

## *FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL*



October 12, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian:

### ***IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS TERM***

As we approach the mid-term we are pleased that school has started smoothly with all of our teachers in place. As with the general population, we have had our own fair share of staff and students affected by the various illnesses such a dengue fever. We continue to wish those more seriously affected a speedy recovery. Airborne illness such as the flu and COVID-19 are with us, therefore we continue to encourage good hygiene practices. If the children are ill, please do not send them school.

Please remember to keep handy the schedule that was sent to you at the beginning of the school term and all subsequent updates, so that you will remain aware of the various activities. Rescheduled activities will be communicated to you ahead of time. The available information on the Caribbean Examinations Council 2024 sitting has been communicated to the examination groups. Please keep them handy.

We offer congratulations to our PTA Executive for the new year and look forward to their continued strong support.



You are encouraged to continue supporting the PTA by paying your dues. This includes the insurance for your child/ward. Insurance will be necessary for participation in certain







activities. *We are also looking forward to your school fee contribution, where it has not been paid. Of course we really thank those who have made this contribution.*

Heartiest congratulations to our performing arts groups on winning the *Jamaica Cultural Development Commission's Marcus Garvey Award for Excellence* in the Performing Arts 2023. We are also the recipients of several sectional awards. We are really proud of the team. Our Manning Cup Team has been representing us with

mixed results. We thank the team for their representation of our school. As other groups bow into action, we will keep you updated. Other enrichment activities are also underway.



This also serves as a **reminder**, especially to our new parents and guardians, that clubs and societies have begun for the year with registration last week, therefore unless otherwise advised in this format, school dismisses at 3:00 pm every day, regardless of which day a club may be held. We are also sharing that most of our forty clubs are active again. There is an opportunity for every child to be involved. This is not optional.

We still do not have PE uniforms in all sizes owing to us not receiving our full order from our suppliers.

All workbooks are now available at Necessities. There are no additional rental texts available in hard copy.

There are new look school sweat tops, souvenir key rings, tie pins and ID holders available for purchase

at Necessities.

As a school, we welcome and need donations, however, these are to be cleared with the school before proceeding to send items to the school where they are to be properly received and inventoried.

Our Guidance Team has been working overtime to meet the social and emotional needs. I am acknowledging their significant work on behalf of all of us.



We are involved in two student exchanges this term. On October 25, we will welcome a group of faculty and students from the Harrison College in Bridgetown, Barbados. We hope to be in Barbados in February 2024. They will be twined with staff and students here for five days of school. On December 10, we plan to visit with our longstanding exchange partners from Polyvalente La Samare in Quebec, Canada. They will visit with us in March 2024. This exchange may close after twenty-two years.

Very importantly, in order to offer greater safety and security to our students we remind you of the following guidelines and ask that you help us reinforce them:

- Parents/guardians are not to visit the classrooms.
- Items must not be left with the security guards for anyone on the campus.
- Students are not to be encouraged to receive or make calls during the hours of 7:25 am and 4:00 pm.
- Students are not to collect any items from anyone. Item(s) must be left at the main office.
- Students are not allowed to leave the campus and return without written permission from the school.
- Once students exit the campus after dismissal, they are not allowed to return.
- Students are not to congregate or collect anything from anyone at the gate or along the fence line.
- Discuss with your child the dangers of unsafe use of the Internet.
- Discuss with child/ward the dangers of irresponsible use of their cellular phones.
- Discuss with your child the dangers of consuming, inhaling or smoking drugs.
- Please encourage your child/ward to first report to teachers, guidance counsellors and the Dean any attempts at bullying or offer of contraband by anyone.
- Students must keep their property in sight at all times.

We look forward to hearing from you via the email addressed created specifically for each grade level. These address you will use for the duration of the time that you are at Ardenne.

Yours truly,  
**ARDENNE HIGH SCHOOL**  
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