

# HEADS UP

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

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### PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

If you have looked at the school calendar recently, you will have noticed we have introduced a new event for the school this year; St Andrew's Week.

I am sure that everyone is aware that St Andrew's Day is celebrated all over the world on November 30<sup>th</sup>, but we have decided to take this one step further and have scheduled a number of special events throughout next week. These events will highlight St Andrew's as a school that is proud to be heralded as one of the country's leading educational establishments, while recognising that we have thirty three (33) different nationalities represented among our students and faculty.

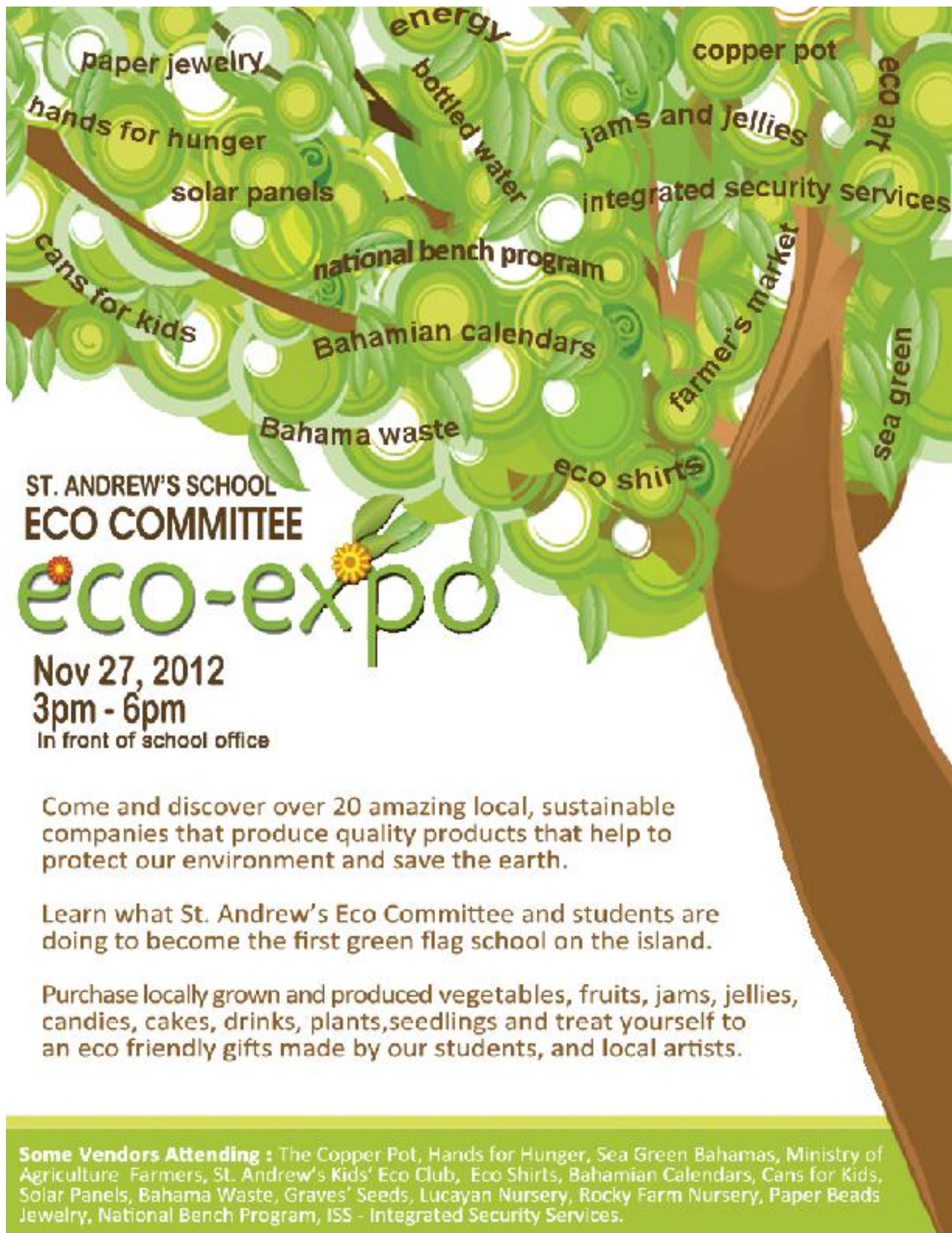
St Andrew's week will begin on Sunday (25<sup>th</sup> November) with the traditional service at St Andrew's Kirk, starting at 10.30am. Throughout the following week in Primary, students will be sharing and listening to stories and music from around the world. In addition students will be making flags that they will bring to our 'World Assembly' next Friday which will take place on the junior basketball courts. We plan to have a map of the world drawn on the court and students will sit by their country. Secondary also have a number of special activities planned that include inter-house competitions and International Day.

We have also planned a number of whole school activities that include our first ever Eco Expo that will take place from 3.00 – 6.00pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. We have already had considerable interest from the community and I can see it becoming an annual event.

And if that was not enough, next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings will see the greatest production to ever be staged within the shores of the Bahamas, as we present **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**. This is a production that literally has a cast of thousands....well at least hundreds..... and will include representation from every part of the school. There are some major (and surprising) cameo appearances and I would suggest you get your tickets NOW to avoid disappointment.

Watch out for pictures from this exciting week in forthcoming editions of Heads Up.

*Dr Glenn Canterford*



ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL  
ECO COMMITTEE

# eco-expo

Nov 27, 2012

3pm - 6pm

In front of school office

Come and discover over 20 amazing local, sustainable companies that produce quality products that help to protect our environment and save the earth.

Learn what St. Andrew's Eco Committee and students are doing to become the first green flag school on the island.

Purchase locally grown and produced vegetables, fruits, jams, jellies, candies, cakes, drinks, plants, seedlings and treat yourself to an eco friendly gifts made by our students, and local artists.

**Some Vendors Attending :** The Copper Pot, Hands for Hunger, Sea Green Bahamas, Ministry of Agriculture Farmers, St. Andrew's Kids' Eco Club, Eco Shirts, Bahamian Calendars, Cans for Kids, Solar Panels, Bahama Waste, Graves' Seeds, Lucayan Nursery, Rocky Farm Nursery, Paper Beads Jewelry, National Bench Program, ISS - Integrated Security Services.

## **Wanted! Musical Instruments**



Do you have musical instruments that aren't used anymore; hidden in back closets, under beds? Please consider donating to St Andrew's Secondary School instrumental programme. Woodwind, Brass, String and Percussion, old or new, shiny or bruised; we will happily accept all donations and put them to good use.



# SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

## From the IB Coordinator

### School with a Difference

Today sees the arrival to The Bahamas of some very special students. Eighteen student drivers from the Formula Kart Stars (FKS) arrive in Nassau today to take part in the Karting races that are being held during Speed Week 2012. One of the reasons behind them coming is an attempt to put The Bahamas back on the Karting world map. I recently discovered that the world's first Karting Championships were held in Nassau in December 1959 and there is a 'drive' to make the sport popular here again.



What makes KFS so special? FKS is a UK National Karting Championship that caters for young drivers. With the backing and support from Formula One management, racing is what they all about. FKS is committed to the road to Formula 1 through racing and education.



They understand that although some of their students will go on to great things and will follow in the footsteps of Lewis Hamilton and Paul di Resta, many regard kart racing as a fulfilling hobby to be enjoyed with their family. The Championship endeavours to support competitors who are in full time education by interaction with their schools and for providing a quiet room in the form of a Learning Bus that is used for homework or study in the evenings. FKS has a goal to help those who want to make the move into car racing and provide contacts and introductions as well as advise for those hoping to make a career in motorsport.

During the next few days your son or daughter will get two chances to interact with the young drivers. On Sunday they will be racing at The Stadium between 12:00 and 3:00pm. This would be an excellent place to go after the St Andrew's Day Service. Admission to the racing is free and you will get a chance to see them put their skills to work.



On Monday, two or three of the young drivers will be bringing their Karts into St Andrew's so that they and our students can interact and share experiences at a more friendly level. It is a chance to discover how a totally different style of education works! I am hoping that certain teachers will be permitted to drive the karts!



Our Box Kart is now complete and will now be on display during the second weekend of Speed Week. If you would like a preview of the SAS it will be on show during Tuesday's Eco-Expo as it is made from 99% recycled items. To raise money for charity, it will be possible for primary students to have photos taken 'driving' the SAS Hurricane. So please come along, bring some cash, a camera and enjoy this CAS Project.

Paul Toomer



## From the Dean of Upper School

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Junior Girls Softball team who made us all proud during two demanding games against the Comets. Although they just failed to secure the championship they played very well and we are extremely proud of them all. **GO HURRICANES!!!**

BAISS Basketball begins next week please come and support our teams.

### ST ANDREW'S WEEK

We are ready to celebrate St Andrew's week in grand style. The week begins with a church service at St Andrew's Kirk on Sunday, November 25 beginning at 10:30 am. During the week Secondary School will have basketball games during the lunch break between the various houses, come and cheer on your favorite house. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings our students will be showcased in a whole school production – The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.

### INTERNATIONAL DAY

International Day will take place Friday, November 30. Students are expected to dress up in their national colors representing their native countries. The day will begin with a whole school assembly followed by exciting activities organized by the Student Council, a delicious lunch with food from a few of our countries represented at St Andrew's then be entertained in a dynamic cultural show. The cost of the day for students is \$12.00, letters will be sent home today and we would like students to pay as soon as possible.

### BGCSE EXAMINATION REGISTRATION

The deadline for registration is November 30; all letters along with payment should be into the Secondary office by this date. Please familiarize yourself with dates and times of the exams by taking a look at the examination schedule.

SAT information from the University Counselor's office

The SAT is one of the most widely used entrance exams for students applying to universities in the United States and around the world. For most US universities, it is a requirement for study.

The SAT measures what students have learned both in and out of the classroom and tests how well they can apply that knowledge. It tests how to think, problem solve and communicate in three sections: **Critical Reading, Mathematics and Writing**

In preparation for this exam Year 10 students sit the PSAT (practice SAT) in October of each year and results from this examination should be used to note areas of strength and improve in areas of weakness.

In Year 11, we suggest that students make a first attempt at the SAT in December or January and a second attempt in May after becoming familiar with the testing style and procedures. Please refer to the test dates and deadlines below.

Students are encouraged to enroll in SAT classes and purchase a copy of "The Official SAT Study Guide" available at bookstores locally or online.

During guidance lessons, Year 11 students created a registration account with The College Board (see website below). This website will be used to:

- **Register for the SAT**
- **Review SAT scores**
- **Send official SAT scores to universities**
- **Search for Colleges and Universities and their admissions criteria**

Website	Cost (2012-2013)
www.collegeboard.org	SAT - \$50.00
	International Processing Fee - \$31.00
	Total - \$81.00

Please check [Edline](#) for the BGCSE 2013 examination schedule. Also note that the next Edline grade update will be Friday, November 30, 2012 at 3:30pm.

*Michelle Robinson*

## From the Dean Middle School

Parents and students are reminded that the final day of Trimester 1 is November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. Trimester 2 will commence on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and Middle School reports are scheduled to be sent home electronically on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

### 2013 BJC Examination Registration - BJC

All year 9 students have been given a letter to take home to parents about registration and payment for the **2013 Bahamas Junior Certificate Examinations (BJC)**. St Andrew's Middle School offers four BJC examinations for year 9 students. The examination subjects offered are **Mathematics, English Language, General Science and Social Studies**. St Andrew's Middle School curriculum **does not** follow the BJC curriculum and therefore exam preparation and review must be scheduled and completed independently by students who opt to sit the BJC examinations. The Social Studies examination requires students to complete coursework, and students are expected to complete this on their own. Students will write the BJC examinations at St Andrew's and an examination schedule will be sent home at a later date in the new year.

The letter must be signed by parents and/or guardians and sent back to the homeroom teacher along with payment for the examinations. BJC subjects cost \$5 each, plus a \$5 entry fee per student. If you are paying by cheque please make it payable to St Andrew's School. Registration ends November 30 therefore all letters with payment should be in to the Secondary Office by November 30th.

A receipt for the registered subjects will be sent home at a later date.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

**Cold weather option** for uniforms is as follows:

#### Girls


1. Navy blue or white tights
2. Navy blue trousers (not denim, corduroy or faded – not tight fitting or overly baggy)
3. The school sweatshirt or a plain navy V-necked sweater, cardigan or wind breaker. No hoods.

#### Boys

1. The school sweatshirt or a plain navy V-necked sweater, cardigan or wind breaker. No hoods.

### St Andrew's School Ties – Boys Only

A school tie must be worn from November 26<sup>th</sup> until the Easter vacation



St Andrew's School  
presents

The **BEST**  
Worst  
Christmas  
Pageant  
**EVER!**

*Written by Barbara Robinson.*

*A Samuel French Production.*

Wed. November 28th to Fri. November 30th , 2012

St. Andrew's School Auditorium

at 7:00 pm.

Tickets: \$10 for Adults \$5 for Children and Students

Sold at Main Office beginning Nov. 19th



**The primary art teacher wants to help YOU clean out your closets!!**

She is looking for the following items:

- blocks, Lego, or other building toys
- old frames (ugly or broken ones too!)

Please drop off any of these items to the primary art room (room 20 - upstairs primary block).



# PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

**Please Remember: The ELC is a 'Nut Free' section of the school!**

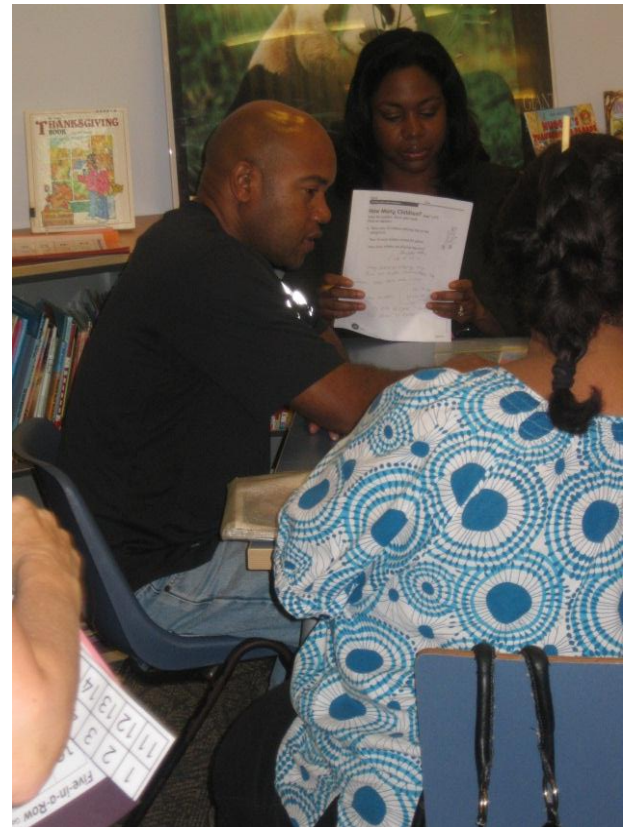
We express sincere thanks for your efforts in keeping the Early learning Center "Nut Free." **However, it has become necessary to ensure that all classes in the Infant School (Years 2 to Pre School) are nut free.** Parents of Years 1 and 2, please refer to yesterday's letter. We do remind and encourage you to ensure that food items containing nut or nut traces not be included in lunch or snack items sent to school as we do have a number of students with severe allergies to nuts. It is indeed our duty to protect all students from harm while in our care.

## School for Parents

On the evening of Monday the nineteenth of November the library became a multi-leveled mathematics classroom. Primary parents from Years 1 through 6 came out in good numbers to participate in our first 'School for Primary Parents'. It was a fun and informative evening for all as parents gained insight into our methods, strategies and approach to the teaching of mathematics and we appreciated listening to our parents share their questions, thoughts and experiences.

**School will be in session again.  
DON'T MISS IT!**











## Dates to Remember

### **St. Andrew's Week!**

Sunday November 25.....	St. Andrew's Day Service (St. Andrew's Kirk 10:30am)
Tuesday November 27 .....	Eco Expo (3 – 6pm)
Wednesday November 28 .....	'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever'
Thursday November 29 .....	'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever'
Thursday November 29 .....	Eco Tree Planting and Sale
Friday November 30 .....	'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever'
Friday November 30 .....	International Day

Thursday December 6 .....	3-Way Conferences
Monday December 10 .....	ELC Holiday Concert (4:00pm)
Tuesday December 18 .....	Holiday Celebrations & Santa's Visit
Wednesday December 19 .....	Noon Dismissal for Christmas Break

[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](#)**