

ST. GABRIEL'S SCHOOL

September 7th, 2018

MEMO 1

Week 1, Term 1, 2018 - 2019

Our Mission Statement

To develop wholesome and confident members of society by creating an environment underpinned by religious faith where children's individual talents and creativity can flourish.

A personal welcome to you from the Principal, Mrs. Blackett

Dear St. Gabriel's Family,

As the academic year 2018-2019 commences, a warm and happy welcome is extended to you all.

Some new features have been incorporated into the School this term, as follows:

- 1. Thanks to the PTA, the Auditorium received the second of its scheduled upgrades, with the floor being repaired.*
- 2. The Infant Department is now fully employing the centre-based learning approach and it will be trialled in the J1 classes this year.*
- 3. The date of this year's Fair is Saturday 27th October 2018. Please note this date in your diary.*

Thank you to all who came out and signed up for the Extra-curricular activities on Friday 7th September 2018. It's not too late to sign up. Check the listings inside and please speak with the activity leader on the respective day.

The School Roll

Our roll which currently stands at 416 includes 66 new students including those in the Nursery and the two Reception classes. Many thanks to our parents past and present who endorse this School and recommend us to their family, friends and colleagues.

Staff Changes

We welcomed the following new members of Staff: Ms. Kathrin Cornibert to J1, Ms. Maiah Spencer in the Nursery and Ms. Karen Figueroa – Spanish Teacher. We also welcome back Mrs. Kelah Straker, and Mrs. Gemma Young who is covering Mrs. Steel in Middles.

We also have four Educational Assistants working in a few classes: Ms. Pollard in J3D, Mrs. Beckles in JC, Ms. Margot Forde in J1C and Ms. Skye Inniss in Reception L. There may also be volunteers around the school this term: Mr. Jason Greaves who will return to J2B and Ms. Esther Moses in the Nursery. As is customary, all new volunteers will be fully apprised of the School's expectations.

School Newsletters will be circulated fortnightly by email (please speak to Ms. Edwards if you do not have an email address). We assure you that, in addition, any information that needs to be communicated urgently will be.

If you wish to submit an insert, please do so by email **no later than Wednesday 4:00 p.m. in the week in which the Newsletter will be published.** Inserts are vetted before publication. Our email address is: **stgabrielschoolbarbados@gmail.com or stgabriel@caribsurf.com.** Additional information can also be found on our website: **www.stgabrielsschool.org.** Please contact Ms. Edwards or Mrs. Perkins for details.

PTA Newsletters will be circulated on a monthly basis.

The School Day:

Mondays – Thursdays 8:30 a.m. to 2:25 p.m. - Infants
 8.30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - Juniors
 Fridays, School begins at 8:25 a.m. and ends at 2:25 p.m. for Infants and at
 2:30 p.m. for Juniors.

On the first and last days of each term school will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 12:00 noon.

Academic Year

Term I	Thursday, September 6th – Thursday, December 13th
Term II	Tuesday, January 8th – Thursday, March 28th
Term III	Tuesday, April 16th – Thursday, June 27th 2019

Class Reps

CLASS REPS are an invaluable liaison between the Class Teacher and the parents. A meeting will be held for Class Reps in a few weeks. Please volunteer. We need you to be involved. Names of parents who volunteer as Class Reps 2018 – 2019 will be published in subsequent newsletters. Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered as Reps.

Dates for Weeks 2 & 3 - September 10th to 21st 2018

MONDAY, September 10th

Class Meetings:

2:45 p.m. JC (Mrs. Chandler's classroom)

Extra Curricula Activities begin

TUESDAY, September 11th

Class Meeting:

2:45 p.m. J1 in J1C

WEDNESDAY, September 12th

Class Meeting:

2:45 p.m. J2 in J2C

2:45 p.m. J3 in J3G

FRIDAY, September 14th

Popsicles on sale \$1.00 each

1:30 p.m. Praying Mom's Ministry (PRAMM) in the Junior Library. All parents are welcome. See insert.

SATURDAY, September 15th

3:00 p.m. Beach Clean Up – at Browne's Beach. Please meet in the car park at Browne's Beach, Bay Street, St. Michael for the Beach Clean-up. This annual Campaign is being hosted by the Future Centre Trust.

Gloves and garbage bags will be provided. Please wear any past years' Fair T-Shirt. No alterations to Fair T-shirts. You can wear your own T-shirt if you don't have a Fair one.

THURSDAY, September 20th

Class Meeting:

1:45 p.m. Reception in Rec. L

FRIDAY, September 21st

Popsicles on sale \$1.00 each

1:30 p.m. Praying Mom's Ministry (PRAMM) in the Junior Library. All parents are welcome. See insert.

The Middles Class meeting has been postponed until further notice. Please speak to Ms. Trotman for more details.

Fair T-Shirt Days / Dress Up Days: September 28th, Friday, October 5th & 12th 2018

Wear your Fair T-Shirt to School Day – **One contribution of \$5.00 covers all days.** Funds will go toward the purchase of paint to re-decorate external classroom walls.

Students are allowed to wear 'appropriate' clothes – THIS YEAR'S Fair t-shirt and jeans, skirts or casual pants. No backs or bellies out; no pencil string tops; no heelies are permitted and no short shorts. All skirts should be of a decent length. **THE ONLY OTHER OPTION IS THE FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM. No alterations are to be made to Fair T-shirts.** Please help your child (children) to understand this.

DATES FOR TERM 1, 2018-2019

*Please be aware that some of these dates may be subject to change
but hopefully they may assist with your long-term planning.
More information will be given closer to the dates.*

Week 1	Thursday, September 6th	School re-opens
	Friday, September 7th	Year group meetings begin
		Extra Curricular Sign-up day in the AJ Auditorium
Week 2	Saturday, September 15 th	3:00 p.m. Beach Clean-up at Browne's Beach, Bay Street, St. Michael
Week 4	Friday, September 28 th)	Wear your Fair T-Shirt to School
Week 5	Friday, October 5 th)	
Week 6	Friday, October 12 th)	
Week 7	Thursday, October 18 th	Teachers' Professional Day (no school)
	Friday, October 19 th)	Half-Term Holiday (no school)
	Monday, October 22 nd)	
Week 8	Friday, October 26 th	Fair Set Up (no school)
	Saturday, October 27 th	THE SCHOOL FAIR – this year's theme: "Storyland"
	Sunday, October 28 th	8:00 a.m. Fair Clean-up
Week 12	Monday, November 19 th	End of Year Tests begin
Week 13	Thursday, November 29 th	National Colours Day (no charge)
		Independence Parade & Celebration
		Juniors – Bajan Canteen
	Friday, November 30 th	Barbados' 52nd Anniversary of Independence (public holiday, School closed)
Week 14	Wednesday, December 5 th	10:00 Infants' Play
	Friday, December 7 th	Toy Service & Nativity
Week 15	Wednesday, December 12 th	5:00 p.m. Juniors' Carol Service – Anne Johnson Auditorium
	Thursday, December 13 th	End of Term 1 – School Ends at 12:00 noon

Important Information

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS FOR SCHOOL COMPOUND

These regulations are designed for the safety of your children. Please show respect for them. In so doing you protect your child and also teach them to respect regulations.

Please consider the safety of our children and that of others as well. Set good examples and teach our children the importance of respecting rules and regulations, including the traffic directives presently in place at the School.

- Use caution and drive **SLOWLY**, at all times.
- Driving onto the school compound – Please **DO NOT STOP** to drop off children by the entrance / exit to the Staff car park or at the main gate by the gardens. This causes:
 - traffic to back-up - (especially when children have to collect belongings from the trunk and receive hugs and kisses outside the vehicle)
 - frustration for and impatience to other drivers who usually follow the rules and park in the car park
 - delays to persons who wish to exit via the front gate.
- Traffic should **TURN TO THE RIGHT AFTER ENTERING THE LOWER CAR PARK** and not proceed straight over the crosswalk.
- In “main” car park area, please follow directional signs.
- Mornings only - exit back gate or front gate.
- Evenings - exit back gate **ONLY** from 2:15 – 3:45 p.m., 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.
- DO NOT drop off children at the Barrier to the Staff Car Park.
- DO NOT allow your child (children) to run through the carpark when being collected or dropped off. Please encourage them to use the path from the blue benches to walk to their respective classes.
- DO NOT block the driveway.
- In order to allow for 2-way traffic there should be **NO PARKING ALONG THE SIDE OF THE DRIVE**.
- There should be **NO PARKING IN THE DROP-OFF AND COLLECTION BAY** as this causes long lines, obstruction and impatience. This combination increases the dangers for children. Cones will be placed there to prohibit parking during Collection time.
- Please respect the parking area designated for **STAFF ONLY**.
- We urge you to follow the instructions of the Security Guard.

Important Information (cont'd)

TRAFFIC, PARKING

Please remember to also exercise due care and caution when driving, particularly in the built up areas around our School - Henry's Lane, Dunlow Lane and surrounding districts. Look out for pedestrians – especially small children. Kindly send a positive message to our children about being considerate of others.

- Do not block access to the homes or businesses outside the entrance / driveway of the School including the Spencer Thorne Engineering Office and the homes in that location (right of our entrance / exit).
- **DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF, ON THE PROPERTY OF OR IN THE CORNER NEAR, NOR BLOCK AND HINDER ACCESS TO AND FROM the Joan Arundell Nursery (left of our back exit gate).** Parking is available on the hardcourt to the east of the Nursery and a few spaces are available on the right side behind our wall outside the back gate.

Be considerate. Please do not inconvenience, hinder or put at risk any of the nursery students, parents or employees. St. Gabriel's School will not be responsible for any action taken by the Joan Arundell Nursery against persons who will not adhere to their requests. Thank you.

- **IDLING VEHICLES** in the school car park - We are asking parents to show consideration and SWITCH OFF ALL ENGINES WHILE WAITING IN THE ST. GABRIEL'S CAR PARK.
- **EARLY / LATE ARRIVAL –**
 - Children who are brought to school **before 7:30 a.m.**, when supervision begins, must **NOT** be left unsupervised. This applies especially to the young ones in the Infants and Nursery. The School cannot be held liable for any occurrence/event which takes place before 7:30 a.m.
 - All Juniors who arrive at school after 8:30 a.m. are required to sign the Late Book in the Office before going to class. Attending school regularly and being on time are skills for life. A punctual start to the day benefits all students. Kindly make every effort to minimize non-essential absences and lateness to and from School.
- **SCHOOL FEES must be paid by Friday 14th September 2018.** Thank you. Fees can be paid online at the CIBC First Caribbean International Bank. You may also pay by cash, Credit/Debit card or cheque at the School's Admin office.
- **CONTACT INFORMATION – please supply correct and/or additional details** Kindly inform the Office immediately of any change in contact details – telephone numbers, home or email address etc. When children are ill or need to leave school urgently or unexpectedly we need to contact you. We have experienced incidences where parents **CANNOT BE REACHED, or REPEATED TELEPHONE CALLS** have had to be made.

If you have changed/added additional telephone numbers or changed your address, please URGENTLY contact the Office to update your child's contact information and supply additional emergency details where necessary. Thank you.

Using Social Media for Good

The School's **Code of Conduct** states that social media should not be used to air grievances, complaints, stir up the parent body, incite actions against the School or its Management/administration. I wish to gently caution parents against this type of conduct. Please check your copy of the **Code of Conduct** for more detailed information and please use social media for positive and productive purposes.

Important Information (cont'd)

Incidents / Accidents – contacting parents

If your child suffers a serious accident or an injury to the head whilst at School, we will call and let you know immediately. All other minor scrapes and cuts will be dealt with and you will be informed at the end of the day, or if your child attends an after-school activity, the next day..

SECURITY / SAFETY

Parents are reminded of the importance of observing and requiring their children to observe all safety and security measures presently in place at the School. These include:

- ✓ **Notification** – contact the School if there is a change in the collection arrangement.
- ✓ **Collection of children** – This should be done directly from the collection areas by the parent/guardian. This helps us to identify who has collected the child. The child should indicate to the member of staff on duty that he/she is leaving.
 - Infant parents must wait by the blue benches until the bell rings before proceeding to collect children from the classroom.
 - Junior parents – please also wait by the blue benches until the children are brought down to the collection area by the Class Teacher.
- ✓ **Collection area** - Children must not return to the classroom or bathroom without permission from a member of staff.
- ✓ **After School Activities** – Children must go to the After School supervision area and not the car park or elsewhere after ALL extra-curricular activities, unless the tutor/coach is still supervising.
- ✓ **Staff** - The directives given by the security personnel, grounds persons and other members of staff should be followed. These instructions and advice are always given in the best interests of the children.
- ✓ **Entry to compound during school hours** – close the front gate on entry and exit, if it is unattended. If the gate is locked, call the telephone number on the sign to gain entry.
- ✓ **Visits** - Please be reminded that you **must check with the Office before proceeding to your child's class**. We have a 'signing in book' and ask that you enter the details requested – i.e. date, time, name, purpose of visit. We also ask that you allow the teachers to give priority to the children once the school day has started. If you need to pass on some important information to the class teacher perhaps a note may be left at the Office. Please avoid any disruption to the school day and valuable teaching time.
- **ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL**: prior notice of planned absences, stating clearly the reason for the absence, should be given in writing – by letter or Permission Absence Form, (obtainable from the School office).

A note, clearly stating the nature of the illness, should be sent upon the child's return to School after any such absence. **A Doctor's certificate of clearance is required, following absence for an infectious disease.**

- **TRAVELLING ABROAD DURING SCHOOL TIME** – If your child or children are **travelling abroad during School time**, please complete a **Certificate of Exemption** Form as well as the School's Permission Slip for each child. The Certificate of Exemption form is a requirement from the Ministry of Education and is for your own protection as you enter various regional or international territories with your school-age child (children). Both forms are available from the Office.

Important Information (cont'd)

Leaving the school compound

- Parents are reminded to kindly exit the compound when the bell rings at 8:30 a.m. It is distracting when parents congregate in the Car park and by the Blue Benches once classes have begun. The Security Guard has been instructed to ensure that this is done. Kindly comply with her instruction. Thank you.

Permission for Juniors (J3's and J4's only) to leave school on foot

- If you wish your J3 or J4 age child/children to leave school compound at 2:30 p.m. on foot to safely walk short distances nearby, a letter of request must be submitted to the Principal. The letter must state that you accept all liability for your child en-route to his/her destination. Please ensure that your child goes straight to his / her destination. This request must be made on an annual basis with updates where appropriate.
- The School accepts no liability for any child who leaves the School grounds without permission or once the child has left the compound on foot.
- **A TERM'S NOTICE IN WRITING** is required if your child is leaving St. Gabriel's to relocate abroad or to attend another school.

Additionally, when a child is removed from our register we are required to provide the name of the new school to the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation and ask that this information is also given in your notification letter or as soon as it is available.

- **REFUNDABLE DEPOSITS**

Parents who have Refundable Deposits and are withdrawing their children before they reach J4, must give ONE TERM'S NOTICE IN WRITING. The refund will be available WITHIN six months and the Office will contact you for collection. Thank you.

- **SCHOOL CLOSURE DIRECTIVES**

We usually follow the directives given by the Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development that apply to the closure of schools. This will, of course, relate to weather conditions and other important matters or events. The announcements are usually made via the Radio and Television stations.

In the event that Ministry directives only apply to Government Schools, the Radio stations would be asked to make any special announcement on behalf of St. Gabriel's independently.

- **PERSONAL ITEMS:** PLEASE ensure that children have everything they need and that each item – uniforms, shoes, lunchboxes, water bottles, equipment etc. **brought to school, is labelled with the name of the child.**
- **Please check closets and return to the Office or directly to the owner**, any equipment or items of clothing - uniforms, t-shirts, shoes etc. which are **labelled with another child's name**, that your child may have mistakenly brought home. Thank you.
- **UNIFORMS:** it is important that every child wears the correct items of school uniform which should be maintained throughout the School Year: e.g. black shoes **NOT BLACK SNEAKERS**; boys – **white shirt jacs** with crests, navy-blue shorts, ankle length navy-blue socks. Boxer shorts should not be visible. Girls – **plain ankle length** white socks.

Important Information (cont'd)

- **Children must leave school wearing school uniform, including shoes** – not games or out-of-school activities clothes. It is a privilege as a member of the School to wear our uniform, and students should do so proudly and properly. This is an example of the “little things” which help to develop self-discipline and a school ethos.
- **P. E. CLOTHES** - The School’s regulation for P.E. lessons is that all children should be correctly dressed for P.E. as follows:
 - **Infants** - white St. Gabriel’s T-shirt (also for Music & Movement)
 - **Juniors** – white or team coloured St. Gabriel’s T-shirt, royal blue shorts (NOT uniform shorts) and white (majority) trainers / sneakers.
- **DRESS-UP DAYS** – On a few occasions the students are given the opportunity to wear their own clothes or specified clothes and for this privilege there may be a charge.
- **HAIR** must be tied off the face when it reaches collar length and must not cover the eyes; white or dark blue hair ornaments are allowed. Styles (boys and girls) must not follow the latest trends (e.g. no dyes or mohawks), but be kept neat and appropriate.
- **NAILS** – short, neat. **No nail polish.**
- **EARRINGS** – for girls only. **STUDS.** No hoops or ‘drop earrings permitted.
- **OUTDOOR PLAY EQUIPMENT** – For their own safety, children are not allowed to play in the classrooms or on the play equipment before and after school. Please ensure your child has a reading or activity book in his/her bag.
- **HEALTHY DIETS** - With increasing publicity about our dietary habits please give careful consideration to the content of lunchboxes...**NO sweets, chocolate nor fizzy drinks please.**

Infants – parents purchase lunch from the canteen and hand tickets to class Assistant.

Juniors – J1 / J2 parents may purchase lunch – ensure child has lunch ticket in a safe place.

J3 / J4 – children may purchase independently.

- **PEANUT BUTTER AND NUT PRODUCTS**

Due to the number of food allergies among our students, St. Gabriel’s has taken steps to increase awareness and to engage our School community in creating an environment sensitized to this issue. Among the most severe of all food allergens are peanuts and peanut products, which **can produce fatal reactions**. There are children with peanut allergies in the School (Infant and Junior departments).

We are appealing to you, as a parent of a child (children) in the School, to **avoid packing peanut butter sandwiches and other peanut snacks in your child’s (children’s) lunch box**. Your assistance is vital because food sharing, though discouraged at St. Gabriel’s, may still occur and **EVEN PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS TOUCHED PEANUTS CAN CAUSE REACTIONS IN AN ALLERGIC CHILD.**

We appreciate your understanding and support as we seek to make St. Gabriel’s a safer learning environment for all children.

- **ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING OR DRINKING ALCOHOL ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES.**

Important Information (cont'd)

- **CITIZENSHIP AND STUDENT VISA DOCUMENTS** for Non-National and Caricom children

If your child was born overseas and has Barbadian citizenship by descent, kindly submit a copy of his/her Citizenship by Descent Certificate to the Office as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Please note that your child may be considered a non-Barbadian student if the appropriate paperwork is not filed.

Student Visa forms can be collected from the Office as a matter of urgency.

- **AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION**

- ✓ **After School Supervision**

When school closes at 12:00 noon on the first day or last day of term or any other shortened day, supervision lasts for one (1) hour – usually until 1:00 p.m. Please arrange collection accordingly.

- ✓ At 3:00 p.m. all remaining children are then supervised by Ms. Harris by the blue benches area. For the FIRST 15 minutes there is NO charge. Supervisory charges begin from 3:15 p.m. for students not taking part in after school activities. For children taking part in after school activities, a 10 minutes grace period is given at the end of the activity.

- ✓ **PLEASE NOTE – Where an activity begins at or after 3:00 p.m. the children must wait with the teachers who are on duty in the collection area or with an assigned teacher if this has been arranged. No children should be outside the Auditorium, on the hard court, the big field or in the Junior courtyard.**

- ✓ From 3.16 p.m. onwards the fee is \$10.00 per child, per hour or part thereof until 5:00 p.m. **The charge from 5:01 p.m. is \$20:00 per child, per hour or part thereof.** If you wish to avoid these charges, kindly collect your child within the grace period which ends at 3:15 p.m. or make alternative arrangements for him/her to be collected before the time specified.

- Children must be signed out in the After-Care Book when collected from school after 3:15 p.m. Supervision after school is not free and therefore be advised that payment for supervision is \$10.00 per hour or part thereof.

- Parents, guardians and all persons collecting children from after-school care **must sign the child / children out** by writing their name and the correct pick-up time in the After Care book. Those who refuse to sign the book for reasons unknown, will still be charged and the amount will be added to your invoice if your child / ward remains under the supervisory care of Ms. Harris.

If you wish to avoid these charges, kindly collect your child within the grace period which ends at 3:15 p.m. or make alternative arrangements for him/her to be collected before the time specified.

- ✓ It can be rather disconcerting for a child to be the last to be picked up. This anxiety increases with time. Please, therefore endeavour to collect your child/children by 5.00 p.m. If you have been unavoidably delayed and cannot arrive before 5:00 p.m., please telephone the School (436-6078 or 426-6453 before 4:00 p.m.). Thank you.

- **A plea from the Scouts and Brownies**

Brownies and Cubs require helpers/Leaders who have a passion for assisting young people to reach their highest potential. Volunteer on Thursdays: Cubs – Mrs. Mary Dash and Brownies – Mrs. Jo-Ann Been. Please contact the School Office.

VOLUNTEERISM

We ALWAYS need volunteers. Here are some areas:

- Class Reps
- The School Fair (**Saturday, October 27th 2018**). All hands on deck!
- PTA
- Sports Teams
- Canteens (when they occur)
- Recycling

Extra-curricular activities will commence in Week 2 – beginning September 10th 2018. A detailed list is included below and overleaf.

Extra-Curricular Activities - Term 1, 2018 - 2019

MONDAY

Advanced Recorder – lunchtime in the Art Room with Ms. Moise. No charge.

Boys' Choir 12:40 p.m. with Mr. King. Lunchtime in the Anne Johnson Auditorium. J1 – J4 Junior boys only. No charge.

Cello 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. with Mr. Randy Moore. \$250.00 per term. Cellos available for rent at \$75.00 per term. Cheques payable to **St. Gabriel's School**. Please contact Mr. King for further details.

Drama 3:15 – 4:30 p.m. with Varia Williams for **4 – 5 year olds**. \$ 240.00 per term. **LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!** To register for this term please contact Varia or Rashida at: mustardseedproductionsinc@gmail.com, www.mustardseedworld.com, 262-4838 or 256-7529.

Guitar with Charles D. Lewis **2:40 – 3:30 p.m.** in **J2B**. \$250.00 per term. Cheques payable to **St. Gabriel's School**. Pupils will need to have their own guitar or guitars may be rented from Mr. Lewis at \$75.00 per term. Please contact Mr. Lewis at 248-6491 regarding guitar rental.

Juniors' Homework Club with Mrs. Wood (for St. Gabriel's students only). **3:00 4:00 p.m.** in Top W. Starts Monday, September 17th until Monday, December 3rd.

- \$20.00 per session if once weekly or \$220 per term
- \$30.00 per session if twice weekly or \$330 per term

Please contact Mrs. Wood.

Karate with Rollins Alleyne (Kempo Karate School) – from Middle Infants \$100.00 per term. Please bring a bottle of water. (**2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**)

- **White, gold, orange, purple to Blue belts:** 2:35 -3:20 p.m.
- **Green, red X3 to Junior Black & white belts:** 3:20 -4:05 p.m.

Saxophone (with Mr. Jerome Clarke) 2:45 – 4:00 p.m. in J3G. \$250.00 per term. Cheques payable to **St. Gabriel's School**.

Violin with Dwain Gill **2:40 – 4:20 p.m.** in the **Junior Library**. \$250.00 per term. Violins available for rent \$75.00 per term. Cheques payable to **St. Gabriel's School**. Please contact Mr. King for any further information.

A* Football Master Class with Alfred John - 2:45 – 3:30 p.m. (Middles – Tops); 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. (J1 – J4). \$100 per term.

Extra-Curricular Activities – Term 1, 2018 - 2019 (cont'd)

TUESDAY

Beginners Recorder for Infants and Juniors with Ms. Moise. Lunchtime in the Art Room. No charge.

Table Tennis at Lunchtime in the Auditorium with Mr. Sealy (National Sports Council Coach). Juniors only. No charge.

Athletics with Mr. William Layne **2:45 – 3:45 p.m.** \$100 per child per term. Cheques paid to **Mr. William Layne**.

Tennis with Mr. Damien Applewhaite (Coach Apple) **3:15 – 4:15 p.m.** for 5 – 10 year olds. \$300.00 per term. Cheques payable to **Advantage Tennis Services**.

Chess Club 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. with Terry Farley (Government coach), in the Art Room. Juniors only. \$50.00 for equipment. If anyone is prepared to assist in the club for 1 hour on Tuesdays - even for just one session per month – please contact Mr. Farley (Coach) at 430-7700.

Clarinet with Mr. Jerome Clarke \$250.00 per term, **2:45 – 4:00 p.m.** in the **J3G** class. Clarinet rental \$75.00 per term. There will be an extra charge of \$20.00 per student for two extra reeds. If anyone wishes to start please see Mr. King. Clarinets available for rent. Cheques payable to **St. Gabriel's School**.

Drama 3:15 - 5:15 p.m. with Varia Williams in the Auditorium for **7 – 9 year olds**. \$360.00 per term. **LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE**
To register for this term please contact Varia or Rashida at:
mustardseedproductionsinc@gmail.com, www.mustardseedworld.com,
262-4838 or 256-7529.

Flute (2:45 – 4:00 p.m.) with Mr. Jimmy Alexander in the Junior Library. \$250.00 per term. Cheques payable to **St. Gabriel's School**. Flutes available for rent \$75 per term.

Guitar with Charles D. Lewis **2:40 – 3:30 p.m.** in **J2B**. \$250.00 per term. Cheques payable to **St. Gabriel's School**. Pupils will need to have their own guitar or guitars may be rented from Mr. Lewis at \$75.00 per term. Please contact Mr. Lewis at 248-6491 regarding guitar rental.

WEDNESDAY

Mixed Choir (Juniors and Top Infants) – lunchtime in the Auditorium with Ms. Moise. No charge.

SGS Pop Band with Ms. Iman Beckles. **3:15 – 4:30 p.m.** Juniors only. \$200.00 per term, cheques payable to **St. Gabriel's School**. Children must have some aptitude to play on their instruments. The band is looking for a drummer, guitarists, violinists and any wind or brass instrument and a bass guitar.

Book Club with Mrs. Linton. **3:00 – 4:00 p.m.** in Rec. L. (for Receptions, Middles and Tops). **LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE**. Please contact Mrs. Linton.

French with Mrs. Leandra King **2:45 – 3:45 p.m.** in the Art Room. For 5 – 7 year olds. \$225.00 per term. Payment to Mrs. Leandra King.

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Trombone – 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. in **J3D** with Mr. R-James Holder. \$250.00 per term. Trombone rental \$75.00 per term. Trombones available for rent.

Trumpet - 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. in J2C with Mr. Ephraim Quintyne. \$250.00 per term. Trumpet rental \$75.00 per term. Trumpets available for rent.

Steel Pan – with Mr. André Morris in the Steel Band room next to the Auditorium. Juniors only. \$200 per term.

Beginners: 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Intermediate: 3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Cheques payable to **St. Gabriel's School**. Please contact Mr. King for any further details.

THURSDAY

Orchestra Practice 12:40 p.m. in the Anne Johnson Auditorium. Anyone (Top Infants to J4s) who plays an instrument is welcome. No charge.

Brownies 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. space behind the Office. Cost: \$50.00 per term or \$125.00 for the year.

Cricket 2:30 – 4:15 p.m. with Coach Jeremy John. For boys and girls ages 5 and up. **\$150 per term.** Contact the Office. Cheques payable to Jeremy John directly or leave payment in the Office. Thank you.

Cubs Pack Meeting 2:45 - 4:15 p.m. Spaces available for boys from **J1 and up.**

Cubs are reminded to bring \$50.00 subscription for the term and any outstanding dues payable to St. Gabriel's Sea Scout Group.

Please check if any outstanding amounts are due. Parents – Fathers and mothers are needed and welcome to help the group. Please contact Mary Dash with any queries – 549-6056.

Drama 3:15 - 5:00 p.m. with Varia Williams in the Auditorium for **6 year olds.** \$360.00 per term. To register for this term please contact Varia or Rashida at: mustardseedproductionsinc@gmail.com, www.mustardseedworld.com, 262-4838 or 256-7529. **LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!**

Drums 2:45 – 3:45 p.m. with Mr. Keino Emmanuel. \$250.00 per term. Juniors only. Cheques payable to **St. Gabriel's School**

Football 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. with Mr. Kenville Layne. **Middles, Tops and J1 Girls and Boys.** \$75.00 per term. New children may attend a couple of trial sessions. Cheques payable to **Kenville Layne** at the beginning of term.

Ukelele is being offered by Mr. Charles D. Lewis – **2:45 – 3:30 p.m.** Please leave your name with Ms. Edwards or Mrs. Perkins in the Office.

Extra-Curricular Activities – Term 1, 2018 - 2019 (cont'd)

FRIDAY

Boomwhackers – with Ms. Moise. Lunchtime in the Art Room.

Music Club with **Mr. King**. – lunchtime in the Auditorium. No charge.

Computer Club lunchtime **12:40 – 1:20 p.m.** with Mr. Brathwaite. Juniors only. No charge.

Football 2:45 – 4:00 p.m. with Mr. Baird. For **J1's – J4's**. No charge.
Starts Friday, September 28th.

Drama 3:15 - 5:15 p.m. with Varia Williams at the Barbados Dance Theatre for **children 10+ years and older**. \$360.00 per term. **LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!**

Praying Moms Ministry (PRAMM)

Praying Mums Ministry (PRAMM) is a group of Christian parents (Moms, Dads and Grannies) who come together on Fridays at 1:30 in the school's Library (just ask at the office) to pray for the children, staff and families of St. Gabriel's school.

As a mother, I have found that when I ask God's help and guidance, things go better. I have been at the school for a long time and I am so grateful I have found PRAMM. When I first joined PRAMM I was a little nervous as I was not in the habit of praying aloud with others. I was assured that God heard the prayers of my heart and I could share them aloud or just pray quietly, whatever I was comfortable with. That is still the case.

We are all busy and it isn't always easy to get to school an hour early on a Friday to pray, but I have seen so many answered prayers, which has increased my faith and I have been blessed with wonderful friendships through PRAMM. I still have a lot of growing in my journey with God, and I am thankful for the part PRAMM is playing in that journey.

We are currently a small group, but Jesus said where two or three are gathered He will be. I encourage you to come and join us. We are a very informal non-denominational group. If you are running late and don't get there until 2:00 p.m. still come, it's much nicer than sitting in the car park :) Feel free to contact me if you want more information.

God Bless
Debbie Marquez

Thank you to Parents and Guardians who donated books, toys, paper and other items to the school.

Congratulations to:

- All past scholars who performed well in their CXC, Cape and University Examinations.
- St. Gabriel's Past Scholars who won **Barbados Scholarships** – *Kara Douglas, Sharyn Gittens* and *Rebecca Lashley*, and to *Melissa St. Hill* (daughter of Mark and Simone St. Hill (Rec. S) who was awarded an **Exhibition**.

Congratulations also to:

- *Ayobami Leon-Barker* of J3D and *Jaiya Simmons* of J3G who both represented Barbados well in the Goodwill Swim Meet held here from August 17th to August 19th.

Ayobami gained 5 gold medals (50m free, 100m free, 4*50 medley relay, 4*50 freestyle relay and the 4*50 mixed relay); and one bronze (50 m fly). She also came 3rd as the 8 and under divisional champion with a total of 24 points

Jaiya obtained 4 gold medals (50 m breast, 50m fly, 4*50 Medley relay, and the 4*50m free style relay) along with one silver (100m IM), and one bronze (50 m back) Jaiya emerged in 2nd position as the 8 and under divisional champion with a total of 28 points. Well done, Ayobami and Jaiya.

The Barbados team consisted of 40 of our best swimmers and finished in 2nd position to Trinidad in the Meet. Other participating countries were: Trinidad and Tobago, Suriname, Guyana, Bahamas, Jamaica, St. Lucia and Grenada.



Above (left): Ayobami Leon-Barker and Jaiya Simmons; Centre: Ayobami Leon-Barker; right (Jaiya Simmons)



Recycling - St. Gabriel's School Recycling Programme

Welcome back! The recycling programme at St. Gabriel's School which has one of the best recycling programmes in Barbados, has resumed. This term, parents are needed from each class to assist with sorting and storing recycling items. However, in order for the programme to continue efficiently, there must be dedicated parental support. All families – current and new - are encouraged to play their part in the recycling activity, which not only benefits the School but the entire environment.

If you have household items which can be recycled, please clean, separate and place them in their respective bins in the Recycling area (opposite the blue benches) or take them directly to the Recycling Shed at the bottom of the lower Car Park.

Please be mindful that fellow parents volunteer to keep the St. Gabriel's School's recycling programme in operation, and therefore should be treated with respect and consideration with the items they sort.



Recycling - St. Gabriel's School Recycling Programme (cont'd)

Important Recycling information

- **All recyclable items should be brought in clean and separated.**
- **WE DO NOT RECYCLE:** general household garbage, Styrofoam containers, plastic bags, aerosol cans (Bop, Baygon etc.), tissues, toilet paper, dirty cardboard or paper, plastic containers as one package e.g. peanut containers, suit cases, irons, microwaves, light bulbs etc.
- Recyclable Items include: glass bottles, metal, plastic.
- Empty items in the individually marked bins; do not place entire bag in bin.
- Please do not bring general garbage to the Recycling areas!
- Remember. ALL items MUST BE CLEANED AND NO USED ITEMS SUCH AS GREASY CARDBOARD BOXES OR PLASTIC CONTAINERS (cake or pizza boxes, food containers, plastic cups or plates etc); USED TISSUES, UNWASHED CARTONS can be recycled. **Items which are not separated are considered garbage.**


Glass

- **Any glass bottles - whole, not broken, please!! Do not bring or leave broken glass in bins.**
- All recyclable glass items should be empty and clean
- All colours can be placed together
- Remove the lids which can be placed in either metal or plastic recycling bins.

Metals

- Aluminium and metal can be placed together
- Do not place sharp edged lids with the metals

Plastics - Separated into 3 different categories

1. **Clear soft drinks bottles:** Coke, Frutee, Busta, Cran drink, etc. NO water Bottles.
 2. **Green soft drink bottles:** Sprite, Ginger Ale, Mountain Dew
 3. All other plastics, but make sure they have a recycle sign somewhere on it. Water bottles are "all other plastics" and should also carry the recycle sign.
 4. Please ensure that **all plastic items** have the  **recycle sign** (usually at the bottom). If not, they cannot be recycled.
- DO NOT PUT PLASTIC BAGS, SNACK WRAPPERS, BREAD BAGS etc. IN THE BINS. REUSE THE PLASTIC BAGS or dispose of them in the usual way.
 - Do not leave anything outside the Recycling Centre shed, other than paper items which should be put in a bag.
 - Please help lighten the load of a volunteer parent if they are carrying numerous items / bags to the Recycling shed. Taking one bag helps.

Please contact Mrs. Abba Kent at abbakent@gmail.com for more information or to clarify any of the above information.

A. Blackett (Mrs)
Principal

PTA NEWS

“*Storyland*” St. Gabriel’s School Fair Saturday, 27th October 2018

Our Fair theme this year is “**Storyland**”. As we come together to make the Fair a success, we show our children the importance of contributing to our school community. Getting involved is also a great way to meet more parents in the School. The Fair Committee will be getting in touch with you on ways you can help. If you have questions or suggestion feel free to contact us.

We apologise for any inconvenience and look forward to your support as we prepare to host the Schools major annual fundraiser. The funds from the Fair make it possible for the PTA to assist the School in maintaining and improving its facilities.

Please begin to bring in your donations – in good and clean condition: clothing, toys, bric-a-brac, unused goods (not expired, please), foodstuffs for our stalls. The more you give, the more you help us!

Thank you!

Regards,

Debbie Marquez
Fair Co-ordinator
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JOIN THE TEAM.
CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS
SHOTOKAN
KARATE CLASSES
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WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY 6.00 P.M.
SATURDAY 9.00 A.M.
Fees \$140.00 per school term
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