

# St. Hugh's Preparatory School P.T.A. Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ October 12-16 - Heritage Week
- ◆ October 16-19 - Mid-Term Break
- ◆ October 20 - Classes Resume
- ◆ October 26-30 - School Pictures Week
- ◆ October 26-30 - Mid-Term Parent Teacher's Consultation
- ◆ November 21 - P.T.A. Oldies Party at Village Blues Bar, Orchard Village, Liguanea

## A word from the President

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for electing me to represent you in what is a most serious and important capacity as it relates to the development of the school and by extension the betterment of our children.

I take this position very seriously and I hope that I can represent you in a most truthful, honest and exemplary way. I know that we have seen many changes taking place and I want you to know that this executive is here to work with you and to seek the best solutions, as well as to ensure that most of our parents and teachers are effectively represented.

I would like to take this opportunity to explain the direction of this year's executive and to expand on our thinking behind the action plan that was sent out to you a few weeks ago. This PTA executive intends to leave a footprint behind that is concrete, visible and usable. As such the two major projects that we aim to look at will undoubtedly leave an indelible mark on the school and will be most importantly beneficial to all students. If you had a chance to read our action plan you will have seen that the two projects I speak of are the bathroom refurbishment and the library renovation.

We are seeking your support in these two very important areas. We believe that redoing the bathrooms must be priority this year and do not want this to be forgotten. I must give kudos to the last executive who helped to guide and prepare us for taking on this mantle and the dream of the bathroom project really began with them. Luckily though, it is this executive that will reap the fruits of the seeds that Jon and his team had begun to sew. We need parental support and I understand fully that in these economic times, amidst higher school fees and increased costs all around that parents' are indeed burdened, but I know that we can still expect your support in whatever way possible. Please support our tile drive and oldies party which are our two big fundraisers this year. I look forward to a year of collaboration, support and realities.

**Luckresha Ramsamugh-Baker**

# WELCOME TO THE START OF A NEW YEAR AT ST. HUGH'S PREP



*“There are a variety of ways in which you can contribute to our school.”*

Your PTA Executive comprises:

The President -  
Luckresha Baker

The Vice President -  
Paula Gooden

The Treasurer -  
Andrena McMayo

The Assistant Treasurer -  
Trudi Stewart-Gaynor

The Secretary -  
Hilary Reid

The Assistant Secretary -  
Kareen Edwards-Brown

The Grade Coordinator -  
Judy Benjamin

The Teachers' Representative -

The Class Representatives -

We need your help. There are a variety of ways in which you can contribute to our school. Please sign up for one of the following committees and help us to drive St. Hugh's Prep School from strength to strength:

The **Beautification Team** is responsible for looking at the school grounds, determining what actions may need to be taken to enhance the beauty and security of our surroundings to encourage learning and growing and carrying such activities through to completion.

The **Sports and Extra-curricular Activities Team** is responsible for looking at the school's Sports Department and offerings for extra-curricular activities and determining what actions may need to be taken to better enhance learning through play and team building and carrying such actions through to completion.

The **Communication Team** is responsible for ensuring that everyone is aware of what is happening in St. Hugh's. They will be responsible for liaising with the office, ensuring that the PTA page on the website is kept up-to-date, preparing our PTA Newsletter at least quarterly and ensuring that we are able to keep in touch with each other generally.

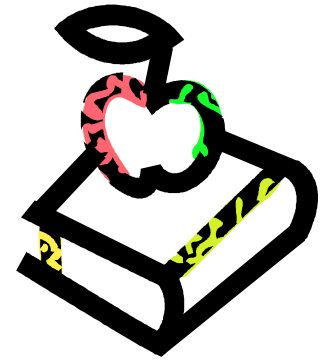
The **Fundraising Team** is responsible for organizing the fundraising efforts of the PTA, whether large or small, so that we will have the necessary funds to carry out the developmental projects in the school targeted for the school year.

The **Marketing and Promotion Team** is responsible for promoting school events, the performance of our students at national events and examining ways to market the school, its teachers and our children generally both inside and outside the school.

The **Educational Support Team** is responsible for assessing the developmental projects needed to be undertaken to enhance the educational programme of the school for the school year and to implement such developmental projects.

## Assembly Topics

DATE	SUGGESTED TOPIC	GRADES/TEACHERS
September 25	God's Love	K2
October 02	Respecting each other	Grade 1
October 09	Heritage Week Assembly	Environment Club
October 15	Heritage Week Assembly	Special
October 23	Sharing and Caring	Grade 5
October 30	Being Honest	Grade 3
November 06	Harvest Thanksgiving Assembly	Grade 2
November 13	Parents Assembly	
November 20	St. Hugh's Day Assembly	
November 27	Being Trustworthy	Grade 4
December 04	Being Obedient	K1
December 11	The Christmas Story	Grade 6



*P.T.A. Oldies Party is November 21 at Village Blues Bar, Orchard Village in Liguanea. Tickets will be on sale soon.*



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## Issues on our agenda

1. **After-Care:** We have met with the Principal and the after-care policy has been revised. Although the revisions do not fully address all the concerns of the parents, we appreciate the basic philosophy behind the position of the school. We therefore encourage all parents to use our best efforts to try to adhere to the requests of the school. In the meantime, the PTA continues its efforts to try to source a converted container which can better serve the needs of the school and our children.
2. **PE Uniforms:** We are aware that some parents are concerned and disappointed with the PE Uniforms offered by the school this year. We will be discussing the matter with the Principal and will keep you advised of our progress.
3. **Bathrooms:** This is an area of critical concern for the PTA. The state of the bathrooms is not ideal and they are in need of an upgrade as they serve a large part of the school population. The PTA Executive has therefore made the bathrooms our primary focus of attention for this school year. We are focusing a number of our fundraising efforts at completing this project **before** the end of the first school term.
4. **Library:** This is our next area of concern. The PTA wants to enhance the spirit of learning through reading by enhancing and improving our library and research capabilities.
5. **SWOT Report:** The Principal had indicated that she was in the processing of compiling an overall SWOT Report based on the responses received both from the parents and from the teachers. We will be following up with the principal regarding this report so that it can be circulated to all and used as a basis for the efforts of our several committees.

## School Board News

The school Board has asked the P.T.A. for feedback as to how better the Board can carry out its functions.

Please feedback your thoughts on how the Board can be further developed to assist with the school's overall development through your Class Representatives, or directly to a member of the Executive.

The responses will be summarized and forwarded to the Board.

## What our Children are doing?

**Our children have just returned to school and are beginning the process of settling down in their new classes and looking forward to a new year of involvement both in school activities and national events. Let us prepare to support our children in all their ventures!**