

Sunday January 21, 2024.

Dear HSS Stakeholders,

Happy Sunday! As we come together for our weekly reflection, I wish to express my genuine gratitude for your outstanding support and enthusiastic engagement in the various activities organized at our school this week. Your ongoing serves as a constant source of encouragement for our dedicated planning team.

The **HSS Cybersecurity webinar** offered valuable insights into digital safety, while the **HSS Breakfast Sale** not only brought us together but also funded the ongoing repairs and cleanup exercises conducted over the weekend. The **HSS Blood Drive** exemplified the spirit of giving back, and the **HSS Vision Boarding** session enabled us to collaboratively envision our aspirations for the future.

Your attendance, backing, and eagerness have significantly enhanced the lively atmosphere of our school community. Let us sustain and amplify this positive momentum, nurturing a culture of teamwork and joint achievement.

Upcoming Events: Save the Dates!

- January 22: General devotion begins 8:15am.
- January 24th-26th: HSS Parents and Teachers Conference for S3-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.
- January 27th-28th CSEC & CAPE Weekend Marathons
- February 12th Sports Day
- **February 13th- 16th** Ash Wednesday Mid-Term Break
- **February 19**th School resumes for all class groups.
- March 28th Easter Play

*Virtual parent-teacher conferences are available for all class groups except our CSEC & CAPE exam groups (S3-S5). Parents and caregivers of these groups are required to participate physically with their child/ward present. Please use the provided link to schedule your session with our senior school teachers. <u>HSS Parent Teacher Conference – Heinz Simonitsch</u> <u>School</u> . Additionally, for EYP-J6 class groups, class teachers will make individual arrangements with their respective parents for both physical and virtual sessions.



Program Reminders:

- 1. Ready, Set, Maths!
 - Led by Mr. Gallimore and Mr. Keith, this initiative aims to enhance the mathematical skills of our S1-S3 students. Extra lessons during lunch breaks and after-school will commence this week. To enroll your child, please contact <u>dkeith@heinz.school</u>. Sessions have started.

2. Junior School Music Program

 Exciting news for music enthusiasts! Our revamped music education program now offers in-school classes twice a week at a subsidized rate of \$5,000.00 per term. Additional after-school classes on Mondays & Wednesdays (2:30-4 pm) are available for \$30,000.00 per term. Led by the talented Mr. Green, the program also includes a Saturday Band Camp on campus from 12:30 pm-2:30 pm at a daily rate of \$3,000. Classes start this week. We kindly request parents who have outstanding payments to complete them urgently to ensure uninterrupted sessions. Your support is crucial in making this program possible.

3. Robotics Club

- Led by Mr. Keith, our Robotics Club promises an educational and enjoyable experience fostering cognitive and spatial growth. Hurry, there are only 4 spots remaining! If you are interested, please email <u>robotics@heinz.school</u> to secure your spot.
- 4. HSS Choir: Harmonize and Elevate Together!
 - The success of our school choir last term has led to expansion! If you have a
 passion for singing and would like to be part of this incredible ensemble, we
 welcome you to join! Enroll by reaching out to our dedicated team lead, Miss Ellis,
 at <u>rellis@heinz.school</u>. Beyond creating beautiful music, our choir will play a
 crucial role in enriching our weekly devotions.

Don't miss out on these exciting opportunities for growth and enrichment at HSS!



Easter Play 2024 Auditions Announcement

Attention all aspiring actors! Auditions for the Easter Play 2024 will take place this Tuesday and Thursday during the lunch break in the library. Check out the lines below for the main roles.

Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your talent!

Play Summary: "Resurrection Hope: A Journey through Shadows"

Characters:

- 1. Narrator
- 2. Maria (Modern interpretation of Mary)
- 3. Jesse (Modern interpretation of Jesus)
- 4. Disciples (Pete, Jon, Jamie, and others)
- 5. Roman Officer
- 6. Angel
- 7. Three Friends (Mia, Jamie, and Sam)

Audition Lines:

- 1. **Narrator:** "In the heart of the city, amidst skyscrapers and neon lights, Jesse, a charismatic figure, gathers his followers for a moment of reflection and prayer."
- 2. **Maria:** "As the digital dust settles, Jesse's 'body' is placed in a virtual tomb, a secure server with a password-protected entrance."
- 3. **Jesse:** "In the digital era, I face trial and ridicule on social platforms, but I willingly accept the sacrifice for the greater good."
- 4. Disciples (Pete): "We're just sharing positivity, officer."
- 5. Roman Officer: "What's going on here? Disturbing the peace?"
- 6. **Angel:** "Fear not. Jesse is not confined here. He has transcended the digital realm, just as he promised."
- Three Friends (Mia): "Look, the virtual tomb is empty! Something extraordinary has happened!"



Staff Spotlight:

- Recognizing Devon Keith for spearheading the planning of our cybersecurity forum and vision boarding session.
- Applauding Shannon Whitter for her leadership in organizing the recent playdate and our inaugural HSS Blood Drive.
- Commending Samoy Mitchell and Georgy-Ann Brown for their exceptional leadership in coordinating our Breakfast Sale Fundraiser.

Student Spotlight:

- Acknowledging Aliana Walters for her remarkable leadership and commitment in managing our daily transportation services on the Ocho Rios bus. Over the past weekend, she provided unwavering support throughout the transition to new service providers, even going the extra mile by joining me early last Monday to guide the new operators, ensuring a seamless service delivery. Congratulations, Aliana! Your contribution was indispensable, and we truly appreciate your dedication.
- Commending Amanda Lachapel for her exceptional support in managing our daily transportation services on our Falmouth bus.
- Applauding Yohann Doshi for his unwavering support in facilitating our daily transportation services on our Montego Bay bus.
- Commending Dustin Crawford for his exceptional leadership and dedication to our blood drive. His efforts in mobilizing the Senior 6 students resulted in outstanding support.



Prayer for the week:

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we embark on this new week, we seek Your guidance and blessings. Grant us the wisdom to deepen our understanding, the strength to offer unwavering support, and the spirit of collaboration to foster unity among us.

Help us recognize the value in comprehending the perspectives of others, for in understanding, we find compassion. May we be pillars of support for one another, lifting each other in times of need and celebrating victories together.

Instill in our hearts a commitment to collaboration, recognizing that together we can achieve far more than we can alone. May our endeavors be marked by shared goals, shared efforts, and shared successes.

Lord, we entrust this week into Your hands, asking for Your grace to guide us in every interaction and decision. May the bonds of understanding, support, and collaboration strengthen our community and lead us to a week filled with purpose and accomplishment.

In Your Holy Name, we pray, Amen.