

ST. ANDREW HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

ANNUAL REPORT

ACADEMIC YEAR 2006 – 2007

Chairman- Mr. Radley Reid, Chaplains – Rev Norbert Stephens and Rev. Jacqueline Lidell, Members of the Board of Management, Officials of the Ministry of Education, Representatives of the Church. Honorees, Special Guests – Miss Marsha Watson, Mrs. Novelett Plunkett, Ms. Joan McDonald, Miss Betty-Ann Jones and other Distinguished Guests. Miss Portia Magnus President and other Executive Members of the P.T.A., Miss Karen Henry President and other Executive Members of the Old Girls Association, Vice Principals Mrs. Allison Bowes and Mrs. Paulette Logan, Members of Staff, Parents, Awardees, Students and Friends.

The 2006-2007 Academic year lived up to its name, that of “the Year of Consolidation. Several programmes that had been introduced over the past three-five years, were strengthened and this yielded the expected results of solid achievement in all areas of performance both Academic and Non Academic. Targets set by the departments were met and in many instances surpassed. The institution continued to place special emphasis on Social and Emotional learning and throughout the year the morale among the entire school community was very high. Still basking in the glory of the 80th Anniversary celebrations, it was clear to everyone with whom we came into contact that we were indeed abundantly blessed and very proud of our rich heritage.

CONGRATULATIONS

Distinguished Old Girls Mrs. Dahlia Repole, Dr. Blossom O’Meally-Nelson and Dr. Pauline Milburn were awarded National Honours on Heroes Day, October 21, 2006.

A TRIBUTE TO TWO STALWARTS

We pause at this time to pay tribute to two stalwarts of the St. Andrew High School Family, former Principal Miss Joan Reader and former Head of the Science Department Mrs. Edith Smith who resigned from the staff at the end of the year having each given over 40 years of excellent service to this institution.

St. Andrew High School for Girls will forever be indebted to these educators par excellence who have given of themselves tirelessly to the cause of fostering the positive growth and development of successive generations of the young people of this nation.

Through their achievements they have established track records that very few of us will ever be able to exceed. We thank Miss Reader and Mrs. Smith for the high standards of performance that they have set for those of us who have had the privilege of their mentorship. We know that service to humanity is a way of life for these ladies, hence we wish for them long life and good health as they continue their work in other areas.

COMPLETION OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY PROJECT

The renovation/refurbishing of the Administration Building that began in August 2005 was finally completed. Phase 3 which included the creation of a Board Room, the refurbishing of the Principal’s Office with an annex and reception area and the creation of a meeting area for teachers was ready for use in November 2006. The project was completed within budget and we are most grateful to Project Manager Mrs. Maureen Chang, Architect Miss Ann Hodges, Quantity Surveyor Mr. Owen Grant, Electrical Engineer Mr. Harry Brown and Structural Engineer Mr. Joe Hammond for the willingness with which they gave of their time and labour in most instances free of cost to this project. Members of staff and the student body are very pleased with the new surroundings and our parents, Old girls and visitors are most impressed.

The Board of Management

The Board of Management under the able leadership of Mr. Radley Reid sought to extend its support for the institution through the introduction of two new committees: The Academic Affairs Committee chaired by Mrs. Pat Sinclair-McCalla and the Human Resource Committee chaired by Miss Glen Lee. A Staff Incentive Scheme was also introduced which was highly appreciated. The Technical and Environmental Committee chaired by Mrs. Christine Stiebel was successful in obtaining a grant from the Environmental Foundation of Jamaica to harness rain water from the Vocational Block and Grey water from the Cafeteria which would then be treated and used for irrigating the Garden Theatre and The Hockey Field as well as flushing the toilets on the Vocational Block. This project is due for completion at the end of the Christmas Term 2007.

eLearning Project

All members of the school community were elated when St. Andrew High was named as one of the pilot schools for the eLearning project which is a joint venture between the Ministry of Commerce Science and Technology and the Ministry of Education. The e-Learning company had promised that audio-visual equipment, computers and software would have been delivered to the pilot schools early in the Christmas term. Unfortunately the school was still waiting at the end of December 2006. On January 24, 2007: 3 projection screens, 2 document cameras, 3 DVD/CD players, 5 multimedia projectors, 4 digital video cameras, 2 scanners, and 1 television were delivered to the school.

Unfortunately the 40 laptop and 50 desktop computers that were promised through the e-Learning project had still not arrived at the end of the school year. As a result of this 10 computers and 2 laser printers had to be rented for use in the CXC Information Technology practical examinations in May 2007. The school still awaits the arrival of these computers.

Chaplains

Chaplains Rev. Duane Samm and Rev. Norbert Stephens remained faithful to their commitment of leading devotions each week and we are grateful for the interest that they displayed in the general welfare of the staff and student body. The entire school family was sorry to bid farewell to Rev. Samm at the end of the year as he left to take up his assignment in the St. Ann District of Methodist Churches. His warmth and caring spirit touched the lives of many of us.

Vice Principals

The institution benefited tremendously from the hard work and dedication to duty displayed by Vice Principals Mrs. Allison Bowes and Mrs. Paulette Logan. In addition to their roles as Deans of Discipline and Academic Studies, there are numerous areas of responsibility which fall within their portfolios. We are most grateful for their support.

Administrative and Ancillary Staff

In September 2006, we were pleased to welcome back to the post of Operations Manager Old Girl Mrs. Marie Clarke. Mrs. Clarke also resumed full responsibility for the Leadership Development Programme. In spite of a few staff changes during the year, the administrative staff led by our Bursar Mrs. Carrol Handy provided efficient and effective support to staff and students. At the end of April we said goodbye to Old Girl Mrs. Saskia Frater-Smith who provided yeoman's service during her 3 years as the Principal's Secretary. Junior Secretary Miss Julene Umraugh who was promoted to the post effective April has made a very good start.

The Ancillary Staff remained stable and received several commendations from visitors throughout the year for their contribution to maintaining a well kept environment.

Reopening of School

The school year started off very smoothly with the various orientation activities taking place as scheduled.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

The usual round of activities that form an integral part of the St. Andrew experience were carried out with a high level of organization and we thank all members of staff and the student body who gave of their time and expertise to ensure that each event was a success.

Commemoration Day 2006

The school celebrated its 81st Anniversary on Thursday September 21, 2006 with a beautiful Commemoration Service in the Garden Theatre at 7:55am. The Theme for the service and the day was “I Dare You To Move” and the Guest Speaker Mr. Luke Quamina gave a very inspiring message. After the service the students participated in workshops on various topics and in the afternoon they attended a gospel concert where some of our past students who are members of the group “Xtreme Impact” performed. The day was well spent.

Grade 7 Social

Grade 7 parents/guardians, students and teachers enjoyed an afternoon of fun and fellowship together on Wednesday October 11, 2006. The main purpose of this social is for all participants to get to know one another. Concerns are also shared.

Heritage week presentation

On Friday October 13, 2006, The History Department assisted by the Performing Arts Department paid tribute to Cultural icon Dr. the Hon. Louise Bennett-Coverly in a dramatic presentation that highlighted major milestones in her life. The production was staged at the Garden Theatre at 1:00 p.m.

Evening of Culture

Our Annual Evening of Culture Sponsored by the P.T.A. on October 22, 2007 at the Little Theatre saw performances of an excellent standard by over 100 students in all areas of the performing arts. The show was sold out as usual and profits of approximately \$513,682 were realized.

Parents Month Presentation

The Guidance & Counselling Department in conjunction with the Parent Welfare Committee of the P.T.A. hosted approximately 187 parents at their Parent Month Presentation held on Wednesday November 8, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. in the school hall. Special Guest speaker Old Girl Professor Elsa Leo-Rhynie shared on the theme: Parents –Today You Guide, Tomorrow They Lead.” Her presentation was most insightful. Mrs. Tamika Benjamin Old Girl and Principal of Mona Prep was also invited to share her reflections on the topic based on her personal experiences. Parents found this also to be very helpful.

Awards Ceremony

Our Annual Awards Ceremony was held on November 30, 2006 at The Garden Theatre. Former Senior Teacher Ms. Briget Scott, Past President of the P.T.A. Mr. Carl Davidson and Past President of the Old Girls Association Ms. Andrea Fletcher handed out the awards. The occasion was also used to honour two retired members of the Academic Staff Mrs. Gloria Johnson and Mrs. Veronice Amos-Williams for their years of dedicated service to the institution and to education.

Modern Languages Day

The Modern Languages Department celebrated Modern Languages Day on Tuesday, December 5, 2006. The students and teachers in the Department conducted worship in Spanish and French in the morning and in the afternoon they played various games in the hall. During the day special guests from several embassies came to address the students in Spanish and French. Students got the opportunity to interact with native speakers of the languages.

Carol Service

The Annual Carol Service sponsored by the Old Girls Association was held at The Garden Theatre on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. The message was delivered by Old Girl Ms. Pat Donald. Approximately 400 persons were in attendance

Jeans Day

The Students Council held their annual Jeans Day fundraiser on Thursday, December 7, 2006. Proceeds from the day went towards projects undertaken by the Council during the academic year.

Christmas Presentation

The Performing Arts Department put on an excellent production entitled “Remember the lights of Christmas” on end of term day December 8, 2006. The traditional presentation of Christmas gift boxes by the forms also took place. These gifts are distributed to children’s homes.

Staff Trip

55 members of the Academic, Administrative and Ancillary Staff journeyed to Sunset Beach Resort in Montego Bay on Thursday, December 14, 2006. The staff overnighted and returned on Friday, December 15, 2006. It was a wonderful time of fun and fellowship.

Grade Level Meetings

The scheduled meetings with the parents, guardians and students of Grades 8, 9 and 10 were held as follows:

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Attendance Rate</u> |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 11 | September 26, 2006 | 90% |
| 10 | October 25, 2006 | 91% |
| 9 | November 14, 2006 | 91% |
| 8 | March 13, 2007 | 84% |

Students Performance Reviews

Students Performance Reviews were held on Friday, January 4, 2007 for Grades 8& 9, Monday, January 8, for Grades 7, 10 & 11 and Tuesday, January 30, 2007 for Grades 12&13.

Career Week & Expo

The Guidance & Counselling Department in collaboration with the Health and Welfare Committee of the PTA organized Career Week Monday, February 26, to Friday, March 2, 2007. The target group was the Grade 9 students. During the week, persons were invited to present to the girls on various careers during their PDP classes. The Career Expo was held on Thursday, March 1, 2007. Grade 9, students spent the day listening to presenters on various career options and visiting the booths of the 12 organisations that responded to our invitation to mount exhibits in the school hall. The day was very well organized and several parents took time off from work to assist with hospitality and supervision.

Parenting Seminar

The Guidance & Counselling Department in collaboration with the Parent Welfare Committee of the P.T.A. hosted the 7th Annual Parenting Seminar under the theme: “Each One Needs One: Together We Become Strong as We Face the Challenges.” Presenters were Old Girls the Hon. Barbara Gloudon and Dr. Kim Scott- Fisher for the morning session and Mrs. Maureen Fairclough-Watson for the session after lunch. Approximately one hundred persons attended a very interesting and informative seminar.

Social Interaction Day – March 23, 2007

Despite the heavy rains that fell in the afternoon, the day went very well. The motivational sessions in the morning focused on social graces and good grooming. The afternoon session was as usual for fun and entertainment. Profits realized from the day's activities are \$ 542,279.00.

The committee of teachers and students led by Mrs. Sydonna Gilzene - McCain worked very hard to make the day the success that it was. Lunch for staff was provided by the staff welfare committee of the PTA led by Mrs. Maureen Chang, while the fund raising committee of the PTA led by Miss Cheryl Hyatt organized the stall that provided cooked meals for students. Special thanks is extended to the teachers of the Home Economics Department and the members of the Ancillary staff who cooked the meals thus allowing that stall to realize a good profit.

Miss St. Andrew High Pageant March - 24, 2007

The Competition was of a very high standard with excellent presentations by the participants. Paige Smith of 13D was the winner with Rachel Brown 12N 1st Runner up and Samantha Martin 12D 2nd Runner Up. The pageant committee led by Miss Marsha Watson did an excellent job at organizing the function. Special thanks is extended to parents Miss Joan McDonald and Mrs. Gill Chambers as well as Miss Sherene Davis who were responsible for preparing the girls for the competition. The training programme is quite an intensive one. The event was very well attended and profits realized were \$209,951.00. The contestants were featured in the Newspaper.

Trip to Mexico/Panama March 31- April 7, 2007.

Forty nine students accompanied by 4 teachers and 5 parents participated in the trip to Mexico and Panama organized by the Modern Languages Department. This annual activity provides very good exposure for the language students however the growing support has made it necessary for the department to consider having two trips per year as the group size is now too large.

Education Week May 6 - 12, 2007

The national theme was "Education for All - A National Responsibility". On Teachers Day May 9, 2007, The Students Council led worship at the Garden Theatre where they paid special tribute to the teachers and gave each member of the academic staff a token of their appreciation.

At the request of the Staff Welfare Committee of the PTA, arrangements were made for the members of the Academic Staff and the entire Student Body to select the Teacher of the Year by secret ballot. The inaugural Teacher of the Year Award went to Mrs. Zelpha Smith of the Mathematics Department while Mrs. Cheryl Jones-Brown of the Mathematics Department was the 1st Runner Up and Mr. Franklyn Burrell the 2nd Runner Up. These awards were presented at a grand Teachers' Day Luncheon held at the Terra Nova Hotel at 3:00pm. Members of staff were overwhelmed at the tremendous effort put out by the Staff Welfare Committee of the P.T.A to organize such a splendid event.

All members of staff were invited as the parents used the occasion to honour the Principal for being the recipient of the Inaugural Lasco Principal of the Year Award. The Hon. Lascelles Chin CEO of Lasco was also recognized for his contribution to the Teachers of Jamaica. In addition, four members of staff, Miss Joan Reader, Mrs. Edith Smith, Mrs. Nadine Marriott and Mrs. Maxine Bryan were honoured for loyal and dedicated service to the institution. The Guest Speaker was the Prime Minister of Jamaica, The Most Hon. Portia Simpson-Miller. The Minister of Education and Youth the Hon. Maxine Henry-Wilson was also in attendance. This function received coverage by both TVJ and CVM and was also featured in the Gleaner and the Observer newspapers. It will long be remembered by those who attended.

Grief Seminar May 7, 2007

The Grief Seminar has become a very important fixture on the calendar of the Guidance & Counselling Department. Many of our students are suffering from depression as a result of unresolved issues related to the grieving process. This year 40 students voluntarily attended the seminar which they found to be very helpful.

The presenter was Mrs. Blossom White, Counselling Psychologist. Mrs. White has promised to continue to work with the girls as needed.

Appreciation Social May 17, 2007

The Guidance and Counselling Department in conjunction with the Health and Welfare Committee of the PTA honoured 16 persons at their second Annual Appreciation Function. Mrs. Fleur Minott-Nembhard Chair of the Health and Welfare Committee received a special award for the tremendous support that she has given to the department over the past five years.

Grade 13 Farewell Service June 26, 2007.

The Grade 13 Farewell Service was held in the Garden Theatre this year as the increased size of the cohort dictates a venue that can accommodate over 500 persons. The guest Speaker was Rev. Margaret Downer-Messias of the United Church.

Valedictory Service June 28, 2007.

The 2007 Valedictory Service was an unforgettable experience. The rains came down about a half an hour after the start, during the presentation of the Graduates. The response of the students and the congregation was commendable. Persons sought shelter in a very orderly manner and after approximately 20 minutes when the rain held up they returned to their seats and the service resumed smoothly as if nothing had happened. The message delivered by Rev. Dr Roy Notice, Pastor of the Mandeville New Testament Church of God, was so masterfully presented that he held the attention of the congregation for the duration. The presentations by the graduates in song and dance were of an excellent standard. The staff led by Grade Coordinator Miss Ouidamyrl Williams and Valedictory Service Coordinator Miss Debbie Harris are to be commended for a job well done.

Summer School

The Annual Summer School was held from July 9- July 27, 2007. Over 300 students were in attendance.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Department Planning Workshops

Department Planning Workshops were held in October, November, March and May as scheduled. This activity has proved to be invaluable in getting members of the departments to synchronise their vision, philosophy, standards and strategies so as to facilitate greater engagement of the learners and improved performance.

High School Principal's Retreat

The Principal attended the retreat for the principals in Region 1 that was held October 18-20, 2006 under the theme "Exposing Challenges, Finding Solutions". The Principal was asked to present on the topic "Mobilising the Administrative Arm of the Institution." The Board Chairman was specially invited to present on the topic: "Mobilising the Academic Staff to Achieve Excellence."

Academic Staff Development Seminar

At the academic staff development seminar in September 2006 time was spent examining the five dimensions of emotional intelligence as postulated by writer and educator Daniel Goleman with special emphasis being placed on the 'Spiritual connection.' The seminar held in January, 2007, focused on students with special needs. The presenter was Old Girl Mrs. Lavinia McClure, Director of The Academy.

Research Committee of Jamaica-Education Seminar

Five members of staff including the Principal, Vice Principals attended a seminar put on by the Research Committee of Jamaica on February 19-20, 2007. The theme of the seminar was "Making the Difference: Approaches for Improving Teaching and Learning in the Secondary School System in Jamaica". The Principal was asked to present at the Plenary on "The World of Work". This was well received.

Administrative Staff Seminar / Ancillary Staff Seminar

The Administrative Staff Seminar was held on Thursday, February 15 and the Ancillary Staff Seminar was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2007. Both seminars focused on Social and Emotional Learning.

CAPSS Conference

The principal attended the Biennial Conference of the Caribbean Association of Principals of Secondary Schools held in Barbados, July 22-28, 2007. The theme for the conference was "Social and Emotional Development: Towards a Model for Effective Discipline in Caribbean Secondary School."

Practicum Student- Queen's University, Ontario Canada

Miss Crystal Blake a student enrolled in Faculty of Education at Queen's University in Canada requested permission to be placed at St. Andrew High for the period March 19 to April 6, 2007. Miss Blake who was assigned to the Guidance and Counselling Department and the Student Resource Centre expressed sincere appreciation for the time spent at St. Andrew High. She benefited greatly from the experience.

Parent Teachers Association

The P.T.A. with President Mrs. Anne Marie Stewart continued to be a very vibrant organization led by a very committed group of parents. In addition to the activities already mentioned the P.T.A. recognized the contribution of 15 corporate companies to various projects at an Appreciation Ceremony held at the Garden Theatre on December 8, 2006. The Parents also hosted their second annual "Parents Nite Out" at Curphey Place on Saturday, December 2, 2006 that saw over 200 parents and teachers enjoying an evening of fun and relaxation. Their major fundraiser – the walkathon , was held in March 2007 and profits amounted to over 2.1 million dollars. The PTA prayer meetings held on a termly basis by the Spiritual Development Committee were a source of strength and inspiration for all who participated.

Donations

\$500,000 -Student Resource Centre

\$300,000 - The Garden Theatre

\$345,000 - Student Welfare

\$250,000 - P.E. Gears

\$ 50,000 - Trophy Cabinet

\$ 35,000.00- Penn Relays

48 drinking glasses Staff Welfare Committee

In addition to the above, the PTA tiled the cafeteria at a cost of \$627,773 and continued to cover most of the cost of the computerization of the school's administrative system to the tune of \$364,000.

Old Girls Association

The Old Girls At home and abroad continue to provide well needed support for the institution. The love and loyalty displayed for their Alma Mater serves as a motivating force for the present members of the school community.

The Old Girls in Jamaica celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the association. In addition to the Carol Service held on December 5, 2006 the Old Girls held their Annual Valentines Luncheon at The Terra Nova Hotel on Saturday, February 10, 2007. President Miss Michelle Chin-Lenn and her team are to be commended on their efforts to extend the membership base.

Donations

Jamaica Chapter

- \$68,800 - Four Scholarships

- \$31,200 - Student Welfare Fund

- \$ \$35,000 - Penn Relays Team

- \$10,000 - Garden Theatre Chairs

Ms Andrea Fletcher \$10,000 – Welfare Fund
Professor Elsa Leo-Rhynie \$ 12,000 – Building Funds

Washington Chapter

US\$1,500 - School Projects

UK Chapter

400 - Mary Dawson Bursary
400 -Old Girls UK Bursary
300 -Breakfast Programme

Old Girls New York

Wade B Green Scholarship Fund - US\$2,000.00
Welfare Fund - US\$5,000.00
Learning Enhancement Centre - US\$2,000.00

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Learning Enhancement Centre - US\$500.00

Other Donations

Graduating Class 2006 - \$25,000 – Trophy Cabinet
Jodi-Anne Wilson 13R - A Jamaica Flag
Friends of Mrs. Albertha Green - US\$1,750 – Michelle Green Scholarship
Teachers Day Activities - \$150, 000.00
Mr. Jason McKay
Teachers Day Activities - \$100,000.00
Physical Education Dept. - \$ 50,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. K. Chang
Summer Projects - \$250,000.00
- Principal’s Desk + Table for principal’s annex

UNESCO- A booklet titled Haitian Echoes: Haitian Revolution and Abolition of Slavery

UWI Mona - A copy of the book – Higher Education: Caribbean perspectives

Student Leadership

Head Girl Danara Cruickshank was a charismatic leader and the student body was inspired by her strong faith in the Lord. Deputy Head Girls Sanishi Bryson and Shannon Haldane provided good support hence the team was efficient and effective. The Student Council led by Atara O’Sullivan maintained a close watch on student affairs and made representation on their behalf when necessary.

The Grade coordinators for the Academic year 2006-2007 were:

Grade 7 Mrs. A. Richards (acting)
Grade 8 Mrs. C. Jones-brown (acting) 4 mts./
Mrs. S. Gilzene –McCain
Grade 9 Miss K. Bogle (acting)
Grade 10 Mrs. M. Bryan
Grade 11 Miss O. Williams
Grades 12&13 Miss D. Levers

Student Behaviour

St. Andrew High School for girls enjoys a reputation of being one of the most disciplined institutions in this country. This reputation is guarded very closely by the school’s administration. In this regard we must congratulate our Vice Principals Grade Coordinators and Form Teachers for their vigilance and tireless efforts during the many hours spent interfacing with students and parents as we sought to ensure that the high standards set for student behaviour were maintained. Special mention should be made of the excellent contribution of

New Coordinators Mrs. Andrea Richards – Grade 7, Mrs. Cheryl-Jones Brown – Grade 8 and Miss Keisha Bogle Grade 9.

We would like to thank our parents who for the most part were very supportive and responsive. Parental involvement is key to successful student behaviour and performance and St. Andrew High School is proud to say that we are that beneficiaries of a very positive parent– teacher- student relationship.

Together with our parents and student leadership we will continue in our quest to eliminate from negative character traits such as disrespectful behaviour to staff and a destructive attitude towards the school environment. A few students persist in defacing the walls and furniture and there are some who continue to dispose of garbage in an unacceptable manner.

We are committed to improving the Social and Emotional competence of all members of the school community and in spite of serious challenges from our adolescents particularly in Grades 8 and 9, there was evidence of improvement overall in interpersonal relationships. The spirit of comradery is one of the hallmarks of St. Andrew High. Our students for the most part enjoy a very positive and friendly environment. However this sometimes leads to excessive talking at inappropriate times. This excessive talking is indicative of the culture of noise which now seems to pervade the Jamaica Society.

We refuse to be supporters of this very unproductive characteristic of our culture and are encouraged in our efforts when parents and visitors to the institution comment on the atmosphere of peace that existson the campus.

Health and Guidance

A tremendous amount of activity takes place in the Guidance Department during the course of the year. The Department hosted the:

Parent Day Presentation in November

Parenting Seminar in March

Career Week and Expo in March

Grieving Seminar

Appreciation Function and

Peer Counsellors Training in May.

Groups of students were also taken off campus to various activities/workshops beneficial to their overall development.

In addition counseling was conducted on a daily basis. 170 cases were examined by the counselors an increase of 7.5 % compared to the previous year. The reduction of class sizes to 20 for the Personal Development Programme has resulted in more open and meaningful discussions and counselors are better able to develop on effective relationship with girls.

3,569 visits were made to the Health Centre. Nurse Hutchinson reports that there was a sharp increase in the number of cases seen for headaches. This is partially attributed to the increase in environmental temperature. Quite a number of students had fainting spells particularly after PE or any outdoor activity. The importance of proper hydration and nutrition have been emphasised.

Academic Performance

The Heads of Departments for the Academic year 2006 -2007 were:

HEADS OF DEPARMENTS/TEACHERS IN CHARGE

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| 1. Business Education | Mrs. P. Bowen (acting) |
| 2. Geography/Social studies | Miss M. Rhone |
| 3. Guidance & counseling | Mrs. J. Scott |
| 4. history/sociology | Mrs. C. Munroe Walters |
| 5. Home Economics | Mrs. O. Palmer (acting 8mts.)/ Mrs. S. Freckleton-Buchanan |
| 6. Information Technology | Miss C. Lemard |
| 7. Language Arts & Literatures | Miss D. Harris |
| 8. Library | Mrs. N. Marriott |
| 9. Mathematics/ Technical Drawing | Mrs. D. Thompson Clarke |
| 10. Modern Languages | Mrs. G. Roper |
| 11. Performing Arts | Mrs. M. Rowe |
| 12. Physical Education | Mrs. K. Lim Sang (acting student) |
| 13. Religious Education | Mrs. S. Zodge |
| 14. Science | Mrs. H. Evans |
| 15. Learning Enhancement | Miss I. Newman |
| 16. Visual arts | Mr. N. smith |
| * Health centre | Mrs. I. Hutchinson (School Nurse) |

The environment at St. Andrew High is a very vibrant one where members of staff show keen interest in student performance and achievement. Department Planning Workshops have facilitated ongoing analysis by staff both of student performance and staff delivery of instruction and assessment procedures. Members of staff benefit from team reflection and are able to collaborate more effectively so as to ensure that appropriate standards are set and kept by all members of the Department.

Several students are engaging staff members in healthy discussions. They are not afraid to ask questions and debate issues. Internal standards are very high and we would like to laud the efforts made by the staff on an ongoing basis to ensure that the curriculum is relevant and is adequately preparing students for examinations and for life.

We congratulate new Heads of Departments Mrs. Patrice Bowen and Mrs. Dawn Thompson-Clarke as well as Acting Heads Mrs. Opal Palmer and Mrs. Kathryn Lim Sang for their diligence and dedication in carrying out the areas of responsibility to which they were assigned.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION RESULTS

CXC-CSEC

We are very pleased with the overall pass rate of 93%. 94% of the students passed 5 or more subjects while 67% passed 8 or more .Of the 25 subjects sat, 5 recorded pass rates of 100%, 17 recorded pass rates of 90% and over 2 recorded pass rates of 80% and over. Physics at 79% shows a marked improvement over last year's pass rate of 68%. We expect an improved performance this year. The top student for CSEC was Jenine Knibb with 9 distinctions.

The pass rates for subjects sat at the CXC-CSEC level are as follows:

| | | |
|----------------------------|---|------|
| Biology | - | 93% |
| Caribbean History | - | 100% |
| Chemistry | - | 91% |
| Clothing and Textiles | - | 100% |
| English A | - | 96% |
| English B | - | 90% |
| Economics | - | 92% |
| Food and Nutrition | - | 100% |
| French | - | 94% |
| Geography | - | 97% |
| Human and Social Biology | - | 85% |
| Home Management | - | 100% |
| Information Technology (G) | - | 96% |
| Information Technology (T) | - | 97% |
| Integrated Science | - | 96% |
| Mathematics | - | 93% |
| Office Administration | - | 98% |
| Physics | - | 79% |
| Principles of Accounts | - | 99% |
| Principles of Business | - | 98% |
| Religious Education | - | 100% |
| Social Studies | - | 95% |
| Spanish | - | 90% |
| Technical Drawings | - | 92% |
| Visual Arts | - | 85% |

CXC-CAPE

We are equally pleased with the pass rate at the CAPE level. The percentage pass at both grades 12 & 13 is 95%. Top students at grade 13 are Kathryn Innis and Kathryn Lai with 3 distinctions while the top student at Grade 12 is Tashanna Williams with 4 distinctions.

Of the 29 units sat, 17 recorded pass rates of 100%, 9 recorded pass rates of 90% and over, 2 recorded pass rates of 80% and over. Mathematics unit 1 received a pass rate of 73%. We expect to see improved performance this year.

The pass rate for subjects sat at the CXC-CAPE level are as follows:

| | | |
|-------------------------|---|------|
| Accounting Unit 1 | - | 88% |
| Art and Design Unit 1 | - | 100% |
| Art and Design Unit 2 | - | 100% |
| Biology Unit 1 | - | 100% |
| Biology Unit 2 | - | 100% |
| Caribbean Studies | - | 100% |
| Chemistry Unit 1 | - | 92% |
| Chemistry Unit 2 | - | 100% |
| Communication Studies | - | 100% |
| Computer Science Unit 1 | - | 100% |
| Computer Science Unit 2 | - | 90% |
| Economics Unit 1 | - | 96% |
| Economics Unit 2 | - | 92% |
| French Unit 1 | - | 100% |

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| Geography Unit 1 | - | 84% |
| Geography Unit 2 | - | 100% |
| History Unit 1 | - | 97% |
| History Unit 2 | - | 100 |
| Literatures in English Unit 2 | - | 100% |
| MOB Unit 1 | - | 100% |
| MOB Unit 2 | - | 100% |
| Pure Mathematics Unit 1 | - | 73% |
| Pure Mathematics Unit 2 | - | 90% |
| Physics Unit 1 | - | 95% |
| Physics Unit 2 | - | 100% |
| Sociology Unit 1 | - | 97% |
| Sociology Unit 2 | - | 100% |
| Spanish Unit 1 | - | 100% |
| Spanish Unit 2 | - | 94% |

As a direct result of the 90% and over pass rate at CSEC over the past three years, the size of our grade 12 has increased exponentially. This has resulted in an increase in class size in all subject areas and a corresponding increase in the challenge to motivate and manage effectively these large numbers. The Grade 12 cohort stood at 151 students while there were 114 students in grade 13.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Scholarships/ Bursaries

Jamaica Scholarship

Kathryn Innis was awarded the 2007 Jamaica Scholarship (female). Kathryn has had an outstanding school career and is now enrolled in the faculty of Medical Sciences at the University of the West Indies.

University Scholarships

Kathryn Lai and Kimberly Scott were awarded Scholarships by the University of the West Indies based on their performance in the Scholarship examination. Kathryn is also in the faculty of Medical Sciences while Kimberly is in the faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences

Athletic Scholarships

Kristen Stewart received a Scholarship to the University of Mary in North Dakota USA while Dicoda Waugh and Saleena Green received scholarships to the University of Columbia USA.

Outstanding performance in External Examinations

The following students received awards from the Jamaica Association of Principals of Secondary Schools for placing in the top three in the CXC examinations of June 2006:

CXC-CSEC

| Name | Subject | Position |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Tashanna Williams | Physics | 2 nd |
| Nicolé Stewart | Mathematics | 2 nd |
| Rachel Christian | Computer Science | 3 rd |
| Kristina Newsome | Religious Education | 3 rd |

The following students placed in the top 5 in Jamaica in the CXC-CSEC Examination 2006:

| Name | Subject | Place |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Olivia Chin | Computer Science | 4 th |
| Christina Robinson | Principles of Business | 4 th |

CXC -CAPE

| Name | Subject | Place |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Zakya McKenzie | French Unit 2 | 1 st |
| Justine Stewart | Economics Unit 1 | 1 st |
| | Sociology Unit 1 | 3 rd |
| Katherine Innis | Biology Unit 1 | 1 st |
| | Chemistry Unit 1 | |
| | Communication Studies | 3 rd |
| Phelecia Miller | Spanish Unit 2 | 1 st |
| Jamila Cooper | Art & Design | 2 nd |
| Candace Sterling | Economics Unit 2 | 2 nd |
| | Management of Business Unit 2 | 3 rd |
| Daynea Bowes | Sociology Unit 2 | 2 nd |
| Davene Daley | Geography Unit 2 | 3 rd |
| Kimberly Scott | Pure Mathematics Unit 1 | 3 rd |
| Renee Rattray | French Unit 2 | 3 rd |

The following students placed in the top 5 in Jamaica in the CXC-CAPE Examinations 2006:

| Name | Subject | Place |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Michelle Hewitt | Accounting Unit 2 | 4 th |
| Ebony McLean | Management of Business Unit 1 | 4 th |
| Omolara Otunla | Management of Business Unit 2 | 4 th |
| Kathryn Lai | Pure Mathematics Unit 1 | 4 th |
| Phelecia Miller | French Unit 2 | 4 th |
| Tracee-Anne McDonald | Accounting Unit 2 | 5 th |
| Kareem East | French Unit 2 | 5 th |
| Daynea Bowes | Literatures in English | 5 th |
| Juliann Allen | Physics Unit 2 | 5 th |

The following students received scholarships from the various chapters of the Old Girls Association:

Old Girls Jamaica Scholarships

| | | |
|-----------------|---|-----|
| Marsha Bryan | - | 8E |
| Trishawna Peart | - | 9E |
| Nicolia Edwards | - | 10D |
| Theresa Daley | - | 11A |

Old Girls UK Bursary

| | | |
|----------------|---|-----|
| Nicketa Coombs | - | 12D |
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Mary Dawson Bursary

| | | |
|--------------|---|-----|
| Natoya Adams | - | 12D |
|--------------|---|-----|

Wade B. Green Scholarship

| | | |
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| Mellesia Lee | - | 12D |
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GIS Geography Project Competition

Grade 13 students in the Geography Department placed first in the GIS Day/ Geography project Competition held on November 15, 2006. They received a trophy and a cash award of \$30,000.

Joanna Brandon 12N placed 2nd in the puzzle competition and Stephanie Abrahams 12R placed 3rd in the quiz competition that were also held on that day.

International Surfing Association Scholarship

Imani Wilmot 11N was one of five recipients from various regions across the world to be awarded a scholarship by the International Surfing Association. Imani is currently Jamaica's leading female surfer.

Adopt an Athlete Programme

Latoya McDermott was the first recipient of sponsorship under the Adopt an Athlete Programme organized by Mr. Garth Craig and sanctioned by the JAAA. Latoya who is a CARIFTA and Central American and Caribbean under 17 Champion received sponsorship from Best for Less Ltd. which covers the cost of her education and gear for this school year. She was also a member of Jamaica's World Junior Championship 4x400m relay team that won a bronze medal at the games in Beijing China in August 2006.

Interview- CVM TV

International Vice President of Key Club International Stephanie Abrahams of 12R was a guest on CVM at Sunrise on November 14, 2006 as part of a feature on "Youth in Positions of Responsibility in Jamaica". She was also interviewed on RJR on November 22 and she met with the Governor General of Jamaica on Monday November 20, 2006.

Annual Spanish Festival

The Annual Spanish Festival was held on February 16, 2007. The seniors won gold for their poem, song and dance, as well as the discourse/speech. The juniors won silver for their poem. The intermediate group won gold for their poem and silver for their song.

Leadership Development Programme Awards Ceremony

Grade 13 Students received Certificates of Participation at the Awards Ceremony for the Leadership Development Programme held on March 21, 2007. Only students who complete the twenty hours of community service receive the certificates. Mr. Douglas Orane, Chairman, CEO of Grace Kennedy Ltd. was the Guest Speaker. He also handed out the certificates. The function went well.

School Citizenship Awards Ceremony – Grades 7-9

One hundred and fifty two students received Certificates of School Citizenship at the Awards Ceremony held for grades 7 – 9 on Tuesday June 5, 2007 in the School Hall.. Dr. Lanie Oakley-Williams, former president of the Old Girls Association was our Special Guest. She addressed the students and also handed out the awards. Her presentation was well delivered and it held the interest of the students.

Honour Roll 2007

Twenty students in Grades 7 – 9 and 36 students in Grades 10 – 13 qualified for the Honour roll based on their excellent performance in the Mid Year Examinations.

NSSC Award

The St. Andrew High School Students' Council was awarded a certificate from the National Secondary Students' Council Region One for being the most cooperative Student Council Body.

JCDC Festival Competition

The St. Andrew High School Dance Troupe received ten gold medals from their ten entries at the JCDC Parish Finals held May 2-3, 2007. Nine of the ten entries qualified for participation in the National Finals where

'Pimento' won the trophy for the Best Jazz Performance in Class 3 and Jilliane Lewis won best solo for her dance called Mary's prayer. The Dance instructor is a parent Mrs. Terry Hall.

JAFT Competition

The Grade 8 team of Shanique Seargeant, Samantha Easy and Sushane Watson and the Grade 9 team of Shanique Champagnie, Kimberly Johnson and Khadine James Placed third in the French Vocabulary Competition organized by the Jamaica Association of French Teachers on Friday May 11, 2007.

Office of Utilities Regulation- Poster Competition

Stephanie Channer Grade 10E placed first in the 14-18 category of this competition held in June 2007. The theme was "Regulating Utilities for the benefit of all".

Irie Fm Alexander Bedward Essay Competition

Janine Walters of 7R placed first in the essay competition in July 2007. The topic of the essay was, "Why was the Colonial authority fearful of Alexander Bedward?"

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

ISCF

Three members of the ISCF committee Todea-Kay Willis 12R, Monique Kelly 12N and Allison Facey 11A attended the annual Leadership Conference organized by SCFSU in Mandeville in December 2007. ISCF President Danara Cruickshank also attended the Annual ISCF Fellowship Breakfast At the Pegasus hotel in February.

The Inter Schools Christian Fellowship hosted a very successful week of outreach meetings –ISCF Week March 12 – 16, 2007. The theme was "From Ritual to Relationship". The activities were featured in the Youth Link newspaper.

CPTC Recording

On May 1, members of the Drama Club led by Miss Marcia Rowe were invited to do a recording of the short play "Inconclusive" that they had performed at the Evening of Culture in October 2006. The play which was written and directed by Miss Rowe was aired on CTV.

Key Club

The Installation Ceremony for the Key Club Board for 2007- 2008 was held on May 4, 2007 at the Audio Visual Centre. The Guest Speaker was Old Girl Dr. April Miller. The club completed its major project for the year that was the establishment of a Resource Room for the Webster Memorial Basic School.

Three members of the key Club Stephanie Abrahams, Melissa McFarlane and Tarah Williams attended the annual International Convention in Orlando Florida in July. Stephanie who had been voted International Vice President last year was unsuccessful in her bid for the post of International President. Melissa also was unsuccessful in her bid for the post of International Trustee. However it is commendable that St. Andrew High had two persons qualified to participate in the elections at this international level. Another student Shari-Ann Baker was awarded the Robert Lucas award for outstanding Lieutenant Governor at the Convention.

Kiwanis International Foundation Grant

The Key Club received a grant of US\$8,650, from the Kiwanis International Foundation which was used to provide a resource room for the Webster Memorial Basic School.

4th St Andrew Guide Company

At their Promise Ceremony held in June 2007, The Girl Guides expressed appreciation to Miss Joan Reader for her over forty years of service to Guiding at St. Andrew High. She was presented with a plaque.

Modern Languages Department

Six Grade 12 students from the Department participated in a two-week Spanish immersion course in Panama from August 12-26.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/SPORTS

This was an excellent year of achievement in Sports. We performed creditably in all areas of Inter Schools competition and placed in the top three on several occasions

Badminton

The senior team dominated the league throughout the season and remained undefeated to be crowned champions of the high schools competition. In the Cable & Wireless Schools Knockout Competition St. Andrew defeated all of its opponents to emerge champions.

Netball

Both senior and junior teams competed creditably in the ISSA Digicel Secondary Schools Competition held during the Christmas term. The senior team placed 3rd and the junior team placed 2nd in the preliminary round this sent them through to the quarter finals. There were however eliminated at this stage.

The under 13 team participated in the ISSA one day rally and were crowned Corporate Area Champion having won all their games. At the all island finals they finished 2nd.

Hockey

The Hockey Team competed in the UWI organized six-a-side tournament in January 2007 and won the high school section and won several awards.

In the ISSA/JHF Leagues the under 19 team placed 3rd, under 16 team placed 1st and under 14 finished 4th.

Demi Nicholson was the leading goal scorer and Stephanie Channer the Most Valuable Player. A number of the players were invited to trained with the National Squad.

Old Girl Dr. Michelle Holt is the coach.

Volleyball

The Team participated in Volleyfest 2006 held at Wolmers High School for Girls in November. They did fairly well and were awarded the Most Disciplined Team Trophy. The team participated in the ISSA schools competition and performed creditably.

Swimming

With a very well prepared squad of swimmers we entered two competitions during the year. In the ISSA Meet we were second at which a number of girls improved their personal times and again we were runner-up in the Mayberry Meet. We however received the trophy for the best School Spirit. A big thanks to Coach Mrs. Katherine Lim Sang for unwavering commitment and hard work with these girls.

Raynae Hall was selected and represented Jamaica at the CARIFTA Swimming Championships. She won 3 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze medals.

Water Polo

The senior team placed second and the junior team placed third overall in this year's school league competition held in the Christmas term. In the Inter Schools Beach Polo competition held on March 4, 2007 the under 19 team placed third and the under 15 team successfully defended their title to remain champions for a second year.

Rashida Brown, Nicholene Bryan and Christina Burke represented Jamaica in the CARIFTA Polo Championships held in Curacao.

Track and Field

The track and field team under the expert guidance of senior coach Mr. Lecroft Bolt and the watchful eye of manager Miss Jennifer Brown performed at a very high standard at all of the development meets attended during the season. The team was invited to participate in 6 events at the Gibson Relays held on February 24, 2007. The Teams made the finals of 5 of the 6 events entered.

ISSA/ Grace Kennedy Boys& Girls Championships

St. Andrew High regained the Corporate Area title and placed 6th overall with a total of 91.5 points at the Championships held March 28-31, 2007. Medalists were:

| | | | | |
|--------------------|---|----------------|---|-------------|
| Kathee-Lee Laidley | - | Gold Class 3 | - | High Jump |
| Mellissa Walker | - | Gold Class 3 | - | Long Jump |
| Monique Wint | - | Gold Class 3 | - | Discus |
| Latoya McDermott | - | Silver Class 2 | - | 400m |
| Rusheen Reid | - | Silver Class 4 | - | 70m Hurdles |
| Latoya McDermott | - | Bronze Class 2 | - | 200m |
| Shauna-Kay Creary | - | Bronze Class 3 | - | High Jump |
| Rusheen Reid | - | Bronze Class 4 | - | 4x100m |
| Olivia James | - | Bronze Class 4 | - | 4x100m |
| Shanice Fletcher | - | Bronze Class 4 | - | 4x100m |
| Omealla Gordon | - | Bronze Class 4 | - | 4x100m |
| Renee Darrel | | | | |
| Shanice Lee | - | Bronze Class 4 | - | High Jump |

Penn Relays

Seven students accompanied by Coach Mr. Leacroft Bolt and Manager Miss Jennifer Brown attended the Penn Relays from April 24-30, 2007 in Philadelphia USA. Sponsorship for the trip came as usual from the Parents, Old Girls and Corporate Jamaica. In the 4x100m relay the team won their heat but finished 6th in the 'Big School' final, they placed 2nd in the heats of the 4x400m relay and received 4 silver medals

Kathie-Lee Laidley represented Jamaica at the CARIFTA games held in the Turks and Caicos Islands and won a gold medal for placing 1st in the U17 high jump. Lotoya McDermott went to the World Junior Championship in the Czech Republic and won a bronze medal as a member of the 4 x 400 m relay team. She also participated in the Pan AM Junior championships and won a silver medal in the U18 400m, and gold medal in the 4 x 400m relay team.

Jamaica Invitational Meet

A team of 7 girls participated in this meet held May 4, 2007 at the National Stadium. They placed 4th in the 4x100m relay as well the 4x400m relay.

Cheerleading Competition

The first round of the JAMFIT Cheerleading Competition was held I March at which time the team performed extremely well and was selected for the National finals. This was held in July where our girls work extremely hard at their routine, but was met with slight mishaps and didn't place I the top 3. Nevertheless Miss Lauri-Ann Richards and her team must be commended for a good job done this year.

Basketball

The Basketball team had an excellent season. In the Inter Schools Competition, the team was crowned Corporate area Champions and at the All Island Finals they placed second. Danielle Long won the award for the most valuable player for the corporate area final and Allison Facey won the award for the most Valuable player for the League. Coach Mr. Franklyn Burrell is to be commended for his hard work with the girls.

Synchronised Swimming

This team was coached by Miss Lauri-Ann Richards who spent many long hours preparing her team. This paid off as they topped both competitions that they participated in this year. These were the ASAJ Technical Routine and the ASAJ Classic Schools Meet. A number of students received medals for their performances. Of special mention are Rayna Dawkins and Abigail Woods who received gold in the Duet Category Tier 3 level.

On the international scene, Jessica Lim Sang and Shannon March placed 7th in the Coral Springs Invitational Meet and again Jessica Lim Sang competed for Jamaica in the CISC in Puerto Rico where she won a Bronze medal in the Duet Category.

Tennis

St. Andrew entered teams in U14 and U16 categories of the Cable & Wireless inter Schools Tennis Competition. The U16 team was second in their zone and made it to the national finals. Unfortunately due to the failure of the organizers to inform the school about the play off dates our U16 team was not afforded the opportunity to contest the finals. This was indeed regrettable as our girls trained long and hard for this event. Good job done by the Coach Mr. Williams in preparing the girls.

INTERHOUSE COMPETITIONS

Swimming

The Inter House swimming competition usually held in the summer term was held in October at the request of the P.E. Department. Results:

| | | |
|-----------------|---|-------------|
| 1 st | - | Anderson |
| 2 nd | - | Gartshore |
| 3 rd | - | Cavell |
| 4 th | - | Darling |
| 5 th | - | Stockhausen |
| 6 th | - | Arc |

Gartshore Cup

This year's competition focused on the Visual Arts. The judges were very pleased with the exhibits. The results were:

| | | |
|-----------------|---|-------------|
| 1 st | - | Anderson |
| 2 nd | - | Darling |
| 3 rd | - | Stockhausen |
| 4 th | - | Cavell |
| 5 th | - | Arc |
| 6 th | - | Gartshore |

Netball

The Inter House Netball Competition was held on Friday, December 1 and Monday, December 4, 2006 and the results are as follows:

Juniors

| | | |
|-----------------|---|-------------|
| 1 st | - | Gartshore |
| 2 nd | - | Stockhausen |
| 3 rd | - | Darling |
| 4 th | - | Arc |
| 5 th | - | Cavell |
| 6 th | - | Anderson |

Seniors

| | | |
|-----------------|---|-------------|
| 1 st | - | Cavell |
| 2 nd | - | Gartshore |
| 3 rd | - | Darling |
| 4 th | - | Stockhausen |
| 5 th | - | Arc |
| 6 th | - | Anderson |

Inter House Athletics Competition

The Inter House Athletics competition was held on Friday, January 12, 2007. The day was very exciting and the results are as follows:

| | | |
|-----------------|---|-------------|
| 1 st | - | Gartshore |
| 2 nd | - | Darling |
| 3 rd | - | Arc |
| 4 th | - | Cavell |
| 5 th | - | Stockhausen |
| 6 th | - | Anderson |

The Class Champions were:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Form</u> | <u>Class</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Shanice Lee | 8D | 4 |
| Kathie-Lee Laidley | 10E | 3 |
| Annalece Nembhard | 12A | 2 |
| Todea-Kay Willis | 12R | 1 |

Inter-House Music Competition

The Inter-House Music Competition was held April 2&3 2007. The results were:

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 st | - Arc |
| 2 nd | - Darling |
| 3 rd | - Anderson |
| 4 th | - Gartshore |
| 5 th | - Cavell |
| 6 th | - Stockhausen |

Gillies Cup For Work

Based on the results after the aggregate of points for detentions demerits and suspensions was subtracted from the aggregate of points for stars and merits, the Gillies Cup for work has been awarded to Cavell House.

Cargill Cup for Best House

This year's competition for that very coveted prize of Best House was a very interesting one. It is indeed true that the race is not for the swift but for those who endure to the end. The house that has emerged winner by a slim margin of one point did not place first in any of the competitions during the year. However they consistently placed in the top three on almost every occasion. We therefore extend Heartiest congratulations to the Best house for 2006-2007 Darling.

CONCLUSION

The success of this nation depends to a great extent on the ability of educational institutions to devise strategies and implement programmes that will adequately prepare our students to conquer the numerous challenges they will face in this global community of the 21st century.

As a community of learners at St. Andrew High, we are conscious of the fact that we do not always have the solution to every problem, however we are committed to the task of constantly moving higher on the learning curve.

It is vital that we step up the pace of our own internal research and training in order to empower staff members to provide learning experiences for our students that remain relevant and meaningful. We look forward to the completion of the Learning Enhancement Centre as this facility will provide the opportunity for both students and staff to strengthen their learning skills and hence improve their performance.

We strongly believe that if we remain true to our mission which recognizes the importance of the fourfold development of the child: physical mental spiritual and social then we cannot go wrong.

The only way that we will be able to combat the moral decadence that now seeks to strangle our society is if we can provide for our nation, leaders who in addition to their bright, alert minds possess sound Christian values and the social and emotional competence to stand up against indiscipline and corruption.

We are very aware that we will not attain success in the future by basking in the glory of present achievement.

We thank God for His guidance and know that with the continued support of all of our stakeholders the future will even be more glorious than the past.

Life More Abundant.

Thank you

Sharon Reid

Principal

November 29, 2007