Principal’s Corner

“If you knew how much went into it ..... You would not call it genius”

- Michelangelo

Read more from Mr. Robert Stitch...

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October 10th, 2014

“If you knew how much went into it ….. You would not call it genius” Michelangelo

The last couple of weeks have been extremely busy here at St. Andrew’s School. We have had the Ty Bethel Fund Raiser, Inter House Quiz’s, Awards Ceremonies and the Scholarship Reception. Next week, as well as a Public Holiday, we have Parent Teacher Conferences, the National Arts Festival Celebration Concert and the Swim Gala’s. SAS certainly is a busy place these days.

The Award Ceremonies were a time of celebration of achievement and it was fantastic to recognize the efforts of so many students. As stated in both my remarks at the Middle and Upper School Awards I would like to see more boys receiving awards. This is really important for the future of both SAS and the Bahamas. Next year we will also have awards for Service and also for most improved in the Middle School. I made an error in my speech during the Upper School Awards as mentioned that most improved awards would also be a development that I would like to see in this section of the school. I am really glad that these awards already exist I would really like to add my congratulations to the students for the effort that has gone into improving performance in each of the subject areas.

The Scholarship Reception on Monday evening was a lovely event. All the new board members were present as were a large number of the teaching and administrative staff. I was great to celebrate and welcome the five new scholarship students into the SAS family. I want to say special thanks to the sponsors of these scholarship students. If there are any parents out there that would like to be involved in the sponsorship programme please contact me. The inclusive and diverse nature of our student community is something of which we should be very proud.

The new board of St. Andrew’s has now been formed. The board had an induction and training session on 27th September. The role of the board is to support myself as Principal with development and management of SAS. I am confident that this new board will help to move the school forward over the coming years. A full write up about the new board is attached.

Dairy Date: On Tuesday 28th October I will be presenting to the teaching staff regarding the Strategic Plan for the coming year and beyond. The school library will be closed that day from 3-30pm. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Robert Stitch
Principal

Back to Heads Up
Welcome to New Board of Directors for SY – 2014/2015

St. Andrews School is pleased to announce and welcome to its family the following new members to the School’s Board of Directors, for the S/Y 2014-15. In an effort to be more inclusive, newer members were selected to represent key constituencies within the school community. With this in mind, the new members come to the Board representing our alumni, the Foundation, PTA and SASTA, along with others who were selected for the professional skills they can bring to the table. All Directors started their new term of office by attending a full day Board Orientation Workshop on Saturday, September 27th.

Now ready to take on their new roles as Directors are:

Hanna Smith has two children at St. Andrews, in Pre-Reception and in Year 5. She is a past PTA Class Parent and brings her CPA experience to the Board.

Lynden Maycock has three children at St. Andrews, in Pre-Reception, in Year 4 and in Year 5. He also brings his CPA experience to the Board.

Jason McCarroll has two children at St. Andrews, in Year 1 and in Year 4. He is a former student of St. Andrews.

Ana Elisa Wassitsch has two children here at St. Andrews, in Year 8 and in Year 11. She has been a member of the PTA for the past two years, first as a Class Parent and most recently as the PTA Secretary.

Bradley Smith has three children here at St. Andrews, in Year 2, in Year 4 and in Year 9. He brings to the board his experience in business.

Barbara Thompson is the St. Andrew’s School Foundation Chairperson and parent of two former St. Andrew’s students. She was also a past Board member and Chairperson before joining the Foundation.

Pia Farmer is a Trustee for the St. Andrews School Foundation and parent of two former St. Andrew’s students.

Shelly Nairn has one child in Year 12. She has been a member of the PTA for many years and is currently the PTA Treasurer. She is also the parent of one former St. Andrews student.

Jessica Waugh is the SASTA President and is a Year 6 teacher here at St. Andrew’s.

Returning Directors were elected to fill the Executive Positions of the Board:

LeRoy Archer – Chairman
Andrew Saunders – Vice Chairman
Glen Ritchie – Finance Chair
Kathleen Treco - Secretary
Sitting L-R: Hanna Smith, Robert Stitch (Principal), Kathleen Treco (Secretary), LeRoy Archer (Chairman)
Glen Ritchie (Finance Chair),
Shelly Nairn (PTA Rep/Ex Officio), Lynden Maycock.

Standing L-R: Bradley Smith, Jason McCarroll, Andrew Saunders (Vice Chairman), Ana Elisa Wassitsch,
Barbara Thompson (Foundation),
Pia Farmer (Foundation)

Not pictured: Jessica Waugh (SASTA Rep/Ex Officio)
# Primary School Events

**Mark Your Calendars**

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*Back to Heads Up*
Secondary School Events

Mark Your Calendars

Monday October 13th       Public Holiday (No School)
Tuesday October 14th      Parent Teacher Conferences (8:30-4:45)
Wednesday October 15th    PSAT (Yr10 & 11)
Wednesday October 15th    Celebration of the Arts (7pm)
Thursday October 16th     Swim Gala (12:30-3:15) & Hall Opening
Monday October 20th to Friday October 24th   Mid-term Break (No School)
Friday October 31st       PTA Halloween Book & Bake Sale

Back to Heads Up
'In order to succeed your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure.' (Bill Cosby)

This week has seen three of my favourite Ceremonies. The first was the MS Awards Ceremony on Monday morning. In the evening I attended the Scholarship Reception and Tuesday morning we had the US Awards Ceremony. All three ceremonies had guest speakers who were students from St Andrew’s. New Head Boy and Girl, Mikhail Bethel and Alexandra Mittens spoke during the Middle School Ceremony, Nicholas Knowles, and Year 13, spoke during the Upper School Ceremony and Kirquenique Rolle and Sherman Smith, Year 13, spoke at the Scholarship Reception.

All speeches were excellent, well delivered and contained a common theme about working hard to reach your own goals, whatever they are. One speaker even talked about how upset he was by not being on the Principal’s List. He then went on to say that you should not be discouraged as any goal is in site for everyone with hard work and determination. Mr Stitch talked about determination and how you need to practice for 10,000 hours to be very successful at something. Nicholas explained that his desire to attend Yale University is driving him forward and is what has made him very passionate about his studies and CAS activities.

I believe in that we are all good at something and we should follow our passions; mine are Mathematics, Science and Engineering. This makes me a big fan of Thomas Edison and I would like to add that to achieve success we need, as Edison said, ‘10% inspiration and 90% perspiration’. To those students who didn’t make the Honour Role or Principal list, I ask that you don’t give up and keep pushing to do as well as you can because next year you may be on one of the lists or receiving an award for most improved.

I have had several emails of praise for the Guest Speakers and formally pass on our your thanks to them. I would also like to thank the Secondary Choir for preforming so well and all those involved in preparing for both days. Talking of the Creative Arts at St Andrew’s I would like to invite parents to our ‘Celebration of the Arts’ that will be in the Hall on Wednesday 15th October starting at 7pm.

Have an enjoyable long weekend.

Yours

Paul Toomer
Head of Secondary
UPPER SCHOOL AWARDS CEREMONY

The Upper School Awards ceremony for the school year 2013-2014 took place on Tuesday, October 7; the following students received awards.

**HONOR ROLL STUDENTS – GPA 3.30 – 3.69**

**YEAR 10**

Sophia Alexiou  
*Juliette Eyers  Hope Nevins  
Brooke Assee  Celina Gomez  Rhema Nottage  
Kristin Bowleg  Frances Hawkins  Nicholas Rahming  
Barry Chea  Shanria Jolly  Jason Ren  
Reune Cooper  Naomi Maycock  Kaitlyn Slatter  
Lili Coyle  Victoria Mittens  Helena Wassitsch

**YEAR 11**

Mikhail Bethell  Rebekah Burrows  Derick McIntosh  Karina Stirling

**PRINCIPAL’S LIST – GPA 3.70 and Above**

**YEAR 10**

Hannah Albury  
*Alyssa Iferenta  
*Quinn O’Brien  
*Lily Scanlan  
Janae Seymour  
Jaye Milena Thompson

**YEAR 11**

Ebony Miller  
Alexandra Mittens  
Katya Saunders
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The guest speaker for the Awards Ceremony was Nicholas Knowles, present Year 13, and Head Boy 2013-2014.

**US STUDENT COUNCIL**

The Executive officers for school year 2014-2015 are

Reune Cooper – President
Shonte Beneby – Vice President
Raquel Bethell – Secretary
Celina Gomez – Treasurer

**Council Members**

Vandia Williams
Kennedy Lightbourne  Savannah Seymour
Amanda Pavan  Jeremy Brown
Richard Greil  Megan Kemp
Reune Cooper  Danielle Johnson
Janae Seymour  Morgan Glinton
Milena Thompson  Jason Ren
  Kristin Bowleg
Celina Gomez  Krystalanne Burrows
Bonny Xavier  HermendellMaycock
Mikhail Bethell  Shonte Beneby
Racquel Bethell  Alexandria Nairn

We are looking forward to an exciting year!

Michele Robinson
Dean of Upper School
Middle School

“Dahlicious” Roald Dahl Dress Up Day, Year 7 SURVIVAL and Awards

"A picture is worth a thousand words"

Middle School students are multifaceted individuals and every day at school they encounter many new and interesting challenges – inside and outside the classroom. This week in Heads Up we share photographs that will help you to visualize the life of a middle school student, their learning achievements, activities and celebration!

Year 7 students created costumes for characters from Roald Dahl’s wonderful novels for children. On the right are two different versions of one well-loved character Willy Wonka, from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.
SURVIVAL at ROSE ISLAND October 2nd – The journey of survival begins! Teams at the dock with Mrs. Missick and Mr. Lowe, chaperones and departing the harbour.

SOS signs made from whatever the teams can find on the beach
Shelter is an important part of the SURVIVAL challenge and teams were allowed one sheet or tarp and were required to design the shelter using other items washed ashore! Mr. Cooper (left) carefully assesses team Bahama Sharks on team cooperation and the integrity of the shelter.

Team member Gabriela Queiroz De Moraes focuses on securing corners of the shelter for team Bamboo Shack.
Survival teams first worked together to secure the shelter and SOS signals, in the hopes of being rescued from Rose Island on October 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 2014.

Team Bush Mechanics shown at the top, team Deadly Coconuts, in the middle, and team 242 Survival all worked together to ensure they could receive full points for the SURVIVAL challenges!
Making a cup from a coconut and other tools for survival were successfully completed by team Bush Mechanics
Alejandro de Cardenas and Alexander Baxter
Solar stills for purification of water......and more SOS signals for rescue!
Some team building “fun” challenges worked better than others!
Team 242 SURVIVORS

Team BUSH MECHANICS – is that Ms Morgan bottom right?
Team BAHAMA SHARKS after several attempts!

Making use of old nets washed ashore to catch food ....excellent teamwork for The Islanders
.............and finally an array of camouflage hats!

Animal traps from team Bahama Mumas and team Surviving Conchs!
SURVIVAL RAFT Building began October 7th for the Raft Race Challenge on
October 10th at the St Andrew’s Pool 1:30 pm!
Middle School Awards Assembly October 6th, 2014

Year 7 Principals List GPA 3.70

Nathan Heastie, Elizabeth Cates, Ashay Kumar, Mr. Stitch, William Cash, Brooke Assee (Harrison Buckner absent)
Year 7 Honour Roll 3.50 to 3.69

Year 8 Principals List GPA 3.70

Nathalia Chiesa, Taylor Higgs, Charlotte Nevins, Brennan Hood, Mr. Stitch, Samantha Mikhail, Geonelle Ifill, Giana Ifill, Luke Carey
Year 8 Honour Roll 3.50 to 3.69

Year 9 Principals List GPA 3.70

Trevayne Burrows, Mr. Stitch, Celine Seymour, Juliette Alliata* in abstentia
Year 9 Honour Roll 3.50 to 3.69

Middle School Head Boy and Head Girl 2014 – 2015

Luke Carey and Emily Fountain
St Andrew’s School Colours

Awarded to junior team members for inter school competitions and who participated at a high level of consistency and sportsmanship in a team or individual sport.

Sports Colours

Aaron Bastian, Julian Brown Jr., Jacob Charles, Joseph Edgecombe, ReJohn Ene, Thomas Pinder, Taja Scriven, Savannah Seymour, Alicia Telle and Ethan Willie

House Colours

Carib

Cochise Burrows, ReJohn Ene, Kimani Miller, Thomas Pinder, Taja Scriven, Savannah Seymour, Ethan Willie

LUCAYAN

Julian Brown Jr., Mollie McDermott, Celine Seymour

ARAWAK

Aaron Bastian, Azelia Jones Pennerman, Joshua Roberts, Alec Sands, Alicia Telle

TAINO

Joseph Edgecombe, Lauren Knowles, William Russell

Kathryn Dillette

Dean of Middle School
NOTICE!

The INFANT SCHOOL is a ‘Nut Free’ section of the school!

All classes in the Infant School (Years 2 to Pre School) are nut free. 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.

Please also respect our NUT FREE classes and areas in the Junior Primary.

OUR EARLY LEARNING CENTRE IS A STRAWBERRY FREE SECTION OF THE SCHOOL

Primary Parent/Teacher Conferences

The Primary School will be holding Parent – Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, Thursday and Monday, October 29th, 30th and November 3rd. These conferences serve as an opportunity to discuss your child’s transition to a new year level and settling in issues that may have arisen in the first weeks of school. It is also an opportunity to focus on short term goals and strategies that can become the basis for establishing the best school year possible.

These meetings are 15 minutes long and you may sign up for a time either before or after school as indicated on the ‘sign up’ sheet posted outside your child’s classroom. If you would like to meet with a learning support or specialist teacher, please contact the teacher directly to schedule a time.

‘Sign Up’ sheets are posted outside of classrooms.

We look forward to your participation in these conferences.
Sustained inquiry forms the centerpiece of the written, taught and assessed curriculum in IB programmes. IB programmes feature structured inquiry both into established bodies of knowledge and into complex problems. Professional Development is a hallmark of a school whose focus is on the quality of student learning and equipping the teaching staff to deliver the learning environment and opportunities for students to thrive. Professional Development is an essential element to the Primary Years Programme.

Thirty-three members of our primary faculty, staff and administration will participate in and IB PYP Workshop on ‘INQUIRY’ here at school next month. These committed teachers and assistants will not only give up personal time both weekend days of November 8th and 9th, but will also prepare themselves with a 3 hour online session prior to the workshop. This Level 3 IB workshop will be led by Terri Garvin and Anne Grisham and will serve to bring to us best practices, strategies and structures in the area of inquiry based teaching and learning. We look forward to sharing the gains of this experience with your children and with you.
Year 2 Takes a Hike at the Bahamas National Trust Gardens

To culminate our transdisciplinary theme ‘Who we are’ we embarked on a unit of inquiry on human survival. Year Two took a trip to the Bahamas National Trust Gardens. We explored our “Rainforest”, watched a film entitled ‘The Two Brothers of the Rainforest’ and made headbands of rainforest animals. We discovered a pigmy boa on the grounds and identified trees that would also be grown in tropical rainforests. We discussed the importance of saving the rainforest and what we can do to help. Fun, hands-on learning was had by all!
Year Six had a great time visiting the National Art Gallery of The Bahamas. Mrs. Coulson was our energetic host and she and her colleagues led our students around as we toured the exhibits. We were able to view Creation’s Grace: A Minnis Family Retrospective Exhibition. The students were able to see artwork created through a variety of different mediums. All of the pieces were based on life in The Bahamas. A great deal of the artwork we were able to see connected with the issues and powerful messages we are studying during our current unit of inquiry, which has as its central idea, Creativity can communicate powerful messages and may bring about change. After the tour, students ate lunch and completed a scavenger hunt outside.
What is the significance of the I.B Learner Profile?

A compelling component that is essential to good practice in all I.B World Schools offering the PYP is the idea and hope that all students in our program will embody the attributes of the IB Learner Profiles.

The I.B Mission Statement outlines that a student who is “internationally minded” is one that embodies the I.B Learner Profiles throughout their daily lives. In the Primary Years Programme at St. Andrew’s School, we are committed to supporting students with this. Our I.B Learner Profiles are visible in each classroom and incorporated as a focus in each new unit of inquiry. These also form the basis of our classroom essential agreements and our playground and cafeteria essential agreements.

Students are also recognised for demonstrating the I.B Learner Profiles during our PYP Star Assembly. PYP Stars are certificates given by our teachers. This assembly takes place each month and is led by the PYP Coordinator and features a learner profile for students to reflect on.

Our newest display of the I.B Learner Profiles are on murals created by the year 6 students as part of their action for their unit on Creativity. (These can be seen below.) This feature allows our students to be reminded of the values of the PYP that should support the way they speak, think and act. We encourage you to continue to make these profiles a part of your conversation with your child at home.

INQUIRERS

We nurture curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.
KNOWLEDGEABLE

We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.

THINKERS

We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyse and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.

COMMUNICATOR

We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspective of other individuals and groups.

PRINCIPLED

We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

OPEN-MINDED
We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.

CARING

We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to serve, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

RISK-TAKER

We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.

BALANCED

We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives—intellectual, physical and emotional—to achieve well-being for ourselves and others. We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live.

REFLECTIVE
Important Reminders to Start the Year

**Absence from school** – Absence from school requires a note from the parent, explaining the reason. Anticipated reasons should be given beforehand and unanticipated reasons should be given on the student’s first day back. Absences are recorded on the Edline register.

**Late for school** – Students are considered late when not in the classroom at 8:50 Infants or 8:30 Juniors. Ten minutes leeway is given (9.00am for ELC/Infants, 8.40am for Juniors) before recording an absent mark. Students who come to school after being marked absent must do the following: All infant students are taken to the classroom and the parent reports to the nurse; Year 3-6 students report to the nurse, before going to class.

**Leaving during the school day** – It is required that any student leaving or being taken from the campus while school is still in session sign a log book at the main office. This effort is to centralize all knowledge of students leaving school early in the event of an emergency. You will still be issued a slip for the security gate.

**REMINdERS from our Uniform Regulations:**

The complete list of regulations can be found on the school’s website, in junior school agendas and infant school handbooks

**Pre-school and Pre-reception**

Uniform requirements for students in these classes are the white PE shirt and navy blue shorts, both with the imprinted school logo and available at the school shop.

- White socks (not ankle socks)
- Appropriate, predominantly white or grey sports/athletic shoes – (No hi-tops. White laces only. No heelies, lights, studs, gems, graphics)

**Girls from Reception to Year 6**

- A plain A-Line sleeveless dress in blue and white striped St Andrew’s fabric. Note: the school crest, obtainable at the school shop, must be sewn on the dress centrally, 5cm or 2 ins below the neckline. The hem of the dress must fall at the knee and not shorter than 1 inch above the knee.

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*We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.*

We enjoy hearing your stories about how your child displays these I.B Learner Profiles at home. Please share your stories with your class teachers and remember, P.Y.P is the way to be!

Best,

Tamika Cartwright

Primary Years Programme Coordinator

Email: Tamika.Cartwright@st-andrews.com
• Plain blue socks that come above the shoe (Not ankle socks)
• Plain black low heeled shoes (not sports shoes, hi-tops or heels)
• Girls are encouraged to wear blue, white or black ‘bike shorts’ under their dresses.

Boys from Reception to Year 6
• A plain white, short sleeved shirt with monogrammed pocket
• A plain white T-shirt or vest underneath the monogrammed shirt (optional)
• Plain unpatterned navy blue knee length short trousers (not denim, cargo or corduroy; not faded or baggy)
• Plain black belt for Years 3 to 6 (not required in Reception and optional for Years 1 and 2)
• Navy blue socks (not ankle socks)
• Plain black shoes (not sports shoes)

PE and sports uniform for boys and girls
• St Andrew’s navy blue PE shorts with the logo
• White socks (not ankle socks)
• Appropriate, predominantly white or grey sports/athletic shoes – (No hi-tops. White laces only. No heelies, lights, studs, gems, graphics)

NB: Jewellery is not to be worn on PE days.

Hairstyles
Girls
• Girls’ hair must be neatly groomed and free of any ornamentation except for a plain navy blue, black or white band or clip
• Beaded hairstyles are not allowed
• Permanent highlights or hair colour is not allowed
• Braids or extensions must match the natural colour of the hair

Boys
• Boys’ hair must be neatly groomed and not extend below the collar, except for documented religious reasons
• Trendy, styles, cuts and designs are not allowed
• Permanent highlights or hair colour is not allowed

Very Best,
Yvette Simms
Head of Primary
THE CLASS OF 2015 PRESENTS

STUDENTS IN YEARS 3 AND UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
BRING A FLASH LIGHT FOR SPOOKY FUN!

TICKETS $10

INCLUDES: HAUNTED HOUSE, TRICK OR TREATING, GAMES, COSTUME PARADE & PRIZES

THE ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE & COSTUME PARTY
FROM 6PM TO 8PM

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD EACH MORNING:
OCT 15 - 17 & OCT 27 - 30 @8:10AM - 8:35AM

Back to Heads Up
Almost 100 St. Andrew’s students from years 8-11 saw a matinee performance of William Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet at the Dundas theatre on Wednesday 8th October.

Year 9 will study this play in English later in the year. Former St. Andrew’s student Angelique Sabrina starred as Juliet, but students were also lucky to see current year 8 student Liam Burrows playing not only the role of Tybalt but also a watchman.

(Photo caption – “I’ll not endure him!” Liam Burrows as Tybalt)

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FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

Please be reminded that tuition for the second trimester of the 2014/2015 academic year, which commences 1 December 2014, is due on or before 15 October 2014.

Billings have already been mailed. However, if you have not received your billing you may contact the Business Office to inquire on your balance. Otherwise, you may review the Tuition pages located on the School’s website, www.standrewsbahamas.com, under “Admissions/Tuition”.

If tuition is not paid in full by 15 October 2014, the payment of tuition will be considered late. In this instance, your child/children’s name(s) will be removed from the class list and a re-enrollment fee of $500 per child shall become due and payable. In accordance with School policy any balance owing as of 1 December 2014 will result in your child/children being removed from classes.

If there is a waiting list for any year level, your child/children’s names will be placed on the waiting list. This means that school places for existing students will only be guaranteed to those whose tuition is paid in full on or before 15 October 2014. After that, the administration is charged to accept both existing students and new students on the waiting list on the basis of payment of tuition. Once the maximum number of students for the year level is reached, a waiting list will be re-established.

Please be reminded that School policy dictates that one (1) trimester’s notice has to be given if you are withdrawing a student. Notice is only valid if provided in written form by completing a Notice of Withdrawal Form; which can be obtained from the School’s website under “Admissions/Tuition” or from the Admissions Officer; and returning it to the Admissions Officer. A trimester’s tuition is due in lieu of giving proper notice. If the decision is not definite that you are withdrawing a student you are still required to adhere to the above policy by submitting a Notice of Withdrawal Form by the required deadline, however, you should tick “Provisional” at the top of the form. By ticking “Provisional” you are still required to pay tuition by the relevant deadline however, if you subsequently decided to withdraw the student your tuition will be refunded in full if the student has not attended classes for the trimester payment was made for.

In addition, may you please be reminded that we do not accept cash on School premises in settlement of tuition.

If you have any questions please contact the Business Office.

Sincerely,

Evanne Archer-Bowe
Financial Controller
Email: evanne.bowe@st-andrews.com

NOTE: The School’s Business Office will be open during the mid-term break.
The Ministry of Health/Department of Public Health will be administering Flu Vaccines to the St. Andrews School community on campus on October 15th, 2014 from 9:00am to 1:30pm. Interested parents may pick up consent forms from the nurses’ office and return them by October 14th, 2014 in order to receive the vaccine. Students would have received consent forms which are also to be signed by parents/guardians and returned to their home room teachers by the 12:00 on Tuesday, October 14th, 2014. Parents attending the conferences on Tuesday may return their children’s consent forms at that time.
“AN EVENING IN CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS”

A concert celebrating the achievements of St. Andrew’s School students in the Arts!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 2014

7PM

ST. ANDREW’S SCHOOL HALL
On Wednesday, 15th October, at 7pm, we will celebrate the Creative Arts with a concert that features students who participated in the 2014 E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival. We are very proud of our students, from both the primary and secondary school, and congratulate them as they continue to excel in these skills and talents!

The concert is free and refreshments will be sold in aid of Operation Smile! We look forward to seeing you there!
**Dive Club**

**Free Scuba Taster for Students in Year 8 to 13**

On Monday 3rd November, in conjunction with Bahama Divers, the dive club will hold a free scuba taster during Middle School and Upper School lunch times. Students in Y8 to Y13 are invited to take part and discover what it is like to enter the underwater realm. The event will take place in the school pool and each group that takes part will be given a thorough briefing and then will be allowed to try the scuba equipment in the pool under continual supervision of Mr. Marmion, who is a fully trained PADI scuba instructor.

To take part please complete email Mr Marmion at andrew.marmion@st-andrews.com and he will send you the relevant medical form and liability release. These forms will need to be returned to Mr. Marmion by 1pm on Friday 17th October.

**Dive Against Debris**

On the 27th September the Dive Club took part in a Dive Against Debris at Stuart Cove’s Dive Bahamas. Several of the students and teachers came out to help clean up Palace Wall, which is a dive site known for its fantastic reefs and diverse fish. In total the clean-up collected several large bags of rubbish from the site. It was a fantastic success and everyone enjoyed themselves. Stuart Cove’s will be planning another clean-up in the coming months so please watch this space if you are interested in taking part.

Please click on the picture below to view the video on the Dive Against Debris:
PTA Halloween Bake sale

Friday, 31st October, 2014

- Please donate sweet or savory treats (on disposable containers)

- Send money with your kids so they can buy sweets and treats!

- Uniform release: $3.00 With the release kids can come to school dressed in Halloween colours (orange, purple, white or black only). No costumes please!

Due to severe nut allergies in our school community we ask that you only donate items that DO NOT contain nuts!

We try our best but cannot guarantee a nut free event.

Thank you for your support!