

# HEADS UP

## A Weekly News Update from the Principal and Heads of School

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### SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

#### Mock IB and BGCSE Reports

Mock reports were sent home on Wednesday. Some year 11 students representing the school at the BAISS Track Meet will get them on Monday. These reports will let parents and students know how much work must be done between now and May to ensure success in these very important external examinations.

#### Really Good News



Congratulations are extended to Jonathan Lockhart (Year 11 student), recipient of the Exhibition Award for Grade 5 Piano from the Trinity College of Music. This award is given to the student who achieves the highest percentage in their testing area; this area being The Bahamas, The West Indies, The United States and Canada. Jonathan received a 99% on his performance exam! Congratulations, Jonathan!

#### From the University Counselor

#### Local Scholarships

Each year the Ministry of Education and The Lyford Cay Foundation Awards thousands of dollars to Bahamian Students wanting to pursue undergraduate studies at accredited Universities and Colleges abroad and locally.

Application forms will be available in a few weeks and can be obtained from:

- The Guidance Department
- The Ministry of Education (Shirley Street)
- Lyford Cay Foundation
- [www.lyfordcayfoundation.org](http://www.lyfordcayfoundation.org)
- [www.bahamaseducation.com/scholarships.html](http://www.bahamaseducation.com/scholarships.html)

Students may use this time to gather supporting documents if eligible for the following awards.

#### Criteria for Eligibility and Required Supporting Documents

#### Ministry of Education Scholarships

#### National Merit Scholarship

#### SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Academic Merit – based on grades, test scores, rigor of academic program, honors, awards and recommendations.

2. All applicants must possess a minimum High School grade point average 3.0 in order to qualify for this award.
3. Leadership/Contributions to the school and community.
4. Acceptance in an approved accredited institution pursuing an approved course of study.

#### REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Copies of all academic certificates. (GCE, BGCSE, SAT, ACT, IB, AP, etc.)
2. Transcript
3. A 250 word essay on your career plans
4. Two (2) letters of reference: one from your high school teacher/college lecturer or professor, AND one from a community leader
5. A recent copy of the relevant pages from your passport as proof of citizenship
6. Copy of National Insurance Card
7. Letter of acceptance from the institution you plan to attend (can be submitted after application deadline)
8. Certificate of medical fitness (can be submitted after notification that you have received the award)

#### **All Bahamas Merit**

#### SELECTION CRITERIA

1. A minimum secondary school cumulative GPA of **3.50**
2. Have sat a minimum of seven (7) BGCSE including English Language and Math;
3. A minimum combined SAT 1 score of 1200 in Critical Reading and Math;
4. Accepted at an accredited College or University

#### REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Copies of all academic certificates. (GCE, BGCSE, SAT, ACT, IB, AP, etc.)
2. Transcript
3. A 250 word essay on your career plans.
4. Two (2) letters of reference: one from your high school teacher/college lecturer or professor, AND one from a community leader.
5. A recent copy of the relevant pages from your passport as proof of citizenship.
6. Copy of National Insurance Card
7. Letter of acceptance from the institution you plan to attend (can be submitted after application deadline)
8. Certificate of medical fitness (can be submitted after notification that you have received the award)
9. A current resume that clearly outlines your work, school, leadership, community and extracurricular activities
10. Verification of Bahamian citizenship
11. Documentation of any financial aid you are receiving from other sources, including your college or university, other scholarships and grants.
12. Essay - Explain your career aspirations, your educational plan to meet these goals and the contribution you would like to make to the development of The Bahamas after graduation.

## National Technical Scholarship

### SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Minimum required GPA of 2.5

### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Same as above

## Lyford Cay Foundation Scholarships

- The Lyford Cay Foundation Academic Scholarship – For Colleges and Universities in the US, UK and the Caribbean
- The Canadian Lyford Cay Foundation Academic Scholarship – For Colleges and Universities in Canada
- Technical Training and Vocational Scholarships

### University Preparation and Career Exploration Calendar of Events

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#### College Night

Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012

#### Year 11: Parents & Students

**Topic:** Selecting a College – Creating a Short List & Financial Aid and Scholarship Opportunities

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Venue:** Library

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#### U.S. Visa Application Process

Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

#### Year 11, 12 & 13

Ms. Sally Sternal, chief of the nonimmigrant visas at the US embassy will provide information on the student visa process

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#### Career Fair

Monday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012

#### Years 9 & 10

Students will have an opportunity to speak with professionals from a variety of fields about career options

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#### College Night

Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012

#### Year 10: Parents and Students

**Topic:** College Admissions Test (SAT and ACT) & College Tours

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Venue:** Library

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

We have two large groups of students taking this opportunity to attend these worthwhile enrichment trips. Thank you to Mrs Dillette for organizing these trips to Queen's University each year.

## EDLINE

Edline was introduced last academic year to improve communication between home and school but unfortunately a number of parents have still not opened their account. St Andrew's in an attempt to become more eco-friendly is trying to reduce the use of paper thus fewer written concerns etc will be coming home as teachers and parents communicate more and more via Edline.

Parents please use your access code and open your account.

## Edline 3 Week Grade Update Schedule

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

DAY, DATE & TIME	STATUS
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	
School reports sent home electronically after each trimester is completed.	School reports sent home electronically after each semester is completed.

## 2011 - 2012 Test Dates

Test Date	Test	Registration Deadline
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

## Young Chef Competition

The New Providence section of the Young Chef Competition took place at CC Sweeting High School on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February during half term. Lyette Darville from year 11 represented St Andrew's in the competition. The competition was judged by four chefs and they were very complimentary about Lyette's skills. The competition is sponsored by Mahatma Rice and Robin Hood Flour. The participants are required to produce one dish that contains flour as a main ingredient and another that uses rice as a main ingredient. Lyette made 'Exuma Breeze Cupcakes' and 'Potter's Cay Conch Cakes'. Lyette should be congratulated on her performance and professional approach to this competition.



## Good News Operation Smile

Hello, my name is Natalie Hernandez a current 12th grader at St. Andrew's. In February I traveled to Phnom Penh, Cambodia as the student educator on the Operation Smile Mission. Over 20,000 Cambodians suffer with cleft lips and cleft palates. The group performed 81 life-changing surgeries for cleft lips and palates. This was Operation Smile's 10th year in Cambodia. Thanks again to the St. Andrew's School community for donating over 200 stuffed animals and toothbrushes in addition to over \$600 to help the children.



## Prince Harry (British Royal Family) Ceremony and Eco-meeting

Prince Harry is visiting The Bahamas this weekend. A ceremony planned by the Ministry of Education will take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 8:30am. We decided that our middle school prefects and student council reps will be the secondary school 'ambassadors' at this ceremony. A letter went home with our ambassadors outlining specific details.

Celina Gomez year 8 will be playing saxophone for The Bahamas All Stars Band at the ceremony. We wish Celina and the band well!!

Dominique Harajchi, year 12, will be one of 6 students from Eco-friendly schools that will be meeting the Prince outlining what our Eco-committee's plans.

## PTA Spring Fair Saturday 24 March 11:00am to 3:00pm

Parents please mark this date in your diary. Our hard working PTA needs your support with this fundraiser. Teachers are signing up to help at stalls, for "The Jail" and "The Dunkin' Stool" parents and students can have come out and have some fun with our teachers.

## 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.

## BAISS Sports

Our junior girls' basketball team had a great season, winning the pennant and making it through to the championship game. Unfortunately the girls came up short losing 2 games to SAC. What was most pleasing was the level of support from students, parents and teachers. It was terrific to see and a number of our young cheerleaders kept our spirits up even though we were losing. The cheerleaders emphasized to the SAC supporters that we are going to seek our revenge when we play them at soccer.



The Soccer season has now started and as yet our 4 teams remain undefeated and the junior girls defeated Temple Christian School 18-0.

### **BAISS Track and Field Competition**

Over 93 students will represent 'The Hurricanes' this year. This is almost one quarter of the secondary school. Parents can opt to allow non-athletes to go to the TAR Stadium to support on Friday 2 March, a letter has been sent home. There are no classes for years 7-12 on Friday 2 March, year 13 have classes as usual.

### **Important Secondary School Events**

Monday 5 March..... Prince Harry Ceremony  
Monday 5 - Friday 9 March..... PTA Photos  
Friday 9 March ..... End of Trimester 2  
Monday 19 March..... *Edline Export*  
Thursday 22 March..... Parent Education Session 7:00pm  
Saturday 24 March ..... PTA Spring Fair  
Tuesday & Wednesday 27 & 28 March..... Parent Teacher Conferences  
Wed, Thurs & Fri 20 - 30 March..... Creative Arts Department Expo and Production  
Monday 2 – Friday 13 April..... Easter Vacation

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# PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

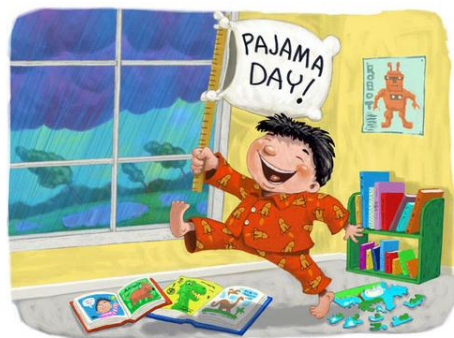
CONGRATULATIONS EMMA!



Emma Weech competed at the 2012 Subway Jr. Tennis Classic in Freeport, Grand Bahama from February 24 - 26. She won the girls 10 and under singles title.



# SASTA Pajama Day Fundraiser



**TODAY!!!**  
**Friday, March 2**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT  
THE SASTA SCHOLARSHIP FUND!**

## Why should you support the SASTA Pajama Day?

- ❖ SASTA stands for the St. Andrew's School Teacher Association.
- ❖ The SASTA scholarship fund allows a deserving Bahamian student the chance to receive a St. Andrew's Education.
- ❖ Our scholarship recipients are a valuable component of our school community.
- ❖ Supporting school activities builds school spirit and sends the message to your child that you value school.

### Primary School Edline Update Calendar

26<sup>th</sup> January

15<sup>th</sup> March

10<sup>th</sup> May

7<sup>th</sup> June

### Dates to Remember

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

New Date TBA

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March (new date)**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

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

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**Monday – Friday 26<sup>th</sup>– 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March

**Monday – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 13<sup>th</sup> April**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

**SASTA Pajama Day Fundraiser (today)**

Health and Safety "Wellness Chat"

**Pre-School/Pre-Reception Sports Day**

**Junior School Sports Day**

**Infant Sports Day**

Primary School Yearbook Photos

PTA Parent Education Evening

Junior School Soccer Tournament

**PTA Spring Fair**

**Year 6 Abaco Trip**

Reception Science Fair

**Easter Break**

School Reopens

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](#)**