

Covey Comment:

"We are free to choose our actions, . . . but we are not free to choose the consequences of these actions."



From the Principal's Pen

THE GALAXY—The Galaxy store hours are as follows:
Monday - Friday - 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon and 1:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Saturdays - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon and 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. (Until further notice)

From the Finance Manager . . .

We wish to inform all parents that effective September 01, 2017, school fees are due June 30, December 01 and March 01 of each school year. The second term's school fees will be due on DECEMBER 01, 2017. We ask that you plan accordingly to ensure timely payments of your child's fees.

FEES—The First Term Fees should have now been paid for all students. When tuition fees remain unpaid on or after the due date; the account is designated as 'Past Due' and the following consequences apply until the account is once again 'Current'.

- A late fee of \$100.00 per student is applied to your account.
- Students will not be allowed to attend classes.
- Students will not be allowed to take internal examinations.
- Students will not be eligible to receive any reports or transcripts.
- Students will not be eligible for Graduation or promotion from Grade 6 to Grade 7.
- Students will not be allowed to go on class trips or other school related events.

Please ensure that any fees that remain unpaid at this time are paid immediately as the related students will be prevented from attending classes.

As a reminder, parents and guardians should allow and budget for possible increases in school fees of approximately 4-5% each year. These fees do not necessarily go up every year, but when they do, they are usually at approximately 4-5% (four to five percent) for each year since the last fee increase.

From the Foundation Years (Phase 1 - Grade 2) . . .

WAYS TO MAKE 'EVERY LITTLE COMET SHINE'...While your children are a gift from Heaven, they are also a work in progress. It's your job to help them grow into loving, responsible adults. So to start your day, "those few minutes you have with your loved one in the morning is a great time to give encouragement. Tell your 'little comet' how smart and nice he/she looks. Tell them they are sure going to do great in school. Give a parting hug or a kiss that conveys, "I can't wait to be with you again!" (Mottos for Success)

STUDENTS' BOOK PACKAGES-Information has been sent home on the availability of students' book package and resources at the Galaxy Shop on campus. Parents are kindly asked to peruse the information and ensure that their child have the book package and resources by **Friday, October 06, 2017**, so as not to interrupt their child's education and learning.

OUTREACH - HURRICANE RELIEF-In the spirit of kindness and charity, Foundation Years joins the school in being responsive to the needs of others, particularly victims of the recent devastating hurricanes. We kindly ask that students bring a contribution for this cause next week.

T-SHIRT DAY-In assisting the school in making a donation to hurricane victims, a Jeans and T-Shirt Day will be held **tomorrow, Friday, September 29, 2017**. Students may come to school dressed in long jeans, a Q.C. T-Shirt, tennis shoes and white socks, for a donation of \$2.00.

PARENTS' EVENING AND BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT-Foundation Years will host a Parents' Evening and Back-to-School Night on, **Thursday, October 05, 2017, at 6:00 pm in The Geoffrey Brown Auditorium**. We encourage every parent in Foundation Years, Phase 1 to Grade 2 to attend. Pertinent information will be shared as we begin to strengthen the home – school connection for students' success this academic year.

From the Primary Years (Grades 3 - 6) . . .

T-SHIRT DAY – There will be a T-shirt day **tomorrow, Friday, September 29th, 2017**. Students may wear a blue, green or white T-Shirt and long Jeans. All T-shirt day rules will apply. Donation is \$2.00. Funds raised will go towards Hurricane victims in Inagua.

PARENTS' EVENING: Back-To-School Night – Parents' Evening for the Primary Years was postponed due to inclement weather. A new date for the meeting is forthcoming.

GLAT RESULTS – GLAT results are available at the Primary Years office. Parents of **Grades 4 and 7** are asked to collect their GLAT results. Parents must sign to indicate that they have received the results. Results **will not** be issued to students.

BROWNIE CLUB – Brownie applications are now available in the Primary Years' office. Meetings will be held on **Thursdays from 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. in Mrs. Johnson's class - 4Q**. Please note girls must be 7 in order to enroll. Brownies will start next week Thursday, October 5, 2017.

From the Primary Years cont'd (Grades 3 - 6) . . .

CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE: Our Celebration of Excellence for Primary Years students of Grade 4 and Grade 7 students, who obtained A's for their GLAT examination and for all students who received subject awards for the school year 2016-2017, will be held on **Friday, October 13, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Geoffrey Brown Auditorium.** (Parents are welcome to attend). A detailed letter will be sent home next week.

EARLY DISMISSAL – Parents are reminded that school ends at 3:00 p.m. Every effort should be made to reduce the interruption throughout the day by requesting that your child leaves school before 3:00 p.m. In the event that an early dismissal is unavoidable, parents must send a note to the teacher in advance. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. An exit note must be obtained from the Primary Years Office, and be given to the security at the gate when a student is leaving school early.

RAINY WEATHER – When it rains, students in Primary Years will be held in their classrooms until 3:30p.m. Parents can collect their child from their classrooms, after 3:30p.m. students will be brought to the tunnel area where they will wait to be collected.

From the High School . . .

GRADUATION CONTRACTS—Contracts are now available for signing and Grade 12 students are asked to remind their parents to come in and see any member of the Counseling Department to complete the form. We are asking that all contracts be signed by both the parent and student by **Friday, October 14, 2017.**

EXTRA ACCESS CLASSES—Extra Access classes began on Monday, September 25, 2017. These classes are held for one hour each afternoon, 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. Students can register for only one class each evening and they are advised to choose a subject in which they experience some challenges. All students on probation have to pursue at least two of these courses.

PARENTS' MEETINGS—Parents' Meeting for students of **Grades 7-9** will be held on **Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Geoffrey Brown Auditorium. The meeting Grades 10—12 will be held on the following Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at the same time and place.** Heads of Department and Counsellors will be in attendance.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY—This will be held on **Wednesday, October 25, 2017.** All parents are urged to come in to school on this day to discuss their child's progress with teachers. Parents will be allowed a brief, individual conference with each teacher beginning at 8:15 a.m. Parents of students in Grades 7-9 are asked to come in between the hours of 8:15 - 11:15 a.m. There will be a one-hour lunch break, 11:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m., after which teachers will be able to receive parents of students in Grades 10—12 from 12:15—3:00 p.m. To avoid frustration, it is strongly suggested that parents take the relevant half-day off so that all teachers can be visited. Parents will be able to hear first-hand from teachers about their child's performance and receive suggestions on how to assist them. It is vital that parents receive this feed-back from teachers before the important upcoming Christmas (mid-year) examinations which serve as mock examinations for those students wishing to sit national examinations. **There will be no school for High School students on this day.**

PSAT EXAMINATION—All Grade 10 students will be sitting the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test. The PSAT will take place on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, during Lessons 1, 2 and 3.** There are many benefits that the PSAT offers: Get connected to colleges and universities across the country and to scholarship organizations; get ready for the new SAT Examination (introduced in March 2016) and get matched with AP courses that make the most of your strengths. Visit psat.org to learn more. The cost of the examination is \$25.00. This can be paid in at the Counselling Centre directly to Mrs. Bowles. Deadline for payment is **Wednesday, October 04, 2017.**

THE HOMEWORK CENTRE—The Homework Centre is open each afternoon between 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. in the High School Library. Peer tutors will be on hand to assist students and, at least one staff member will be present.

BJC/BGCSE EXAMINATIONS & STUDY LEAVE (Q BOOK Pg. 18—7.10)—*Students will sit both internal Mid-year (Christmas) and End-of-Year (Summer) Examinations each year. At the end of the school year, students may take BJC and BGCSE Examinations. Christmas or Mid-Year Examinations will serve as a mock exam for those students who aspire to write the BJC or BGCSE exam in May/June of the current academic year. Students must pass these mock exams as well as show mastery of all classwork, homework and coursework if they hope to take BJC or BGCSE exams. Otherwise, students will not be entered or may be withdrawn. Additionally, coursework must be of a high standard if the student is to sit the exam, otherwise they will not be entered or may be withdrawn. Students must maintain a high level of performance and motivation up to the date of examination in order to be allowed to sit the examination. Queen's College is solely responsible for determining who is entered, withdrawn and allowed to sit external examinations. (See Q Book Pgs. 18-19 for additional information.)* Parents are advised not to make travel plans until the examination schedule has been posted.

From The Centre for Further Education (C. F. E.) . . .

PSAT/SAT Prep beginning September 09, 2017-Grade 10: PSAT Prep (Sept. 09 – Oct. 07, 2017) Cost: \$200 **This exam is mandatory for all Grade 10 students;** **Grades 11 & 12:** SAT Prep (Sept. 09 – Nov. 25, 2017) Cost: \$395

Adult Courses and Workshops beginning September 16, 2017; Swimming for Adults, Introduction to Sewing, Principles of Photography, Public Speaking, Starter Skills for Entrepreneurship, Microsoft Office Refresher, Business Report Writing, Customer Service, Leading and Motivating Teams, 21 Laws of Leadership and more!

Afternoon classes beginning September 18, 2017-Foundation Years: Art & Craft, Dance, Martial Arts & Spanish **Primary Years:** Art & Craft, Guitar, Dance, Martial Arts, Drama/Acting, Spanish & Technology

For more information: Visit our office located in the white two-story building at QC's northern Village Road entrance. Office hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for the month of September. You can also call 677-7639 or email cfe@qchenceforth.com.

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