

“Success is the perfection of detail”

Sunday April 28, 2024.

Dear HSS Stakeholders,

Happy Sunday! We are thrilled to share some wonderful news from our Junior 6 cohort. This past week marked the completion of their final PEP examinations, and we could not be prouder of their achievements. Congratulations to our Junior 6 students and gratitude to their dedicated teachers and parents for their unwavering support and guidance throughout this journey. Here is a heartfelt reflection from their teachers, Miss McCalla, Ms. Foote and Mrs. Houston:

"P.E.P WOES OVER"

"After eight months of intense preparation, our Junior 6 students can finally catch their breath. Throughout this rigorous period, they tackled countless assignments, practice papers, extra lessons, and even weekend marathons, all while juggling extracurricular activities. There were moments when parents expressed concern, questioning the difficulty level of the material and its relevance. Similarly, students voiced their frustrations about the workload and challenges. However, as each exam concluded, their complaints transformed into expressions of gratitude. They left the exam room with smiles, acknowledging the thorough preparation with comments like 'Miss, you went above and beyond' and 'Your worksheets were tougher than P.E.P itself' – our personal favorite being 'We were over prepared.'

Witnessing their readiness for each exam filled our hearts with joy. As the Grade Six P.E.P exam season draws to a close, we want to impart this message to our students: Success isn't solely measured by grades but by the effort invested and the lessons learned along the way. Embrace your hard work and determination, knowing that this journey is just beginning. Keep pursuing your goals, remain curious, and never stop learning. You have given your best, and that is an achievement to be proud of. Best of luck on the road ahead!"

Special Thank You:

We wish to extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated parent volunteers who have generously contributed their time and effort to lead our recent events, both on and off campus. We would like to specially acknowledge Mr. Rampolton and Mrs. Chin-Campbell for their invaluable assistance during the recent field trip for our Pre-K and Kindergarten groups. Additionally, we extend our sincerest thanks to Mrs. Fausnaught and Mrs. McInnis for their unwavering commitment during our recent on-campus book fair, where they graciously dedicated their entire day to support our school community. Your selfless contributions are truly appreciated, and we are immensely grateful for your continued support.

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Upcoming Events: Save the Dates!

- **May 1st** – Education Month celebrations begin with an on campus broadcast with Bess100’ FM
- **May 3rd** – Sports Day 2024: our Sports Day will be held at the **Hilton Sports Field.**
- **May 7th**- Teachers’ Day 2024 (Early dismissal at 1pm for all class groups).
 - **Character Day**
 - **Robotics Expo**
- **May 8th**- Read Across Jamaica Day
- **May 8th-15th**- Mid-Term exams for all class groups.
- **May 17th**- Progress Report Release Day.
 - **Fun Day & Last School Day**
- **May 20th** – Staff Training
- **May 20th- 24th**- Labour Day Mid-Term Break for students.
- **May 27th**- School resumes for all class groups.

Updates:

1. **May: Celebrating Education Stakeholders:** As we enter May, it is time to celebrate our education stakeholders, including our dedicated teachers and hardworking students. Throughout the month, we have planned various events on campus aimed at celebration the achievements of our students and teachers. We invite all parents to actively engage and participate in these events to support our school community.
2. **Senior School Outreach Activities in May:** Our senior school students have exciting plans for outreach activities in May. They will be leading efforts to support Tower Hill Primary School and Mafessanti Basic School by donating stationary items and arts & crafts materials. Additionally, our students will take on the role of lead learners on designated dates, providing them with valuable leadership experiences. To maximize participation, target sheets will be distributed to class groups. Let us work together to make a difference in the lives of others.
3. **Mid-term Exam Reminder:** A friendly reminder that mid-term exams will commence on May 8th. We encourage all students to begin their revision activities in preparation for these exams. Starting early will help ensure success and alleviate any unnecessary stress.

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Prayer for the week:

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come before you with hearts full of gratitude and praise. We thank you for the abundant blessings you have bestowed upon us, for the gift of life, and for the opportunity to come together as a community of learners and educators.

Today, we lift up our Junior 6 students in prayer, celebrating the completion of their final PEP examinations. Their journey has been one of perseverance, dedication, and growth, and we are immensely proud of their achievements. We thank you for the guidance and wisdom you have provided to them throughout their preparation, and we ask that you continue to bless them as they embark on the next chapter of their academic journey.

We also lift up our teachers and parents, who have played an instrumental role in the success of our students. Their tireless dedication, encouragement, and support have helped to shape the lives of our students in profound ways. We ask that you grant them strength, wisdom, and patience as they continue to inspire and guide the next generation of leaders and learners.

As we look ahead to the month of May, we are filled with excitement and anticipation for the events and activities that lie ahead. From Education Month celebrations to Sports Day and Teachers' Day, we are grateful for the opportunity to come together as a community to honor the dedication and hard work of our teachers and students. We ask that you bless these events and activities, that they may be filled with joy, laughter, and camaraderie.

We also ask for your blessings upon our upcoming outreach activities, as our senior school students prepare to support Tower Hill Primary School and Mafessanti Basic School. May their efforts to give back to their community be met with success and fulfillment, and may they serve as beacons of hope and inspiration to those they seek to help.

Finally, as our students prepare for mid-term exams, we ask for your guidance and wisdom to be upon them. Grant them clarity of mind, strength of spirit, and confidence in their abilities as they study and prepare. May they approach each challenge with courage and determination, knowing that you are with them every step of the way.

In your name, we pray, Amen.