



Mar-Jam Preparatory School

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MAR-JAM CELEBRATES ITS SIXTEENTH YEAR

Parents & Guardians:

Welcome back and a special welcome to the new members of our family. The summer seems to have flown by and here we are at the beginning of another school year. We hope you had a wonderful holiday with little or no harm from Hurricane Dean and that your children are rested and ready for the challenges ahead of them.

You may have noticed the alterations made to school over the summer holidays. We have a brand new classroom for our Kindergarten Two students, new boys' toilets, freshly painted classrooms and landscaping done in the form of rock gardens. We were able to accomplish these alterations with the assistance of the following parents who we owe a debt of gratitude: Mr. Shaun Lewis-Francis, Mr. Anthony Jackson, Mr. Richard Hugh, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams and Mr. Richard Fox.

We also wish to highlight the contribution of Mr. Louis Williams (Mr. Willy), our caretaker, who never failed to do his best in the preparation of the classrooms and grounds, Mr. George James, our grounds man, who worked tirelessly to prepare the grounds and Miss Coleen Thompson (Miss Claudette), our "go to lady", who helped to prepare the classrooms.

As the new school year gets into high gear, especially with us celebrating our 16th year anniversary, we, at Mar-Jam Preparatory School, look forward to your student's daily participation in all school activities. We recognize and celebrate excellence in education at every opportunity. With administrators, teachers and parents 'working together to make a difference', our mission is to educate all students. We encourage ongoing communication between parents, students and teachers. Collectively, we must work together throughout the year to fulfill your child's and our educational mission. We want and desire a close tie between Mar-Jam's parents and teachers to affect the best learning opportunity for all our students. We encourage parents to help their children in the evenings by reviewing homework and discussing the substantive materials the children learned during the school day. By adults showing interest in and enthusiasm for topics a child is studying, we will not only teach the children to like education, but more importantly to **love** learning. This attitude is important, as school is only the beginning of a well-rounded education. We strive to instill in our students an appreciation for the concept that learning is indeed a life-long process.

As we work together during the year, we invite you to stay in contact and let us know how you and your children are experiencing school. Through teamwork, open communication and a dedication to continuous improvement we can make this school a place children delight in and enjoy learning. We wish you and your child a most rewarding and successful school year.

Sincerely,
MAR-JAM SCHOOL



DIRECTORS:

Mrs. Annette James
Clinical Specialist

Miss Heather Maragh
Administrator

BOARD MEMBERS:

Rev. Wesley Boynes - *Chairman*
Mrs. Kathy Buchanan
Mr. Greg Chong

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Mrs. Belinda Lue
Principal

Miss Ethlyn Green
Admin. Asst./Bursar

TEACHING STAFF:

Miss Dania Black
Mrs. Karla Campbell
Miss Susette Campbell
Miss Lattamar Coombs
Miss Tasha Gordon
Miss Shirley Hamilton
Mrs. Marcel Haye
Mr. Dwayne Jackson
Mrs. Sharonda Henry-Jackson
Mrs. Rosalee Kerr-Ferguson
Miss Dalmarie Lawrence
Mrs. Rosemarie McDonald
Mrs. Michelle McKenzie-Hylton
Miss Shonallee McKenzie
Mr. Shane Oliver
Mrs. Carolyn Patch
Mrs. Gillian Rose-Bailey
Mrs. Joan Taylor
Miss Sandra Taylor
Miss Gail Whittingham
Mr. Rupert Wisdom
Mrs. Vernie Wisdom
Mr. John Spencer - *Music*
Mrs. Alicia Richards - *Spanish*
Mr. Glenville Graham - *Art & Craft*

ANCILLARY STAFF:

Miss Coleen Thompson
Mr. George James
Mr. Louis Williams

SCHOOL FEE

Thank you for paying your fees in a timely manner. We appreciate your continued support of the institution.

Please note that when you have paid the school fee, we need to get a copy of the voucher. Vouchers need to be handed in at the office. Giving your child the copy of the voucher is risky but if there is a need to submit the voucher using this medium, please determine at the end of the day if this was accomplished. A call to the school would help.

MEDICAL FORMS & CONTRACTS

If you have not yet returned the medical forms and contracts for your children, please do so by Wednesday, September 26, 2007. We need these documents for all our students as we prepare for the re-registration process of our school with the Ministry of Education.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Our canteen continues under the management of Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Buchanan.

The cost for lunch is:

K1 to K3 - \$120

Preps 1 - 6 \$180

The menu for the month is displayed at the canteen and each class has a copy. We encourage everyone to support the canteen and feel free to make suggestions.

LETTERS

A letter is needed from the school whenever you make an appointment at an embassy, whether for a visa renewal or new application. Please notify the office at least **two weeks in advance** so that your letter can be prepared. Letters attract a fee of \$500.

G. S. A. T.

G. S. A.T. Examinations will be March 13 & 14, 2008.

Please note that Prep 6 ends at 4:00 p.m. from Monday to Thursday.

G. S. A T. Saturday classes are scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

On the days when Physical Education classes are held, students should wear their white T-shirts, white shorts, white socks and white sneakers

The scheduled days for P.E. classes are as follows:

Tuesdays & Thursdays
Preps 3 - 6

Wednesdays & Fridays
Kindergarten to Prep 2.

House T-shirts are to be worn only during the Easter term.

BREAKFAST

It is very important for all our students to eat breakfast before coming to school daily. Food nourishes the brain cells so that learning can take place.

**MUSIC BOOKS**

Caribbean Integrated Music
by Karen Headlam Cyrus
P1 - P3: Book 1
P4 - P5: Book 2

OUR DYNAMIC TEACHING TEAM

K1 - Mrs. Marcel Haye
Miss Tasha Gordon

K2 - Mrs. Carollyn Patch
Miss Sandra Taylor

K3 - Mrs. Rosemarie McDonald
Mrs. Joan Taylor

P1 - Mrs. Vernie Wisdom
Miss Dalmarie Lawrence

P2 - Miss Lattamar Coombs
Mrs. Sharonda Jackson

P3 - Mrs. Michelle Hylton
Miss Shonallee McKenzie

P4 - Miss Dania Black
Mrs. Rosalee Ferguson

P5 - Miss Shirley Hamilton
Mr. Rupert Wisdom

P6 - Mrs. Karla Campbell
Mrs. Gillian Bailey

Special Education Unit -
Miss Susette Campbell

Resource Room -
Miss Gail Whittingham

Physical Education -
Mr. Dwayne Jackson

Computer Studies -
Mr. Shane Oliver

Music - Mr. John Spencer

Spanish - Mrs. Alicia Richards

Art/Craft - Mr. Glenville Graham

EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITIES

Dance Classes - Mrs. Plummer

Mondays:
Kindergarten 2:15 - 3:00 p.m.
Preps 1- 6 3:15 - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$2500 per term

Karate Classes - Corie Allen

Thursdays:
Kindergarten 2:15 - 3:00 p.m.
Preps 1- 6 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$3000 per term
\$1200 monthly

Football - Mr. Jackson, Mr. Oliver & Mr. Wisdom

Senior Boys:
Fridays 3:35 - 4:15 p.m.

Junior Boys:
Tuesdays 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

Basket Ball - Mr. Oliver & Mr. Wisdom

Mondays: 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

Culture Club - All teachers

Wednesdays - 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.
This club includes music, dance,
speech, & drama. Students in this
club will be preparing for the
J. C. D. C. Festival.

Yearly Membership Fee is \$200 per
student and weekly dues is \$20.00
per student.

Red Cross - Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Hylton, Miss Hamilton & Mrs. Jackson

Fridays - 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Yearly Membership and Registra-
tion Fee is \$200 per child and
weekly dues is \$20 per child.

Environment Club - Miss Black,
Miss Coombs, Miss Whittingham,
Miss McKenzie, Mrs. Wisdom,
Mr. Oliver & Mr. Wisdom

Fridays 2:00—3:00 p.m.
Yearly Membership and Registra-
tion Fee is \$200 per child and
weekly dues is \$20 per child.

Brownies - Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Haye,
Mrs. Ferguson, Miss Gordon,
Miss Campbell, Miss Lawrence &
Miss Taylor

Fridays 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Yearly Membership and Registra-
tion Fee is \$200 per child and
weekly dues is \$20 per child.

Boys Scouts - Mr. Jackson &
Mr. Wisdom

Wednesdays 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.
Yearly Membership and Registra-
tion Fee is \$200 per child and
weekly dues is \$20 per child.

The yearly Membership Fee goes
directly to the Boys' Scout Asso-
ciation and the Girl Guides Asso-
ciation respectively. The weekly
dues are placed in a fund which is
used to purchase things needed for
the clubs to use in their sessions
and / or assist with camping trips
and
excursions.

EVENING INSTITUTE

Mar-Jam Evening Institute offers
C. X. C. and G. C. E. subjects. The
teachers are highly qualified and
have excellent success rates.

Interested persons can contact Mrs.
Patch at the school.
Registration Fee: \$500

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A GLASS OF MILK

One day, a poor boy who was selling goods from door to door to pay his way through school, found he had only one thin dime left, and he was hungry. He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house.

However, he lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door. Instead of a meal he asked for a drink of water. She thought he looked hungry and brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it so slowly, and then asked, "How much do I owe you?"

"You don't owe me anything," she replied. "Mother has taught us never to accept pay for a kindness."

He said ... "Then I thank you from my heart."

As Howard Kelly left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man was strong also. He had been ready to give up and quit.

Many years later that same young woman became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled. They finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease. Dr. Howard Kelly was called in for the consultation. When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes. Immediately he rose and went down the hall of the hospital to her room. Dressed in his doctor's gown he went in to see her. He recognized her at once.

He went back to the consultation room determined to do his best to save her life. From that day he gave special attention to her case. After a long struggle, the battle was won.

Dr. Kelly requested the business office to pass the final bill to him for approval. He looked at it, then wrote something on the edge and the bill was sent to her room. She feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all. Finally she looked, and something caught her attention on the side of the bill. She read these words... "Paid in full with one glass of milk"

(Signed) Dr. Howard Kelly.

Tears of joy flooded her eyes as her happy heart prayed: "Thank You, God, that Your love has spread broad through human hearts and hands."

There's a saying which goes something like this: Bread cast on the waters comes back to you. The good deed you do today may benefit you or someone you love at the least expected time. If you never see the deed again at least you will have made the world a better place - And, after all, isn't that what life is all about?



