

# HEADS UP

A Weekly News Update from the Principal and Heads of School

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The condolences of the whole St Andrew's community are extended to the Chan family including Konrad, Serena and Samuel who lost their father tragically last weekend.

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

## PTA Coffee Morning



"How to Encourage a Love of Reading in Your Child -- Supporting Early Literacy"

by Nancye Sullivan

Tuesday, 6th February, 9:00a.m., in the Library

SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, 24th March**

St Andrew's School PTA Spring Fair!

## FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

Please be reminded that tuition for the third trimester of the 2011/2012 academic year, which commences 12 March 2012, is **due on or before 15 February 2012**.

Billings have already been mailed. However, if you have not received your billing you may contact the Business Office to inquire on your balance. Otherwise, you may review the Tuition pages located on the School's website, [www.st-andrews.com](http://www.st-andrews.com), under "Admissions → Tuition".

**If fees are not paid by 15 February 2012, the payment of tuition will be considered late. In this instance, your child/children's name(s) will be removed from the class list and a re-enrollment fee of \$500 per child; as indicated on our Tuition pages on our website; shall become due and payable.**

If there is a waiting list for any year level, your child's name will be placed on the waiting list. This means that school places for existing students in the school will only be guaranteed to those whose fees are paid on or before 15 February 2012.

After that, Administration is charged to accept both existing students and new students on the waiting list on the basis of payment of tuition. Once the maximum number of students for the year level is reached, a waiting list will be re-established.

If you have any questions please contact the Business Office.

Sincerely,

Evanne Archer-Bowe  
Financial Controller

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**NOTE: The School's Business Office will be open the week of the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012, which is the week of the February mid-term break.**

# SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

## Upper School Semester 1 Ends and Reporting Sequence Begins

Parents of upper school students will receive their child's semester 1 report, electronically, during the week beginning January 30.

## Mock IB and BGCSE Exams

These very important exams start on Monday 30 January and end Friday 10 February. All students involved have received their exam schedule and should have started preparing. I wish our students well.

## National BGCSE Awards Ceremony

The following year 12 students were recognized at the National BGCSE Awards Ceremony yesterday Thursday 19 January 2012, at 10:00am, in the Church of God Auditorium.

**Students with 5 'A' passes or more:** Terrance Chand, Zoe Galanis, Maya Harrigan, Jamie Lavin, Jeremy Moxey, Kajol Ratanjankar, Emma Tuletta and Andrew Wilson.

**Students receiving subject awards:** Kajol Ratanjankar and Perez Willie. We are very proud of our students' academic achievement.

## IB COORDINATOR

### Getting The Balance Right



Next week sees the start of the mock examinations for Year 11 and 13 students. Obviously, all teachers at St Andrew's hope that students are well prepared and perform to the best of their ability. It is also a time when students must ensure that they remain balanced. They should be working and revising smartly but must also find time to relax, exercise and be with family and friends.

Obviously getting the balance right is very important, not only during the next two weeks but also during a person's whole life.

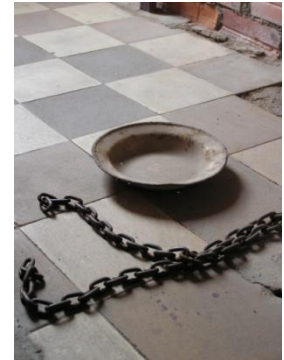
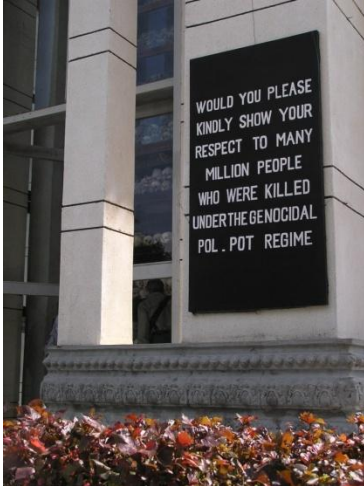


The IBO defines a balanced student as someone "who understands the importance of intellectual, physical and emotional balance to achieve personal well-being for themselves and others". It is when we get unbalance in one or more of these areas that problems arise. Students can struggle obtaining a good and sensible balance and often need some guidance from home and school with this. I often say that students cannot be academic workers 24-7, they need down time to exercise, be with family and friends etc. This down time can be worked into a schedule; something that I do whenever I have a heavy workload. If there is something that I want to watch on TV, I work for, say, an hour or two (usually for as long as I can concentrate), then break and watch TV. I then go back and work for another set amount of time. If needed, I then break again, usually to eat, then come back to work and the cycle continues. I always ensure that I have down time before going to sleep.



As I have said before, the IB Learner Profile, the CAS and TOK programmes develop students to be caring and compassionate people through an holistic approach. This is a break away from previous tendencies which have focused on developing knowledge, skills, and creative talents while neglecting the more fundamental dimensions of educating people to become good citizens. The result of these previous tendencies has been the education of people with high levels of professional abilities who, unfortunately can sometimes lack moral standards. Thus, we have computer specialists using their knowledge to create viruses to destroy the workings of thousands of computers.

As educators, parents and mentors we have to act as guides and role models, ensuring that we develop a student's conscience by creating a moral community in which everyone can work together in harmony and with mutual respect. Without harmony and mutual respect we have events such as the Cambodian genocide that happened in the late 70's. The reason I mention Cambodia is that I had the opportunity to visit Tuol Sleng museum and the killing fields and have seen the horrors, first hand, that can result from being unbalanced.



### Annual 'Enrichment' opportunities years 8, 9 and 10

Mrs Dillette has talked with our students about these worthwhile trips and she has issued letter for parents.



The International School of The Bahamas  
FOUNDED 1988

**ESU**  
enrichment studies unit

### ST ANDREW'S MIDDLE SCHOOL SEEDS IN RESIDENCE & E = MC<sup>2</sup> 2012 FACULTY of ARTS & SCIENCE

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, KINGSTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

St. Andrew's Middle School is excited to offer SIR 2012 for students in year 8 and E = mc<sup>2</sup> for students in year 9 and 10. Both programmes are residential enrichment programmes for highly able, motivated and gifted students in years eight and nine. SIR and E = mc<sup>2</sup> is an enrichment studies programme offered by Queen's University, one of the leading Canadian universities.

This innovative residential enrichment programme attracts gifted and highly motivated students from across North America and allows students to explore new subject areas, challenge their minds, change routines, check out what university is like, meet interesting people, broaden horizons, experiment with new ideas, arouse curiosity and stimulate participants to set high standards for themselves and their academic studies.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Letters have been sent home with interested students in Year 8, 9 and 10. The deadline for submitting an application to participate in the SEEDS or E=MC<sup>2</sup> programme is January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

For further information please contact Mrs. Dillette, Dean of Middle School or browse the programme web site <http://esu.queensu.ca>

## Model United Nations (MUN) Competition

Our Model United Nations club will be representing St Andrew's and The Bahamas next week from January 25 to 29 in The Harvard University MUN competition, a first for St Andrew's and The Bahamas. The group will be chaperoned by the MUN advisors Mr Nathan Hughes and Mrs Feo-Hughes I wish them well.

## Love That Child Benefit and Philly Connection Dance Workshop

Love That Child Benefit was held last weekend at the Rainforest Theatre. Several St Andrew's students including Raquel DeCardenas, Brittany Malcolm, Jolanda Carey, Clara D'Alessandro and Khai Adderley performed in the concert that raised money for the Ranfurly Home and the Children's Emergency Hostel. Mrs Jen Roach, PE teacher, choreographed a piece that was performed in the show.

Several other students including Kendicia Clarke and Hannah Blair attended the Philly Connection Dance Workshop held the previous day by renowned choreographer Debbie Apalucci and her staff.

Finally, several year 12 students (Bree Wallace, Zoe Galanis, Aaliah Zonicle, Shanell Carey and Maya Harrigan) assisted at both events for CAS hours and all represented St Andrew's School extremely well.

Well done to all involved!!

## EDLINE

Edline was introduced last academic year and improved communication between home and school and improved student learning. Teachers, students and parents will be even more expert in its use this year. This software allows our students and parents to access teachers' grade books no matter where they are; Europe, North America etc anywhere there is internet. Like last year teachers' grade books will show updates every 3 weeks and an EDLINE 3 week grade update schedule will be in next week's Heads Up

## EDLINE 3 WEEK GRADE UPDATE SCHEDULE

Parents will expect to see your grade book updated as shown below

DAY, DATE & TIME	STATUS
Monday, 24 October 3:30pm	x
Monday, 14 November 3:30pm	x
Monday, 5 December 3:30pm	x
<b>VACATION: 19 Dec 2011 - 3 Jan 2012</b>	
Monday, 16 January 3:30pm	x
Monday, 6 February 3:30pm	
<b>VACATION: 13 Feb - 17 Feb</b>	
Monday, 27 February 3:30pm	
Monday, 19 March 3:30pm	
<b>VACATION: 2 Apr - 13 Apr</b>	
Monday, 23 April 3:30pm	
Monday, 14 May 3:30pm	
Monday, 4 June 3:30pm	

Status x = completed

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRIMESTERS	UPPER SCHOOL SEMESTERS
1: August 25 - November 25	1: August 25 - January 20 Teachers' Gradebooks close December 16, 2011
2: November 28 - March 9	2: January 23 - June 15
3: March 12 - June 15	<b>School reports sent home electronically after each semester is completed.</b>
<b>School reports sent home electronically after each trimester is completed.</b>	

### 2011 - 2012 Test Dates

Test Date	Test	Registration Deadline
January 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	SAT	December 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2011
February 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	ACT	January 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2012
April 04 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	SSAT	March 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2012
April 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	ACT	March 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2012
May 05 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	SAT	May 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2012

### Good News

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

### More Good News

C. Caleb Ferguson, one of our Year 8 students, participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on Saturday past. The 5K race was organized as a part of the Sunshine Insurance Marathon Weekend events and was held to raise awareness for the issue of breast cancer in The Bahamas. Caleb ran the race to honour the strength, courage and determination of his beloved cousin, Crystal Sweeting, a stage 3, breast cancer survivor. With more than 1,400 participants competing from The Bahamas and around the world, Caleb finished in 2nd position in his age category and 21st, overall with a time of 25:26 minutes.

Well done Caleb!



### BAISS Sports

The basketball season continues and although traditionally basketball is our weakest sport our teams continue to compete well and make progress. Both our girls' teams have winning records. On Monday our junior boys lost narrowly to Jordan Prince Williams a power house in BAISS basketball. Coaches Coyle and North tell me that the junior boys are a very young team with several year 7 boys making the starting 5 and if they stick together and continue to practice St Andrew's will have a strong boys team over the next few years.

### Important Secondary School Events

Wed. 25 – Sun. 29 January .....Model United Nations team takes part in Harvard University Competition  
Monday 30 Jan - Friday 10 Feb ..... IB & BGCSE Mock Exams  
Monday 6 February ..... Sports Day at TAR Stadium  
Tuesday 7 February ..... Edline Export  
Friday 10 February ..... Teacher Curriculum Planning meetings, school closes at 12:00noon  
Monday 13 – Friday 17 February ..... Winter Break

**Frank Coyle**

**Head of Secondary School**

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# PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

## Parents and Teachers Participate in the Sunshine Insurance Marathon Bahamas



After much perseverance and determination, this past weekend, several from the St Andrew's community participated in the Sunshine Insurance Marathon Bahamas. The race weekend was a huge success, with participants running either a marathon (26.2 miles), half marathon, or relay (each team of four members collectively ran the 26.2 marathon distance)! Thanks to all from the St Andrew's community who participated or supported this event! Go Hurricanes go!!

By Tasha Bethel  
Photos Britt Hood

## Year 6 Art Field Trip

The year 6 students wrapped up their unit on creative expressions with a daylong field trip, the goal of which was to learn about the local arts community here in Nassau. The day began at Popop Studios with an art workshop and gallery tour. The students created a mixed media collage and saw the work of many local young Bahamian artists. The day continued at the National Art Gallery where they were taken on an extensive tour of the current retrospective exhibit of work by Bahamian artist Kendal Hanna. It was a long but rewarding day, and the perfect way to wrap up this unit on creativity.



## Year 5 Students Make Donations to Local Organizations

Students of year 5 presented a check to Marsha Deveaux from The Salvation Army and Yolanda Darville from Hands for Hunger. Each donation was \$500.00. The money came from the year 5 economics profit. The students were happy to take action during their unit on World Wide Aid to help those in need.



## Year One Hotels Unit

The Year One students have enjoyed a very 'hands on' unit about "Hotels". These hands on experiences allowed students to better understand the central idea that, "*Visitors have an expectation that the hotel services will complement the location chosen.*"

## Field Trip to Compass Point and The Sheraton

At these hotels, the students were better able to understand how hotels actually provide amenities for their visitors. They were able to see a smaller sized hotel, Compass Point, and a larger one, The Sheraton. The students enjoyed an enriching and educational day at these locations. The Year One team would like to thank all of the parent chaperones that accompanied us on our trip.



1 Moore posing on Compass Point's wedding gazebo.

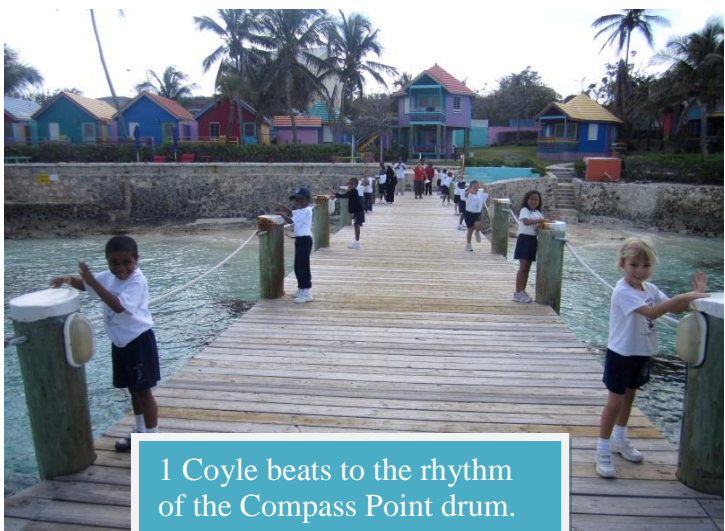


A few girls enjoying The Sheraton's spacious suites.

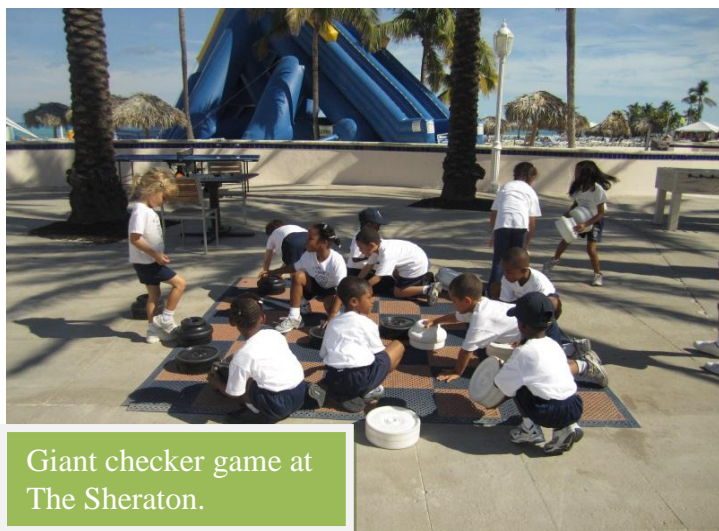
1 Masse is excited to see what Compass Point has to offer.



Lots to do at The Sheraton Kids Club!



1 Coyle beats to the rhythm of the Compass Point drum.



Giant checker game at The Sheraton.

## Year 2 Students Learn About Boating Safety

On January 6<sup>th</sup>, representatives from the United States Coast Guard, the Royal Bahamas Defense Force and the Bahamas Air Sea Rescue Association were joined by visiting officers from the US Coast Guard Cutter Pea Island on a special visit to our students. Year two students were treated to interactive and engaging presentations about boating safety and were presented with life jackets and some very yummy chocolate chip cookies. It was an exciting and educational morning for the students and teachers. Thank you to the US Embassy for facilitating this event.





## Primary School Edline Update Calendar

29<sup>th</sup> September

10<sup>th</sup> November

8<sup>th</sup> December

26<sup>th</sup> January

15<sup>th</sup> March

10<sup>th</sup> May

7<sup>th</sup> June

### Dates to Remember

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

**13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March

12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

International Schools Assessments: Years 4,5 and 6

**12:00noon dismissal:** Curriculum Planning for teachers

**Winter Break**

**School reopens**

PTA Coffee Morning

Junior School Sports Day

SAASTA Pajama Day Fundraiser

Pre-School/Pre-Reception Sports Day

Infant Sports Day

Primary School Yearbook Photos

PTA Parent Education Evening

Junior School Soccer Tournament

My best to you,

**Yvette Simms**  
**Head of Primary**

# **COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE ST ANDREW'S FAMILY**

Please click on a group's link below to view information from the group:

**[PTA News and Events](#)**

**[Health and Safety News and Events](#)**

**[Community News and Events](#)**