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Parents & Guardians:

I hope that this issue of newsletter find you all with good health and strength preparing for our annual Sports Day. This is an event not to be missed so ensure that you make adequate arrangements for you to be there. Please be reminded that relatives and friends are also invited.

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCE

Parent / Teacher Conference for the Easter Term will be held on March 28, 2007 between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Parents are being asked to make every effort to attend as reports are not issued for this term.

Please make an appointment for a time on this day to speak with your child's teacher about his/her progress.

G.S.A.T.

The Grade Six Achievement Tests are scheduled for March 29th and 30th.

Parents of students sitting the exams are being asked to attend a special meeting on Wednesday, March 28th at 9:00 a.m.

The G.S.A.T timetables should be available by Friday of this week.

We would like to wish all our Grade Six students all the best in their exams.

Regular classes for the school are suspended on these two days.

SPORTS DAY PRACTICE

Practice sessions for Sports Day will be held at the Lester Marsh Sports Complex in Content Gardens.

A contribution of \$200 is required per student for transportation to and from the field for these sessions.

The practice sessions are as follows:

**Red House — March 23rd
Green House — March 26th
Blue House — March 27th**

- * Please ensure that your child/children wear the proper gears on these days.
- * Please pack additional water and juices on these days for your child/children.



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SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will be on April 3, 2007. It will be held at the Lester Marsh Sports Complex in Content Gardens. We begin at 8:30 a.m. Please ensure that you are on time so that your child/ children do not miss their races.

Come prepared to cheer your child on.
Take along: chair/stool

water
towel

**SPORTS DAY LUNCH MENU**

Mouth-watering lunch will be prepared and sold courtesy of the school canteen on Sports Day. Orders can be placed early to avoid long delays. The menu is as follows:

Curried Goat
Jerked Chicken & Jerked Pork
Fried Chicken
White Rice
Rice & Peas
Festival
Tossed Salad
Manish Water

Assorted Beverages

ARRIVAL TIME

School begins at 8:30 a.m. Instruction begins at 9:00 a.m. Children who arrive late are missing instruction and material for which they are responsible. Late arrival also disrupts classes which have already started. Please make every effort to be at school on time as the school gates will be locked at 9:00 a.m.

DISMISSAL TIME

The school does not offer an after-school care programme. Therefore your child must be picked-up at the appropriate time.

We would like to **remind** all parents of the dismissal times for the classes.

K1 ends at 1:30 p.m. These students are expected to be picked up by 2:30 p.m. the latest.

K2 & K3 ends at 2:00 p.m. These students are expected to be picked up by 3:00 p.m. the latest.

We do not expect to see kindergarten students on the compound after 3:00 p.m.

P1- P5 ends between 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. These students are expected to be picked up by 4:00 p.m. the latest.

The Units end at 3:15 p.m.. These students are expected to be picked up by 3:45 p.m. the latest.

P6 ends at 4:00 p.m. and these students are expected to be picked up by 4:30 p.m.

The teacher's playground duty ends at 4:00 p.m. All students must leave the school compound by 4:30 p.m. No teacher will be on the school compound after this time to supervise your child.

Your cooperation regarding all arrival and dismissal times is crucial for the safety of your child.

SCHOOL FEE

School fees for the Summer Term becomes due on the April 16, 2007.

Vouchers should be handed in at the administrative office.

Please remember that your tuition keeps the school financially sound and allows us to provide an excellent program.

EASTER BREAK

School will be closed for the Easter Break April 5 - April 16, 2007.

Classes resume on April 17th.

APPLAUSE, APPLAUSE

We would like to take this medium to congratulate some of our students who have entered the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission (JCDC) Festival Competitions.

Speech - Tyler Rodney
 Maya Hussey
 Andreanna Grant
 Schamona Pounall
 Leann Robertson

Music - Sanu McKoy
 JoHanna Taylor

Music: Instruments

Shadae Lake
 Maya Hussey
 Ashley Buchanan
 Tyler Rodney
 Ibrac Reynolds

Iney Reynolds
 Munair Lewis-Francis
 Lancerene Falcnor
 Nicholas Bailey

These student have all moved on to the second round in the various categories of the competition.

Our dance group will be attending the competition on April 2nd.

We are proud of all these student and wish them well.

CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS ?

Mar-Jam Preparatory School has an open door policy. Parents, students and community members are always welcome to share ideas or concerns with school personnel and administration. If the office is hectic, please leave your name and telephone number and we will return your call promptly. If you would rather come in and conference with us, we suggest that you call first to make an appointment. The staff member may have a previously scheduled meeting or appointment. Our policy regarding classroom concerns is that the parent first contact the teacher. If the issue is not resolved, then contact the principal or administrator.



About 14,000 earthquakes are detected around the world each year. That's 35 earthquakes a day.

Each year, there are about 60 significant (6.5 to 7.0 on the Richter Scale) earthquakes and 19 major (7.0 +) ones.

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EXTENSION OF SCHOLASTICS DEADLINE

The deadline for the ordering of Scholastic books has been extended until Monday, March 26, 2007.

There are many benefits to be derived from ordering books for your children:

Age: 3 - 5

Chances are, there's no limit to your preschooler's energy, imagination, and curiosity. Books that feature entertaining stories, interesting characters and rich language are perfect at this age, and encourage a love of reading that will last a lifetime.

Age: 6 - 8

Learning to read and loving to read are two important goals of the first few years of school. You can support your child's development as a reader by making reading a fun family experience.

Age: 9 - 12

Your child's interests and abilities are expanding, both in school and at home. In school, the focus is on reading to learn, not learning to read. Don't be afraid to balance the increasing demands of school with activities and experiences that promote just plain fun. To encourage your pre-teen or teenage reader, look for materials that match his or her interests. These might include mysteries, biographies, science fiction, and fantasies.

"quoted"

"Learning is the best of all wealth. It is easy to carry. Thieves cannot steal it."
 Naladiyar-divya



