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A Canadian International Program

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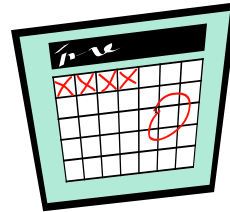
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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

January 30th	Secondary PD Day
January 31st	Semester Two for Secondary students begins
February 1st	PTA Executive Meeting
February 4th	First Steps Training-Reading for Teachers
February 10th	First Steps Training-Reading for Teachers
February 10th	Secondary Gr. 9-12 Reports go home
February 24th	Soca Competition at Main Campus, Grs. 3-12
February 27-March 1st	Carnival Holiday



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ST. MICHAEL BOYS CHOIR SCHOOL

St. Michael Boys Choir School from Toronto, Canada will be visiting Trinidad and Tobago on Monday 24th—Sunday 30th April 2006. This will be the school's third visit with tours previously in 1994 and 1999. The boys range in age from 11 –18 years old and the purpose of the tour is to broaden the horizons of these young men by allowing them to become ambassadors, not only for the school, but also for Toronto, the Province of Ontario, and Canada.

The choir will be performing throughout Trinidad and Tobago including San Fernando, Arima, Scarborough and Port of Spain. Proceeds from all concerts will go towards defraying costs of their stay here and towards a charity of their choice.

Families in Action, The Canadian Commission and other volunteers and organiza-

tions in Trinidad and Tobago comprise the steering committee for this trip. They are in the process of securing host homes for these young men during their stay and this has been most successful in previous trips. If you are interested in billeting any of the boys, **Host Registration Forms are available in our Main Campus office.**

As a host home parent, you would be required to house, provide means and transport the boys to and from the Trinidad Country Club, which has been arranged as the pickup and drop-off point daily.

With your help and generosity, this visit will be as great a success as the two previous ones.

"Life affords no greater responsibility, no greater privilege, than the raising of the next generation."

SCHOOL FEES

*All fees for Term 2/
Semester 1 are over due
and must be paid by
January 31st, 2006.
Reports/Transcripts can
be picked up in the
office on February 10th
after fees have been
paid.*





“ECONOMICS” IN GEOGRAPHY CLASS?
Judy Sharpe, Teacher of Geography and Physical Education, Gr. 7 and 8



.....it is much more than about our physical world.

When one teacher learnt that the Grade 8 students were going to Kiss Baking Company Limited in Chaguanas as part of their Geography program she inquired to the respective teacher “How does visiting a factory relate to Geography?” Additionally, a student in one of the classes also commented “Miss, do you realize that you are teaching us about money and how to organize a business?” These are all too familiar questions and comments that geography teachers encounter. After all, isn’t geography about rivers, oceans, mountains, climate and so on?

Actually, ‘economic geography’ is an integral branch of

geography. As part of the expectations of the Ontario Geography program for this grade level, it is recommended for students to visit a local factory in order to further refine their inquiry, research and communication skills.

At the factory, students witnessed several raw materials being processed into finished products. They experienced the mechanical mixing of dough and its movement along different stages of the production line. They were also excited to see the making of Kiss cakes and were impressed how machinery was used in the filling of the cream and icing of the cakes. The speed of pro-

duction was interesting to see. The one aspect of the industry that surprised students the most, was the extent to which mechanization has replaced human labor.

Students interacted with workers and tour operators to find out more about the factory. They paid attention to the raw materials used and their sources; methods of transportation; markets, both locally and regionally; type and gender of labor; and methods of feedback.

So next time you think about geography, just remember it is much more than about our physical world.

Tacos

Ingredients:

- Taco shells Sour cream
- Taco sauce Ground beef
- Grated cheese Diced tomatoes
- Shredded lettuce

What To Do

1. Cook meat
2. Bake shells
3. Put meat in shell
4. Put other ingredients
5. Put sauce & sour cream

Special Instructions:

Adult supervision

HEALTHY EATING



Grade 2R has been engaged in a healthy eating unit for about two weeks. They have been learning about giving new foods a try. Here they are making their own tacos which incorporates foods from four of the five food groups. After making their tacos the children had fun creating their own recipe.



FCB/CARE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Last month in our Nov/Dec issue we made special mention of the Digital 1st and 2nd place winners and Print 1st and 2nd place winners in the FCB/CARE Photography Competition. This writer, made a promise to Rebecca Aboud's mother on Thursday December 1st, the day she passed away that her daughter's winning photograph would be published in this month's issue, as last month we were limited in time to locate, deliver and publish the following photographs.

Michael Lopez of First Citizen Bank was of great help and submitted the photographs that we are pleased to present in our January 2006 issue. By the way, the Howler that Rebecca photographed is indigenous to Trinidad and is found in the Western Peninsula, Tucker Valley Chagaramas. This male was given the name "Road Block" because a road block had been set up to confiscate smuggled monkeys, of which "Road Block" was one of them.

We also are happy to publish Digital 2nd place winner Chelsea DeSouza and Print 1st and 2nd place winner Laura Brennan photos. Congratulations to all the winners!!

Digital: 1st Place Rebecca Aboud



Digital: 2nd Place Chelsea DeSouza



Print: 1st Place Laura Brennan

Print: 2nd Place Laura Brennan



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CHANGES

If you have any changes to your address, phone number or email please notify the office so that we may keep our contact information up -dated at all times.

MEDICINE REMINDER:

Please remember that no medication is available in the office. You may send medication in the original container with written permission for your child, and we will be happy to store it in a locked container for emergency use. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.



Caribbean Cross Training Club

The Caribbean Cross Training Club is pleased to offer a new and exciting program, which includes the whole family. This program will be held on weekends and after school, at the Flying Fish Swimming Pool, Jamaica Boulevard, Federation Park, Port of Spain. It is designed for persons of various levels of sporting abilities and ages. It is also for persons interested in the following:

1. Releasing daily stress
2. Improving performance and stamina
3. Being in good physical shape
4. Sport specific training (e.g.. Triathlon, Cycling, Tennis & Running)



The Club has only highly qualified, trained instructors, who will not force your children into anything that they are not capable of undertaking. Importantly, the Club encourages the proper all-round development of the child (i.e. diet, sport, high academic performance). A flyer is available at the main campus office or for further information, you can contact Andrew Eligon at 797-4015.

LIBRARY NEWS



The library recently received from Canada 29 boxes of books. These books are diligently being added to our system by Susan Nock and our shelves are once again becoming full with new books.

WEBSITE NEWS: www.bewebaware.ca

“Be Web Aware is a Canadian bilingual public education program on Internet safety. The objective of everyone involved in this project is to ensure young Canadians benefit from the Internet, while being safe and responsible in their online activities.

The goal of the *Be Web Aware* initiative is two-fold:

1. Raise awareness amongst parents that there are safety issues when their children go online and that they need to get involved.
2. Provide practical information and tools that will equip parents to effectively manage Internet use in the home and to teach their kids to be Web savvy. “

This educational site is a great source of information and tools to help parents teach their children about the risks associated with using the Internet. You may like to visit the following sections:

“Get the most out of the Internet”

“Know the Risks”

“Safety Tips by Age” (5 sections for ages 2-17)

GUIDANCE

Transcripts: Effective immediately, students needing to have transcripts are advised that requests must be made between Monday and Thursday, and collected on **Fridays only**. **A log book will be placed at the front office (Bldg. A)** for your requests.