BAJS Notice #1 / Michaelmas 2016

10th September, 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to another exhilarating academic year at Bishop Anstey Junior School. Our calendar of events for Michaelmas Term 2016 is listed below, with other important dates for your attention. We trust that you will keep it in a visible and safe place in order to refer to it during the course of the term.

This year we will be celebrating our 50th year at our present school site, Monte Cristo Estate. Look out for all the exciting activities we have planned! We are kicking off our festivities with a church service on Sunday 18th September at All Saints Church at 10:30am. The Upper School Choir and our newly formed Boys’ Choir will be performing at the service. We hope to have a packed church.

❖ CLASS MEETINGS WITH PARENTS – DATES AND TIMES

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These meetings are conducted at the start of each new school year to give us the opportunity to meet all parents, hear your views and discuss a number of items that will be important to your child’s year in this class. We urge you to make every effort to attend.

Please be advised that parking for these meetings is limited and therefore some parents will have to park inside of the school compound. Kindly be considerate and adhere to the security guards’ directions.

Additionally, at these meetings you will be receiving the government issued texts (on behalf of your child) for which you will need to sign. Please note that any texts still outstanding from last year will not be issued this year until the previous books have been paid for or returned. If you have received a letter for a book that you purchased or have already returned, please call the office to rectify the matter. At the end of the school year in June 2017, parents will be required to return the government texts to the office themselves, in order to streamline the return process.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Please be advised that ALL EXTRA CURRICULAR activities will resume from Monday 19th September, 2016 in order to more easily accommodate the parking for our parent meetings. A list of extra-curricular activities will follow. Kindly store the contact numbers for your instructors on your phone for quick access.

Swimming: Swimming starts on Friday 16th September, 2016. First preference is given to returning swimmers from last year. If your child is continuing, please send the relevant payment no later than Wednesday 28th September in order to secure your child’s space. We are unable to reserve spaces as there is a great demand for this activity. Consent forms are available at the office.

NEW STAFF

We are delighted to welcome our BAJS alumni as new associates on staff this year:

☑ Our new Associate teachers are: Ms. Anika Duke, Ms. Netanya Keil, Ms. Aliya Ross-Dick, Ms. Soyini Nkhosi, Ms. Alexcia Best, Ms. Chelsi Ward, Mr. Dion Carrington and Mr. Jon Mycal Palmer.
SEPTEMBER

Sat. 10th – Thurs. 15th  Parent Meetings as listed above.

Wed. 14th Sept. to Wed. 19th Oct. (6 Wednesdays) from 5:30pm - 8:30pm @ All Saints Church
Common Sense Parenting Workshop to equip you with the tools and resources to strengthen your relationship with your child. Cost: $200 per participant. For more information you can call at 299-1047 / 627-7004.

Sunday 18th  
**50th Anniversary Service** – 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Church
All parents, students and alumni are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday 20th  
Exam Viewing from 12:30pm to 3:30pm: Parents who would like to view their children’s examination papers are invited to do so. No appointment is necessary. Do remember that we are not in a position to allow you to take pictures of any exam papers at this time. Your kind co-operation is appreciated.

Saturday 24th  
Republic Day (Public Holiday)

Wednesday 28th  
Nature Service: 7:45 a.m. at school for Form 3 – Form 5. It is customary for the children to bring offerings of fruit and vegetables which are later distributed to institutions in the area. Regular school day follows.

Thursday 29th  
Nature Service: Christ Church. Cascade at 7:45 a.m. for Prep 1 to Form 2. Children should be at the church by 7:45 a.m. These children are asked to bring offerings of fruit and vegetables. Parents are invited to attend and any assistance that can be offered to take children back to school after the service is appreciated, as a regular school day follows.

OCTOBER

Saturday 1st  
OPEN HOUSE: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
(This is an opportunity for prospective parents to tour the school site. Tell your friends, co-workers and family! Prep 1 parents who just entered are also welcome if you are interested.)

Monday 3rd  
Bazaar Week (Bottle Day)

Tuesday 4th  
Bazaar Week (Can Day)

Wednesday 5th  
Bazaar Week (Box Day)

Thursday 6th  
Bazaar Week (Pack Day)

Friday 7th  
Bazaar Week (Green Day)

Saturday 8th  
Form 5 Parent Meeting: 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Monday 10th  
Bazaar Week (Book/CD/DVD)

Tuesday 11th  
Bazaar Week (Bran Tub Day)

Thursday 13th  
Prep 1 Parent Meeting 4:15 p.m.

Tuesday 18th  
Form 1 Exam Meeting: 4:15 p.m.

Friday 21st  
Mufti Day

Saturday 22nd  
**Bazaar**

Monday 24th  
Bazaar Holiday: NO SCHOOL

Friday 28th  
Divali Dress Up Day

Monday 31st  
Divali Holiday: NO SCHOOL

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Bazaar tickets will be on sale on the bridge in the morning before school. Please see Mrs. Ming Hon.
NOVEMBER

Tuesday 1st  Mid Term reports and Examination Outlines
Saturday 5th  Form 5 Parent Meeting: 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday 30th  Examinations Begin: Form 1 – Form 5

DECEMBER

Thursday 8th  Examinations End
Friday 9th  Play Day  1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday 13th  BAJS Christmas Concert at Cascadia Hotel at 3:00 p.m.
Thursday 15th  School closes:  HALFDAY SCHOOL. Children are to be collected at 12:00 noon promptly. Prep 1 and Prep 2 Reports will be distributed to students.
Saturday 17th  50th Anniversary Dinner to be held at Bishop Anstey High School & Trinity College East. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Bazaar. $600 per couple, $300 per individual
Tuesday 20th  Form 1– Form 5 Reports to be collected between 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

JANUARY

Wednesday 11th  SCHOOL RE-OPENS. FULL DAY SCHOOL.

Monday 16th  PRIZEGIVING

SCHOOL FEES

Please remember that school fees are payable within the first two weeks of each term. For security reasons payment must be made by Linx, Cheque or Bank Draft, NOT BY CASH. Please be reminded that fees that are not paid within the first two weeks attract an interest charge of 2% on the outstanding balance, we therefore urge you to make every effort to pay your school fees promptly. Please pay all school fees directly to the Bursar’s Office.

MORNING BUS SERVICE

The morning bus service has restarted. There will be a contract to sign in order to collect your new bus pass. Please contact Ms. Maynard at the office at 624-1177 for more information or if you are interested in joining the wait list. Please note that parental supervision is a major concern and is now a prerequisite for use of the service.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

- A gentle reminder that the appropriate school uniform does not include large or dangling earrings NOR patterned or coloured studs. Girls may wear very small PLAIN, ROUND gold or silver studs or sleepers. Earrings appropriate for school are available for sale through a parent, Mrs. Nicole Greene. You may e-mail her at sales@dreamlifedistributors.com. Collections and payments can be made at parent meetings.
- No ankle socks, please. Socks must be visible at least two inches above the ankle.
- Shoes must be plain black (without any markings). Please cover any markings with BLACK shoe polish, paint or marker.
- House buttons must be worn on the left collar and are available for sale in the school office.
- Hair accessories for the junior girls must be either white or black only, no other colours are allowed. Boys- Hair should be short and well groomed. Markings, letters or shapes are prohibited. For example, High tops, mohawks and all other latest hairstyles are unacceptable.
- It is advisable to label ALL uniforms and shoes, including extracurricular uniforms.
- There is a lost and found area at school, if anything goes missing we ask you to please look outside the office before replacing these items for your children. You may check the office for valuables such as glasses or money.
- In order to maintain a uniform appearance, children who do not have a school sweater, must wear sweaters in solid dark colours, preferably black or navy. School sweaters may be ordered in the office or at the parent meetings if you are interested.
OTHER REMINDERS

Pick Up and Drop Off
☑️ We ask all parents to please pack bags and lunch kits in the car instead of the trunk to make drop off quick and efficient so as to ease the morning traffic. Also please remember that teacher supervision is limited to the hours of 6:45am to 3:30pm. Your cooperation in this regard helps to ensure the safety of your children.

PICK UP IN THE AFTERNOON: Please be aware of the times for dismissal and packing up. Kindly assist us with the very limited space arrangements by arriving AT OR AFTER:
  2:00pm – Prep 1 & 2  2:15pm – Form 1  2:30pm – Form 2, 3, 4 & 5
  3:30pm - ALL extracurricular activities;
  - Form 5 Extended Days – Tuesdays & Thursdays (starting 20th September, 2016.)

If your son/daughter’s class is not on the bridge as yet, you will be required to exit the car park and make a circle until he/she comes down. Please bear in mind that children need time to pack their bags and gather everything that is needed. It will take them a few minutes to get to the bridge after school is dismissed. Parents who can pick up after 2:45pm are encouraged to do so when the incoming traffic and congestion have decreased. Parents are reminded that the house and yard next door are private property that does NOT belong to Bajs. Also, parking along Ariapita Road IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED! Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Communication
☑️ Bajs is pleased to once again invite parents to subscribe for its Text Alerts service where reminders and updates are sent straight to your phone – Digicel or BMobile. Forms will be available at parent meetings and in the office. The cost is $60.00 per phone for the year.

As we continue to encourage and maintain a strong line of communication between parents and staff it is recommended that you make appointments where possible. This allows sufficient and appropriate scheduling so as not to take away from valuable teaching time.

School contact information
☑️ School Office: 624-1177  Staff Room: 625-6218  Emergency Cell: 494-5441/ 286-0727

Administrative email contacts
  • Ms. Tina Schuler – tschuler@bajs.edu.tt
  • Ms. Evarhea Wilson-Maynard - admin@bajs.edu.tt
  • Ms. Jacqueline Hyacenth - jhyacenth@bajs.edu.tt
  • Ms. Victoria Downes – prin.a@bajs.edu.tt
  • Ms. Natalie Noel – bursar@bajs.edu.tt

Connect With Us
☑️ Join our facebook group: facebook.com/BAJS Family
  Bajs now has a Google+ page. Use search words: ‘Bishop Anstey Junior School’ or use your Gmail account to find and follow us.
  Just a reminder to be aware of breeching others’ privacy when posting pictures (of children or any other class information). You may post your pictures pertaining to your own child but please be sure to seek permission before including anyone else.

PIPS photographs
☑️ There are many school photographs still to be collected in the school office. These will be distributed at parent meetings or can be collected in person during office hours.

ACHIEVEMENT CORNER
Here at Bajs we love to highlight our students’ achievements both past and current.

Water Polo:
Congratulations to Nia Bascombe, Jade Doopan, Yannick Robertson, Nathan Hinds, David Agard (sat SEA this year) who made the Manager’s All Star Team List for the First Citizens Primary Schools Mini Polo League 2016. As members of this prestigious club they were awarded training scholarships with the Royhil Seals Water Polo Club. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.
Hockey: The BAJS hockey team participated in the Siu Butt Inter-school Hockey Tournament on July 2nd and placed 4th. Members of the team were Ty Bacchus, Aidan Chee-Ping, Alejandro Belmonte, Che and Christian Mendez. Christian Mendez won the trophy for the most goals in the tournament and succeeded to the All Star Team named on that day.

Swimming: Our students excelled in swimming over the July/August period. Five (5) BAJS students were a part of the National Swim Team at the Goodwill Swim Meet in St Lucia over the period August 19th to 21st 2016. Based on the team effort, the T&T team won the championships Trophy for the third straight year.

Zachary Anthony Boys 8 and under - three gold, one silver in individual events and two silver medals in the relays. High Point Trophy for his age group!

Shaelen Reece Boys 8 and under - one silver medal individual event and two silver medals in relays. 9th place overall.

Zoe Anthony Girls 9 to 10 category- two gold medals, six silver medals, 1 bronze, 3 gold medals in relays. High Point Trophy for her age group!

Gabrielle Vickles Girls 9 to 10 category. One gold, one bronze, three (3) relay gold medals. 5th place overall.

Nikoli Blackman Boys 9 to 10 category. One gold, four silver, two bronze. 3 gold medals in relays. 2nd place overall in his age group.

CUB SCOUTS - GUYANA CUBOREE
Jayden Camps, Dario Doorje, Marcus Ellis, Aaron Millette and Joshua Ward along with Ms Griffith, Ms Sween-Brito and Mrs Hee Chung attended the 14th Caribbean Cuboree from Friday 22nd July to Sunday 31st July, 2016.

TAE KWON DO
In the very intense field of Tae Kwon Do competitions, our very own Henri Bowles entered the “COSTA RICA TAE KWON DO Open 2016 Competition” held in Costa Rica. Henri placed first in the cadets under 45 kilograms category.

Kaylee Fabien Williams also entered her rendition of “The Greatest Place on Earth” in the Patriotic Song Competition on Tuesday 6th September, 2016 held at the Ciprani Labour College.

As always we welcome your feedback and are committed to strengthening our partnership with you during this year.

Sincerely,

Tina Schuler
Principal