

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CURAÇAO

ISC WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER



International School of Curaçao

Dates to Remember:

- December 2: Sinterklaas
December 5: Progress Reports
December 7-16: High School Midterm Exams
December 16: Last day of 2nd academic quarter
Early Dismissal
December 19-January 6: Holiday Break- NO SCHOOL
January 9: 3rd Quarter Begins
January 16-18: CIS 5-Year Review Visit

From The Director

Good afternoon ISC,

The calendar for school year 2017-2018 has been approved and is now posted online. Please plan ahead to ensure your child misses the least amount of school days as possible. 181 student contact days have been built in to assure we meet accreditation standards. With the exception of Thanksgiving Break, an extra week off for the Holiday Break, and an extended Karnival Break, we use the official public school calendar provided by the government as our base template.

Due to the fact that our calendar is slightly different from the local schools, it is necessary to have a travel letter if you are off island outside the dates that the local schools have off as well. Case it point- if you are travelling during the upcoming Holiday Break and leaving before noon on Friday, December 16th and/or returning later than January 4th, 2017, you will need a travel letter. Please be sure to make the request with Camille right away so you have time to process the paperwork. Don't wait! If you try to request the letter after the 16th, there will be no one in the office to assist you; school closes down completely for the break.

Thank you to everyone who helped contribute to last week's Thanksgiving Lunch. This was the first year all three levels of the school were able to enjoy the meal. Special thanks to high school's Student Council for taking the initiative and organizing lunch for their peers!

Hats off to Ms. Allison, Mr. Sosa and their students for a wonderful elementary holiday concert last Wednesday. Watching and listening to our students perform and show off their talents was a true pleasure. Watching the students' confidence grow each time they have the opportunity to be in front of an audience is equally rewarding.

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Douglas Vaughan
Director



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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.

Community Service Announcement: Cyber Safety

Dear ISC Parents,

The technology we all use on a daily basis undoubtedly enhances our ability to accomplish tasks more efficiently and at a scale unparalleled to what past generations were capable of. Information can be shared instantaneously to masses of people miles away with a single click of the mouse or push of a touch screen. Benefits of such technologies are beyond measure; we see it here at school with our students and experience it ourselves every day. Technology is now intertwined in our lives- for good or bad- and will continue to advance and change as quickly as we can imagine.

For all the good technology brings us, it is important to remember that not everyone is well-intended and that there are people who use it for nefarious reasons. For this reason, it is important that our children understand the potential dangers and long-lasting impact the internet can have if they are not cautious or use it inappropriately- intentionally or not.

The threats that face students are a reality- make no doubt about it. Recently we came to know of a threat that came directly from an unknown person or persons here in Curaçao targeting girls. The perpetrators created an online file that had numerous folders in it, each folder labeled with a girl's name, and each folder containing inappropriate photos. It is unknown as to how the photos were obtained, but it is certain that they were used unbeknownst to the victim and certainly without permission. In some cases the perpetrators tried to extort additional photos with the threat of posting the photos they already had online.

We reported this to the authorities and provided them with all the details we had. The online account has since been closed.

Parents, please use this as a reminder of what could happen to your child if proper guidelines and your personal guidance are not in place. Understandably, many of our children are more advanced than some of us in regards to new technologies and social media platforms that are out there. Some of you may feel lost or not sure how to guide your child and create boundaries for them. Below are just a couple links to help you. Please take time to look through these or do some research on your own; there are numerous resources out there.

<https://safesmartsocial.com/cyber-safety-tips-for-parenting/>
<https://www.webwise.ie/parents/advice-top-10-tips-for-parents/>

In the past ISC has hosted evening sessions for parents specifically dedicated to cyber-safety. The first session was well attended, but the second had a very low turn-out and we haven't had another for several years. If you are interested to learn about ways to keep your child safe on-line and have an open dialogue with other parents, please take a couple minutes to complete this two question survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ISCCyberSafety>

If we receive enough interest, we will develop a program and host another evening session in due time.

Sincerely,

Douglas Vaughan

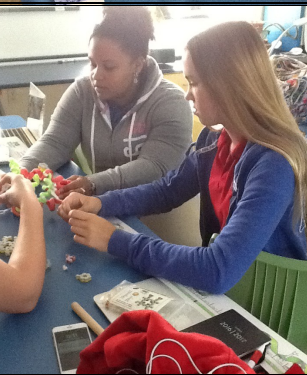
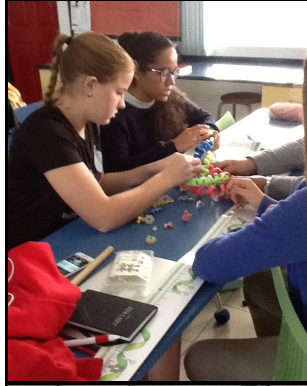
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High School News: IB Biology, Marathon Participant Davis van Grieken

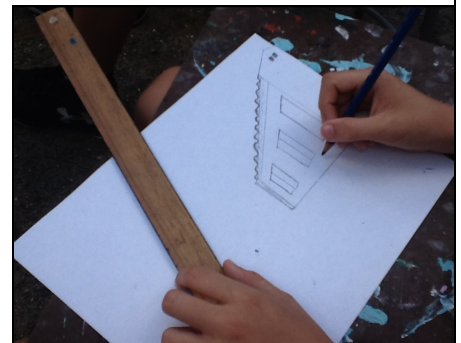
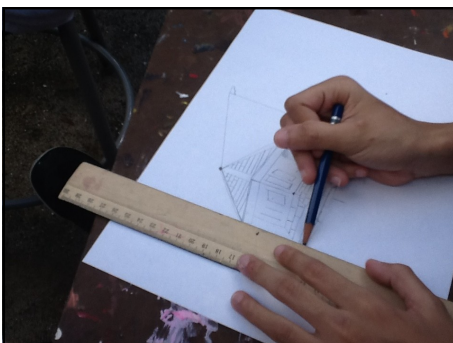
Using toobers and various clips and markers to represent the different amino acids, students put together a model of a beta-globin protein. The activity is designed to help them understand the four types of protein structures.

10th grader, Davis van Grieken, participated in two half-marathons this month. On November 13th, he ran the Curaçao Road Runners Club Half-Marathon, coming in first place in his age group. On November 27th, he participated in the KLM half-marathon, coming in the top half of all participants.



Middle School News: Art Students Work on Perspective

Middle School 7th grade Art students went outside today to work their perspective magic while capturing the architecture of the music building and surroundings.



Sinterklaas and his Piets are visiting ISC!

Friday, December 2nd

8:00am

Elementary School Side

Hope You can join us!



*Students can wear
their Sinterklaas
T-shirts*



ISC Contributes to Ronald McDonald House Charities

Thank you to all students who participated in selling the Ronald McDonald helping hands supporting our local Ronald McDonald house located in the St. Elisabeth Hospital. As a school, we raised 2416.27 guilders! Great job everyone!



GIN Featured in Charity Calendar

Recently the Britannic Club of Curaçao hosted a pub quiz to raise money for local charities. As part of the event, a 2017 calendar was produced to raise additional funds.

To recognize and support ISC's GIN organization for all the charitable work student members do, the Britannic Club featured them in the calendar for the month of August.

If you would like to support the Britannic club's efforts and in turn, ISC's GIN students, the calendar is available in the main office for 25 guilders.

*Right: Front cover of the charity calendar.
Below: ISC's feature for the month of August.*



GIN - Global Issues Network empower young people to collaborate locally, regionally and globally in order to create project based sustainable solutions for global issues. Students engage in various diverse projects including; raising funds to help victims of natural disaster, sponsorship of education to under privileged deserving students, clothes drive for children from orphanages, helping local animal shelters and island clean up programs to remove rubbish from public spaces.

NJHS Holiday Drive Ready to Begin

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. 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 13th 2016

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.

NJHS would like 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.

From the Business Office: Final Installment Due

The 4th and last installment for the school year 2016/2017 is due December 1st, 2016. All accounts should be in good standing for the parents who pay yearly and per installment.

If your account is not in good standing, please contact Loraine immediately. It is vitally important that all accounts are up-to-date; nearly 100% of the school's costs are covered by tuition revenue. Delays in payments have a direct impact on the school's ability to run day-to-day operations.



REMINDER!

Business Office Hours: Monday to Thursday: 7:30-3:00 p.m.

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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