



April 27, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

We hope the Easter holidays were holy and restful.

We have completed two terms and now begin the short and most critical, third and final term. All our focus is on Exams with most CXC written papers beginning on **Monday May 6 and the final papers on Thursday June 13.**

Our internal exams for grades 7 to 10 begin on June 17 and end on July 5. Please do not book travel tickets or schedule any activity that will prevent our collegemen from sitting their exams.

ACADEMICS, Exam Preparation

We have just completed our End of Term Examinations and grades will be posted on RENWEB by **May 13, 2019**. Mock Exam grades are already up. We continue to encourage all parents to use RENWEB to obtain reports and information. Please also continue to register complaints and make queries by email.

Our **5th and 6th formers** are in their last stages of preparation. Please help them to remain focused and not yield to the distractions.

- Print all Exam timetables and put them up in a visible location. Check them daily to strategize and ensure there are no mix ups.
- Manage sleep and phone use.
- Eat properly and take vitamins.
- Do individual work but study groups are very helpful, especially when answering questions
- Use the tools on the CXC website.
- Attend as many extra classes and marathons to sharpen up.
- Work the past paper questions. Write.

Grade 10

The End of Year Exams will determine subject recommendations for CSEC, promotion and graduation. They are to be taken very seriously. **ALL SECTIONS OF SBAs DUE IN 4th FORM MUST BE PROPERLY COMPLETED BEFORE YEAR END.**

Grade 9

Subject selections will be done this term. Please remember that students must select a minimum of 8 subjects including Math, English, one science subject, one writing subject and a computer subject. Only very special cases will be exempt. Details will be sent shortly.

Grades 7 & 8

Maintaining a minimum average of 60%, good behavior, participation and attendance records will guarantee a place and promotion. **Focus on improved performance this term.**

Meetings & Significant Dates

- Tuesday April 30: We meet all 1st and 2nd form parents at 7:30am.
- Monday May 6: CXC Exams begin
- Wednesday May 8: Teachers' Day
- Thursday May 9: We meet all 3rd Form parents and students at 4:30pm
- Monday May 13: General PTA meeting at 4:30pm.
- Thursday May 16: We meet all 4th form parents and students at 4:30pm
- Thursday & Friday May 23 & 24: Labour Day and Mid Term holiday
- June 17 to July 5: End of Year Exams
- Sunday June 30: Graduation

DISCIPLINE

Collegemen must follow the school rules. We continue to deal with misbehavior, the breaking of school rules, bullying, disrespect to staff and other students, lateness and uniform infractions. Two boys were expelled last term. There were also a number of suspensions and other disciplinary actions as well as interventions. **Students found with weapons, knives, scissors etc will be expelled.**

At this time of year we always get increased resistance from boys who do not wish to cut their hair, especially those sitting external exams. Parents, please ensure that students get proper haircuts. We do not wish to send boys home for this but we will not allow students to deliberately break the rules.

We have been reviewing a number of appeals by students who are not being allowed to graduate because they have not satisfied the criteria. We will only be lenient in very special cases. **Collegemen must earn, by dint of their performance, the privilege of walking at graduation.**

ACHIEVEMENTS deserving commendation

- JC team won the High School Stock Exchange Competition
- JC team breaks 200m medley record in 15 & 16 age group Swimming
- Fabian Morris wins Rita Marley Foundation Oratorical Competition
- JC Cultural Drummers win 8 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze medal to win JCDC National Drumming finals.
- JC Chess Team wins top urban school and places 4th overall in National High School Championship
- JC Taekwondo Team places 1st in High School Division of National Championship
- Jerome Samuels wins Human Rights Essay Competition
- JC School Challenge Team advances to round 3 of competition but loses crucial match to Champion
- JC Track Team places 3rd overall in Digicel Grand Prix and wins \$1,200,000 in prizes
- JC places 3rd at Boys and Girls Champs
- JC places 4th in UWI grade 9 Mathematics Problem Solving Competition
- JC Robotics wins inaugural First Tech National Championships and qualify for World Championships
- 8 members of Track Team represented Jamaica at CARIFTA. They secured 9 individual medals.

Housekeeping matters

The following staff changes are to be noted:-

- Ms. Rhule, Ms. Dawkins and Ms. Hanson have moved on.
- Mr. Isaacs has returned from study leave.

PRAYERS UP: We pray for Ms. Lajoy Edgehill, Ms. Trudy Angus and Mr. Errol Holmes (former PTA President), who have all lost close family members.

Fervet Opus in Campis.

Wayne Robinson
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