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PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Welcome! We at Bates Memorial High School are happy and proud to relaunch our newly rebranded newsletter, the BMHS Digital Dispatch, Shining the Light on Truth. This platform doesn't only highlight what our school is doing but also gives our students a voice to express themselves and will provide valuable and relevant content.

I applaud the previous administration and staff members who had the vision for a school newsletter. Likewise, I thank the current teachers and students for their enthusiasm and commitment to this new initiative. It was the willingness of the students and guidance of our teachers as well as parental involvement that made this launch possible.

At BMHS we believe in excellence. We are committed to striving for mastery and encourage our students to do their best and be the best that God desires them to be in all aspects of their lives. Hence at BMHS, our students are well-rounded and through this medium, you too can share in the BMHS experience. We solicit your prayers and continuous support by not only looking forward to your subscription but also by sharing our newsletter with your network of family, friends, church members, and other stakeholders. Thank you for choosing to be part of this joyous experience. It gives us great pleasure to shine the light on truth with you.

OH TO BE ACCREDITED!

WRITTEN BY JACQUELINE JONES

In October, our school was buzzing with excitement with the eagerly awaited visit of the Inter-American Division (IAD) Accreditation team. The team, led by professionals with diverse educational backgrounds, included Dr. Cheryl Rolle (chair), Director of Education Atlantic Caribbean Union; Dr. Daphne Magloire (secretary), Director of Education Caribbean Union Conference; Mrs. Carlotta Challenger (principal), Arthur Waldron SDA Academy, Dominica; Mrs. Kimlyn De Coteau (principal), Grenada SDA Comprehensive School; Mrs. Kerene Horsford-Nero (Treasurer), Tobago Mission; and Mr. David Roberts (teacher), Harmon School of SDA Tobago.

The evaluation took place over two days, on October 18-19, heightening the sense of anticipation and preparedness for the assessment. The evaluation process involved a thorough examination of all aspects of the school, including interviews with various stakeholders like teaching and non-teaching staff, parents, students, and the school board.

Upon receiving the accreditation, we joyfully declared, "to God be the Glory!" Bates Memorial High School proudly continues to uphold its reputation as a beacon in the community, flying the banner high. Molding heads, hearts and hands for service in this life and for eternity is still our plan.



EMBRACING THE CHALLENGES

WRITTEN BY ASHA WILSON, FORM 5

Those close to me are well aware of my numerous failures in gardening. Yet, in spite of my many embarrassing failings, I persist, recognizing the inherent value (despite forgetfulness or laziness) in meeting my plant's needs. One Sunday, amid the hustle and bustle of school prep, the sun's warm embrace suddenly turned frigid as I hung laundry. Silently complaining, I headed to the kitchen, when my gaze landed upon my struggling sunflower. Immediately, I had an epiphany. At least my plant would receive the water I most likely would have forgotten to give it. Life often presents challenges, but hidden within every adversity are unseen and often unacknowledged positive outcomes. Romans 8:28, teaches us that God orchestrates all things for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. With this in mind, let us look for the silver lining in every situation and rather than stressing over the challenges we are facing, let us give God thanks for the many possible outcomes that could work in our favour.

True education means more than the pursual of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers.

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STUDENTS' HIGHLIGHTS

We are always proud of our students who embody not just academic excellence and spiritual fortitude but who are continuing to strive to be productive and exemplary members of society. Below are highlights of the several activities students were part of during the term.



“Exam Stress”



T'Shaun Phillip &
1st Place photo
Sanfest 2023



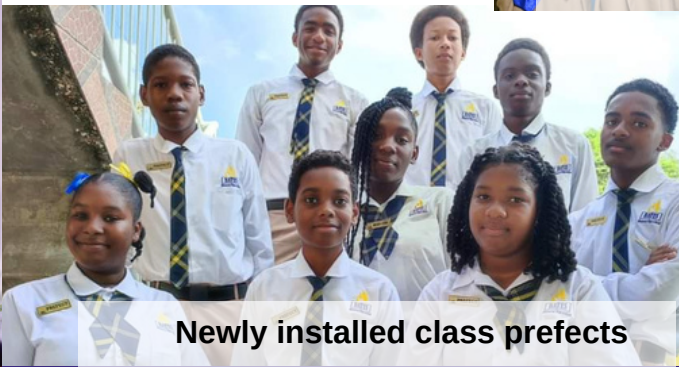
Honor Students for the school year 2022/2023



Student Awardees 2022/2023



Janae Byer is crowned
Miss Teen Awareness TT
2023



Newly installed class prefects

Have a story or devotion to share?

We would love to hear from you and welcome your contributions.

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A TERM WORTH REMEMBERING

WRITTEN BY DARRON HERNANDEZ, TEACHER

Term One of the academic year 2023-2024 commenced with a sense of optimism and excitement, marking a period filled with endless possibilities that would be etched in the school's history forever. The anticipation soared as media interviews and preparations took place leading up to the grand celebration of the school's 75th anniversary on Saturday, September 9th, 2023, at the Sangre Grande SDA church. Both current and former students and teachers gathered at the church on that significant day, reminiscing about a bygone era and reflecting on how the institution had transformed their lives, leaving a lasting impact on the eastern region.

Amid the celebratory atmosphere, the school organized the Gift of Light concert, where past and present students and teachers showcased their talents on stage alongside renowned names like B'Jorn Pierre, Ron Christopher and Blessed Messenger. Hosting the event was none other than Performance Poet, Derron Sandy, a former teacher at the school. The event was a collaborative effort, with students joyfully singing and dancing in praise.

The pinnacle of the term was reached when the school was invited by the Sangre Grande Chamber of Commerce to conclude the "Ah Grande Christmas" concert series on December 23rd. Many attendees praised the school's concert as the most remarkable and grandest of the series. Undoubtedly, it was a remarkable term that will always be remembered.

The BMHS Alumni choir conducted by Cadiann Caraballo performing at "Ah Grande Christmas" Monte Cristo Park, George Street Sangre Grande.



75th Anniversary theme "Inspired by God Fueled by Faith." Alumni, Candy Thomas



BMHS Parents assisting with the 75th anniversary celebrations



BMHS Staff's Christmas Brunch 2023