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Principal's Message

Semester 2 has been filed with several opportunities for celebration. As we return to traditional events that we had missed in the last few years, and introduced new experiences, we have been able to do so with great joy and very positive energy. Early in 2023 we celebrated Catholic Schools Week, helping us to honor the rich traditions and incredible value of Catholic education.

A highlight of this semester has been our middle and high school sports day at the Flora Duffy South Field Stadium. Without a doubt, it was a wonderful way to celebrate student achievement. It was also an inspiring reminder of the unique moments that make the MSA family so special. The sportsmanship evidenced was phenomenal.

We are proud to introduce our mascot, Rambo. Rambo has been extremely busy since his debut at sports day. He joined our birthday dance party on March 3, has cheered on our teams at their games, and will compete with the other mascots in a race at the middle school interschool sports day on Tuesday, April 25. We are very proud of our new family member.

Our students continue to give generously in several community service opportunities. Two notable school wide initiatives have been the collection of food items for the

Eliza DoLittle

Society through the

Read and Feed program and the organization of 72 baskets gifted to seniors in senior homes as an Easter gift. We are thankful for all who supported these projects.

As we celebrate this Easter season, may you find great joy, hope, and peace in the great love that our God has given us through the gift of his Son, Jesus!



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Read & Feed

Our elementary students have participated in the Read and Feed Program for the last nine years. The students focus on reading books, and for each book they read they collect food items for the Eliza Dolittle Society. Mrs. Karen Camara has organized and promoted this program for the last nine years and is continually impressed with our students on the amount of food that is collected thanks to generous students and their sponsors. This year was no different and the quantity of items collected far surpassed what had been collected over the last nine years. We are so proud of our students who through their love of reading, were able to help members of our community in need.





Catholic Schools Week

Along with all other Catholic Schools around the world we celebrated Catholic Schools Week from January 29 to February 3. The Catholic Schools Week theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service. The week's activities included a prayer service, the Middle School Choir performing at Westmeath Senior Home, a coffee social for parents and volunteers, school spirit day and a block party parade promoting MSA to passing traffic around our school."



Career Day

MSA hosted a Career Day for students in Grades 10-12 on Thursday, February 2. Career Day provides an opportunity for students to begin thinking about what career options are available through presentations and discussions with a wide range of employers from our community. Students had a choice of over 50 sessions.

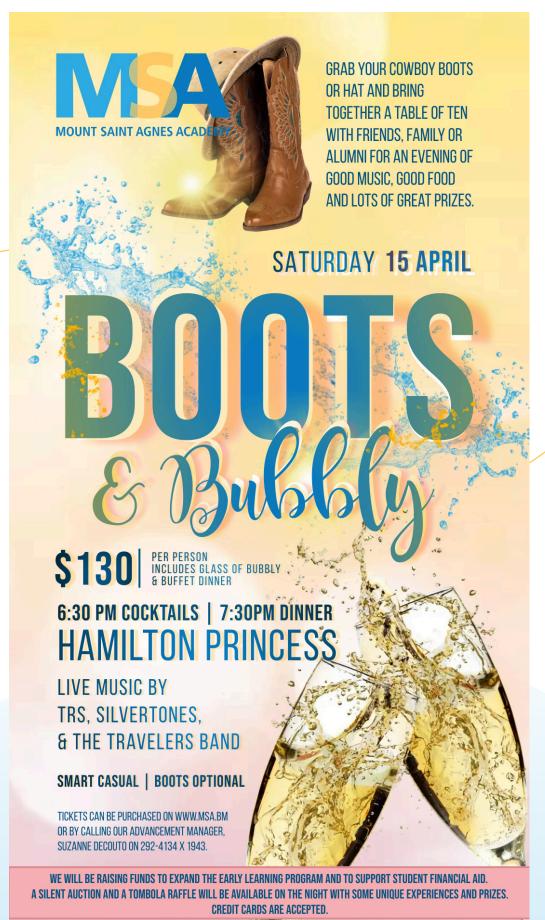
We were very grateful to have Colin Rego as the guest speaker. Colin is the founder and owner of Sargasso and Pronto and an MSA alumnus. He opened the Career Day by sharing his inspirational story as an entrepreneur. Classroom sessions took part all day. We had a variety of careers represented such as hairdressing, dentistry, law, accounting, medical, police, architecture, real estate, technology and so many more.

We would like to thank all the presenters and the students for making this Career Day a huge success! We also thank Mrs. Charlene White, our Career Practitioner, for organizing this engaging day for our students.

Middle School Semi-Formal Dance

Our middle school students were able to enjoy a semi-formal dance on January 27. All students came dressed to the nines and they were there to impress. The music for the evening was provided by DJ Iceman, Mr. Dana Rawlins. Mr. Pastor arranged for games, and a great time was had by all.

Oh, what a night it will be...





If you are looking for an exciting night, then mosey on down to the Hamilton Princess on April 15 and join us for a night full of fun and dancing.

We are pleased to announce that we will be having two bands. TRS (Ronnie Lopes, David Skinner (fill in for Tony Brenan) and Stan Gilbert) will open the night. Ronnie is an alumnus of MSA (1976). He is so excited to come and support this very worthwhile event, that he has managed to round up fellow alumni, Michael and Manuel Perreira (alumni) and Glenn Cuoco. They have agreed to play as the Silvertones and Travelers, changing the music styles throughout the night.

There will also be a silent auction during the evening, with many exciting prizes to be won. Prizes include rum tasting at the new Bacardi 1862 Cocktail Bar, a private chef to cook a lovely breakfast for six people, weekend get aways at local hotels and many more exciting prizes. If you wish to obtain tickets, please contact Suzanne Decouto our Advancement Manager - sdecouto@msa.bm.



SHOT PUT



LONG JUMP



Sports Day "It was a huge success."









On March 2 for the first time ever, MSA held Sports Day at the Flora Duffy South Field Stadium for Grades 6-12. There was a variety of sports in which all students competed, including javelin, high jump, shot put and some team events. At the end of the day Yellow House was the winning house. The following students were champions in their age category:

U13 boys - Jaylen Medeiros & Nazir Johnson

U13 girls - Zaria Codrington

O13 boys - Stasio Raynor-Weller & Elliot Proctor

O13 girls - Sophie Weikl

U16 boys - Olek Rymon-Lipinski & Sa-Qui Robinson

U16 girls - Chloe Botelho

O16 boys - Jacinto Saints & Anijahé Santos-Martin

O16 girls - Katelynn DeMoura & Solana Richardson

Thank you to Mrs. Naquita Robinson and Mr. Sam Glazebrook for organizing the day.



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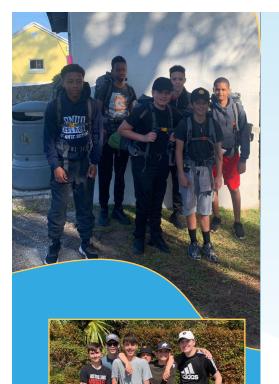


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Duke of Edinburgh

This year MSA continues its long history with the DoE program under the leadership of Mrs. Charlene White and Mrs. Jennifer Hamilton.

The following Grade 9 students have participated in the DoE Bronze Award program: Callum Adams, William Adams, Gabriel Booth, Sir DeVent, Skye Ferguson, Christopher Furtado, Landen Grayston, Christian Hanwell, Jorai Laurenceo, Alex Malo, Braydon MacKay, Amir Outerbridge, Trystan Parkin, Paige Roberts, and Josiah Tannock.

To complete the DoE Bronze program students must:

- attend weekly meetings where they prepared route cards for their walks, learned camping skills and how to work cooperatively in their groups.
- complete a 2-day 24 km practice walk, with overnight camping.
- complete a 2-day 24 km Expedition, with overnight camping.
- complete one year of service, physical recreation, and skill to receive their award at the end of this school year.

The following Grade 10 students have participated in the DoE Silver Award program: Chloe Botelho, Mila Calko, Azariah Greaves, Ethan McAlpine, Ava Romeo, and Alexander (Olek) Rymon-Lipinski.

To complete the DoE Silver program students must:

- attend weekly meetings where they prepared route cards for their walks, learned camping skills and how to work cooperatively in their groups.
- complete a 3-day 48 km practice walk, with 2 nights of camping.
- complete 3-day 48 km Expedition, with 2 nights of camping.
- complete at least 18 months of service, physical recreation, and a skill to receive their award.

Grade 11 student, Christanté Dill, is participating in the DoE Gold Award program. The Bermuda National Award Office conducts the training for the Gold Award.

To complete the DoE Gold Award students must:

- participate in regular training to prepare for the Adventurous Journey.
- complete at least 36 months of service, physical recreation and a skill
- attend regular training to prepare for the expedition.
- complete a 4-day, 3-night Expedition off island and a 5-day 4-night residential project.
- complete at least 36 months of service, physical recreation and a skill

Over the past year, the following students have successfully completed their DoE Bronze Award: Chloe Botelho, Mila Calko, Rylan Cundliffe, Ian DaSilva, Chrishanté Dill , Donaldo Laurenceo, Anijahé Martin , Nia-Rene Outerbridge, Ava Romeo, Alexander (Olek) Rymon-Lipinski, Christian Smith, Ethan Thompson, Ethan McAlpine, Jacob Hines, Savannah Tavares. The following students have successfully completed the DoE Silver program: Mataeo Holder, Analia Machado, Jake Roberts, Adriano Rymon Lipinski , and Nicholas Weikl







On January 11, Mr. Gwynne Williams, one of our former PE teachers, visited the island with his wife. Mr. Williams was very pleased that many of his former students joined him one evening to reminisce about old times.







Graduate of 1994 is promoted. Congratulations to Tristan Abend on his promotion to Head of Property, responsible for both US and international business in Bermuda at AXA XL Reinsurance.



If you have any great alumni news that you would like to share in our newsletter, send Suzanne DeCouto our Advancement Manager an email - sdecouto@msa.bm.



Congratulations to Linda Tailford. Receiving any award is an honor. However, when you have been selected for His Majesty the King's New Year's Honors List, that is one of the highest honors anyone can receive in a lifetime. Linda Fox-Tailford, an alumna of MSA, was duly selected for this award for contributing to the local scouting movement for the last 44 years. Congratulations, Linda!!

ALUMANIA MEWS

Chance Moves one step closer to dream of becoming a pilot.

Chance Anthony, graduate of 2020, has always dreamed of being on the ocean and aspires to be a boat pilot. Chance is one step closer to fulfilling this dream as he has now joined Oleander and will be working as a deck cadet for six months. He has said that this experience with the Oleander would be his first deep-sea contract. We are very proud of Chance.



Scott Barnes' name is synonymous with racing go karts. Scott can be seen competing every Sunday at the racetrack during karting season. Scott has won many races both locally and abroad. He can now claim fame to getting a podium finish at the Daytona Kart Week in Florida. Way to go, Scott!!!

Mark Your Calendar!

April 15th

Boots & Bubbly

May 22nd - June 4th

Visual Art Auction

April 27th

Elementary Sports Day

June 29th

Graduation

May 6th

Home & School Golf Tournament

June 30th

Happy Hour for all Alumni

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