

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CURAÇAO

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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:

Feb. 9: Teener Parade
Feb. 12-16: Carnival Break
Feb. 24: Talent Show
Feb. 27: Open House
March 1: Science Fair
Mar. 5-16: IB Mock Exam
March 7: Town Hall
March 12: Progress Reports

Message from the Director

Dear ISC,

As we are about to head into a week break for Carnival, please remember that this Friday is NOT an early dismissal day. With the exception of the students preparing for the Teener Parade, class schedules will be as normal.

Regarding the Teener Parade, ISC has been designated number 12 in the order of procession for Friday night. The students and the Teener Parade Committee have worked hard over the past couple months to prepare. We hope to see you on the parade route Friday night! Officially it starts at 6 pm.

NOTICE: First Steps Program Closing

As of June 19, 2018, ISC's First Steps program will be closed. The program will not be offered to parents at the start of the next school year in August. After a thorough analysis, it has been determined that the program is not sustainable. Prior to the program's introduction in 2011, K3 was ISC's first grade of entry, which we will now revert to. Our apologies to current parents who had intended to enter a younger sibling into the program, we hope that this early announcement provides you the time needed to find an alternative option for child care by the time schools starts again in August.

This topic and more will be talked about in the annual Town Hall meeting with ISC's Board of Directors scheduled for Wednesday, March 7th. Details to be sent soon.

Douglas Vaughan
Director



ISC Honors Staff for Years of Service

Last Friday afternoon ISC employees and board members gathered at the U.S. Consulate to recognize and celebrate staff members who have reached years of service milestones. The Board extends their gratitude to all staff members for their dedication to the ISC community and congratulates each individual who has reached their respective milestone.

A special thank you to the U.S. Consul General, Ms. Margaret Hawthorne, who was gracious enough to allow ISC to use the Roosevelt House again this year for the event. The view was spectacular and the environment warm and welcoming.

The following staff members were recognized (pictured below from left to right, starting at the top row):

Adriana Baiz– 10 years

Babette Dewaele– 10 years

Nina Kommeroh– 15 years

Betsaida Castillo– 15 years

Angelica Galicia– 15 years

Jennifer van Grieken– 15 years

Loraine van Rosberg– 25 years

Emma Croes– 30 years

A special recognition for Dr. Kenneth O'Bryhim who has served ISC on five different tours of employment over the years starting in 2001. A career teacher of 43 years, he will be retiring at the end of this school year. Congratulations Dr. O'Bryhim!



Above: Recognized ISC staff for years of service. Combined, they represent nearly 150 years of service and experience at ISC.

Middle School News: Presentation by FMA (Fundashon pa Maneho di Adikshon)

On Wednesday, January 17, ISC organized a presentation on drug awareness and prevention for grades 7 and 8. Peer educator Idelienne Reenis of the FMA, the local organization for drug awareness and addiction, addressed the following topics:

What is addiction?

Different types of addiction (social media, gambling, sugar, food, etc)

Phases of addiction

Types of drugs

Effects of drugs

Mental, physical and social consequences

Student questions

The purpose of this presentation was to create awareness and inform about the dangers of substance abuse in teenagers. Studies show that using alcohol or other drugs at this time has a far more damaging effect than it does on an adult's brain. It gets in the way of school success, and it is linked to increased involvement in violence and other risky behaviors.

Furthermore, *Stepping In*, our prevention program in Middle School, provides some tips on how families can help in preventing the use of alcohol and other drugs by young people.

- Give your son/daughter a clear message that it is not okay to drink or use other drugs.
- Arrange for supervision between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Research suggests that these are peak hours for teen drug and alcohol use.
- Get to know your son/daughter's friends and their families. You can help each other keep your children safe.
Help your son/daughter make a plan for how he or she might avoid or resist both internal and external pressure to use.
- Make sure an adult is supervising any party your son/daughter attends.

We hope this encourages families to talk about this topic with their children at home in discussions regarding their life goals. Together we can help keep your children safe and healthy.



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



ISC's THIMUN Delegation Return to Curaçao

The 50th Anniversary of the THIMUN conference wrapped up last Friday and the ISC student delegates made their way home on Sunday evening.

It was a successful trip as the ISC delegates participated actively in their respective committees and helped to bring forth workable solutions to many world issues. The resolutions that were passed by each committee are to be sent to the United Nations.

The conference is hard work. However, students also had the opportunity to do some shopping, see art masterpieces, visit the seat of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, including a narwhal "tooth" bequeathed to the Hapsburg Emperor, and make new friends from all over the world.

Shakira Costa and Kyril Kibbelaar, Committee Chairs, continued the ISC tradition of leadership at this conference of well over 3,000 students. Alia Ayoubi, journalist for the conference daily newspaper, contributed an original piece to each edition of the MUNITY newspaper, often managing to give recognition to ISC or ISC delegates.

The conference ended memorably with a closing ceremony that included a performance by a Curaçaoan brass & drum band. It capped off our week well and made us look forward to our return to dushi Korsou.

MUN helps students develop crucial skills, build respect for the mission and goals of the United Nations, forge cross-cultural relationships and develop an understanding of key aspects of diplomacy and building consensus. Plus, we got to see paintings by Vermeer, Rembrandt and Van Gogh! I am thankful for another great educational experience for our students and now turn my attention to the ISCMUN conference held at ISC in April. Stop by then to see the MUN students in action.

Special thanks to Kate Ribeiro, Bettina Kibbelaar, Golid Ayoubi, Lorraine van Rosberg, Ulises Franco and Douglas Vaughan for their help in making this trip possible.

Dan Cwik



Above: ISC's 2018 THIMUN Delegation. Front row, from left to right: Mr. Dan Cwik, Mrs. Kate Ribeiro, Karina Lalwani, Shakira Costa, Alia Ayoubi, Toshi Jain, Vanshika Rohera. Second row: Samuel Keith, Isaac Cijntje, Priyanka Mirpuri, Gudr Al Ayouby, Kyril Kibbelaar



Dismissal Procedure Upgrade: *Any List* App Improves Process for Pick-up

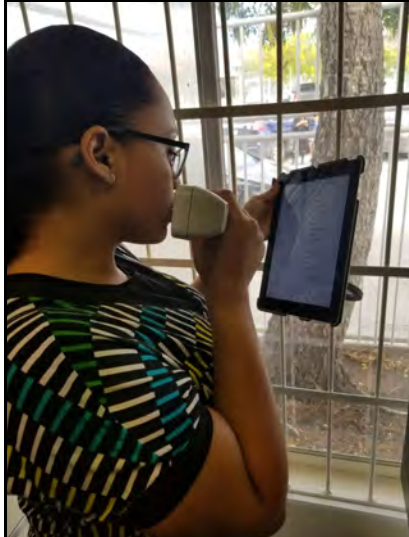
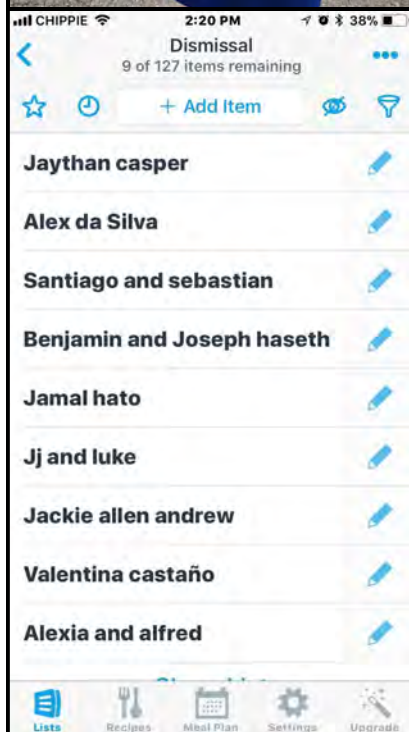
Starting last week you may have noticed our team at dismissal looking at their phones regularly. No, they aren't checking FaceBook, Instagram, Snapchat, or even their email! The team, comprised of Ms. Betsaida, Ms. Alex, Ms. Diana, and Mrs. van Grieken, have ditched the use of the old walkie-talkie system and exchanged it for the *Any List* app. The four of them link their phones to one another outside and to an iPad inside, where Ms. Diana is based to call each student through the PA system.

The first couple days using the app has proved effective. As we see the parents drive in, the student's name is typed into the list by Ms. Alex, Ms. Betsaida, or Mrs. van Grieken. All four can see the new names entered and at that time, Ms. Diana calls the students to the gate. As the students are picked up, names can be checked off the list to make sure they are not called again. If the student's name remains on the list, meaning they are not coming to the gate, Ms. Diana can call them again.

With a group of four, the walkie-talkie system was limited; three people had to wait while one was talking. It also made it difficult for Ms. Diana to hear the names of the students being communicated in while at the same time speaking over the PA system.

In general, dismissal has been running smoothly. Our security guards continue to monitor the crosswalks and direct traffic to ensure safety and a continual flow to keep cars moving forward as space opens up. Parent, please remember to move as far forward as possible when in the pick-up lane. Also, if you need to get out of your car, please refrain from parking in the pick-up/drop-off lane next to the side walk. For the safety of all of the pedestrians, a slow speed is vital. Also, please refrain from being on your phones while driving through the parking lot. Accidents can happen very quickly and your full attention is needed at all times.

Thank you!



ISC Talent Show 2018

Presented by
NJHS and HS Student Council

ISC's Jungle Jam



February 24th, 2018

Starts at 7:00pm

ISC Auditorium

Price: ANG. 15,-



Dear ISC Community & Friends,

Thank you very much for your generous donations of clothing, toys, books, shoes and accessories to our annual GIN Clothing Drive.

On Feb 3rd 2018, GIN students at the International School of Curacao held their 4th annual Shopping Experience. It was a great success. Over 200 less privileged children from our local community were invited to the clothing store and given an opportunity to have a real shopping experience. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience of picking clothing, toys and accessories of their own choice and liking.

Our GIN students added a sparkle of joy into the lives of these children. They started preparing for this event a few weeks in advance. They collected, sorted and set up the gym to make this experience a reality for these children. **GIN students – we are very proud of what you do.**

Thank you once again for your continuous support.

Sincerely,

Kavita Chugani

Global Issues Network Coordinator



GIN CLOTHING DRIVE SETTING UP





ISC'S 4TH ANNUAL GIN CLOTHING DRIVE



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CURAÇAO



Thursday, March 1st, 2018

5:00 - 7:00 pm

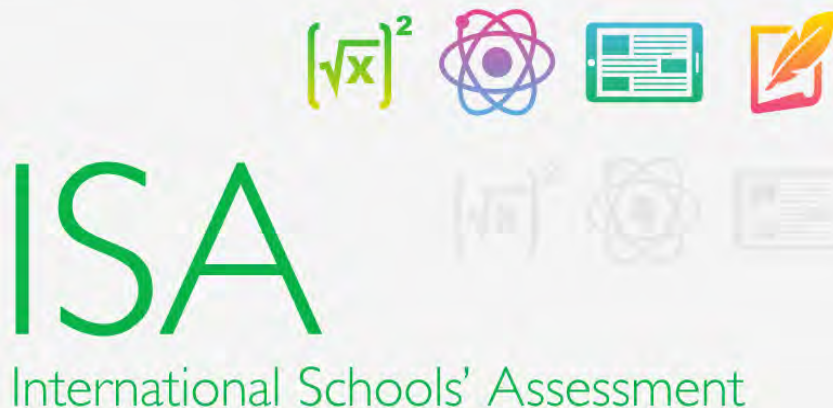
ISC Gym auditorium



International Schools' Assessment (ISA) Begin February 20

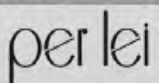
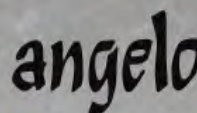
ISC students in grades 3-10 will be taking the International Schools' Assessment on February 20th and 21st. To learn more about ISA, please click on the logo to the right.

Additionally, please read ISA's [privacy statement](#) for parents sent by their Project Director.



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for ISC Employees*



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