

HEADS UP

A Weekly News Update from the Principal and Heads of School

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Holidays are about experiences and people, and tuning into what you feel like doing at that moment.
Enjoy not having to look at a watch.

Evelyn Glennie

Thirty five working weeks, one hundred and seventy nine school days, thousands of lessons, more pieces of classwork, homework, coursework and internal assessment than the students (and the teachers!!), would care to count.

Internal and external examinations, reports, exhibitions, local and international trips, music and drama productions, sporting competitions and sports days, championships, house events, assemblies and parent-teacher conferences.

Hurricanes – of the sporting and weather variety, days lost to storms, general elections, guest speakers, special presentations and special visitors.

Hellos and goodbyes, meetings, more meetings, bake sales, donuts, muffins, fancy dress days, fundraisers, cocktails receptions and strategic plans.

Curriculum review, action plans, graduation, the Prom, transition days, out-of-uniform-Friday, student teachers, the vegetable garden, the farmers market, class photos, the summer fete and the leaver's assembly.

And with it all, on Friday 15th June, school year 2011 – 2012 will come to a close.

From my point of view it has certainly been an enjoyable and very interesting year. A school such as ours, with a long and proud tradition, certainly holds many 'mysteries' and idiosyncrasies and after one year I cannot, and certainly will not, claim to know them all. However, over the summer, as I tell my family and friends of my adventures at St Andrew's and in The Bahamas, I know it will give me time to reflect and recharge the 'batteries' ready for the challenges that school year 2012 – 2013 will bring. There are no certainties in this world, but I am confident that come August we will be ready to move the school forward, onward and upward in our quest to be one of the leading international IB schools in the region.

Enjoy the break, stay safe and I look forward to seeing you in August.

Dr Glenn Canterford

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

Please be reminded that tuition for the first trimester of the 2012/2013 academic year, which commences 23 August 2012, is **due on or before 15 June 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.standrewsbahamas.com, under "Admissions/Tuition".

If fees are not paid by 15 June 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 June 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

Email: evanne.bowe@st-andrews.com

NOTE: The School's Business Office will be open for the entire summer break!

FROM THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

The Admissions Office is busy with testing for the 2012-2013 school year. If you have a child who you would like to enroll, please contact me as soon as possible as some year groups are full.

Please note that parents should have already notified the Admissions Office in writing if they are intending to withdraw their child at the end of the 2011-12 academic year. If you submitted a form and listed **provisional** withdrawal it must be confirmed by 15 June 2012.

In the meantime, if any personal contact information changes, please inform the Admissions Office so that we are able to update our files as it is important that we are able to contact you in case of an emergency.

Kind Regards,

Karen Carey

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

As this will be my last Heads Up, I would like to thank all my colleagues, students and their families for their support over the last seven years as Head of Secondary School

Exam Season, Almost Over

The BGCSE examinations finished on Thursday June 7, the years 7, 8 and 9 assessments will finish today, Friday 8 June and so too will the year 10 exams.

Reports will be ready to be send home electronically the week of June 18.

Year 6 to year 7 Transition Day Monday 11 June

A full schedule for the soon to be year 7's buddied with the present year 7's will take place on Monday. Parents with questions can meet with Mrs Dillette and me in the library at about 9:00am.

Queen's University Canada Year 8 and Years 9 and 10 Enrichment trips

Parents and students have been very positive about the "Queen's Experience". The Queen's University organisers were very complimentary about our thirty-one students who made the visit. Our students made us very proud.

Model United Nations

"Model United Nations is on the move again! Fresh from the success of our Harvard 2012 MUN experience, we are already preparing for Harvard January 2013. Students have already begun the process of preparation for this fantastic trip and several new faces have joined the club. Fundraising for the trip has already started and we would like to offer our sincerest thanks to Spotless Cleaners Ltd and the Colin and Susan Foundation for their generous support in helping to make sure that we can make the next conference even better by including more students. It is not too late for interested students to join the club- please speak to Mr Hughes if you feel you have what it takes to become an MUN delegate."

IB Coordinator

The other side of CAS

This year we have heard a lot about the benefits of CAS. Two weeks ago several of our Year 12 students helped at a high profile golf tournament. They were personally invited after helping at the Bahamas Kennel Club Dog Show back in March. The photos below show some of the famous people that they met.



CAS Coordinator Freeman.



Students with Morgan Freeman, Dennis Haysbert and Catherine Zeta-Jones

(left), Liz Phillips, with lifetime heart throb Morgan



The hidden benefits of being unselfish can result in memories and experiences that will last a lifetime from opportunities that otherwise would not have been possible.

I hope that you all have a good break and I look forward to seeing you next year.

EDLINE

Parents please visit Edline on a regular basis I'm surprised to hear that some parents have not accessed Edline since its inception October 2010

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 Interschool Volleyball

The junior boys and girls are now competing; both teams won all their games without dropping a set. The championship games were rained off and we are not sure when they will be played.



Important Secondary School Events

Tuesday 29 May - Friday 8 June	7, 8 and 9 End of Year Internal Assessments
Tuesday 29 May - Friday 8 June	Year 10 End of Year Examinations
Monday 11 June	Year 12 Graduation, 7:00pm, Sheraton Hotel, Cable Beach
Monday 11 June.....	Year 6 to 7 Transition Day
Monday 11 - Wednesday 13 June	Year 9 Vocational Experience
Friday 15 June.....	School closes at noon
Saturday 16 June	Senior Prom (Hilton Hotel)
Monday & Tuesday 18 & 19 June.....	Teachers' Work Days

Frank Coyle
Head of Secondary School
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PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Primary,

This final 'Heads Up' entry for the 2011/2012 school year gives me the opportunity to share how much I have enjoyed and appreciated this time. I wish to simply say "Thank You" to you all.

Yvette Simms

The Year 6 Exhibition 2012

The Year 6 Exhibition is an essential culminating experience for all students in their final year of primary school. The Exhibition takes PYP students on a journey of inquiry. Multiple aspects of primary learning comes into play and challenges the students to work through to a successful Exhibition. Issues are raised, questions are asked, groups are formed, plans are drafted and then carried out. The students have been working under the transdisciplinary theme "How the World Works". They demonstrated their learning about the impact of scientific and technological advances on society and the environment. The experience is best summed up through the words of the students themselves.

"I completely loved Exhibition. At times I was a little nervous, but eventually I got over it." *LeeAnne Archer*

"I think my group did very well because whenever someone asked a question, we all could answer the questions." *Christopher Mortimer*

"At the end of the first day I was exhausted because we all worked hard and I had a big headache." *Noah Zoppi*

"I was anxious to see who was in my group. When I saw my group, I became terrified and panic-stricken because I thought they were idle.....I guess you can't judge the book by its cover." *Samantha Carey*

"The opening night of the exhibition was fun and I was really proud of our work." *Hunter Smith*

“Exhibition is a process of doing a full unit in groups, but you have to do what the teachers do such as planners, rubrics, a central idea, lines of inquiry and organizing field trips. I think that Exhibition 2012 is the best Exhibition ever.” *Kristian Robinson*

“Exhibition was very scary for me because I don’t like talking to a lot of people.” *McKayla Carey*

“I was very nervous to present my work to the upper school because I didn’t want to say the wrong thing. I felt my confidence raised when I started talking and explaining.” *Brennan Hood*

“Time goes so fast and putting things off to the next day leaves you with piles of work.” *Charlotte Nevins*

“It felt good to be able to share my knowledge with everyone else.” *Victoria Russell*

“I am proud of my group for being enthusiastic, thinkers, communicators, patient and caring.” *Angel Willie*





'Gently Used' Books Wanted!



Through the Unit 'World Wide Aid,' our Year 5 students this year were given the opportunity to choose a way to support local or international charities. The students met this challenge with enthusiasm and were able to give much needed aid to a range of deserving charities. To continue with this effort to support the local community, we are now encouraging our students to donate any 'gently used' reading books that are in good condition. These books will then be taken to Ranfurly Children's Home, Bilney Lane Children's Home and the Salvation Army.

There is a red box in the Library Foyer for you put the donated books. They can be for any age!

Thank you for your support!

Miss Pitts and Primary School



SUMMER SCHOOL brochures have gone home. The brochure is also available on Edline and the St. Andrew's website.

Last chance to sign up! Extended deadline Wednesday June 13

The last Edline update for the school year was posted on 7th June

Health and Safety

The mosquitos are back. Please use repellents to protect your children as you see fit. In addition:

Mrs. Nancy Cartwright has secured a supply of "Bugs Lock" which are bands that repel mosquitos with a 100% natural aroma. Due to small parts it is not recommended for children under 3. Please see Mary Turner if you are interested in purchasing this product at a cost of \$1 each.

Dates to Remember

Monday June 11 th	Year 6 to 7 Transition Day
Tuesday June 12 th	Inter house Talent Competition
June 13 th /14 th	End-of-Year Parties
Friday June 15th	Final Day – 12:00noon Dismissal
Monday June 25 th	Summer School

My best to you,
Yvette Simms

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](#)