

The Giant

St. John's College

Bishop Eldon Drive, P. O. Box N 4858, Nassau, The Bahamas.



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From the Desk of the Principal

Tips for Teacher/ Parent conference

The purpose of parent teacher conferences is to clearly communicate to parents their child's progress in school. In the case of a child who is having difficulty, it is also an opportunity to enlist the parents' cooperation in the effort to remediate any problems. On the other hand, it is an opportunity to encourage and assure parents that their child is making good progress and is achieving the desired grade level outcomes.

Attending conferences enhances parent teacher relationship and it is a time to recognize strengths, voice concerns and actively listen to issues, then schedule follow-up meetings as needed to work on detailed actions.

At the conference:

*Be on time

*Be prepared – have a few questions in mind:

How can I best help you to help my child to succeed in school?

Do you have any suggestions for things that parents can do at home to supplement classroom learning?

There are many out of school programs that can help children improve their success in school. Discuss the out of school learning experiences.

Write it down: -write down important notes your child's teacher makes regarding their learning, successes and areas of improvement.

Share with your child – let your child know what you learned about his/her classroom success and behaviours

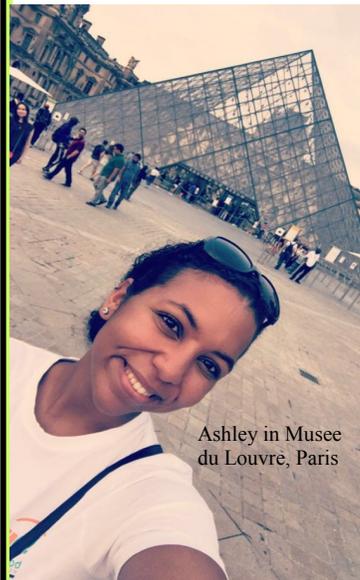
We look forward to seeing all parents on Wednesday 25th October 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon then from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will be no classes for students on this day.

Your partner in education,

Dr. Nevellene Evans, Principal

Greeting from Ashley Thompson – S.J.C. (Alumna) 2015 Head Girl

Ashley's journey at the College of Saint Benedict in Collegeville, MN.



Ashley in Musee du Louvre, Paris

Ashley is currently on a Greco-Roman semester abroad programme for the beginning of her 3rd year of College. She is enjoying the experience tremendously as she is currently in Greece (the birthplace of her paternal great grandfather on her grandmother's side). She will be in Greece for 4 more weeks, followed by a 10-day break and then 7 weeks in Italy! Ashley continues to represent Giant Land in grand fashion :-). She wanted to share a piece of her journey to remind Giants back home that all things are possible through Christ and you can achieve your dream/goals if you are willing to work hard and be consistent.

Ashley in Amsterdam .



Ashley on top of a mountain in Greece.



S.J.C. Mission Statement

Our school's mission is to develop a distinguished school of choice where we learn together, plan together, work things out together, all solely in the interest of maximizing students' fullest potential.

To achieve our mission, St. John's College students will:

- ◆ master basic skills and new concepts through a quality programme which includes technology, projects and enrichment activities;
- ◆ show respect and acceptance toward others;
- ◆ contribute to a safe, orderly, caring school environment;
- ◆ take pride in themselves and their school;
- ◆ benefit from a positive partnership between home and school; and
- ◆ experience success at St. John's College and in future careers.

THE CODE OF CONDUCT

We believe that:

- ◆ All students have a right and a responsibility to learn.
- ◆ All teachers have a right and a responsibility to teach.

Therefore:

1. We will show respect for ourselves and others.
2. We will cooperate and follow all rules.
3. We will be on time, with materials, prepared to work.
4. We will show respect for all property.

10 GREAT WAYS YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED

HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS. It is important for your child to know that you value education. Make sure your student understands that you expect him or her to work hard, graduate and continue learning **after** high school.

CHECK GRADES. Your son or daughter may say things are "fine" at school, but don't stop checking grades on report cards, progress reports, assignments, tests and class projects. Here at St. John's College, a visit to Edline will keep you informed of your child's progress.

TALK TO THE TEACHER. Teachers know how hard students are working, how well they are behaving, the quality of their homework and what areas need improvement. Email your child's teachers periodically through Edline for updates.

DON'T BUCKLE ON HOMEWORK. If your child is not studying at home, ask why and check with teachers. It's tough to hold the line, but making sure your child does his or her homework is important to academic success.

ASK FOR HELP. Students who are struggling in a particular class may need extra help after school or with a tutor. Catching a problem area early can make a big difference.

MATH MATTERS. Math exercises your brain and trains your mind to think logically, a skill that is extremely important in today's complex world. Every occupation uses math in some way and the fastest growing, highest paid jobs rely heavily on math skills.

GET INVOLVED. Nothing will have a bigger impact on your child's success than your involvement.

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE. College is an important investment that will pay back for a lifetime. Help your child realize that college can and should be in his or her future. Remember, a few dollars saved each month now can make a big difference in the future.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE. Show your child first hand the importance of education.

WORK CLOSELY WITH THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT. Get to know the school counselors, utilize them as your liaison officers, and visit them to become a part of the guidance committee.



St. John's College 70th Anniversary Year books available at the school's main office.

Donation: \$70.00

Come and get your copy today!



RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

As we embark upon this new school year we encourage all of our students to put their best foot forward from NOW!!!



- Recipe for Success**
- 5 Cups of effort
 - 7 Cups of perseverance
 - 1 tablespoon of care
 - 1 dash of neatness
 - 2 cups of discipline
 - 3 cups of respect
 - 2 cups of love
 - A pinch of generosity
 - 4 tablespoons of hard-work





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OCTOBER 2017

Citizenship

- 1st -31st Breast Cancer Awareness
- 2nd Christian Education Week
- 9th National Heroes Day Holiday
- 10th Prayer Chain
- 11th Interhouse Swim Gala & Cross Country
- 11th PSAT Exams
- 16th SYNOD Mass
- 16th Scholarship Information
- 16th Global Hand Washing Day
- 18th World Food Day
- 19th PTA Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m.
- 20th Blood Drive
- 23rd Celebrate The Bahamas
- 25th Parent Teacher Conference
- 26th – 27th MIDTERM BREAK
- 27th College Ready Bahamas
- 31st Grades 8 & 9 Parents Mtg.

NOVEMBER 2017

Responsibility

- 1st All Saints Day
- 7th Grades 7 Parents Meeting
- 8th SJC Science Bowl
- 14th World Diabetes Day/Water Day
- 14th Prayer Chain
- 16th SJC Interhouse Math Competition Grade 7
- 16th Joint Remembrance Day Mass - Thanksgiving
- 16th PTA Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m.
- 18th P. E. Dept. Steak Out
- 24th End of Michaelmas Term
- 29th Advent Carol Service



DECEMBER 2017

Generosity

- 1st World AIDS Day
- 1-7th Secondary Exams
- 6-7th Prep. Exams
- 12th Prep. Xmas Programme 6:30 p.m.
- 15th School Closes for Christmas
- 15th Report Cards Issued
- 21st School Office Closed
- 24th Christmas Eve
- 25th Christmas Day
- 26th Boxing Day
- 28th School Office Closed



A very special Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary to all Teachers, Staff and Students Celebrating a Birthday or an Anniversary during the month of



October 2017

May God continue to bless, guide and protect all of you as you celebrate another year of life and love.



Happy Birthday!

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)



All parents are encouraged to become active members of the PTA. Monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. **The next meetings will be held on Thursday, 19th October, 2017 & Thursday, 16th November 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the school's Auditorium.**

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!

Our Sincere Sympathy

Sincere sympathy is extended to families mourning the loss of loved ones during the months of August & September. May the Lord comfort you during this time and bring you His blessing of peace. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.



St. John's College
Secondary Department



PRIZE-GIVING & AWARDS CEREMONY



Grades 8-12

St. John's College Auditorium
Bishop Michael Eldon Drive
Friday, October 13, 2017
1:35 p.m.



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Greetings, SJC Giants. The theme for this month is Citizenship.

Who is a citizen?

A citizen is a person who is a member of a nation or kingdom.



What rights does a citizen have?

As a member of a nation/kingdom you are either born, or are allowed upon attaining citizenship, full access to all of the rights and privileges of that body. As a citizen, you are allowed reside in the nation/ kingdom and are allowed and encouraged by the leadership of that nation / kingdom to better the country, to find or create work and to participate in enriching activities which aid personal and family development. For the young, as a citizen he or she must learn all of the rules and privileges of that nation/ kingdom and are asked to better oneself by attaining an education so that all citizens have the same basic level of learning. The nation/kingdom, as a result of you being a citizen, expects that you abide by the laws and precepts of that nation/kingdom.

Why is citizenship important?

Citizenship is important because as a citizen you are a part of the whole. As a citizen of a country you are an important part in decision making and you are often encouraged by the leadership of the country to be hands-on in building up that country. Building up a nation or kingdom may include contributing to the development of fellow citizens mentally, physically, spiritually or in any other positive way possible.

What does my citizenship have to do with God?

Every Christian is a citizen of the kingdom of God. As a part of the kingdom of God we have all rights and privileges of that kingdom given to us. The bible tells us, in fact, that we are children of God and are inheritors of the kingdom of heaven. As member of a nation/kingdom, Christians believe that not only should God be honored but also the rulers of the nation and the citizens of the nation should be respected.

Why am I valuable to God?

You are valuable to God because you were made in God’s image and likeness. God loves you so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die for your sins.

Why should I become a citizen of the Kingdom of God’s (that is become a Christian)?

As a Christian you get to call God Father, you are fully adopted by God and God gives you all the rights of His kingdom, including the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

How do I become a Christian?

The bible tells us, you must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved. All Christians are asked to be baptized and to order one’s life according to God’s word.

What are the responsibilities of citizens of God kingdom (Christians)?

The responsibilities of a Christian are to worship and serve God, to love and respect family, friends neighbors and strangers and to respect and honor oneself; to read your Bible, pray and to follow God’s Holy word.



Your fellow Giant in Christ,
Rev. Fr. Enrique A. McCartney BS, BA, MA
Chaplain of St. John’s College, Nassau, Bahamas



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CONGRATULATIONS!

**Special Congratulations to Our
School Leaders 2017- 2018.**

Preparatory Department

**Geoffrey Greene-Head Boy
Kaiden Moss-Moultrie-Head Girl**



**Whitfield Ching-Deputy Head Boy
Maria Ford-Deputy Head Girl**



Senior Prefect Boy

D'Andre Minnis

Senior Prefect Girl

Talia Hanna



Secondary Department

Aaron Springer-Head Boy

Ayoka Seymour - Head Girl

Shannandon McKenzie-Dep. Head Boy

Duranique Minus-Deputy Head Girl

Darren Butler - Senior Prefect

Tyneisha Tynes - Senior Prefect



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Every year, October is recognized internationally as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

During this time, events are held to increase people's awareness of the disease, lend support to those who have been diagnosed with breast cancer, as well as to raise funds for research efforts in the cause, prevention and cure of this disease.

Females are encouraged to have their breasts examined by a qualified physician during this month. The examination should be performed a few days after the monthly cycle/ menstruation for lumps, swelling, discharge from the nipples or changes in shape. If any of these occur, you must see your doctor immediately.

The Cancer Society of The Bahamas also encourages women to have mammograms annually, beginning at the age of 35 years. For those who have a family history of breast cancer, earlier screening is recommended.

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Special Information from the S. J. C. Guidance Dept.



The month of October is being observed nationally as Breast Cancer Awareness month. St. John's College Faculty, Staff and Students are encouraged to support this worthy campaign by wearing a SJC Cancer Awareness T-Shirt or a plain pink T-Shirt with blue or black long jeans (no tights, no jeggings, no jeans with holes) with tennis shoes and socks (no slippers or flip flops) on Friday, 6th October and Friday, 20th October, 2017.

This is an optional dress code for the Fridays specified. Should you not wish for your child to participate then they should attend school in their full regular uniform. Students who wish to participate are asked to bring a donation of \$2.00.

Breast Cancer Buttons are also on sale in the Guidance Dept. for a donation of \$2.50. All proceeds we will be given to the Sister Sister Cancer support group.

Please join us in supporting those men, women and children who are battling cancer as we also strive for a cure for this dreaded disease.



S.J.C. Guidance Department News, Important Dates and Highlights..

If you require additional information, please feel free to contact any member of the Guidance Department.

Key Dates to Remember—Please note changes in Green & BOLD

October 2017

Oct 1 st -31 st	Breast Cancer Awareness (S.J.C. Breast Cancer T-shirts or a Plain Pink T-Shirts can be worn Friday, 6th October & Friday, 20th October for a donation of \$2.00.)
Oct. 6th	Breast Cancer Awareness T-Shirt Day
Oct 10th	Scholarship evening 6:30pm
Oct 11th	Grade 10 PSAT Exam
Oct 11th	Gr. 10 Community Service issued to students
Oct 14th	3rd Annual Education USA/Bahamas Fall College Fair (Melia Nassau Beach Resort)
Oct 16 th	Global Handwashing Day
Oct 20th	School's Blood Drive
Oct 20th	Breast Cancer Awareness T-Shirt Day
Oct 30 th	Senior package payments due

November 2017

Nov 2 nd	SAT exam registration deadline online at www.Collegeboard.org (Grades 11& 12)
Nov. 7th	University of The Bahamas Campus tour
(Gr.12)Nov 14 th	World Diabetes Day (water only)
Nov 16th	Thelma Grimes College Fair Tour Grade 12
Nov 17th	Thelma Grimes College Fair Tour Grade 11
Nov 21 st	Registration Deadline for SAT exam scheduled for December 2, 2017

December 2017

Dec 1 st	World AIDS Day
Dec 2 nd	SAT exam (Sign in time is at 7:30 am exam starts 8:00am sharp)
Dec (TBA)	Senior Graduation picture day (date will be announced in November's Giant)

February 2018

Feb 1 st	Careers Fair
Feb 9 th	SAT exam registration date
Feb 20 th	Deadline registration for SAT exam scheduled for Mar. 9, 2018

March 2018

Mar 8 th	World Kidney Day/ Water Day
Mar 9 th	Visit to Nazareth Center to share with residents and give gifts.
Mar 10 th	SAT Exam (Sign in time is at 7:30 am Exam starts at 8:00am sharp)

April 2018

April 9 th	Grade 10 Community Service booklets due to the Guidance Department
April 16 th -20 th	Grade 11 Student Work Experience Program

May 2018

May 3 rd	Green Mass
May 4 th	Grade 12 luncheon
May 5 th	World Asthma Day



In an age where everything can be “Googled” and online privacy no longer exists, students have a whole new reputation at stake—their **digital** reputation, or their **digital footprint**. A **digital footprint** is any online information about a person that can be searched, shared, and seen by a global, invisible audience.

In our lecture series with grade 7, we facilitated a session on Digital Footprint and would like parents to ensure that their children are safe when they are on the internet. Additionally parents, we have recently had to address issues where some of our students are using the internet to bully other students and unfortunately, some of our students have been victims. Internet bullying is a crime. We need you to partner with us to ensure that your child is using the internet responsibly.

Parents did you know:

The Federal Trade Commission ruled that Facebook, and other social media sites, may now archive 7 years of a person's online activity. These posts can be used by colleges and employers for background checks on prospective students and employees.

A study by Microsoft showed that over 70% of employers have screened out potential employees based on information they have found online.

Here are some TIPS for Parents:

Tell your children to be very careful about who they talk to online, who they befriend and what they share.

Children should never tell people where they live or give details about when all of the family is out of the house

Cyber Bullying is BIG. Talk to your children about how they talk to or about other people on the internet

Whenever they are online and come across any information that makes them uncomfortable, tell them to get off that site immediately.

Do you know if your child/children are: Accessing porn? Listening to songs with derogatory messages? Accessing site to harm themselves or others?

Many console computer games are not suitable for children; check the ratings of the games your child/children may be accessing.

Actually, befriend your child and let them introduce you to their digital world: Blogs, Facebook, Snap Chat, chat rooms, websites, YouTube, Flickr, emails, Twitter, cell phones, Instagram.

PARENTS BECOME DIGITAL SAVVY TODAY. EVERYBODY ELSE IS.



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