

HEADS UP

A Weekly News Update from the Principal and Heads of School

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FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

TENDER FOR CAFETERIA OPERATION

St. Andrew's School invites suitable qualified applicants to tender for the contract to operate the School's Cafeteria.

The following minimum requirements for applicants must be met:

1. licensing with all relevant authorities;
2. certification from the Ministry of Health and other relevant agencies related to food preparation and handling;
3. experience with food preparation and related services to a population of 300 persons or more;
4. menu to consist of healthy food options.

Any additional information required will be made available upon request.

Interested parties should submit a sealed proposal document marked "**Proposal for Cafeteria,**" no later than **4:30pm, on 26 March 2010** to:

The Financial Controller
St. Andrew's School
Yamacraw Hill Road
Nassau, Bahamas

THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Condolences

Condolences are extended to Mrs Misty Albury-Hunt, her children and our students Landon, Jaidon and Hailey on the passing this week of their grandmother and great-grandmother, Mrs Lurey Albury. Please keep these members of our community in your thoughts.

IN ADVANCE! Information on activities coming up

Several parents have said that they often miss events/activities/matches going on in school as they do not have enough advance notice. We will list here as many as we can

Scholarship examinations: 6th March, 8.30am to 1.30pm
Primary school photos:..... 8th - 12th March
Secondary school photos: 15th - 19th March
Junior girls soccer v SAC at SAC:Monday, 8th March, 3.45pm
Senior girls soccer v Temple Christian at SAC:Monday, 8th March, 5.00pm
Pre-reception sports morning:Tuesday, 9th March, 9.30am
Senior boys soccer v St John's, at home:.....Tuesday, 9th March, 4.00pm
Junior boys soccer v QC, at home: Wednesday, 10th March, 4.30pm
Senior girls soccer v Kingsway, at home: Thursday, 11th March, 3.45pm
Senior boys soccer v Westminster, at home:..... Friday, 12th March, 5.00pm
Infant sports:Friday, 12th March, 9.30am – 11.00am
Chess tournament for middle & upper school, room 44 at breaks Monday, 15th March
PTA Education evening:..... Thursday, 25th March, 7.00pm
PTA Earth Day Sale:Friday, 23rd April

Note: Mr Coyle and Ms Collie also list upcoming events at the end of their reports

The **academic calendar for 2010-2011** was approved at the Board of Directors' meeting held on Monday, 1st March. A hard copy is included in this edition of Heads Up, but copies may also be collected from the school offices.

Secondary athletes have been competing in the **BAISS Interschool Track and Field Meet** at the Thomas A Robinson Sports Centre this week, Wednesday through Friday. The weather was cool and windy on Wednesday and Thursday when I attended, but our students performed well in a number of events. Congratulations to all competitors and the PE faculty for their efforts.

Next week, **Friday, 12th March** marks the end of the second trimester. Any families expecting to leave St Andrew's at the end of this academic year must hand in a **withdrawal notice** to Mrs Sally Varani-Jones, the admissions officer, by this date, or they may incur penalties as listed on the school application form. Parents must also submit a provisional withdrawal notice (to be confirmed as soon as possible) if there is a possibility that a family may leave. Some year groups in particular look as though they will be full for the 2010-2011 school year, and we need this information on hand in order to plan ahead.

Mrs Tammy Ali-Burrows in our English department has asked me to inform everyone that **Ringplay Productions** is planning the second annual **Shakespeare in Paradise Festival** for October, 2010. This was a great success last year. A Midsummer Night's Dream is being read and interested persons can email admin@shakespeareinparadise.org for information. There will also be a staging of Woman Take Two during the festival, which is familiar to our own drama students, and the link will give them information on this as well.

Don't forget that we are twittering! Please visit our web site. Ms Nicole Treco, our Foundation Development Officer, has started a twitter page, so check it out!

Yours faithfully

Sharon E Wilson
Principal
sharon.wilson@st-andrews.com

St Andrew's School Calendar: 2010 - 2011

Lightly shaded dates are non-school days for students; heavily shaded dates are when the school's offices are closed								
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	2010
AUG							1	# of learning days
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	2 nd August Monday – public holiday
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	3 rd August - School Offices open
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23 rd - 24 th /25 th August - Teachers' work days
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	25 th August - School commences for students in secondary school
	30	31						26 th August - School commences for students in primary school 5
SEP			1	2	3	4	5	
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
	27	28	29	30				22
OCT					1	2	3	
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 th Discovery Day - public holiday
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15 th October - Fees due for Trimester 2
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	18 th - 22 nd October - Autumn Break - School Offices open
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	15
NOV	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	26 th November: End of Trimester 1 (62 days) 20
	29	30						29 th November: Trimester 2 commences 2
DEC			1	2	3	4	5	
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	17 th December - school closes at 12:00 noon for teachers and students
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	20 th - 21 st - School Offices open
	27	28	29	30	31			20 th - 3 rd - School Closed students and teachers 13
						1	2	2011
JAN	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	4 th January - School Offices open
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	4 th January - School commences for students and teachers
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
	31							20
FEB		1	2	3	4	5	6	
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	15 th February - Fees due for Trimester 3
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	14 th - 18 th February - Winter Break - School Offices open
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	14
MAR		1	2	3	4	5	6	
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	11 th March: End of Trimester 2 (58 days) 9
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	14 th March: Trimester 3 commences
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	14
	28	29	30	31				
APR					1	2	3	
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	11 th - 25 th Easter Holiday - School Offices closed 22 nd - 25 th April
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25 th Easter Monday
	25	26	27	28	29	30		School commences 26 th April 10
MAY							1	
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
	30	31						22
JUN			1	2	3	4	5	3 rd June - Labour Day - public holiday
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	15 th June - Fees due for Trimester 1 of 2011 - 2012
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	13 th Whit Monday. 17 th June - School closes at 12:00 noon for students and teachers 11
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17 th June - End of Trimester 3 (57 days) TOTAL: 177
	27	28	29	30				20 th - 21 st June - Teachers' work days
								27 th June - 15 th July - 3 weeks of Summer School

The Faculty and Friends Choir Wants YOU!



If you enjoy singing, laughing and starting the day with a smile, then the Faculty and Friends Choir is for you.

We practise on Friday mornings in the Secondary School Music Room from 7:50am to 8:20am and occasionally in the evenings if there is a concert coming up.

It is a relaxed environment! **Everyone** is welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Petersen at jpetersen@st-andrews.com.

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Scholarship Exams

Tomorrow morning we have our annual academic scholarship examinations. I am sure we will meet some very able students who will be competing for a limited number of places.

World Math Day

At next week's middle school assembly Ms Michel (chair of middle school math) will recognize the best students for their contribution to World Math Day. Ms Michel will make some certificates for the best scores and the most improved scores.

The middle school students from year 7 and year 8 had to practice last week and this week to compete against students from all over the world and they loved it.

Wednesday was the official competition and all of our students took part. It will be interesting to find out how well our students performed.

IB and BGCSE Mock Examination Report

Mock Exam reports will be coming home next week on Tuesday the 9th March showing parents how their child has performed. Please go over these reports with your child as a lot of work must be done over the next 2 or 3 months. The Easter vacation is a "working" vacation for your child as the work done during Easter vacation can greatly influence the type of grade your child will obtain in the IB or the BGCSE's.

PTA Newsletter and PTA Photographs 15-19 March

The PTA newsletter comes home today thank you to our hard working parents. The new date for the secondary school photos is Monday March 15th

BAISS Interschool Track Meet (TAR Stadium)

Over 80 students will be representing the 'Hurricanes'. Today Friday 5th March, years 7-10 were given the option of going to support and there were no classes for them. Years 11-13 will have normal classes. After day 1 we were 5th a commendable position for a school our size. Track and Field competition, due to the large number of events, does favour the larger schools over the small schools. Based on population alone we should be about 9th or 10th.

Electronic Devices

Parents please remember that cell phones, digital cameras, head sets, I-pods, etc are **not** to be brought to school. Ms Petersen's music classes are the exception to this rule on the days that they have music.

H1N1 Flu

Parents please keep your child home if they feel ill, have a temperature or they are sneezing. My teachers have been asked to reinforce standards of personal hygiene, especially in practical subjects.

Drivers

Parents please drive slowly when you are on campus 5mph limit. Learner drivers should not drive on campus even if they are parents or accompanied by parents.

More Good News!!

Parents if you have good news to share with us about our students, e.g., weekend activities not sponsored by the school, please email me directly. Over the holiday, if students represented The Bahamas or their clubs, in different areas, please let me know.

IB Coordinator

IB Evaluation

Over the past few months the school has been completing a self evaluation of the IB program as part of the process of accreditation for the diploma program. This process is still on going and will be completed by the 1st June 2010 when the report will be submitted to the IBO.

The process has involved a large cross-section of the school, including board members, administrators, teachers, parents and students. It has covered many facets of school life from the curriculum to the student. It has been an interesting process and in many ways has highlighted the sound position we are in with regards to the IB program.

The quality of the program that we offer here is evident not only in the results that we have achieved but in the wide diversity of subjects that we are able to offer. This can be attributed in no small amount to the dedication and hard work of our teachers who are responsible for the planning and delivery of the curriculum their expertise and the support that they offer our students.

The evaluation process has been a very useful exercise for me in my 1st year as IB coordinator as it has provided the tools to reflect on our current practice and to highlight the strengths and weaknesses within our system. The process will only prove of value if we respond honestly to our findings by consolidating the good, strengthening our areas of weakness and where needed having a rethink on the way we do things.

I remember being told early in my teaching career that "if you want something to happen then you have to plan for it to happen" we have started that process with the evaluation of the IB program and over the coming months we must reflect on these findings, make plans and take action so that we continue to move from strength to strength.

If you have any views that may add to the evaluation process that you would like to share with me please feel free to contact me, I am always happy to discuss ways to strengthen the IB program.

University Guidance Office: Scholarships and Summer Programmes

Scholarship Name	Donor	Place of Study	Value	Criteria/Eligibility	Subject Area	Contact	Deadline
Bahamas	Bahamas	United	\$2500	G.P.A - 3.0	Not	242-393-	May 1 st ,

Scholarship Name	Donor	Place of Study	Value	Criteria/Eligibility	Subject Area	Contact	Deadline
Supermarkets Scholarship	Supermarkets Limited	States & Canada	@2years	S.A.T – 1050 Math and Critical Reading	Specified	2830 P.O. Box N3913	2010
BORCO Scholarship	Bahamas Oil Refining Company Intl. Ltd	United States, Canada, UK and the Caribbean	\$7500 per year	G.PA – 3.0	Engineering & Science	242-352-8862 P.O. Box F-42435	
Canadian Lyford Cay Scholarship	The Canadian Lyford Cay foundation	Canada	\$7500 per year	See Application Form	Not Specified	242-362-5449 P.O. Box N7776	March 31 st , 2010
Estelle Ebens Excellence Scholarship	The Lyford Cay Foundation	United States and Canada	\$10000 per year	See Application Form	Agriculture, Architecture, Economics, Education, Engineering, etc.	242-362-5449 P.O. Box N7776	March 31 st , 2010
Gerace Research	The Ministry of Education Scholarships and Loans Division	Participating Universities in the United States	Full/Partial	6 BGCSE's; SAT – 1000 and above Math and Critical Reading; GPA 3.0 and above		242-502-2715 P.O. Box N3913/14	April 30 th , 2010
Harry Moore Memorial Scholarship in the Arts	The Lyford Cay Foundation	United States, Canada, UK and the Caribbean	\$7500 per year	See Application Form	Visual and Preforming Arts, Music	242-362-5449 P.O. Box N7776	March 31 st , 2010
Lyford Cay Foundation Scholarship	The Lyford Cay Foundation	United States, Canada, UK and the Caribbean	\$7,500 / year	See Application Form	Not Specified	242-362-5449 P.O. Box N7776	March 31 st , 2010
Lyford Cay Foundation Technical Training Scholarship	The Lyford Cay Foundation	United States, Canada, UK and the Caribbean	\$7,500/ year	See Application Form	Technical and Vocational Fields	242-362-5449 P.O. Box N7776	March 31 st , 2010
National Academic Scholarship	Ministry of Education	United States, Canada, UK and the Caribbean	\$10000/ year	GPA 3.0 or above	Not Specified	242-502-2715 P.O. Box N3913/14	April 30 th , 2010
National Technical Scholarship	Ministry of Education	United States, Canada, UK and the Caribbean	\$10000/ year	GPA 2.5 or above	Technical and Vocational Fields	242-502-2715 P.O. Box N3913/14	April 30 th , 2010
Tomlinson Scholarship	The Tomlinson Foundation	Canada	\$10000/year	Not Specified	Not Specified	P.O. Box N4857	
Patrick S. G. Bain Scholarship	Hotel Industry Partners	College of the Bahamas Hotel Training Institute	\$4000/year	See Application Form	Hospitality	P.O. Box N 7799 242-322-8381	March 31 st , 2010
Chinese	Ministry of	China	Amounts	See Application	Manufacturi	242-356-	

Scholarship Name	Donor	Place of Study	Value	Criteria/Eligibility	Subject Area	Contact	Deadline
Government Scholarship	Foreign Affairs		Vary	Form	ng and Design of Apparel, Medicine, Marine Transportati on, Chinese Medicine, Business Studies	59-56 P.O. Box N3746	

All Scholarship Forms are Available in the Guidance Office
Please See Mrs. Bodie for more Information

Summer Programs

**Choate Rosemary Hall
Wallingford, CT
Summer Programs**

5 Weeks: June 27th – July 30th, 2010

- High School Programs Yr. 9-12
- Middle School Programs Yr. 7-8

For more information: www.choate.edu/summerprograms

Or

choatesummer@choate.edu

**Cornell University
Ithaca, New York 14853-2801
Summer Program**

6 Weeks: June 26th – August 10th, 2010

Programs For High School Students:
Architecture, Art, Business, Engineering, Sciences
Film....

and many more

For more information: www.summercollege.cornell.edu

**University of Pennsylvania
Dept. of Engineering and Applied Science
Philadelphia, PA
Summer Academy in Applied Science & Technology**

Take you interest in science and math to the next level with courses in: Biotechnology, Computer Graphics, Computer Science, Nanotechnology
Robotics

3 Weeks: July 11 – July 31st, 2010
Deadline March 25th, 2010

For more information: www.seas.upenn.edu/saast

Catalogues for all programs are available in the guidance office

College Tours

Is your child entering university within the next 2 years? Consider a Taking a College Tour this summer of Schools throughout the United States or Canada

Your may book one of the following tours at <http://www.college-visits.com>

Or

Visit the Guidance Office for brochures and catalogs

- Southeast Tour: July 11th- 16th - George Mason; Richmond; Duke; UNC – Chapel Hill; Wake Forest; and many more
- Midwest Tour: July 11th – 16th - Michigan State; Northwestern; Notre Dame; Purdue; Beloit
- Northeast Tour: July 17th- 23rd - Harvard; Northeastern; Boston University; MIT; Brown; Penn; Yale and many more
- Northeast Tour: July 24th – 30th - John Hopkins; Boston U; Harvard; Wesleyan, Columbia and Many more
- Canada Tour: July 31st – August 6th - U of Toronto; York U; McMaster; McGill; Concordia; Queens

SAT

May 1st, 2010
Deadline: March 25th

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Important Secondary School Events

Tuesday 9 March	IB & BGCSE Mock reports home
Friday 12 March	End of Trimester 2 (Middle School)
Monday 15 March - Friday 19 March	PTA Photographs
Thursday 25 th March, 7:00pm	Parent Education Evening Seminar, "Transitioning into year 7"
Monday 29 th March - Friday 9 th April	Easter Vacation
Friday 23 rd April	Earth Day Plant Sale

Frank Coyle
Head of Secondary School
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PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Dear primary parents and guardians:



Thank you to those of you who attended *Tuesday's Junior School Sports Day*. The day was a huge success with Years 3 – 6 students, parents and teachers participating in another 'sport for all' event. Congratulations to Mrs. Lockhart and her Lucayans on winning the event.



A special thank you to the P E Department for arranging such a successful event; all House Masters and teachers for their assistance; parents who attended and participated; the PTA for their support; Mrs. Wilson for attending and presenting the trophy.

If you haven't, please take a few minutes to view Mrs. B's Sports Day bulletin board; she took some beautiful photos of the children and has created a lovely display outside her room. Have a look.

Thank you to all parents who brought their little ones in on Saturday morning for the **ELC screening**. We assessed approximately 40 students for entry into

Pre School, Pre Reception and Reception in August 2010. Thank you to Mrs. Bayles, Mrs. Grab-Honess, Mrs. Simms, Mrs. Varani-Jones and Mrs. Wilson for their assistance. The morning went extremely well. Please be sure to refer any prospective families to the Admissions Office for information on entry into our school.

Upcoming primary events:

8 - 12 March
9 March
12 March
15 - 19 March
22 - 26 March
26 March
26 March
12 April
23 - 25 April
23 April

School Photos *New Date, please note
Pre Reception Sports Morning, 9:30 -11:00am
Infant Sports Morning, 9:15 – 11:00am
National Arts Festival
Year 6 Abaco trip
Reception Science Fair
School Closes for Easter Break
School Reopens
Year 5 Andros trip
PTA Earth Day Bake Sale & Plant Sale

Please mark your calendars.

Allison Collie

Head of Primary

E-mail: allison.collie@st-andrews.com

FROM THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

The past few weeks have been very busy with screenings and assessments for both primary and secondary school. I am receiving applications and inquiries about admission for 2010 - 2011 daily, and places are limited. If you have a child or you know of a family with a child, who is hoping to enter for the 2010 - 2011 school year, please submit the application in to the Admissions Office as soon as possible. Application forms are available from the Admissions Office or on the website: www.st-andrews.com under Admissions.

Please remember that if you are planning to leave the school at the end of the school year in June, you must notify us in writing at the start of the third trimester to avoid penalties. The third trimester begins on **15 March 2010**.

In accordance with the information printed on the application form completed when a student enters the school, withdrawal notices should be submitted early as one trimester's notice, or one trimester's fees in lieu of notice, is required when withdrawing a student from the school. The withdrawal forms may be listed as **provisional** and can be updated as necessary.

If I can be of any help, please email me or contact me in my office in the IT Centre.

Sally Varani- Jones
Admissions Officer

Email: sally.varani.jones@st-andrews.com

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE ST ANDREW'S FAMILY

Please click on a link to see information from a group below:

[PTA News and Events](#)

[Health and Safety News and Events](#)

[Community News and Events](#)