

St. Ignatius Catholic School

Weekly Bulletin for Parents 2017-18

January 29 - February 2

FROM THE HEADS OF PRIMARY/SECONDARY: Dear Parents,

A lesson was observed in school this week where the children were completing writing influenced by two great orators. One of them was Jesus with a focus on the Beatitudes put forward during his Sermon on the Mount. The other was Martin Luther King and an examination of his famous 'I have a Dream' speech. The children were tasked to write their own mantra or speech of an issue that was important to them. A diverse range of issues arose from why children do not wield as much power as adults to animal rights to the inexplicability of war. One piece especially caught the eye. It was about the inequality in the world. As it happened, that day, but unbeknown to the student, a report had been issued by Oxfam prior to the World Economic Forum in Davos. This report states that 42 people in the world hold as much wealth as the 3.7 billion people who make up the poorest half of the world population. When this was pointed out to the student, there was much outrage at this injustice - and only served to improve the rhetoric and emotion in the writing. It is indeed a remarkable statistic.

As adults, we often look at this type of statistic with resignation – and when faced with such numbers, it is often difficult to even contemplate on where to start addressing such issues.

During the meeting of governments in the Swiss Alps, there will be discussions on how best to tackle this issue of rising inequality. The hope is that the leaders come up with creative and sustainable ways of ensuring continuing development and growth in the world with an eye to the environment and to the world's poorest. The eyes of the world will be upon them to see what transpires.

Back in Cayman, we have had a shorter working week with Heroes Day on Monday; in addition to Gareth Thacker and Mr. Jeremy Rice receiving their long service awards there were also a number of alumni who received honours for their sporting contributions to the island: Jennifer Powell, Heather Roffey, Brett and Shaun Fraser, Michael and Philip Wight, Perri Merren and Tommy Ebanks. Congratulations to them and to all other recipients. Perhaps those children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 who participate in next week's Sports Day will be influenced by their elders and even be the future recipients of such awards! Another student in Year 13 also received a significant award this week. Brandon Saunders attended the presentation on Thursday to celebrate the fact that one of his pieces of art work has been purchased by the National Gallery as part of its National Collection. Brandon will be the youngest artist to have art work on display. This is a wonderful achievement and a great honour. Congratulations to Brandon and to the National Gallery for making such a wise choice! On a final note about awards, we have many students sitting their Trinity Examinations in Music. An examiner is over from the UK for the next two weeks and we wish all of our 115 students who are sitting this prestigious exam every success.

The Secondary Years 11 - 13 mock examinations are now over and the results will soon be fed back to students and fresh targets set where required. Meetings with Year 11 parents are scheduled for Tuesday, 6th February and for Years 12 and 13 on Monday, 12th February. In Primary, parents meetings are set for the week beginning 5th February and we look forward to meeting with parents there.

As part of our continuing work on Safeguarding, the School policy will be presented to parents in the Canteen on Thursday 1st February at 8:00 am and the presentation will be repeated at 5:30 pm. We look forward to seeing parents there.

This morning, we held our Stride against Cancer on the front field for this very worthy cause. There was a great turnout, with many showing their support for those with cancer and also making monetary donations for the charity. A former UK government minister, Tessa Jowell, who has a brain tumour, stood up in the House of Lords yesterday to speak about her experience. She said that global co-operation amongst experts in this area was crucial but also made the interesting point that what was also required was a 'community of love' to provide support.

Events such as the Stride against Cancer shows that we have much community spirit in Cayman and at St. Ignatius. Perhaps leaders in Davos will also recognise the importance of community in their discussions about inequality - and may be ignited into action as might an outraged child.

We thank everyone for their support in this worthy cause and look to our next planned charity event which will support Feed Our Future.

We hope that everyone enjoys their weekend.

James Hickey - Head of Primary
Peter Embleton - Head of Secondary

VISITING SCHOOL: Please could any visitors who come to the School, including parents, check into the front office first. Staff have been asked to challenge anyone without a 'Visitor' badge. Please do not be offended if you are challenged as this is to help keep your children safe. Thank you for your support.

PRIMARY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

From the Head of Primary, Mr. James Hickey:

- ⇒ **Mass:** It was 6P's turn to lead us in the Mass this week, to celebrate the Conversion of St. Paul. We heard the famous story of what happened on the road to Damascus. Thank you to the children for their participation. Mass next week will be led by 2W to celebrate Candlemas and as usual, all are very warmly invited to attend.
- ⇒ **Safeguarding Tip of the Week:** Ensure that children know there are adults they can turn to when they have any problem. A parent, a teacher, a grandparent whom they trust. Communication with our young people is important and they need to know that they have a person they can turn to in times of need.

A reminder that our Safeguarding Coffee morning takes place on 1st February at 8:00 am in the Canteen. The presentation will be repeated at 5.30 pm.

- ⇒ **Welcome:** Next week we will be meeting with our new Nursery children who have been offered places for 2018-2019 academic year. We look forward to welcoming them into our school community.
- ⇒ **Early Years Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 Sports Day/Sports Day awards:** Our Early Years/KS1 Sports Day takes place on Wednesday 31st January. Parents and family members are welcome to support the children in this morning to celebrate participation and enjoyment of physical activities. Nursery takes place at 10:30 am. Reception to Year 2 at 8:15 am.
- ⇒ **Lionfish:** There are many initiatives to support Sustainable Development work. The Young Rotarians are currently electing members and they will be looking at ways in which we can help our environment. Many classes in Primary participated in the Lionfish competition to raise awareness of this invasive species and we have our Lionfish art exhibition next Thursday, 1st February from 7:30 am in the Canteen and this will be followed by the Safeguarding presentation at 8:00 am.
- ⇒ **Parents Evening – Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th February:** Please note that the booking system for Parents evening will close on the day before the scheduled appointment time at 12 noon. We look forward to meeting parents and updating you on your child's progress. The dates are 6th or 8th February. Parents in Year 3 Whiteside will have received a letter about amendments to these dates
- ⇒ **Hats:** It has been noticed that many children, especially in KS2 are not wearing hats at break times. After the mid-term break, the expectation will be that all children in Primary wear hats during break times. As they can so often

get mixed up, it is crucial that these hats are labelled with your child's name. Thank you for your support.

⇒ **Farmer Carlito:** Thank you to Farmer Carlito who continues to work with our EYFS children on their growing project. The beans are coming along very nicely.

Wednesday, 31st January: Nursery to Year 2 Sports Day: A reminder that the Nursery to Year 2 Sports Day will take place on Wednesday on the back field and we look forward to seeing parents there. Tea and coffee will be available in the canteen from 7:45 am.



Events for Reception to Year 2 will take place from 8:15 am until approximately 9:45 am.

Events for Nursery will take place from 10:30 am until approximately 11:00 am.

Parents are also welcome to attend the Sports Day Awards Assembly in the Hall??? on Friday, February 2 at 8:00 am. Awards will be presented to those students placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the various individual events.

SECONDARY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Friday, 2nd February: Year 11 Mock examination results go home to parents. This will be followed by a parent reporting evening for the mock results on Tuesday, 6th February from 3:30 - 5:30 pm in Loyola Hall and parents are reminded to book appointments with teachers through the Parent Evening Booker which will open for parents to book appointments from Tuesday 30th January. We look forward to meeting with parents on 6th February.

UK Intermediate Maths Challenge in Loyola Hall on February 1st: On January 18th and 19th, all Years 9 - 11 students were given a mock UK Maths Challenge paper to decide which students will sit the external challenge. The students with the top 30 scores have earned the right to sit the 2018 UK Intermediate Maths Challenge on **Thursday, February 1st**, period 3 in Loyola Hall. Please join the Mathematics Department in congratulating:



Year 9: Arianna Anglin, Arjun Dhanasekar, Ricardo Douglas, Brianna Ebanks, Greta Ecke, Valeria Granados, Kendra Harrison, Matthew Meghoo, Linda Mukarakate, Sahil Jyoti, Shayana Windsor, and Jaden Yearwood.

Year 10: Max Marland, Phillip Mathura, Osin McGeough, Justin Miller, Shane Mullen, Humphrey Richards, Theo Ritch-Whiteside, Jonah Sigsworth, and Beth Walton.

Year 11: Dante Baptiste, Ethan Cronier, Madeleine Cronier, Sarah Harrison, Kelsi Persad, Erika Sobers, Samruddhi Tagalpallewar, Alessandro Usini, and Martina Watler.

Mr. Richards

Confirmation: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, February 4th, at a special 9:30 am Mass at St. Ignatius Church. The Celebrant will be Bishop Arturo Cepeda, Auxiliary Bishop from the Archdiocese of Detroit. The following candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are students of our school:

Arianna Anglin
Nilakni Jayasekera
Jayden Miller
Olivia Weaver

Emmanuela Fernandes
Zhanna McDonald
Rene Ortega
Shayana Windsor

Valeria Granados
Matthew Meghoo
Hannah Ritch-Whiteside



We congratulate these students and pray that they will be true to their faith and allow the Holy Spirit to guide their lives each day.

WHOLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Safeguarding Coffee Morning: The Safeguarding Committee and Board approved our Safeguarding Policy last month. The policy and procedures will be presented to parents at a coffee morning on Thursday 1st February at 8:00 am in the Canteen and will be repeated at 5:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Music Tuition: There is still availability in ALL instruments and voice for this term. Please contact Mr. Donoghue if interested (simon.donoghue@st-ignatius.com).



St. Ignatius Catholic Church - Youth Ministry - for Years 7 - 11: FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH - FEBRUARY 2ND - NO Youth event this week due to Confirmation Rehearsal on Friday evening. Reminder that the Confirmation Mass takes place on Sunday, February 4th at 9:30 am. Bishop Cepeda from Detroit will be presiding.

FRIDAY YOUTH - FEBRUARY 9TH - YEARS 5-6 BOARD GAMES NIGHT: 7:00-9:00 pm. Meet in Loyola Hall. Cost is \$5 at the door for pizza and drinks. Please bring your favourite board games to play! All those in Years 5 or 6 who attend St. Ignatius School and/or St. Ignatius and Christ the Redeemer Church are welcome to attend. Teens ages 14+ who wish to help out can sign up in the church office by Thursday. For more information, please contact O'Neil Miller or Jeremy Rice in the church office on 949-6797 or via e-mail.

Visual Arts Society - Art by the Sea Exhibition February 2018 - Opening Gala Monday, February 5th: 6 pm to 9 pm: Please see flyer at the end of the Bulletin for more information. This is an annual FREE event for the public and some of our Secondary students' art will also be on display.

ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH FRIDAY FISH FRY NIGHTS will resume on Friday, February 16th, from 5:00-8:00 pm. They will also take place on February 23rd, and March 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd. Dine in or carry out.



SAVE THE DATE! SPRING FLING - FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH, 3:00-6:30 PM: As usual we will have a variety of great food, including burgers, hot dogs and fish fry. There will be lots of fun, games, entertainment and prizes! Any businesses or individuals who would like to offer sponsorships, donate prizes or other items, or volunteer to help in advance or on the day are asked to please e-mail hsa@st-ignatius.com or speak to any member of the HSA Executive Committee. More details will be announced soon.



SPRING FLING PRIZE DRAW TICKETS... ONLY \$5: At the end of the HSA Spring Fling there will be a prize drawing for CI \$1000! There are lots of other prizes, including gift certificates and movie passes! Tickets are only \$5 and are available from Mr. Rice at the table in front of school beginning Monday, January 29th. All those who can help us sell tickets are urged to collect a book from Mr. Rice as soon as possible before/after school and sell them over the next 7 weeks. Prizes for selling the winning ticket and for top seller! If anyone would like to donate additional prizes, please speak to Mr. Rice.

GOLF SCRAMBLE - FRIDAY, MARCH 23RD! REGISTRATION NOW

OPEN! SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE! St. Ignatius Church and School will be hosting our ninth annual golf scramble on Friday, March 23rd at the North Sound Golf Club. It will be a four person scramble format, with a 1:00 pm shotgun start.

Parishioners, parents, staff, alumni, students, and visitors are encouraged to play. The event will be limited to 88 participants. There will be lots of great prizes, including USD \$50,000 for a hole-in-one! Participants will enjoy a buffet dinner at the conclusion of the golf! Cost is CI \$175 per player (or CI\$700 per team of four), which includes all extras/competitions! Registration/sponsorship forms are available in the school/church offices or request one via e-mail at st.ignatius.golf.scramble@gmail.com. Prize donations are always much appreciated! For further information please phone 949-6797 or send an e-mail. Proceeds will support the school and parish development funds.



ADVANCE REMINDERS:

- February 6 & 8 3:00 - 6:00 pm: Year 1 - Year 6 parent meetings, by appointment
- February 6 3:30 - 5:30 pm: Year 11 mock results parent meeting in Loyola Hall
- February 8 Years 12/13 Mock examination results go home to parents;
Frozen Yogurt on sale after school - for Guides - \$2
- February 12 3:30 - 5:30 pm: Years 12/13 Parents evening re mock results - Loyola Hall
- February 13 *La fete de Mardi Gras*
- February 14 Public Holiday - Ash Wednesday
- February 15 - 16 School closed for Half-term break
- February 22 - 23 PSA Music Festival
- February 26 PSA Netball Tournament
- February 27 Year 7 Retreat Day
- February 28 3:30 - 5:30 pm: Year 7 progress meeting with parents in Loyola Hall

Visual Arts Society
art for everyone

ANNUAL
ART SHOW

Fringe Event 2018



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SAVE THE DATE

Celebration of Music & Art by the Sea

Music GALA Monday Feb 5: 6pm – 9pm

VAS Watler House Studio @ Pedro St. James

Admission FREE: refreshments & appetizers available

FEATURING Live Musical Performance

By singer guitarist Ericka Assai + poetic readings

VAS ART EXHIBITION art ON SALE

Plus Student Art Display

