



Sunday February 4, 2024.

Dear HSS Stakeholders,

As the curtains close on the month of January, where new ideas and initiatives breathed life into our vibrant new school campus, we eagerly anticipate the adventures awaiting us in February. This February, we find significance in the celebration of Reggae Month, intertwining our observance of Black History Month and Jamaica Day activities. Join us in a month-long journey, filled with educational initiatives, cultural events, and engaging activities, as we honor the rich heritage and musical legacy that shape our community.

Upcoming Events: Save the Dates!

- February 5th- HSS vs. Ebony Grove High School at Paisley Ground
- **February 6th Jamaica** Speech-Language & Hearing Diaspora Association (JASHDA) virtual awareness session for senior students.
- February 8th- HSS vs. Achievers High School at Paisley Ground
- **February 13**th- **16**th Ash Wednesday Mid-Term Break
- February 19th School resumes for all class groups.
- February 23rd- Jamaica Day 2024 & Club Expo
- March 28th HSS Easter Play

Updates:

- 1. **Sports Day Postponement Notice**: Due to the school's participation in the JISA U19 Football Competitions, Sports Day has been postponed. Unfortunately, the scheduled football match on the same date cannot be rescheduled. We appreciate your understanding and will provide an update with the new Sports Day date shortly.
- **2. Junior School Football Training Schedule:** Junior School Football Training is set to resume this week with sessions every Wednesday and Friday from 1:45 pm to 3:00 pm, conducted by Mr. Astilla. To participate, kindly register at the school's office.
- 3. **Ash Wednesday Mid-Term Break:** Please be reminded that the school will close for the Ash Wednesday mid-term break on Friday, February 9, 2024. We will resume regular activities on Monday, February 19, 2024. Wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable break!





Reminders:

- 1. Parent-Teacher Consultations: A friendly reminder to all parents to schedule appointments with your child's teachers for the ongoing consultation sessions. These discussions are vital for fostering student development and ensuring their overall wellbeing.
- 2. **Uniform Re-Stock Final Call:** We are pleased to announce that our uniforms, including house shirts, have been re-stocked. This will be the last re-stock for the current school year. Please visit the school office to make your purchases and ensure your child is well-equipped for the remainder of the academic year.
- 3. **Daily Breakfast at Tuckshop:** Don't forget, breakfast is available daily at the school's tuckshop. Ensure your child starts the day with a nutritious meal to fuel their learning journey.

Staff Spotlight:

- Ms. Dana-Lee Foote Performing Arts Extraordinaire: We extend our heartfelt
 appreciation to Ms. Dana-Lee Foote for her outstanding efforts in preparing our
 students for the JCDC competitions and her dedicated leadership in our performing
 arts programs. Her passion and commitment contribute significantly to the growth of
 our students.
- 2. Mrs. Fabeon Houston PEP Exam Champion: A big round of applause for Mrs. Fabeon Houston, who has been a pillar of support in preparing our students for their upcoming PEP examinations. Mrs. Houston goes above and beyond by conducting marathon preparation sessions on the weekends, ensuring our students are well-equipped for success.
- 3. Ms. Moya Reid Resilience and Support: We commend Ms. Moya Reid for her remarkable resilience and unwavering support in re-settling her J1 class group. This school year presented challenges, including changes in teaching staff, and Ms. Reid handled it with grace and effectiveness. Her dedication to her students has played a pivotal role in overcoming the initial hurdles, and we are grateful for her exceptional work.





Student Highlights:

- Dustin Crawford Exemplary Leadership in Prefect Association Week: We applaud
 Dustin Crawford for his outstanding leadership initiative during the Prefect
 Association's week-long celebration. His dedication and commitment have not only
 made the event a success but also set a positive example for his peers. Thank you,
 Dustin, for your exceptional contributions to our school community.
- 2. Julieta Bueno, Elianna Sarita, Aliana Walters, Kyle-Anthony Brown, and Karan Samtani Exemplary Contribution to Collaborative Exchange: A heartfelt acknowledgment goes to our students for their outstanding leadership and representation in our collaborative exchange with Cornwall College. These students have not only exemplified our school's values but have also cultivated positive connections with our counterparts. We express our gratitude for their dedicated efforts in ensuring this exchange is a meaningful and enriching experience for everyone involved.

Community Service Outreach: Toy and Stationery Drive for Mafessanti Basic School

Join us in spreading joy this term by contributing to our Toy and Stationery Drive for Mafessanti Basic School. Drop off donations at the school's office by February 7, and let us make a positive impact together on February 8, 2024. Your generosity can enhance the learning experience for these students in our community.





Prayer for the week:

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we enter the month of February, we bow our heads in gratitude for the opportunities and blessings You have bestowed upon us. We seek Your guidance, Lord, to keep us grounded, focused, and humble on this journey.

Grant us the strength to focus on growth rather than results, understanding that true success lies in continuous improvement and learning. May our endeavors be guided by Your wisdom, and may we find joy in the process of capacity building, never settling for complacency.

Lord, instill in us a spirit of humility that allows us to acknowledge our strengths and weaknesses, always looking to You for guidance and support. May our actions and aspirations be aligned with Your divine purpose for our lives.

As we navigate the challenges of February, may Your presence be a constant source of strength. Help us to cultivate patience, perseverance, and faith, knowing that Your plan for us is greater than we can imagine.

In this month of growth and renewal, may we be instruments of Your grace, spreading love and kindness to those around us. May our hearts be open to receive Your blessings and share them with others.

Lord, we surrender our plans and ambitions to You, trusting that Your divine hand will lead us on the path of righteousness. Keep us focused on the journey, not just the destination.

In Your name, we pray. Amen.