



HARRISON COLLEGE PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

PRINCIPAL'S REMARKS

- There are a number of staff changes for the term including pre-retirement leave for 2 members of the teaching staff.
- The results of the external examinations which had been completed at the end of the last academic year:
- CCSLC – 76% of students had achieved Mastery; 24% had achieved Competence.
- CSEC, CAPE Unit 1 and Cape Unit 2 – pass rates were 94.4%, 98.2% and 99.5% respectively.
- There were 11 Barbados Scholarship and 5 Barbados Exhibition winners; plus 2 non-Barbadian students who were not awarded Barbados Scholarship and Exhibition. 2 students had been awarded the Aubrey Collymore Scholarship and 2 had been awarded scholarships to Dollar Academy in Scotland.
- 19 students are on track for Barbados Scholarships in 2018 and 16 students are on track for Barbados Exhibitions

- 92 persons visited 14 cities over 19 days during the Foreign Language Department's summer European Tour.



Dear Members of the Harrison College Family,

We are pleased to introduce the PTA's first edition of our information bulletin. One of our objectives this year is to share as much information relating to our children and our school with as many members of the Harrison College family as possible. As you will read, this bulletin gives us the opportunity to share all the success stories of our children that you may not have yet heard about. We welcome your comments, suggestions and ideas. Look out for further development of our media platforms.

Thank you to our PRO and her talented team for all of their efforts in bringing this idea to fruition. Thank you all for your support.

Ayo Burrowes

President, Harrison College PTA

UPCOMING DATES



DECEMBER 2017

11	SPEECH DAY @ 9:30am
13	MULTI-CULTURAL DAY
14	TERM ENDS (STUDENTS) @ 2pm
15	TERM ENDS (TEACHERS)
15-JAN 7	ATHLETES' TRAINING CAMP

JANUARY 2018

8	TERM BEGINS (TEACHERS)
9	TERM BEGINS (STUDENTS)
22	ERROL BARROW DAY
31	PTA GENERAL MEETING @ 5pm

PTA CORNER

Mosaic Concerts raised \$200,000 and all of the funds were ploughed back into the school.

Over the summer vacation, the PTA paid for the entrance of the lawn near the music room to be paved. This lawn is used for parking and during the rainy season the entrance was prone to get muddy. The paving was done in an effort to prevent further erosion of the area.

THE PTA NEEDS YOU!

- Participating in PTA meetings and activities are great ways to show your commitment to your child's education and the school. Fees are only:
 - \$20 - per year – 1 child
 - \$30 - per year – family
 - \$100 – One-time payment for entire school tenure – 1 child
 - \$150 - One-time payment for entire school tenure – family

If you have relevant news you would like included in our school newsletter, please contact the addresses below and also refer to our Facebook page for more detailed updates:

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Ayo Burrowes 2017-2018 PTA President

CONGRATULATIONS!



Kyle Sandiford edged out his Harrison College schoolmate 2nd place **Nitin Mahtani** to emerge as the new national Under-18 chess champion. **Azaria Johnson** and **Leigh Sandiford** placed third and fourth.

Megan McDonald placed third in the National Schools Award poster and mural competition. Her poster will be transformed into a mural.

Harrison College emerged victorious in both the boys and girls competition of the inter-school swimming championships with stand out performances by students **Nkosi Dunwoody** and **Danielle Titus**. Nkosi broke two records while winning all six of his events. Danielle broke five while also winning all of her events.

Several students entered

NIFCA in the categories of Visual Arts and Photography. The Visual Arts entries received two gold, nine silver and three bronze medals. The photography entries were awarded two silver and three bronze medals with **Nia Morris** winning the Barbados Society/Junior Lens Award.

Matthew Weatherhead and **Shaquan Andrews** placed third and fourth respectively in the Co-Operators General Insurance speech competition.

Layla Haynes, a 12-year-old 2nd form Harrison College student scored a blistering win in the Run Barbados Signia Fun Run Mile last Friday night, beating opponents twice and thrice her age.

Christopher "Jayar" Phillips took home the winner's trophy of the first Hit Island SCR rap battle competition. Harrison College dominated

the competition winning the top 3 spots of 18 contestants from various secondary schools island wide. Kai **"Kairos" Alleyne** and **Harley Mosely** won 2nd and 3rd place respectively. The competition's aim was to have young people explore societal topics in a positive way.

In the Future Centre Trust Debate Competition, the Harrison College team of students **Matthew Weatherhead**, **William Gordon** and **Rondel Trim** placed first defeating their Queen's College opponents.

Independence celebrations began on Tuesday November 28, 2017 with the Kolij Liberators Speech and Dramatic Reading Competitions held among junior school contestants. In the dramatic reading category, the winner was **Samuel Holder**. In the speech competition the winner was **Emmanuel Sealy**. **Asha Stevenson** was second and **Zachariya Nana** was third.

SPECIAL THANKS

We are pleased to announce that through the Aron and Christina Truss Charity, **Mr. Pestanian** via his company **PromoTech** has provided a wireless campus wide internet service.

Many thanks to **Mr. John Martineau** for facilitating the internships of eight 6th form students at Elegant Hotels over the Christmas break.

We are thankful to **Dr. Kate Herbert**, Clinical Psychologist; **Dr. Nicole Moore-Clarke**, General Practitioner; **Ms. Kim Jones**, Guidance Counsellor; and **Mr. Steven Williams**, ICT Specialist, panellists at the PTA General Meeting held on November 29, 2017 for discussing with parents **Strategies for Managing Teen Social Media Use & Abuse**.

For those of you who missed this panel discussion, there are 2 videos of our panellists from the general meeting.

Please listen out for our parent education sessions which we hope will meet the needs of so many of our parents who are seeking guidance in dealing with social media concerns. **Mark Skinner** will be coordinating the sessions.

Opportunities for completion of SERVICE HOURS for 3rd year students:

HC's 3rd year group has adopted and partnered with the Barbados International coastal Clean Up and the Precious Touch Foundation.

Sunday December 17, 2017 Precious Touch Foundation will be carol signing and delivering gifts to the children's ward at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

REMINDERS WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2017

Speech Day and prize giving ceremony is on Monday December 11, 2017 at 9:30 am. All 1st form students and persons who have received invitations are expected to attend.

Multicultural Day is on Wednesday December 13, 2017. Look forward to a visit from the Cuban Ambassador along with several displays in song and dance from the Foreign Language Department and more!

Last day of school: Thursday December 14, 2017 pick up at 2 pm.

HAVE A JOYFUL HOLIDAY SEASON
AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!