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Sunday January 8, 2024.

Dear HSS Stakeholders,

Happy New Year, and welcome to our milestone 100th issue! As we step into 2024, we are thrilled to share the exciting transformations that have taken place over the winter break, making our campus even more vibrant and conducive to learning.

Campus Enhancements: A Renewed Haven

Over the break, our dedicated maintenance team worked tirelessly to enhance the physical environment of our beloved school. The campus now boasts fresh coats of paint across all classrooms, bathrooms and our auditorium; meticulous landscaping, rejuvenated floor treatments, upgraded bathroom facilities, and improvements to the electrical system and air conditioning. These enhancements are a testament to our commitment to providing a topnotch learning space for our students.

Ongoing Improvements: Fencing and More

While much progress has been made, we want to keep you informed about the ongoing improvements. The installation of new fencing is underway, adding an extra layer of security to our school grounds. Landscaping efforts continue to unfold, ensuring a picturesque and welcoming environment for all. Additionally, painting projects are ongoing, giving our classrooms and common areas a refreshed look. We appreciate your patience as we bring these projects to completion.

Community Initiatives: EYP-J1 Classroom Toy Drives

We extend our sincere appreciation to all those who participated in the toy drives for our Early Years Programme (EYP) and Junior 1 (J1) class groups. Your generosity is profoundly influencing the classroom environment for our youngest students, nurturing their creativity and play. As we continue this initiative, we invite parents to join us on this journey, as there is still a considerable distance ahead. We currently require play mats, mobiles, building blocks, play dough, and art and craft materials to further enhance our learning spaces.





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Student Spotlight: Congratulations, Karan Samtani!

We take immense pride in congratulating Karan Samtani on his outstanding achievements. Placing 12th in Jamaica for CAPE MOB Unit 1 and 32nd for CAPE Economics Unit 1 is a remarkable feat, especially as we mark the successful completion of the first year of our sixth form program. Well done, Karan!

Upcoming Events: Save the Dates!

- **January 8th:** School resumes for all class groups with an extended general devotion. Welcome back, students!
- **January 9th-12th:** Christmas Term Alternate exam sittings will be available for students with approved absences.
- **January 11th:** Join us for the HSS Parenting Priorities Webinar #1, a virtual vision boarding session for parents and students.
- January 12th: Indulge in delicious treats at the HSS Fun Food Sale, and don't miss the HSS Breakfast Sale on January 16th to kick off your morning with a smile!
- **January 18th:** The HSS Parenting Priorities Webinar #2 will address cybersecurity concerns and best practices.
- January 19th: HSS Blood Drive on campus.
- January 24th-26th: HSS Parents and Teachers Conference for S1-S6 class groups.
- January 27th: Come and participate in HSS Club House, a fresh monthly addition tailored for our young learners aged 3-6 years. All children are invited to enjoy a day of arts and crafts along with structured play.

Friendly Reminders:

- 1. **Campus Etiquette:** Kindly refrain from blowing horns on campus to maintain a peaceful learning environment.
- 2. **Proper Item Labeling:** Ensure that all items for your child are appropriately labeled to prevent any mix-ups.
- 3. **Timely Tuition Payments:** Please note that late tuition fees incur a 10% penalty, which must be settled for financial clearance.
- 4. **Parents Conference for S3-S6:** If you plan to attend the upcoming Parents Conference for students in S3-S6, appointments are required for a smoother and more personalized experience.
- 5. **PE Gear Requirement:** For active participation in Physical Education activities, students are <u>required</u> to wear the school's designated PE gear. Please coordinate the purchase of these items through the school office.





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Opening Prayer for the Week - Welcoming 2024

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we gather at the beginning of this new week and embark on the journey of a brand new year, we lift our hearts in gratitude and reverence to You. We thank You for the gift of life, for the opportunities that lie ahead, and for the blessings that continue to unfold in our lives. In this season of new beginnings, we seek Your guidance and wisdom, Lord. Grant us the strength to embrace the challenges that may come our way and the resilience to overcome them. May Your light illuminate our path, showing us the way forward in every decision we make.

Lord, as we set our goals and aspirations for the year ahead, instill in us a spirit of perseverance, kindness, and compassion. May our actions reflect the love and grace that You abundantly bestow upon us. We pray for our school community, that it may be a place of inspiration, growth, and mutual support. Bless our students with a hunger for knowledge, our teachers with patience and wisdom, and our parents with the understanding and encouragement needed to nurture their children.

As we face the uncertainties of the future, let us find solace in Your promises, trusting that You hold the blueprint of our lives. May this week mark the beginning of a journey filled with achievements, joy, and a deepened connection with You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.