

ALUMNI VOICE

ST. CATHERINE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Dates to Remember

- 7/1- SCHS Graduation Ceremony
- 7/17 SE General Meeting &

Elections

- 7/29–Class of 81 Reunion, Jamaica
- 8/2–Summer Bash BBQ, Jamaica
- 8/21–SE Chapter Meeting
- 10/16 2nd Annual Gala
- 11/06– Scholarship Banquet Honoring Sister Paschal
- 11/20–SE Chapter Meeting
- 12/18–Reunion Lyme

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St. Catherine High School Summer Bash BBQ in Jamaica

Join us for Family Fun Day at the St. Catherine High School Grounds for our First Annual BBQ on Monday, August 2 from 10:00PM - 6:00PM! There's fun for everyone! Come link-up with former classmates, Lot of games and entertainment.

For tickets go to www. Stcatherinehigh.com

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Celebrating Father's Day

This year Fathers Day is Sunday June 20, 2010. It is a special day to show Dad that you love him. Ever wondered why we celebrate Fathers Day?

See page 10 for story

June is...

- National Safety Month— Each June, the National Safety Council encourages business to get involved and participate in National Safety Monty. Each week has a separate theme; themes this year include prescription drug overdose prevention, teen driving safety and preventing overexertion at home and at work.
- **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month** Fruits and veggies are essential to good health, reducing your risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, Type 2 diabetes, and certain forms of cancer. Generally, low in calories and high in fiber, fruits and vegetables can help control your weight.
- National Aphasia Awareness Month– Aphasia is an acquired communication disorder that impairs a person's ability to speak and understand others. People with aphasia have difficulty speaking, understanding other people, reading and writing.

In Case You Missed It...

SE Chapter Annual Picnic: On May 15, 2010, the SE Chapter held its 3rd Annual Reunion Picnic. The event held at the CB Smith Park in Pembroke Pines, Florida was well attended by past students far and wide...... A big thank you for all those who came out to support. We could not have done this without you.



Garfield Forbes, Grace-Grant Brown, Marlon Campbell,



Class of 1981



Class of 1976



Class of 1991



Class of 1988



Principal Marlon Campbell



"Gatekeepers" Lloyd, Karen & Petrona



Pres' Ken (NY) Jasmine (FL) & Marlon



NY crew "relaxing" with the Principal

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What has the SCHS Alumni Inc. been doing since incorporation?

- Hosted the First Annual Dinner Dance celebrating the Class of 1979. We also saluted our very own Sister Paschal, Past Principal Christabel Fuller and Past Principal Vivienne Tyser-Mills;
- Hosted a Valentine Fundraising Fete;
- Hosted a Easter Bun Sale Fundraiser;
- Hosted the 3rd Annual Reunion Picnic , special guest was Principal Marlon Campbell and his lovely wife Brenda;
- Collated an electronic mailing list of over 300 past students

For these activities we have raised funds to:

- Renovating one of the boys bathroom in the Junior Dept.;
- Revamp the St. Catherine High website and donated it to the school for its exclusive use;
- Maintained our commitment to the School's welfare programs;
- Contributed to the several needs of the school/students on an "as needed" basis.

SHOUT OUTS

Thanks to all who came out and supported your school at its 3rd Annual Picnic. It has been said that it has been the best so far. Well next year we will have to top that. Stay tuned......

A special thanks to Marlon and Brenda Campbell who took time out of their busy schedule to come "lyme" with us. Marlon and Brenda it was great having you here.

To the team who made it possible:

Courtney Hay; Lloyd Murphy; Karen Gayle-Harvey; Jacinth Allen-Donaldson; Paul and Nyoka Robinson; Anthony Thomas; Petrona Clarke; Garfield Forbes; Cecile Lyon; Errol Roper ; Maxine Thompson; Jasmine Clark-Barnes.

Contributions: Chris Francis, Lloyd Murphy, Petrona Clark, Grace Grant-Brown; Maxine Thompson, Courtney Hay and Jasmine Clarke-Barnes

BIRTHDAYS	
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	Petrona Clarke (78')	June-6
A	Garfield Willis ('81)	June-16
Û	Errol Stevens ('91)	June-19
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SE CHAPTER MEETING

The S.E. USA Chapter's meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month. We are currently seeking a permanent meeting place.

The next meeting :

July 17th @ 6pm

210 North University Drive

Suite 100, Coral Springs, FL 33071

Phone: 786-252-6120

561-386-3207

Can't make it to the meeting? Join us by

teleconference. Conference 1-800 # is

posted days before the meeting.

ALLUMNI SUGGESTION BOX

Have an idea? Submit it via email to the webmaster @ stcatherinehigh.com. The suggestions will be forwarded to the Board for consideration. Alumni's with viable suggestions will be acknowledged.



Dr Fitzgerald Oliver- DVM ('81)



Alumni Voice caught up with a very busy Dr Fitz Oliver recently and spoke with him shortly before he ran off to attend to some prize-winning racehorses in beautiful Naples, located on the West Coast of Florida. The sixth of 8 children born to Mrs. Martha Oliver nee Angus and Hervin Bancroft Oliver, Fitz also speaks lovingly of his Grandmother, Mrs. Elsaida Angus, whom most people in Point Hill, even now, many years after her death, lovingly called Gran. He said she was the one who would be up before 5:00am every morning to get him ready for school. Every home in Point Hill had a dog or two, a few cats to get rid of the rats, donkeys to go to the bush and help on the farm and of course to provide transportation to and from the field as well. There were horses too and which rural house do you know without some chickens? He therefore grew up with a lot of pets and farm-animals and always loved them and knew from very early that he wanted a career in this area.

" My Common Entrance results came out in the *Gleaner* on the same day that my Father, Maas Bankie died. My Mom and Gran looked after all of us and thankfully, my bigger sisters who all went to St JAGO were there for us younger ones who went to CATH-ERINE and saw us through. I do get a thrill when I hear people here and in JAMAICA keep saying I look like him"......he said wistfully. "But I really love my family, and my years at Catherine. I had great teachers and made great friends there and intend to do my best to give back as I was nurtured by so many people."

Fitz as we all call him said that Mr. Chambers his Agricultural Science teacher at St Catherine High made the subject alive and he said that it was easy to excel in this subject as he could relate to it well given his rural background. The thirst for knowledge and the inspiration of his teachers were the twin planks which led Fitz, after graduating from St Catherine in 1981, to apply to the new College of Agriculture which was established shortly after the closure of the Jamaica School of Agriculture.

He enjoyed the College of Agriculture and after a successful course of studies went back to his alma mater to teach for a semester before heading to work in the Quarantine Division of the Ministry of Agriculture. Later he attended the famed Tuskegee University in Alabama USA, world renown for its distinctive scholarship in Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences. He became a proud graduate in 1997, worked with a Senior Vet at his practice in Fort Lauderdale and then later worked with the Humane Society in Naples, Florida.

In 2000 Dr. Fitz opened the doors to his private practice and now runs a successful practice in Naples Florida where he cares for dogs and cats, horses, exotic pets including birds, leopards and cougars and reptiles including snakes and iguanas. He makes house-calls, has a friendly animal-loving staff and is always doling advice to friends and alumni regarding the care of their pets. Our fellow Alumnus is a veritable 'gentle-giant' is soft spoken, has a big heart and animals take an instinctive liking to him. He has his own pets including a Yorkie named Sparkle which was named by his son, Fitzgerald Jr. and it' is not unusual to find his wife and son and Sparkle hanging out in the clinic with him. Dr Fitz also finds it very relaxing to tend to his herb and vegetable garden in his backyard in Naples. This rural boy we went to school with has come full circle.

ALUMNI Voice wanted to be mischievous and asked Dr Fitz what it was like treating snakes and lizards as they were not the usual pets for most JAMAICANS, who actually are terribly fearful of reptiles. In his characteristic chuckle Dr Fitz said: 'All animals are loving and caring and do respond positively to love. It took some getting used to...... and I am not going to say that I was scared at first...... but it was different. Now I just treat them with love as I would a cat, a dog, a bird, a horse, and what is interesting is that they do respond positively to touch and when you make them relax, they are like any other pet you have around the house. Of course when I am doing surgery on a cougar or on a leopard, you have to be careful as well. Animals give love unconditionally and we could learn so much from them just by observing them.''

ALUMNI VOICE salutes Dr Fitzgerald Oliver and wishes him continued success in his vocation. Visit http://www.petcarenaples.com



Support the NE Chapter in their Annual Boat Ride Saturday August 7, 2010 6:00–10:00 pm Leaving Sheepsheads Bay, Brooklyn, NY @ 6:00 pm returning 10:00 pm Price: \$60.00 For Tickets call Ken Cyrus 718– 864-2577 Gillant Phillips 718-413-5652

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ST. CATHERINE HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE

Check it out the St. Catherine High School official website. The SE Chapter has revamped and donated the Stcatherinehigh.com website to the school. Parents, students, teachers can visit the site to get information about programs, resources that affects the school. Also coming is the Stcatherinehighalumni.com website. Details to follow.

Save the Date

Sister Mary Paschal, RSM Fundraising Scholarship Banquet Saturday, November 6, 2010 Carter Hall, Holy Cross Church Half-Way-Tree Road, Kingston, Jamaica

We will be honoring our beloved Sister Paschal. This is the launching of the sister Mary Paschal Scholarship Fund. The proceeds of this event will be used to provide assistance to the students of SCHS who are unable to attend school due to financial restraints. Don't miss it!

For more information contact:

Evelyn Branford, @ ejt3852@bellsouth.net or Florence Gayle-Elliot at 876– 880-9612





Mrs. Yvonne Keane Dawes

Miss Yvonne Case made a spectacular entrance into our school in September 1972. She drove a spanking red Ford Escort car, shiny and glistening in the sun. She wore a neat little afro and her skin was a warm and smooth coffee with more milk in it than coffee.....she did not look intimidating at all. We admired her clothes and envied her miniskirts, after all, we had to wear "ole people long clothes to school!" We looked at her manicured fingers and wished we could do the same too. We girls actually transferred our secret desires onto her and we don't think she ever knew! She looked prosperous and young and "with it". Yes we all loved what we saw.

We heard she was a JAGO girl. We weren't too sure what to make of that but then again, she was here now so that counted for something. Others of us who loved to play Nancy Drew found out that she was related to the Bryan family in Spanish Town. The Bryans as in HA Bryan and Sons Funeral Homes......well respected undertakers, but you know, young children as we were then, we did not like to talk about deathjust saying.

Miss Case was a History teacher and our detectives found out that she had just left UWI and we were impressed. She had letters behind her name, which meant she was bright and we all love bright teachers. So after all the speculation and investigation and introduction to us, we had her as our History Teacher.....and what a Teacher she was!

She was calm, and she exuded ityou felt at peace around her......some teachers made you uncomfortable and you don't even notice that you are fidgeting. Not her. She was at peace with herself at all times and you felt it and became at one with her. She was easy, easy; yesshe spoke softly, had a sense of humor and smiled a lot. She knew her subject area and she taught effortlessly. We all scored high marks from her. History became a subject which we all loved. She gave great notes and when we were noisy Miss Case would never ever shout, she just would enter the classroom quietly and those up front would see her first and stop and then another row would notice and stop the bellowing and yet another would realize what is happening and soon the entire class would be quiet. We knew she was not pleased when she spoke fast. Some of us even said she stuttered a wee bit. Others of us never noticed.

Then she got married.

She came to school smiling and we saw the ring!!!

Mrs. Keane -Dawes.

For Mrs. Keane- Dawes taught us very early by example. She taught even when she was not teaching and we wonder now, did she know, did we ever tell her? She went on to greatness in EDUCATION and after serving St CATHERINE for a number of years she went onto the Queens School as principal. She continued to make her mark on the girls there. Relatable, dependable, maternal, caring, and empathetic Mrs. Keane-Dawes. Her colleagues speak of her faithfulness to the Anglican Community in Jamaica and her loyalty to friends.

She was taken from us suddenly. We continue to mourn our loss. We join with her husband Ronald and her children in celebrating her life because we will always remember her. We remember her youth and vibrancy, her mature years and her wisdom,. We remember her devotion to duty and her fine sense of responsibility which she ably displayed as she executed her tasks. We remember her as a role model and she continues to be one and we will always keep her spirit alive. We love her and will always laud her as she made an indelible mark on all of us. She was a lady, poised and confident, secure in who she was and what she was about. We will never forget YVONNE KEANE-DAWES because she will always be apart of us, a part of thousands and thousands of us.

Rest in Peace

5 ways to Spruce up your decor for the Summer

It feels like we just packed away the Christmas decorations, yet hot weather is here. Some of us like to do "spring cleaning" just to have our homes looking fresh so now is as good a time as any to freshen up your decor for summer.

Here are 5 simple and inexpensive ways to spruce up your decor.

1. Add colour. Paint is one of the best options especially with the wide range of choices available locally.

Paint the entire room, or if you prefer go for just one wall and use a colour that coordinates with other furnishings or art in the room for a totally fresh look. Alternatively use vibrant wall art, throw cushions and other accessories for a new look and feel.

2. Change pillow covers and tablecloths. Use no sew techniques for pillow covers: Wrap pillows in a piece of unfinished fabric on the diagonal and wrap with decorative ribbon to secure it....and voila!! New pillows. Ready-made covers are also available but making your own allows you to use a fabric of your own choosing.

3. Lighten Up. Gather all knick-knacks and collectibles, then replace three or four of your favorite. This will produce a less cluttered look, and later on you can interchange items for a different look.

4. Welcome in summer breezes with sheers. Sheers come in a wide range of colours, textures and patterns and are very affordable.



Finally, don't forget the outdoors. Hang baskets of flowering plants and creepers around a patio. Spruce up the garden with multi-colored plants - zinnias, bluebells, lantana, gerbers, orchids to name a few. Then hang a hammock, relax and enjoy!.

Marjorie Allen (Class of '76) is an interior designer and owner of *Interiors by design* in Kingston, Jamaica. Her projects include redesigns and design on new construction for residential and small to medium sized commercial spaces. She can be reached at <u>interiorsby-design@cwjamaica.com</u>.

Please visit my website for more information <u>http://www.ibydesign.net</u>

SE MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING AND ANNUAL ELECTIONS

THE SE CHAPTER WILL BE CONDUCTING ITS ANNUAL ELECTIONS AT THE JULY 17TH GENERAL MEETING. VOTING IS LIMITED TO PAID MEMBERS AS OF JUNE 16, 2010. PLEASE EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT AND BE HEARD. FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, A MEMBERSHIP APPLCIATION IS ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER.

THE ASSOCIATION IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

NEWSLETTER; WEBSITE; FUNDRAISING; EVENT PLANNING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS. PLEASE COME AND GIVE BACK FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT YOU RECEIVE.



Connecticut's Tina Charles and Minnesota's Seimone Augustus Named Eastern and Western Conference Players of the Week



NEW YORK, June 21, 2010 – <u>Tina Charles</u> of the Connecticut Sun and <u>Seimone Augustus</u> of the Minnesota Lynx, were named the league's Eastern and Western Conference Players of the Week presented by Kia Motors, respectively, for regular season games played Monday, June 14 through Sunday, June 20.

This marks the first season that Kia Motors, an official marketing partner of the WNBA, has presented the WNBA Eastern and Western Conference Players of the Week award.

For Charles, the first pick in the 2010 WNBA Draft, and May's Rookie of the Month presented by Kia Motors winner, this marks her first Player of the Week award. Charles, helped the Sun to a 2-0 record this past week as she led the WNBA in rebounding with 15.5 rpg and paced the Eastern Conference with 25.0 points per outing.

Through 11 games, Charles has helped the Sun to the top spot in the Eastern Conference with an 8-3 (.727) mark. Overall, she is the WNBA's top rebounder (11.0 rpg) and ranks 13th in scoring (16.3 ppg, tops among rookies).

Charles had arguably the best game of her professional career on June 18, when she netted a career-high 26 points and set a franchise record with 19 rebounds in a 78-75 win over the host Los Angeles Sparks. In that same game, her 13 made field goals also tied a Connecticut Sun single-game mark. Just two days later, Charles led Connecticut past the defending champion Phoenix Mercury with 24 points and 12 rebounds. Along the way, the Queens, N.Y. native and University of Connecticut product picked up her eighth double-double of the season, four shy of the franchise record, in only 11 games. She has led the Sun in rebounding in 10 of 11 games.

Highlights from Charles' 26-point, 19-rebound night against the Sparks:

Tina Charles is the daughter of alumni Angella Holgate ('79). Congratulations Angella. We share your joy! For all you basketball fans be sure to watch and cheer for Tina.

http://www.wnba.com/news/players_of_the_week_100621.html

Class of 1978 50th Birthday Celebration

Are you 50 in 2011? Well, celebrate with the Class of 1978 in Jamaica June/July 2011. Location: At a location in Jamaica (TBD)

Date: TBD

Contact: Lincoln Bernard-bobbyginnal@yahoo.com or 413-426-1551

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you have any items you would like to submit for the alumni newsletter, e-mail us at www.stcatherinehigh.com. We value your submissions.

Thank You!

How did Father's Day start?



Father's hold a special place in a child's life. Some Fathers are involved with sports teams, outdoor games, and having lots of fun. While other Dads enjoy helping children learn new skills. It could be anything from baking to building bird houses. It really doesn't matter how Dads spend time with their children, as long as they do spend time together. Father's Day is a time to remember just how special is your

Dad.

There are many stories how the custom of honoring Dads on a Sunday in June got started. The most popular story about the origins of Father's Day is said to have started growing its roots in the year of 1909. Mrs. John B. Dodds, from Spokane, Washington, campaigned for a Father's Day celebration. The idea came to her while she listed to a church sermon on the virtues of Mother's Day. Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington, first proposed the idea of a "father's day" in 1909. Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife (Mrs. Dodd's mother) died in childbirth with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington state. It was after Mrs. Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent.

The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane Washington.

At about the same time in various towns and cities across American other people were beginning to celebrate a "father's day."

A bill to accord national recognition of the holiday was introduced in Congress in 1913. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson went to Spokane to speak in a Father's Day celebration and wanted to make it official, but Congress resisted fearing that it would become commercialized. US President, Calvin Coolidge recommended in 1924 that the day be observed by the nation, but stopped short of issuing a national proclamation. Two earlier attempts to formally recognize the holiday had been defeated by Congress. In 1957, Maine Senator Margret Chase Smith wrote a proposal accusing Congress of ignoring fathers for 40 years while honoring mothers, thus "[singling] out just one of our two parents In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972.

Father's Day has become a day to not only honor your father, but all men who act as a father figure. Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and adult male friends are all honored on Father's Day.



Membership Application

Membership in the St. Catherine High School alumni Association S.E. US Chapter is open to all past students of St. Catherine High School and to all former teachers. Membership fee is currently \$25.00 annually. Meetings are held once a month at various locations.

If you wish to become a member, kindly fill out the application below and send it to the address indicated below. For more information please visit the website at: www.stcatherinehigh.com

SCHS Alumni Assn. Inc. P.O. Box 7703002 Coral Springs, FL 33077-2883

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NAME:
ADDRESS:
PHONE:
EMAIL:
YEAR GRADUATED:
OCCUPATION*:
COMMITTEE INTEREST:
FUNDRAISING; MEMBERSHIP; EVENT PLANNING;; NEWSLETTER; WEBSITE; PUBLIC RELATIONS BUDGET & FINANCE;
ENCLOSED ARE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$
DONATION: \$

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the St. Catherine High School Alumni Association is to assist the School administration in achieving its ongoing educational objectives to enrich the lives of students and prepare them to succeed. By fundraising methods, the Associations goal is to foster lasting relationship with students and alumni as volunteers, advocates, leaders and donors. (501(c) (3) status pending.

* Optional

Dear Alumni,

The St Catherine High Alumni Association Inc was recently incorporated and its mission is to assist the school's administration in achieving its on-going educational objectives. This will enrich the lives of the students and prepare them to succeed in the future. Through our fund-raising efforts, the Association's goal is to foster lasting relationships with students and alumni to be volunteers, advocates, leaders and donors, all working together for the overall success of our school.

This letter is therefore to solicit your financial support for the school which has given us so much and which has molded us to become who we are today. As you are aware, schools in Jamaica have always been under-funded by the Ministry of Education. However, despite the overall deterioration of the physical infrastructure, our school continues to maintain its fine tradition of excellence in academia and sports.

In addition to these needs, your support is needed to enhance the welfare or student-support program for the less fortunate St Catherine High Students. The estimated costs to address the immediate needs and maintain programs are approximately US\$2M or J\$180M. The projects to be undertaken are inclusive but not limited to:

- Bathroom repairs
- Refurbishment of Science Labs
- The Football Field
- General upkeep of the physical plant
- Construction of a new 6th Form Block
- The Expansion of the Food Program
- Scholarships to SCHS students attending tertiary institutions

Any and all contributions are greatly appreciated. We do encourage a minimum commitment of \$200.00 approximately (J\$18,000.00). Please note that any contributions made to the St. Catherine High School Alumni Association, Inc. this year <u>may</u> be tax deductible. Contributions can be made in monthly, quarterly or other convenient installments by mailing your checks payable to the St. Catherine High Association Inc. Please see our mailing address information below:

St. Catherine High School Alumni, Inc. P.O. Box 773002 Coral Springs, FL 33071

As a condition for receiving your support, the Association will publish a progress report on the uses of funds collected on the alumni website. For more information, you may contact us by visiting www.st.catherinehigh.com or by replying to the email. Contributions can be made through PayPal located on the website or:

Keeping alumni involved is a major goal and we invite your idea, involvement and assistance. Most importantly, this act of giving back to the school will benefit our great Alma mater. It is in giving that we receive. My prayer is that we may strive to abundantly give our time, talents and contributions back to the school we love so much.

Thanking you in advance for your support as we move forward to becoming even stronger in the future.

Sincerely yours, St. Catherine High School Alumni Inc.