  
Director



***Our Vision: An  
international  
education  
today for the  
global citizens  
of tomorrow.***

***Our Mission: ISC educates students from diverse cultures to have the skills to think creatively, communicate effectively, reason critically, and act compassionately.***

## Lady Sharks Volleyball: Championship Game this Friday!

The Lady Sharks volleyball team will be playing this Friday with a chance to win back-to-back championships. They could use your support! If you haven't made it to a game yet this year, now is your chance to show your ISC pride and come cheer on our girls. The game will be at SDK in Brievengat and begins at 3:30. We hope to see you there!!

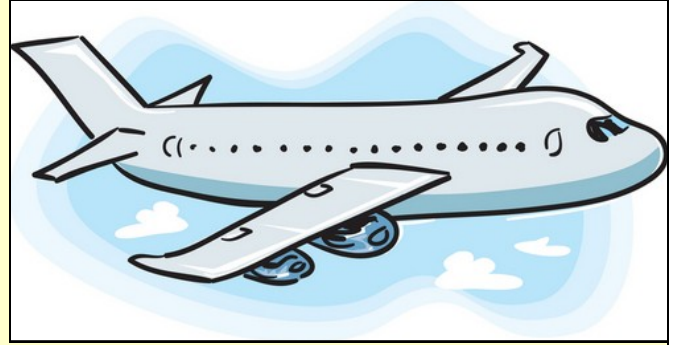
# GO SHARKS!



## Travel Letters for the Holiday Break

Dear Parents,

As the Holiday Break quickly approaches, please remember to request a travel letter from the main office if you are leaving the island. Please see the process below as written in the Parent/Student Handbook. In addition, we have received notice from their office that, along with the letter ISC provides, you will also need: passports of parent(s) and children or sedulas and the child's birth certificate. It takes them five days to process and it has to be requested directly by a parent or guardian. In reference to vacation dates of local schools and thus the need for the letter, other schools officially return from the break on January 4th.



*Due to the Law of Compulsory Education, parents cannot take students out of school for traveling unless they arrange the correct documentation. Since ISC may have different vacation dates to the local schools, it is important to arrange for an official form if traveling outside local school vacation dates. The procedure to follow is:*

*-Inform the main office in writing with the exact travel dates.*

*-The office will prepare a letter for the parents to take to Servisio pa Asuntunan di Enseñansa at Bon Bini Business Center, Schottegatweg Oost (next to Xerox Building).*

*-Servisio pa Asuntunan di Enseñansa will make an official form to hand over to immigration at the airport.*

## Into the Woods Thank You!

For the first 12 weeks of school, I am very involved in the school musical. It is a labor of love, but it also a lot of work! This year's show, *Into the Woods*, would not have been possible if not for the help of so many people in and outside of ISC. I would like to take a moment to thank one particular group—the chefs who made tech week tolerable.

Tech week is the week leading up to the show; it is long and tiresome and stressful. Rehearsals run from 4:00 pm- 8:00 pm, Monday- Thursday, and that is after a long day of teaching and learning. The highlight of the rehearsals (according to the kids, and admittedly myself) is the meal that nourishes us at dinner time. This year's meals were provided by the PTA, cast members, and our very own school director, Doug Vaughan. On Monday the PTA provided an Indonesian dinner which was received with delight. Tuesday, under the supervision of Halimeh Ayoubi, the full cast provided a potluck "sub" buffet. There was enough food to feed a small army! On Wednesday the responsibility went back to the PTA when they cooked a feast of tacos and Mexican food; the entire cast thought they had died and gone to heaven. The delicious food was enough to power us through Act 2 and keep everyone positive and energized. Thursday's dinner was a bbq by Doug and Sandra Vaughan. They grilled up the most scrumptious burgers!

I know there are dozens of people who make shows like *Into the Woods* a success, but I just wanted to give a shout out to those people who fed us and kept us going during that stressful week. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

-Kate Ribeiro



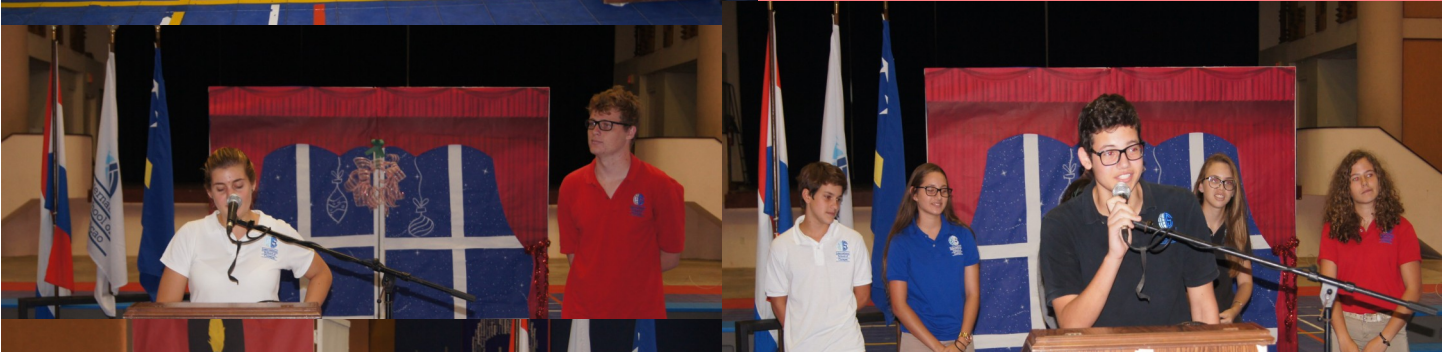


## High School and Middle School Assembly

Last Wednesday the high school and middle school students got together for a combined assembly to recognize various school activities and students' achievements. Parents and PTA were also invited to gain more insight into some of the programs and activities our students are engaged in throughout the year. In brief, the assembly's agenda included teacher and student presentations regarding:

- MUN: Conferences and appointments for THIMUN
- Recognition of the UN Day Speech Contest winners
- CURMUN student initiative
- NJHS and NHS Holiday Drive
- GIN organization, conferences, and current GIN projects at ISC
- Student-led CAS project at ISC

Great work ISC students and advisers!



## NJHS/NHS Holiday Drive

Dear ISC parents,

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.

As you may know, NJHS stands for National Junior Honor Society and NHS stands for National Honor Society. The Kayena Chapter at the International School of Curaçao was founded in 1988. The purpose of this chapter is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to set an example for leadership, and to encourage the development of character in students of the International School of Curaçao.

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!

**The deadline for receiving donations in the classrooms is: Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 2015**

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.

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

**Non-Perishable Foods/ Alimentos no perecederos:**

Canned Fruits- **Frutas enlatados**

Canned Vegetables- **Vegetales enlatados**

Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, Spam etc.)- **Carnes enlatados**

Canned Soups- **Sopas enlatados**

Fruit juices (in non-breakable containers)- **Jugos de frutas (en recipientes irrompibles)**

Rice- **Arroz**

Pasta- **Pasta**

Coffee- **Café**

Cereals- **Cereales**

Dry or canned beans- **Frijoles secos o enlatados**

Powdered/evaporated milk- **Leche en polvo / evaporada**

Boxes of crackers- **Cajas de galletas**

Boxes of cookies- **Cajas de galletas (dulce)**

Cooking oil (canola, olive, vegetable etc.)- **Aceite de cocina**

**Cleaning Supplies/ Artículos de limpieza:**

Laundry detergent- **Detergente para ropa**

Cleaning supplies- **Artículos de limpieza**

Paper towel- **Toalla de papel**

Dish soap- **Jabón para lavar platos**

**Toiletries and Personal Items/Artículos de tocador y artículos personales:**

Deodorant- **Desodorante**

Body soap- **Jabón de cuerpo**

Shampoo- **Champú**

Conditioner- **Acondicionador**

Toilet paper- **Papel higiénico**

Toothpaste- **Pasta de dientes**

Toothbrushes- **Cepillos de dientes**



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



# Sinterklaas and his Piets are visiting ISC!

Date: Friday, December 4th  
Time: 8:00am  
Place: Elementary School Side



Hope You  
can join us!





## Middle School News: "Get the Word Out"

Some of our 7th grade students had the opportunity to "Get the Word Out" regarding raising AIDS and HIV awareness. On Tuesday, they were guests on the morning show "Mòru Bondia" on TeleCuraçao to share their knowledge with our community. Job well done!

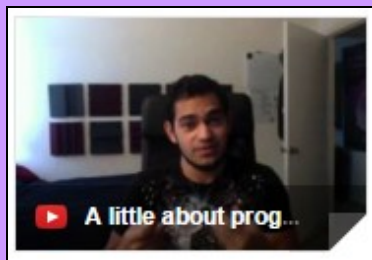


Above, left: 7th grade students Andreas Gruner-hegge, Namrata Ganwani, Alyza Capriles and host Nicole Maduro. Above, right: 7th grade students in front of Tele Curaçao. From left to right: Gianluca Beaujon, Andreas Gruner Hegge, Alyza Capriles, Shreyaa Samtani, Namrata Ganwani, and Emma Buchan

## Tech Corner: A little about programming..

Class of 2007 alumni Oscar Alvarado explains the importance of coding and the skills needed to be successful at it to our grade 9 and 10 students. He continues on and demonstrates some gaming programs he designed. Click on the image to listen to what Oscar has to say about programming.

-A. Galicia



### "DOUGHNUTS WITH DOUG"

- Every Thursday morning from 8:00-8:30.
- Sign up in the main office or email Ms. Camille (dijkhuizen@isc.cw). Space is limited.
- Sit with the Director and other parents for coffee or tea- and doughnuts.
- Discuss the direction and future of ISC.
- Share your ideas for a stronger ISC.

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