

# ST. ANDREW HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

## ANNUAL REPORT

### ACADEMIC YEAR 2008 – 2009

Chairman- Professor the Hon. Barbara Bailey, Chaplain – Rev. Jacqueline Liddell, Members of the Board of Management, Officials of the Ministry of Education, Representatives of the Church. Honoree Mrs. Maxine Bryan, Special Guests – Mrs. Janice Beckford, Miss Cheryll Hyatt, Mrs. Jacqueline Douglas- Brown, Miss Anne Hodges, and other Distinguished Guests. Mrs. Fay Saunders Former Principal and Board Chairman, Dr. Esther Ying Former Board Chairman, Mrs. Gloria Barrett-Sobers, Chairman and other Directors of the St. Andrew High School Foundation. Mr. Michael Elliott, Vice President and other Executive Members of the P.T.A. Miss Laura Levy 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.

#### **Congratulations**

Former Head of the Science Department Mrs. Edith Smith was named among the list of recipients of National Honours for October 2008. Old Girl Doctor Beverly Hall who is Superintendent of Public Schools in Atlanta was named the 2009 National Superintendent of the year by the American Association of School Administrators. As part of her award a St Andrew High School student will benefit from a US \$ 10,000 college scholarship.

Mrs. Fay Simpson Old Girl was honoured by the parents at a luncheon celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fay Simpson Prep School held in June ,2009. Dr. Norma Smellie former Head of the Religious Education Department was honoured by the International University of the Caribbean at a banquet held in July, 2009. Rev. Dr. Hyacinth Boothe Old Girl was honoured by the United Theological College of the West Indies on the occasion of her retirement at a service of Thanksgiving and Praise at the UTCWI Chapel in August, 2009.

## **Salute to Mrs. Maxine Bryan**

Today we salute Mrs. Maxine Bryan a stalwart among the academic staff who after 24 years of service to this institution proceeded on her retirement as of February 28, 2009. Mrs. Bryan stands tall as an administrator par excellence. As Grade 10 Coordinator she has groomed several generations of students who have never forgotten how well she balanced discipline with compassion. The scores of young teachers who have been mentored by her sing her praises as the super role model who set examples for them by her actions. Mrs. Bryan also acted as Vice Principal from September 1997- December 1999 and performed her duties efficiently and effectively.

## **Condolence**

We extend condolence to all members of the St. Andrew family who lost loved ones during the course of the year. Of particular significance among this long list is the number of students who lost their fathers mothers or siblings, some of them under tragic circumstances.

Mr. Ralvie Smith, watchman who was employed to the institution for 4 years became very ill during the summer Term and had to be hospitalized for several weeks. He finally returned to work on July 11, 2009, however, he was unable to continue and had to return to hospital. He took a turn for the worst and passed on August 8, 2009. Members of staff attended the funeral service at the Meadowrest Chapel on August 31, 2009.

At this time we pause to thank God for the lives of three former parents who served this institution well even after their daughters had graduated. Mr. Raymond Witter transportation provider for many years passed on in November, while Mr. Bryan Wilson former Chair of the PTA Fundraising Committee and Mr. Noel Harris former PTA President and benefactor of this institution passed on in December 2008. Members of staff and students attended the funeral services. May their souls rest in peace.

## **Board of Management**

The Board of Management completed their term of office on December 31, 2008. We would like to express our gratitude to Chairman Mr. Radley Reid and all members of the Board for the sterling support and wise direction that was given to the leadership of the institution during their three year term. The new Board under the Chairmanship of Professor the Hon. Barbara Bailey was appointed effective January 1, 2009. Professor Bailey is an Old Girl of this institution.

## **Chaplains**

Chaplains Rev. Norbert Stephens and Rev. Jacqueline Liddell faithfully conducted worship for the students on a weekly basis. We were saddened at the end of the year to learn that Rev. Stephens would be leaving us as he had been reassigned to other duties by the church. We wish for him all the best.

## **Vice Principal's Leave/ Acting Appointment**

Vice Principal Mrs. Allison Bowes proceeded on four month's vacation leave as of January 1, 2009 and Mrs. Georgia Roper Head of the Modern Languages Department acted in the post. Mrs. Roper who had acted on a previous occasion brought with her a wealth of experience and she is commended for the valuable contribution that she made to administration during this period. Mrs. Taneisha Ingleton who acted as Head of the Modern Languages Department must also be congratulated for a job well done.

## **Administrative and Ancillary Staff.**

Although there were a few staff changes during the year, the Administrative and Ancillary staff under the expert leadership of our Bursar Mrs. Carol Handy and Operations Manager Mrs. Marie Clarke are to be commended for the firm support provided to staff, students and all other stakeholders.

## **Reopening of School**

The academic year 2008-2009 started off on a very positive note despite the multiple challenges faced. The threat of Hurricane Gustav forced the cancellation of our Senior Staff Retreat however alternative arrangements were made and we thank God for having spared us throughout the entire hurricane season. Apart from a few leaks we suffered no serious damage to school property.

Concerns about the recession and the effect that this would have on the collection of auxillary fees dominated the airwaves. Thanks to the assistance of our very efficient Bursar and her staff, flexible arrangements were made to accommodate a variety of payment plans as we endeavoured to put in place the necessary support systems to facilitate our parents as they sought to cooperate with us for the benefit of their daughters.

## **Security Concerns**

The school community was challenged with security concerns throughout the year. During term 1 there was the nationwide fear caused by the abduction of students across

the island. One of our own students Gayan Lawrence 10W narrowly escaped being abducted by two men who attacked her and her friend while they were walking along Marescaux Road on their way from a Saturday class .

On the evening of April 1, 2009, a car belonging to, a member of the Methodist Chorale that practices on the campus was stolen. Arising from discussions held with the security company, the school implemented a system of issuing parking permits to all persons driving on to the campus.

Earlier in the year thieves broke into the Guidance Department and the Science Department and stole some petty cash. On the morning of May 7, 2009 sixteen lockers on the ground floor of the main building were vandalized by a thief who apparently was looking for money as the contents of the lockers were left on the floor and the students reported that nothing was missing. On all occasions reports were made to the police who visited the scene and took statements.

In response to concerns over these incidents, the administration sought to increase the awareness of staff and students to matters pertaining to their personal security through talks at morning assembly. With the assistance of one of our parents in the security field, a flier detailing security guidelines was prepared by the school and sent home. The decision was also taken to strengthen security at the gates particularly at the beginning and end of the school day which are the most vulnerable times.

## **General Activities/ Special Events**

### **Commemoration Day 2008 –September 22, 2008**

All students and staff members reported to school for a day of spiritual refreshing and renewal. Our 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Commemoration Service was held at 8:00am in the Garden Theatre. The theme for the service was “Renew Me Lord” and the Guest Speaker was Mr. Luke Quamina Youth Pastor from the Church of the Open Bible in Trinidad. The second session for the upper school was conducted by the Coalition for the Defense of Life while the session for the lower school was conducted by Xtreme Impact the youth arm of a Christian organization Operation Save Jamaica. The day ended with a brief concert at the Garden Theatre. As is customary, the offering of \$151,976.50 collected at the service was donated to two institutions in need. This year the Schools that benefited equally were Fair Prospect High in Portland and Haughton Grove Basic School in Hanover.

## **The Learning Enhancement Centre**

By the third week of September 2008, work on the new building to house the Learning Enhancement Centre and the Physical Education Department was sufficiently completed that it could be used for classes. Chaplain Rev. Norbert Stephens blessed the building on Commemoration Day September 22, 2008 and classes were held in the building for the first time on September 23, 2008. It was decided however that the official opening would take place at a later date when other finishing touches had been done.

## **Parents Meetings**

The meeting with parents and students of grade 11 took place on Tuesday September 23, 2009. The focus was preparation for the CXC CSEC examinations. 83% of the parents were in attendance. The meeting with parents and students of grade 10 was held on Wednesday October 29, 2009. The focus was the requirements for School Based Assessment. 90% of parents were in attendance. The Grade 9 meeting was held on Tuesday November 11, 2009. The focus was preparation for selecting relevant courses for grade 10. 94% of parents were in attendance. The Grade 8 meeting was held on March 10, 2009. After a brief general session, the parents and students moved into form meetings chaired by the Form Teacher. The parents and students are given an opportunity to air their concerns and together they suggest possible solutions. The discussions were lively and the parents were appreciative of the opportunity given to them to participate. 83% of parents were in attendance.

## **Department Planning Workshops**

Department Planning Workshops were held on October 7, November 10, 2008, March 4 and May 12, 2009. The first workshop was focused on finalizing analyses of student performance for the previous academic year and confirming strategies for improvement for the year. For the other workshops, the areas highlighted were varied based on departmental needs. These workshops continue to play a vital role in ensuring that department members have a unified approach to the delivery of instruction and assessment of student performance at this institution.

## **Grade 7 Social**

The Grade 7 social was held on October 8, 2008. We were pleased with the attendance of parents and students in spite of the heavy rains that afternoon. Parents expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to meet the other students and parents in their daughter's class and to share their concerns at such an early stage in the term.

### **Visit by Old Girls**

Distinguished old Girls Professor the Hon. Barbara Bailey, Professor Elsa Leo-Rhynie and Dr. Phyllis Green attended assembly on October 14, 2008 to present a scholarship in memory of Old Girl Louraine Golding-Emmanuel to Gabriella Smith 11A.

### **Heritage Week Presentation**

The History Department and the Heritage Society did an excellent presentation on Friday October 13, 2008. The theme was, "I am Proud to be me! Are you proud of being you? We are here to make a difference! So rise up." The students enjoyed the presentation which involved the use of multimedia to present video clips of our National Heroes and our Olympians in Beijing. This was interspersed with live performances by the students.

### **Evening of Culture**

This year's Evening of Culture at the Little Theatre on October 26 2008, was again a wonderful experience. The theme was "Reggae From Stage to Screen" and our producer Miss Marcia Rowe employed the use of multimedia to project video clips from Jamaican movies on stage in between the live performances from the choir, Drama Club, Dance troupe, Sign language Club and other students and staff members. The MCs Mrs. Keeva Ingram and Mr. Damian Radcliffe kept the audience actively engaged with their ongoing commentary of the history of reggae music among other things.

### **Viewing of the Movie "Hush"**

On October 31 and November 4, 2008 all students were given the opportunity to view the Movie "Hush" that was written and produced by Marcia Weekes an old girl of this institution who now resides in Barbados. The movie was well received as it provided much food for thought and discussion.

### **Parents Month Presentation**

The Guidance and Counselling Department in collaboration with the Parent Welfare Committee of the PTA hosted the annual Parents Month presentation on November 12, 2008. The theme was "Coping with the Mental and Emotional Challenges of Parenting". Guest Speaker Dr. Wendell Able kept the parents wrapt in attention for the duration of his talk. Students also performed for the parents. One Hundred and Twelve (112) parents were in attendance.

### **PTA Prayer Meetings**

The Spiritual Development Committee of the PTA hosted their termly Prayer meetings on November 13, 2008, March 26 and April 30, 2009. Although the attendance was

relatively small, for those present it is always a most inspiring and empowering experience.

### **Jeans Day**

The students Council held their annual Jeans Day Fundraiser on Thursday November 20, 2008. The total sum collected was \$53,858.00.

### **Awards Ceremony**

The Annual Awards Ceremony was held on Thursday November 27, 2009. Mrs. Fay McIntosh, Old Girl past parent, former board member and director of the St. Andrew High School Foundation, Mrs. Gillian Chambers ,past parent, Mrs. Norma Newman former Head of the Geography department and Miss Hyacinth Allen former History teacher presented the awards. Mrs. Nadine Marriott who recently retired as Librarian after 33 years of dedicated service to the institution was honoured at the function. Gayan Lawrence received a special award for Bravery.

### **Christmas Presentation**

This year's Christmas presentation was held in the Garden Theatre on November 28, 2008. It was decided to bring forward the presentation as the change in the assessment schedule for the institution meant that with exams beginning for Grade 11 on December 1, 2008, there would be no other opportunity for the school family to meet in general assembly before the end of the term. The Drama Club did an excellent production entitled " The True Meaning of Christmas" and we were very pleased with the numerous gifts that were donated by the students from every form in the institution for distribution to Children's Homes.

### **Christmas Term Examinations**

As a result of the decision to adjust the assessment schedule for the institution for the current academic year, all students sat examinations in December 2008. The Grade 11 students sat mock examinations December 1-17, while the rest of the school sat end of term examinations December 4-12, 2008. Although there are a few challenges still to be mastered as a result of the change, teachers agreed that the new schedule provided them with more time for instruction in term 2 which is of particular importance for students in grades 11-13 who need to complete SBAs and IAs for submission to CXC. Interim progress Reports were sent to parents during the third week of November as the Christmas term reports were not distributed until the end of January at the Students Performance Reviews.

### **Grade 7 Sports Day**

The annual sports Day for the Grade 7 students was held on Friday December 12, 2008. The students had a wonderful time and the champion form was 7w.

### **Carol Service**

The Annual Carol Service Sponsored by the Old Girls Association was held on December 3, 2008. The theme was “He Will Bring Us Goodness and Light” and Guest Speaker Rev.Karen Kirlew, gave a very inspiring message. She is an Old girl of this institution. The Drama Club, Choir, Dance Troupe, Old Girls Choir and Prep School Boys Choir participated.

### **Christmas Luncheon**

The Annual Christmas Luncheon for the Administrative and Ancillary Staff sponsored by the PTA was held on Wednesday December 17, 2008 at the Four Seasons Hotel. Special Guest entertainer was Miss Faith D’Aguillar who had the audience enjoying every moment. The Employee of the year award for the Administrative staff was Senior Secretary Miss Julene Umraugh while the Employee of the year for the Ancillary staff was Cleaner Miss Camrietta Mills. Both persons received cash awards and other gifts.

### **Staff Activity**

61 members of staff journeyed to Sunset Beach Resort in Montego Bay on Thursday December 18, 2008. They had an enjoyable time and returned on Friday December 19, 2008.

### **High School Principals’ Retreat**

The annual Region1 High School Principal’s Retreat organized by the Ministry of Education was held at the Iberostar Hotel in St. James in January ,2009. The theme was “Transforming The Principalship”. The Principal was asked to do a presentation on the Learning Enhancement Centre. This was well received and several Principals have indicated an interest in visiting the centre to learn more about the activities.

### **Students Performance Reviews**

Students Performance Reviews were held on Thursday January 29, grades 11, 12 &13, Friday, January 30, Grades 10&7 and Monday February 2, Grades 8&9. We were very pleased with the attendance of parents at the reviews for most of the grade levels:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
7	91%
8	93%
9	88%
10	82.5%
11	85%
12	75%
13	44.6%

Grades 7-9 also sat end of semester examinations during this period.

### **Leadership Training Seminar Grade 12**

The Annual Leadership training Seminar for Grade 12 was held on Monday February 2, 2009. The presenters were from the New Generation organization. Their approach is very interactive and the students found it to be beneficial.

### **Career Week& Expo**

The Guidance and Counselling Department in collaboration with the Health and Welfare Committee of the PTA organized their Annual Career Week February 16-20, 2009. The target group was the Grade 9 students who would shortly be selecting subjects for the CXC-CSEC course in Grade 10. During the week, persons were invited to make presentations on various careers to the students in their PDP classes. The Career Expo was held on February 18, 2009. 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 rest of the student body was also allowed to visit the booths at specified times.

### **Administrative Staff Seminar/Ancillary staff Seminar**

The Administrative Staff Seminar was held on Thursday February 12 and the Ancillary staff Seminar was held on Tuesday February 24, 2009. The theme for both seminars was "Let Us Put Our House in Order" and the focus was on the preparation of the Administrative/Ancillary Staff Handbook. The level of staff participation for both seminars was excellent.

### **Rededication of Baby Grand Piano**

On Monday February 16, 2009, the Baby Grand that was donated by old Girl Faith Mead (class of 1962) and refurbished by donations from old girls all over the world was rededicated. Prayers were said by Chaplain Rev. Norbert Stephens after which Mrs. Marie Clarke gave a brief overview of the project which was initiated by her to raise the

\$190,000 needed to refurbish the piano. The students were then treated to performances on the piano by Laura Innis 10W, Kathryn Downer 9D, and Justine Collins 11R. Michelle Dennis 12R performed on the clarinet and Ashlee Douillard 12N on the violin. It was a very pleasant morning and the Old Girls who were in attendance enjoyed it thoroughly.

### **Jamaica Methodist District Conference Service**

Members of the School Choir and the Rangers accompanied by the principal and other staff members participated in the Conference Service held at the National Indoor Sports Centre on Sunday January 25, 2009. It was a very inspiring day.

### **The Top of the Class Tabloid**

St. Andrew High School students were among those featured in the annual Top of the Class tabloid published by the Gleaner Company on February 24, 2009.

### **Student Teachers- Nipissing University, Ontario, Canada**

Four student teachers from Nipissing University were assigned to do teaching practice at this institution from March 3-20, 2009. The students enjoyed the classes conducted by Ashley Bates-Biology, Janette Searle-Music, Kendall Tyler-History and Rachel Schuett- English. The accompanying Professors, Dr. Peter Joong and Dr. Christina Grant visited them periodically for assessment purposes.

### **Parenting Seminar –March 14, 2009.**

The Guidance and Counselling Department in collaboration with the Parent Welfare Committee of the PTA hosted the annual Parenting Seminar in the School Hall. The theme was “Purposeful Parenting- Imparting Values, Transforming Lives.” The presenters were Mrs. Angela Sharpe-Hamilton of Parents for Change and Mrs. Janet Brown of Parenting Partners Caribbean. Approximately 90 persons were in attendance and comments from the evaluation indicate that they found the seminar to be very interesting and beneficial.

### **Modern languages Day –March 17, 2009**

The Modern Languages Department led devotions in Spanish and French for the upper school and members of the club wore costumes of various cultures on Modern languages Day . The Department also invited Guest speakers to address the students during the day and hosted a Grand Multicultural Concert in the afternoon in which students from seven other schools along with St. Andrew High participated. The Theme was “The World Around Us”

### **Sports Extravaganza- March 20, 2009**

This year the motivational aspect of the day's activities focused on healthy lifestyles and security. The presenters were Mrs. Maizie Miller of Grace Kitchens, Mrs. Karelle Ashley-Jones from Jamfit and a team from McKay Security Ltd. All three workshops were interactive and the students participated with interest.

In the second session the students were entertained with sports and games. KLAS Sports FM also did a broadcast from the school grounds between 2:00 pm & 4:00 pm. Unfortunately heavy rains came down at about 4:00pm hence we did not collect as much money at the gate as in former years. Profits from the day stand at \$459,389.89.

The day's activities were organized primarily by the Grade Coordinators and Form Teachers led by Grade 8 Coordinator Mrs. Sydonna McCain. Miss Marcia Rowe Head of the Performing Arts Department coordinated the segment with KLAS Sports FM.

### **Miss St. Andrew High Pageant- March 21, 2009**

The Miss St. Andrew High Pageant was held in the Garden Theatre. Although preparations were off to a late start, Coordinators Miss Lisa Rowe and Miss Nichole Smith supported by a very small committee worked hard to produce a very well organized show. The theme was- "The Complete Woman, Beauty, Intellect and Talent." Miss St. Andrew High 2009 is Farah Budal G13 with first runner up being Michelle Thomas G12 and second runner-up Anneleise Richards G 13. Ticket sales were not as good as in previous years hence profits amounted to approximately \$90,000.00.

### **PTA Walkathon –March 28, 2009**

The main PTA fund raiser for the year went very well. Over 300 Parents, students and staff members walked from the Airport Roundabout to the Port Royal All Age School where they had breakfast and entertainment provided by the Digicel Truck. The top fifteen students received prizes with the first place prize of a dell laptop and day passes for four to Starfish Hotel going to Rochelle Kamicka 9E who collected \$66,813 The second place winner Kristina Rattray 9E who collected \$57,000 and the third place winner Gabrielle Lawson 8W who collected \$55,251.75 also received laptops. Teacher of the year for 2008 Mr. Franklin Burrell collected \$75,000 to win the top prize for staff of a 21" flat screen television set. The profit from this event was \$1,404,070.

### **Leadership Development Programme –Awards Function March 31, 2009**

The Annual Awards function for the grade 13 students who have completed the leadership Development Programme was held in the school hall. One hundred and twelve students 112 received certificates indicating that in addition to attending the

prescribed seminars they had also completed a minimum of the twenty hours of community service that is required. The Guest Speaker was Vice Chairman of the Board Mr. Radley Reid.

### **Dance Troupe Concert April 25, 2009**

The St. Andrew High School Dance Troupe led by Dance tutor and Parent Mrs. Terry Hall held their annual concert Dance “D” Dance in the Garden Theatre. The performance was of an excellent standard and the event received coverage in the May 4, publication of the Daily Gleaner .

### **Visit by Dr. Tracey Lincoln (Jackson) April 28, 2008.**

Dr. Tracey Lincoln former Head Girl of this institution visited the school and addressed the students of grade 13 in the AVCentre. Some students of grades 11 and 12 were also present. Dr. Lincoln who had recently received her Doctorate with distinction from the Scripps Research Institute in California, encouraged the girls to value the excellent education that they were receiving at St. Andrew High.

### **Visit by International Motivational Speaker Mr. Mike Michalowicz-April 29,2009.**

Mr. Mike Michalowicz was invited to Jamaica as the main speaker at a Seminar hosted by Old Girl Gale Peart who is CEO of her own company Caribbean Fortress Ltd. Gale used the opportunity to take Mr. Michalowicz to St Andrew High to speak to the Grade 12 and 13 students. The students found the presentation very interesting as he shared guidelines for becoming successful entrepreneurs. Mr. Michalowicz made a presentation of his Best Selling book “The Toilet Paper Entrepreneur” to the school.

### **Grief Seminar-April 30, 2009**

The Guidance and Counselling Department hosted their annual Grief Seminar for students having to cope with loss through the death of loved ones or other means eg. divorce or separation. Approximately 30 students were in attendance. The presenter was Mrs. Faith Thomas, Counselling Psychologist.

### **Education Week May 3-8, 2009**

The National Theme was –“A Transformed Education System: Path to National Development”. On Teachers’ Day May 6, 2009 the Students’ Council led Devotions in the hall and paid tribute to the teachers in speech, song and dance. They also presented each teacher with a token.

Classes ended at 12 noon to allow teachers to attend a luncheon hosted by the PTA at the Knutsford Court Hotel. The Staff Welfare Committee of the PTA organized a

wonderful afternoon of fun and entertainment for the Teachers. Paulette Bellamy on Violin and Alex Blanken on keyboards provided beautiful music during lunch and later in the programme the teachers were serenaded by popular entertainer A. J. Brown.

The Guest Speaker, Old Girl Hilary Phillips QC gave an excellent address. Vice Principal Mrs. Paulette Logan received a special long service award for her 30 years of service to this institution. All teachers were given tokens and the Department Heads and Grade Coordinators received gifts.

The highlight of the afternoon was the announcement of the Teacher of the Year. The award which is decided by secret ballot was presented to Mrs. Abigail James (Business Dept.) last year's third runner up while Mrs. Cheryl Jones-Brown (Math Dept.) placed second for the third consecutive year. The third place winner was Mrs. Zelpha Smith (Mathematics Dept.) while Miss Nichole Smith placed fourth (Business Dept.) and Mr. Stanford Wickham fifth (Mathematics Dept.) These teachers along with the others making up the top ten received cash awards and other gifts.

### **School Citizenship Awards Ceremony- Grades 7-9**

One Hundred and Fifty Five students received certificates of school citizenship at the ceremony held on June 2, 2009 in the School Hall. Mrs. Gloria Barrett-Sobers Chair of the St. Andrew High School Foundation was the guest Speaker. She also handed out the awards.

### **Grade 13 Farewell Service.**

The Grade 13 Farewell Service was held in the Garden Theatre on Tuesday June 23, 2009 at 6:00pm. The Guest speaker, past parent Dr. Allison Nicholson delivered an excellent message based on the theme "On the Wings of Success". The service was very well attended.

### **Grade 11 Valedictory Service**

The 2009 Valedictory Service was held on Thursday June 25, 2009 in the Garden Theatre at 6:00pm. The theme for the service was :“By following the Path, We have Left a Trail-The Legacy Continues”. Rev. Astor Carlyle, Pastor of the Greendale United Church delivered a most inspiring message. The Valedictorian was Simone Powell. This service was of particular significance as it was the first official function for our new Chairman, Professor Barbara Bailey while it was the last official function for our Chaplain Rev. Norbert Stephens .

### **Visit by Old Girls – Class of 1969**

As part of the reunion celebrations for their fortieth anniversary, approximately 20 Old Girls from the 5<sup>th</sup> form class of 1969 visited the school on June 19, 2009. They attended devotions in the morning and then went on a tour of the school. The Old girls brought with them a very special guest in the person of Mrs. Evelyn Matalon who attended St. Andrew High in 1926. Mrs. Matalon spoke with the girls in assembly and was strong enough to accompany the group on the tour of the entire school compound. Mrs. Matalon who was born in 1916 is very alert and has fond memories of her time at St. Andrew High School. We remain in contact with her.

### **Embassy of Chile- Cocktail Reception**

A group of approximately twenty students and teachers were among the guests at a cocktail reception hosted by the Chilean Ambassador aboard the Chilean Training Ship “Esmeralda” at Berth#2 Kingston Wharves on July 4, 2009. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the school received high commendation from the embassy on the conduct of the young ladies. Some of them were featured in the Daily Gleaner.

### **Summer School**

The Annual Summer School was held from July 13 to 31, 2009. Approximately 338 students were in attendance. Senior Teachers Mr. Godfrey Taylor and Miss Jennifer Brown are the Coordinators and they have done a very good job over the years.

### **Summer Sparkle 2009**

Symbiosis Productions headed by Miss Marcia Rowe, Head of the Performing Arts Department partnered with the Drama Club of St. Andrew High School to stage a theatrical production titled “Nut Ford High”. This was an original play written and produced by Miss Rowe. The shows were held over the week end of July 16-18, 2009. Plans got off to a late start hence the funds realized were just enough to cover costs. This is however an excellent idea which will be explored further next summer.

### **United Way of Jamaica Award**

Members of Staff of St. Andrew High School received a Silver Award at the United Way Awards Ceremony held at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel June 25, 2009. The Silver Employee Award is given to organizations where between 50 and 74% of their employees are contributors to the United Way Fund.

## **CAPSS Conference 2009**

The Principal attended the Biennial Conference of the Caribbean Association of Principals of Secondary Schools held in St. Lucia July 20 -24, 2009. The Theme was “Education for Uncertainty” and the varied sessions provided much food for thought as the spotlight was placed on Educational opportunity in the Caribbean and the vital components to be included if the secondary School Graduate is to be adequately prepared for life and work in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## **The St. Andrew High School Foundation**

Efforts made at the start of the year to revive the Foundation proved to be most fruitful. Distinguished Old Girls Mrs. Gloria Barrett-Sobers, Professor Elsa Leo-Rhynie, Ambassador Patricia Durrant, and Mrs. Marie Clarke agreed to join the Board and were in attendance at the meeting held on October 2, 2008 after several months of inactivity. At that meeting Mrs. Gloria Barrett-Sobers was elected as Chairman of the Foundation for a period of 2 years. The additional support from these enthusiastic Old Girls made it clear that the foundation was on the road to recovery.

## **Parent Teachers Association**

The PTA through its various committees remained a tower of strength for the institution. At the beginning of the year, members of the executive led by President Mr. Michael Elliott were visible and active at the various orientation sessions and the Spiritual Development Committee led very inspiring devotions both for staff and students.

The Health and Welfare Committee renovated and repainted The Fay Saunders Counselling Centre while the introduction of a text messaging service sponsored by the Information Technology Committee made communication with parents much more effective. The school was able to remind parents of activities on a regular basis and as a result we experienced even greater levels of involvement. Several parents expressed how pleased they were with this innovation.

## **Donations- PTA**

In addition to sponsoring various projects cash donations of over 1.3 million dollars were made to the institution

## **Old Girls Association**

The Old Girls Association in Jamaica as well as the Chapters in New York, Miami, Washington, The United Kingdom and Toronto continued to be loyal and supportive of their alma mater. Donations to varied areas of school life were gratefully received.

The Old Girls in Jamaica held their Annual General Meeting on June 28, 2008. The incumbent President Miss Karen Henry was returned to office for another year. They held their Pre Mother's Day Take Away and Lyme on May 8, 2009 in the School Hall and at their annual Valentine Luncheon on Saturday February 14, 2009, former Librarian, Mrs. Nadine Marriott and parent Mrs. Maureen Chang were honoured for their outstanding contribution to the school. Several Old Girls from the 30's and 40's were in attendance. The Old Girls also visited and led devotions for both the Upper and Lower schools during the year. A new chapter of the Association was established in Georgia, USA. The President is Miss Tania Dyer.

### **Donations**

#### **Old Girls Jamaica**

Scholarships	\$92,800.00
Student Welfare	\$60,000.00

#### **Old Girls UK**

Bursaries	\$87,200.00 (equiv.of £800)
Student Welfare	\$32,700.00 (equiv. of £300)
Penn Relays	£300
Science Textbooks	£300

Old Girls Class of 1969-	\$61,000 School Museum Project
Old Girls Class of 1983-	School fees & related expenses for one student
Dr. Roxene Gascoigne-Old girl	\$44,000 – Bursary for a G8 student

#### **Student Welfare**

Mrs. Edith Smith and Mrs. Betty Gordon	\$37,200.00
Donna Lincoln	\$ 7,200.00
Nicola Barrett	\$12,000.00
Friends of Donna Lincoln	\$23,900.00
Sonia Taylor	US\$200.00
Anonymous Parent	
Student Welfare	\$29,100.00
Anonymous Old Girl	
School Development	\$20,000.00

## **Other Donations**

### **Reebok International**

70 pairs of sneakers and 70 pairs of spikes for Track Team

### **Human Resources Committee of the Board**

Staff welfare \$10,000.00

### **GraceKennedy Foundation/CHASE Fund - History DVD "Time Trip"**

**Food for the Poor** 8 pieces of gym equipment

GraceKennedy –FX Trader

60 Track Suits \$180,000.00

**Centre for Gender and Development Studies UWI** - copy of Pro.Elsa Rhynie 's lecture The UWI Glass Ceiling; splinters, cracks and Scratches

**SAHS Key Club/Key Club International** –Three Computers- Learning Enhancement Centre

**Major Donors to the Penn Relays** - See appendix1

**Major Donors to the Learning Enhancement Centre** - See appendix 2

## **Student Leadership**

Head Girl Allison Facey inspired the staff and student body with her own inimitable style of leadership that was sincere and charged with enthusiasm. Deputy Head Girls Renee Small and Tokigui Russell were very supportive and together with the rest of the Prefect body a good example of acceptable behavior and student participation was set for the girls. The Students Council also experienced a productive year under the leadership of president Kameir Johnson.

## **Student Behaviour**

The Grade Coordinators for the Academic Year 2008-2009 were:

Grade 7 Mrs. Taneisha Ingleton (acting 4mts.)/ Mrs. Cheryl Jones-Brown

Grade 8 Miss Elitia Downer (acting 4mts.)/Mrs.Sydonna Gilzene- McCain

Grade 9 Miss Keisha Bogle

Grade 10 Miss Nichole Smith (acting)

Grade 11 Mrs. Abigail James

Grade 12 Miss Alicia Bernard (acting)

Grade13 Miss Daytona Campbell (acting)

It is worthy of note that in a year when several coordinators were new or acting for short periods, the school community remained stable and settled for the most part despite the challenges of indisciplined and inappropriate behavior that were presented by minority groups at all grade levels. We pay tribute to Vice Principals Mrs. A. Bowes and Mrs. P. Logan and their team of Coordinators for the vigilance with which they monitored the conduct of students on a daily basis.

The school community is well aware of the rules and regulations by which we operate and the consequences are clearly set out in the Student Handbook. The task we face however is a difficult one as the examples being set by many who are esteemed as role models in this society leaves much to be desired. We are pleased that in spite of the negative influences that are dominating the social landscape of our nation we can say without fear of contradiction that the majority of students at this institution are young ladies of whom we can be justly proud. We appeal to those of us who know better to stand up for what is right and not to give the lawless minority any opportunity to take over as has been the case in the wider society.

### **Health and Guidance**

In addition to the numerous seminars and other activities planned, the Guidance Counsellors report that 100 cases were examined by the department and of these about 10 had to be referred for long term counseling. Group counseling sessions were also conducted as a concerted effort was made to ensure that the social and emotional health of the school population remained positive. The school's welfare programme had to be expanded as the effects of the global recession were felt. We congratulate Mrs. Karen McGibbon for her able leadership during the 8 months that she acted as Head of Department.

Nurse Hutchinson was kept very busy as the threat of the H1N1 virus had everyone in fear. Education was carried out by the Health Centre on a one to one basis and fliers were prepared and sent home with students. Of the 6227 visits to the health centre 1104 were for influenza none however was diagnosed as H1N1. There are students who still continue to skip breakfast in their quest to remain trim. This resulted in fainting spells that could have been avoided. We are pleased that students with serious health challenges have been managing themselves much better and we commend those older students who participated in the National Blood Transfusion blood drive.

## Academic Performance

The Heads of Departments/Teachers in charge for the academic year 2008-2009 were:

Business Education	Mrs. Patrice Bowen
Geography/Social Studies	Miss Michelle Rhone
Guidance & Counselling	Mrs. Karen McGibbon (Acting 8 mts)/ Mrs. Janet Scott
History/Sociology	Mrs. Diane Nelson (Acting 4 mts.)/ Mrs. Christine Munroe-Walters
Home Economics	Miss Ouidamyrl Williams
Information Technology	Miss Colette Lemard
Language Arts & Literatures	Miss Debbie Harris
Library	Miss Novelyn Sweeney (Acting)
Mathematics/Technical Drawing	Mrs. Dawn Thompson-Clarke
Modern Languages	Mrs. Taniesha Ingilton(Acting 4 mts.)/ Mrs. Georgia Roper
Performing Arts	Miss Marcia Rowe
Physical Education	Miss Jennifer Brown
Religious Education	Mrs. Stacy Zodge
Science	Mrs. Hermel Evans
Learning Enhancement	Miss Ingrid Newman
Visual Arts	Mr. Norman Smith
Elearning Centre	Mr. Godfrey Taylor
Health Centre	Mrs. Lorriane Hutchinson (School Nurse)

The focus on eLearning and Excellence which had begun in the previous academic year was continued for 2008-2009. However in response to what appeared to be a growing complacency among some of our students, the decision was taken to place special emphasis on engaging the Reluctant Learner.

In keeping with the trend over the past few years, the majority of resource persons conducting Professional development seminars each term were drawn from among the staff. The seminars went very well and staff members participated enthusiastically. It is of great credit to this institution that there are so many qualified staff members who are willing to invest the additional time required to adequately prepare for these seminars so that their colleagues can be enriched. Several of our teachers serve as assistant examiners for CXC and we have also found that an increasing number of St. Andrew High School teachers are being sought after by other institutions and the Ministry of Education to act as resource persons in various forums.

In addition to the new computers provided at the end of the last academic year twenty two staff members were able to purchase their own laptops through an initiative facilitated by the Board of Management. This greatly improved staff proficiency and

access to technology and therefore assisted in improving the quality of instruction as we sought to actively engage the students in the learning process.

We commend the Heads of Departments and the staff of 75 full time and 24 part time teachers for the efforts made to ensure that classes were properly planned and adequately manned as students were challenged from all angles to maximize their potential.

## **External Examination Results**

### **CXC-CSEC**

We are pleased with the overall pass rate of 95% which represents a 2% increase over last year. We are also pleased with the 8% increase in the number of subjects passed at the Grade 1 level. 75% of the subjects sat were passed at Grades 1&2 . Distinction levels of over 50% were achieved in four subject areas: Info.Tech.Technical-78%, Info.Tech. General - 67%, English language -67% and Principles of Business- 54%. Subject areas registering over 80% passes at Grades 1&2 are: Info Tech General, Integrated Science and Technical Drawing - 100%. Principles of Business, Home Management and Religious Education-92%, Info tech. Technical-91%, Human& Social Biology 90%, English Language and Social Studies -88%. Of the 25 subjects sat, 8 recorded pass rates of 100%, 11 recorded pass rates between 95 and 99%, 4 recorded pass rates of 90-94% and two recorded pass rates of 88 & 89%. 68% of the students passed 8 or more subjects while 95% passed 5 or more subjects. 6 students received eight distinctions, 7 received seven, 16 received six. The top student for CSEC is Denise Beaumont with 9 distinctions.

#### **The pass rates for the subjects sat at the CXC-CSEC Level are as follows:**

Biology	-	94%
Caribbean History	-	97%
Chemistry	-	97%
Clothing & Textiles	-	100%
Economics	-	100%
English A	-	97%
English B	-	93%
Food & Nutrition	-	100%
French	-	96%
Geography	-	91%
Home Management	-	92%
HS Biology	-	95%
Info Tech (G)	-	100%
Info Tech (T)	-	100%
Integrated Science	-	96%

Mathematics	-	88%
Office Administration	-	98%
Physics	-	98%
Principles of Accounts	-	89%
Principles of Business	-	99%
Religious Education	-	100%
Social Studies	-	100%
Spanish	-	97%
Technical Drawing	-	100%
Visual Arts	-	97%

## **CXC-CAPE**

We are equally pleased with the performance of our students in the CAPE examinations with an overall pass rate which remained stable at 97%. The pass rate at Grade 12 is 96% while the pass rate at Grade 13 is 98%. Of the 31 units sat 22 recorded pass rates of 100%, 5 recorded pass rates between 95 and 99%, and 3 recorded pass rates between 89 and 94%. Mathematics Unit 1 at 75% is still one of the highest pass rates for this unit in the island. The department has done its analysis and steps have been put in place to ensure that there is an improvement in performance for this unit this year. 69% of the subjects sat by grade13 students and 63% of the subjects sat by Grade 12 students were passed at grades 1-3. The top student at grade 12 is Janelle Millen with four 1's and one 2 while the top student at Grade 13 is Jessica Whyte with two 1s, one 2 and one 3.

We have had to create additional groups in Economics, Management of Business, Chemistry and Communication Studies to accommodate the 173 students admitted to G12 for the 2009-2010 school year.

### **The pass rates for the subjects sat at the CXC-CAPE Level are as follows:**

Accounting Unit 1	-	100%
Art and Design Unit 1	-	100%
Art and Design Unit 2	-	100%
BiologyUnit 1	-	100%
Biology Unit 2	-	100%
Caribbean Studies	-	100%
Chemistry Unit 1	-	100%
Chemistry Unit 2	-	100%
Communication Studies	-	100%
Computer Science Unit 1	-	100%
Computer Science Unit 2	-	100%
Economics Unit 1	-	97%
Economics Unit 2	-	100%

Environmental Science Unit 1	-	100%
Environmental Science Unit 2	-	100%
French Unit 1	-	100%
Geography Unit 1	-	100%
Geography Unit 2	-	100%
History Unit 1	-	100%
History Unit 2	-	100%
Literatures in English Unit 2	-	97%
MOB Unit 1	-	94%
MOB Unit 2	-	100%
Pure Mathematics Unit 1	-	75%
Pure Mathematics Unit 2	-	94%
Physics Unit 1	-	95%
Physics Unit 2	-	100%
Sociology Unit 1	-	97%
Sociology Unit 2	-	100%
Spanish Unit 1	-	89%
Spanish Unit 2	-	95%

## Achievements

### 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 Island for the CXC examinations of May/June 2008:

NAME	FORM	CXC-CSEC			TEACHER
		SUBJECT	POSITION		
Jeanelle Brown	12N	Integrated Science	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Mrs. A. Lambert-Anderson
Janelle-Cheri Millen	12E	Chemistry	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Mr. O. Dawkins
Tami Palmer	12A	English B	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Mrs. K. Jones-Spooner/ Miss L. Rowe
Dejaneer Ramsay	12N	Info. Tec	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Miss C. Lemard

<b>CXC CAPE</b>				
<b>NAME</b>	<b>FORM</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
Rasheeda Bryan	13A	History 2	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs. D. Nelson
Sheriffa Monroe	13A	Man of Business 2	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs. P. Bowen
Sheriffa Monroe	13A	Economics 2	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs. A. James
Kristen Moore	13D	Art & Design 2	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mr. N. Smith
Kristina Newsam	13D	Spanish 2	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs. G. Roper
Tashanna Williams	13D	Biology 2	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Miss S. Wilson
Tashanna Williams	13D	Chemistry 2	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mr. K. Campbell
Tonae Simpson	13A	Environ. Science 1	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Miss M. Rhone
Gabrielle Swaby	-	Environ. Science 1	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Miss D. Levers

### **Scholarships/Bursaries**

#### **Scholarships**

Renee Williams was awarded a full scholarship by the Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica to the UWI Faculty of Engineering. Karla Brown G13 Class of 2009 was awarded a University Open Scholarship for the 2009-2010 academic year based on the 2009 Scholarship Examinations.

#### **Athletic Scholarships**

The following students received full scholarships to Universities/Colleges in the USA:

Latoya McDermott - Louisiana State University

Samantha Williams and Melissa Walker- University of Mary in North Dakota

Shawna Kay Collie and Nicolía Edwards – Iowa West Community College.

#### **Old Girls Jamaica Scholarships**

Nicolene Reece	-	8N
Jeison-Leigh Bent	-	9W
Marsha Bryan	-	10E
Trishawna Peart	-	11N

#### **Old Girls UK Bursary**

Amitchka Bogue	-	12D
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#### **Mary Dawson Bursary**

Colette Campbell	-	10N
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**Wade B. Green Scholarship (Old Girls New York)**

Susan Johnson - 12R

**Peer Counsellors Association Scholarship**

Shauna-Kaye East - 13R

**Faustine Sharp Bursary (Donated by GraceKennedy in memory of an Old girl)**

Chantelle Coley - 12D

**HEART Trust NTA**

Lori-Anne Brown - 7W

**Seprod Limited**

Taleah Bogle - 7D

**Honour Roll 2009**

Fifty four students in Grades 7-9 and forty nine students in Grades 10-13 qualified for the Honour Roll based on their excellent performance in the Christmas Term Examinations.

**Scientific Research Council Essay and Poster Competition- April 2009.**

Jodi-Kay Royes 13R placed 3<sup>rd</sup> for her poster that was entered in the Category "Clean Water for Life". She received a cash award of \$10,000.

**Institute of Jamaica Earth Day Essay, Poster and Photography Competition- April 2009**

Shaquile Brown 8E placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the essay competition and Saffia King 8N placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the photography competition. Both students received cash awards, books and the Institute of Jamaica Trophy. The theme for the competition was "Global Warning!"

**Jamaica Association of French Teachers –Vocabulary Competition May 8, 2009**

The Annual French Vocabulary competition was held in the St. Andrew High School Hall. The team of Johanna Blackburn, Ockera Moulton and Jade-Lyn Mc Donald of 8E placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Junior Category while the Team of Shannika Plummer 9A, Kristoni Plummer 10D and Lauren Innis 10W placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Senior category. St. Andrew High

defeated the Manchester High Seniors who had been the champions for at least 13 years.

### **Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association foundation Essay Competition**

Shaquille Brown 8E placed first in the region in the FCCA Foundation Competition held in June 2009. The title of the essay is “During this global economic downturn, what can a destination which lives on tourism do to persuade more ships to come to their destination?” Shaquille traveled to St. Lucia in October 2009 to the FCCA Caribbean Cruise Conference to collect her prize of US\$3,000. The school will also receive an award of the same amount.

### **Methodist Church Quiz competition**

The team of Beth Campbell 7W, Shannon Campbell 8A and Abigail Mckenzie 9N placed second in the inaugural quiz competition organized by the Education Committee of the Methodist Church in May, 2009. The quiz covered the history of the Methodist Church.

### **JCDC Festival Competition**

The Dance Troupe trained by parent Mrs. Terry Hall won the following trophies at the National Finals held in June, 2009:

Best Overall Award- Duet Class 7- Leanne Hall-10A & Pascal Schmidt (male partner)

Best Overall Award- Trio Class 4 – Leanne Hall, Dana Neita 9A & Lia Chin – Yee 8E

Best Overall Class Award-Class7

Most Outstanding Teacher Award- Class 7

### **School Garden Project**

The staff and students of Environmental Science were assisted by the Jamaica Agricultural Society in establishing a School Garden behind the Old Science Block. The girls planted and reaped calaloo, pac choi, cucumbers and sweet peppers.

Unfortunately we suffered at the hands of praedial thieves. The first set of crops were given to faculty and students however ensuing crops were sold to provide funds to maintain the project and to assist with other department activities. The students were invited to display a portfolio of their work at the Kingston and St. Andrew JAS Parish show held at Jamaica College in May and they were also invited to display their work at the Annual Denbigh Agricultural show in August.

## **CARIMAC/Jamaica National Financial Literacy Initiative Project**

St. Andrew High School was the test-bed for the pilot of this project which was designed to increase the level of financial literacy among high school students. The school was also involved in the second phase of the project which involved the creation and implementation of eLearning software which featured a merger between the financial literacy curriculum and the CXC-CSEC Principles of Business SBA curriculum. The students who participated benefited tremendously from their involvement in this project.

## **Clubs and Societies**

### **Junior Optimists**

The Junior Optimist Octagon International club held a tree planting ceremony on February 20, 2009. Optimist advisor Angella Daley was in attendance. This tree is supposed to be a symbol of the life of the club. The students also planted other trees on the compound. The Staff Advisor is Mrs. D.Thompson-Clarke.

### **Inter Schools Christian Fellowship**

Four members of the ISCF committee Rose-Ann Young, Kerry-Ann Battick G12, Alison Facey and Venecia Cruickshank G13, attended the annual Leadership conference organized by SCFSU in Mandeville in December 2008. Canace Morgan G12 was selected by SCFSU as the representative from the movement to speak on behalf of the ISCFers in Jamaica at the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Brunch held by the New York Support Chapter of SCFSU held in New York on November 2, 2008. Four members of the committee attended the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fellowship Breakfast held at the Hilton Hotel on February 7, 2009. The President was Head Girl Allison Facey. Mrs. K. Guyah is the Staff Advisor.

### **Key Club**

Governor Shari-Ann Baker, Lieutenant Governor of division six Jeanel Anderson and District Secretary/ Treasurer Rushell Ferarah participated in the KLAS Teen Jam programme on November 6, 2008. For their major project this year, the St. Andrew High Key Club worked with needy children at the Waterford Primary School teaching them to empower themselves by saving however small the sum might be.

Members of the Key Club attended the Annual District Convention held April 17-19, 2009 at the Moneague College. They received 20 awards including:

Distinguished President	- Anika Aarons G13
Outstanding key Clubber	- Sydia Groves G7
Distinguished Vice President	- Kimisha Blossom G12
Distinguished Treasurer	- Monique Lyn G12
Outstanding Kiwanian Advisor	- Mr. Paul Miller
Outstanding Parent	- Mrs.R. Ferarah

They also placed first in the Scrapbook Competition. Rushel Ferarah G12 was elected District Governor and Ruth-Ann Stevenson G12 District Secretary Treasurer. Shari-Ann Baker received endorsement for her bid to be elected as an International Trustee.

The Staff Advisors are Mrs. Z. Smith and Miss I. Gordon.

### **Key Club International Award**

Rushell Ferarah represented the school at the Key Club International Convention held July 1-4 in Dallas Texas. St. Andrew High School for Girls was the only club outside of the USA to receive two awards: 2<sup>nd</sup> place- Single Service Award and Distinguished Club, Diamond Level.

### **Interact Club**

Members of the International Action Club conducted their annual soup kitchen by feeding homeless persons in Half Way Tree on April 16, 2009 and they visited the St. Anthony's Children's Home on April 18, 2009. The club hosted its annual Interact Week April 20-24, 2009. In addition to having guest speakers at meetings, club members had a cleanup afternoon. The Staff Advisor is Miss N. Smith.

### **Tourism Action Club**

The club held its Induction Ceremony on April 8, 2009. The members visited the St. Andrew Girls Hostel on April 9, 2009. The staff Advisor is Mr. Keane Campbell.

### **Peer Counsellors Association**

Members of the association visited the Rolph Grant Senior Citizens Home on Saturday February 28, 2009. They were accompanied by a counselor and a parent from the Health and Welfare Committee. The association also held a Candlelight Service on

Peace Day February 24, 2008, in memory of the children who lost their lives through violent means last year.

### **The Earth Patriots**

This new group was formed by Grade 12 students who were very concerned about the environment. They worked on projects in collaboration with the Environmental club however they also used their initiative to influence the school community to be more responsible about their care for the environment. They established an Environmental Patrol that monitors the cafeteria during break times and after school to ensure that the students keep the area clean. Recently they sent an open letter to the cell phone companies that was published in the Gleaner, appealing to them to provide proper disposal for cell phone batteries as these are polluting the environment. At least one company responded positively. The staff Advisor is Mrs. M. Clarke.

### **Physical Education/Sports**

Physical Education is a very integral part of the educational experience at St. Andrew High. Students are taught swimming as well as a wide range of land activities. The school competed in nine sporting disciplines contested among high schools. Head of Department Miss Jennifer Brown and her team of teachers and coaches are to be commended for their commitment and hard work that produced excellent results in many areas. The coaches this year were:

- Track & Field – Mr. Leacroft Bolt – Head Coach
  - Mr. Phillip Davey
  - Mr. David Facey
- Netball - Miss Jennifer Brown
- Swimming - Miss Suzie Harris
- Volleyball - Miss Paula Thompson
- Hockey - Dr. Michelle Holt
- Badminton - Mr. Andrew Rust
- Lawn Tennis - Mr. Evon Williams
- Basketball - Mr. Franklin Burrell
- Water Polo - Mr. Milan Bartanics
- Cheerleading & Miss Lauri-Ann Richards
- Synchronised Swimming

### **Water Polo**

In the High School's Water Polo League held during the Christmas term, the girls remained undefeated throughout the competition. The finals against Wolmer's Girls

ended with two rounds of 'sudden death' shoot outs before the St. Andrew High team came out victorious.

Alexandra Beckford G8, Nicholene Bryan G11 and Christina Burke G12 were selected to be members of the team to represent Jamaica at the CARIFTA Water Polo Championships held in Curacao April 9-13 2009.

### **Synchronized Swimming**

Tashna Smith-Edwards G11 and Shannon Marsh G10 represented Jamaica as members of the team that participated in the CARIFTA Synchronized Swimming competition held in Aruba in April 14-20, 2009

### **Swimming**

The Swim Team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the ISSA High Schools meet held in November and they placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 17&over category and 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the Mayberry Investment meet held in March 2009. They also won the Spirit Trophy for the third year in succession. Raynae Hall G10, Priscilla McClure G8 and Rashida Shurland G7 were selected to be members of the CARIFTA Swim Team that represented Jamaica at the meet held in Aruba in April 14-21 2009.

### **Netball**

The Under 15 netball team was crowned Corporate Area and All Island Champion in the ISSA /Digicel Netball competition held during the Christmas Term. The finals against The Queens School went down to a nail biting finish with St. Andrew coming out victorious with an exciting 25-24 win.

Shanice Lee G10 and Thristina Harwood G9 were selected as members of the National U16 team that participated in the Jean Pierre Youth U16 Caribbean Championships held at the Stadium Complex in Kingston April 24-29, 2009. The Jamaican Team placed first in the Championships.

### **Basketball**

The team had a good season and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Corporate area and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the High Schools league held in May 2009.

### **Badminton**

The team placed second in the High Schools Knockout competition held at the GC Foster College in November 2008. Katherine Wynter 9D placed 1<sup>st</sup> and Kristi-lee Stewart 9D 2<sup>nd</sup> in their category at the UTECH Badminton Tournament held in May 2009. Danielle Campbell 7D placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the novice division. . Katherine Wynter 10D was selected as a member of the National Junior Badminton Team that represented

Jamaica at the Junior Pan American Games that was held in Puerto Rico in August 2009.

### **Hockey**

In the ISSA/JHF competition, the U19 Team played very well and remained undefeated to the Semi-final round where they were beaten 2-1 by Papine High. In their final match they defeated Alpha to place third overall. Kysha Maitland received the award for leading goal scorer for the competition.

The U16 team had an excellent season. They outplayed their opponents on every occasion and defeated Excelsior High in the finals to become the National Champions for 2009. The U14 team has also had a good season. Most of the students are first time players hence their inexperience got the better of them. They placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall. We look forward to excellent results next year.

### **Track and Field**

The Track and Field Team performed creditably at all the development meets attended during the season.

### **ISSA /GraceKennedy Boys &Girls Championships**

St. Andrew High placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Corporate Area and 9<sup>th</sup> overall with 55 points at the championships held April 1-4 2009. Top athlete Latoya McDermot won a silver medal in the 400m race.

### **Penn Relays**

Eight students accompanied by manager Miss Jennifer Brown and coach Mr. Leacroft Bolt attended the Penn Relays in Philadelphia April 23-25,2009. The 4x100m relay team won their heat but did not make it to the finals.

### **Reebok International Meet.**

Kathie-Lee Laidley G12, Nicolía Edwards G11, Mellissa Walker G13 and Megan Simmonds G9 accompanied by chaperone Miss Jennifer Brown and Coach Mr. Leacroft Bolt were sponsored by Reebok to attend the meet held in New York on May 31, 2009.

## **Inter house Competitions**

### **Gartshore Cup Competition**

This year's focus for the Gartshore cup competition held on November 5, 2008 was Visual Arts. The competition was keenly contested with some excellent pieces being entered from students in all houses. The results were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Darling
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Arc
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cavell
- 4<sup>th</sup> Gartshore
- 5<sup>th</sup> Stockhausen
- 6<sup>th</sup> Anderson

### **Inter House Netball Competition**

The competition was held on November 24, 2008. Matches were keenly contested as the standard of netball in the institution at this time is very high. The results were:

#### **Juniors**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cavell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Stockhausen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gartshore
- 4<sup>th</sup> Darling
- 5<sup>th</sup> Arc
- 6<sup>th</sup> Anderson

#### **Seniors**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Stockhausen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gartshore
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Arc
- 4<sup>th</sup> Darling
- 5<sup>th</sup> Anderson
- 6<sup>th</sup> Cavell

### **Inter House Athletics Competition**

Sports Day was held on Friday January 23, 2009. The day was a very exciting one with several of our athletes doing very good times. The results were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Arc
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gartshore
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cavell
- 4<sup>th</sup> Darling
- 5<sup>th</sup> Stockhausen
- 6<sup>th</sup> Anderson

### **Inter House Swimming Competition**

Inter house Swimming competition was held on Monday February 9, 2009. The events were keenly contested and the results were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cavell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Anderson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Stockhausen
- 4<sup>th</sup> Gartshore
- 5<sup>th</sup> Arc
- 6<sup>th</sup> Darling

### **Inter House Speech and Drama Competition April 6&7, 2009**

The Entries for the inter house Speech and Drama competition were of a very high standard in most of the categories and staff participation in the competition was excellent. The results were:

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

### **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**

Although various houses enjoyed brief moments of glory resulting from victory in a few areas, it is clear that the 2008-2009 season of competitions was dominated by one house. The leadership of this house so inspired its members that they ensured that even if they did not win, placement in the top three in almost every competition was guaranteed. It is not surprising that the winner also took home the Gillies Cup for Work. We heartily congratulate this year's recipient of the Cargill Cup for Best House- Cavell for its outstanding performance.

## **Conclusion**

By the end of the academic year in August 2009, the effects of the global economic recession had begun to wreak havoc across the nation. Several parents were made redundant and the cost of living soared to unimaginable heights. It is not surprising that at St. Andrew High, our welfare programme had to be expanded as we sought to meet the needs of the increasing number of students who needed financial assistance. This was made possible through the generous contributions of our Old Girls, Parents and friends and we are most grateful for the support.

We pause to pay special tribute to our parents who because of the priority that they place on their daughters' education were determined not to renege on their commitment to the school to pay their auxillary fees. The transparent approach to the financial management of the institution has paid great dividends and the compliance rate of 90% is a testament to the solid parent support that exists at this institution.

It is this kind of support that gives us hope for we believe that it is this generation of students that will provide the leadership with integrity that is required for our nation to be pulled from the quagmire of disillusionment that it is now sitting in. At St. Andrew High School for Girls we do not subscribe to the philosophy of life that blames the weak economy for the prevalence of antisocial behavior now rampant in our society. While there is some truth to the maxim that "a hungry man is an angry man" it is weakness of character, not poverty that leads one to make wrong choices in the face of adversity.

In 2008-2009 the school completed the 4<sup>th</sup> year of its 5 year Balanced Scorecard. We are pleased to report that we are on target in achieving most of our objectives. This business model for strategic planning has served us well and we believe that our vision for this institution to become an international model for education will be realized. This confidence is undergirded by our faith that the God of our founding fathers who is also our God will continue to bless us regardless of the circumstances that we might face.

**To Him be the Glory.**

**Life More Abundant**

Sharon Reid (Mrs.)  
Principal  
November 26, 2009

APPENDIX 1

ST. ANDREW HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS  
 MAJOR DONORS - PENN RELAYS FUND  
 ACADEMIC YEAR 2008-2009

	<b>DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$JA CURR.</b>	<b>\$US CURR.</b>
	McKay Security	10,000.00	
	Camperdown High School	20,000.00	
	<b>SAHS Old Girls Florida</b>		<b>1,500.00</b>
	Cable & Wireless	43,000.00	
	Anderson Auto Parts	20,000.00	
	Guardian Life	40,000.00	
	Ian & Colette Myrie	20,000.00	
	Capital & Credit	50,000.00	
	Kathie Laidley	40,000.00	
	ISSA	130,000.00	
	Omealla Gordon	30,000.00	
	Kaydian Jones	25,000.00	
	Kenneth KAC Group	25,000.00	
	Ja Wells & Services	10,000.00	
	Kathyrn Stewart	40,000.00	
	SAHS General Services a/c	23,869.00	
	SAHS General Services a/c	150,000.00	
	SAHS Old Girls Association	40,000.00	
	Sub total	<b>716,869.00</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>

**APPENDIX 2**

<b>MAJOR DONORS TO THE LEARNING ENHANCEMENT CENTRE</b>	
<b>ACADEMIC YEAR 2008 -2009</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>Mrs. Terry Heffes</b>	<b>\$ 55,000.00</b>
<b>Ms. Jacqueline Mighty</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
<b>Mckay Security- C/o Jason McKay</b>	<b>\$ 300,000.00</b>
<b>Desmond Palmer</b>	<b>\$ 30,000.00</b>
<b>Mr. Richard Walker</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
<b>Mr.Winston McDonald</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
<b>Ms.Paula Chin See</b>	<b>\$ 19,215.00</b>
<b>SAHS P.T.A</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,547.15</b>
<b>Mrs.Sharon Reid</b>	<b>\$ 72,000.00</b>
<b>Cool Petroleum</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>
<b>Chee Chuen Ling</b>	<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>
<b>Ms. Aprill Williams</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
<b>JPS Employees CO-OP Credit Union</b>	<b>\$ 10,050.00</b>
<b>SAHS Students' Council</b>	<b>\$ 30,000.00</b>
<b>CARIMAC</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
<b>SAHS Key Club</b>	<b>\$ 64,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,755,812.15</b>