



# St. Anne's School Newsletter

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## How Peer Pressure Undermines Success



*Will students pass up academic help based on how their friends feel? A new study suggests they will.*

By Youki Terada

New research finds that peer pressure can adversely impact important educational decisions.

When SAT prep sign-ups at three high schools were public—meaning that classmates could see who was participating—53 percent of students expressed an interest in the classes. But the participation rate shot up to 80 percent when the sign-ups were offered in a private setting that shielded students from the prying eyes of their peers, according to a study from the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Students in the study said that they expected their SAT scores to go up by at least 100 points by taking the prep package—a bump from the

50th percentile to the 69th percentile—but they were willing to sacrifice that critical improvement to save face with their peers.

“High school students are willing to forgo educational investment opportunities due to concerns about how they will be perceived by their classmates,” the study concludes.

Interestingly, students with widely different views on academic achievement responded to the peer pressure similarly. Economists Leonardo Bursztyn, Georgy Egorov, and Robert Jensen looked at two types of peer groups: one that emphasized academics (students who believe it’s “cool to be smart”) and one that emphasized friendships (those who believe it’s “smart to be cool”). Both groups of students avoided public sign-ups for the SAT prep.

Kids who felt that it’s cool to be smart, the classic overachievers, didn’t want their friends to know they needed academic help. The smart to be cool kids, on the other hand, associated a public declaration of interest in the class with a decline in their popularity.

**The takeaway: Don’t underestimate the effect of peer pressure in your school—it’s powerful enough to get students to walk away from even life-changing academic opportunities.**



Our Scholars Ball is fun for all!

- Graduates
- Alumni
- Parents
- Friends

Put on your dancing shoes and let's celebrate another successful year!



## CONGRATULATIONS!

### National Primary School Student of the Year Award

*Philip Gray Jr. ranked 16th out of 121 and receives a \$2,000 scholarship*

### Frank Pancho Rahming Primary School Nationals

*Chinara Grant—Silver, 1200M; Philip Gray, Jr.—Silver 200M  
7th Place Overall Ranking*

### Gentlemen's Club—New Inductees

*Reagan Cartwright, Vincent Gardiner, Jr., David Morris, Ashton Wilson, Rudolph Wilson, Jr.*

### Bahamas Debutante Foundation

*Contestants—Alexa Dean, Whitney Isaacs, Jaden Minns,  
Jattie Newton, Vannessa Mackey  
Debutante of the Year—Vannessa Mackey*

### Miss Teen Bahamas International

*Contestants—Whitney Isaacs & Jaden Minns  
Miss Photogenic—Jaden Minns*



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### JUNE

- 1<sup>st</sup> MARK DAY NO CLASSES (PK – 6)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY
- 3<sup>rd</sup> SAT Exam
- 5<sup>th</sup> PUBLIC HOLIDAY - WHIT MONDAY
- 6<sup>th</sup> New Parents Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Prizegiving Grades N - 4 @ 1:30pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> MARK DAY NO CLASSES (Grades 7 – 11)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Prizegiving Grades 5 & 6 @ 10:00am
- 15<sup>th</sup> Grade 6 Seminar *Moving On Up*
- 15<sup>th</sup> End of Year Celebrations
- 16<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Classes / Dismissal @ 12 noon
- 19<sup>th</sup> Entrance/Placement Exam – Pre-K, K, Grades 1- 8
- 21<sup>st</sup> Graduation (Grade 12) @ 10:30 am



- 23<sup>rd</sup> End of School Year
- 24<sup>th</sup> Scholars Ball
- 25<sup>th</sup> St. John, the Baptist Day Service @ 7:30pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Primary Summer School Begins
- 27<sup>th</sup> Reports Available for collection (Grades 7 – 11)

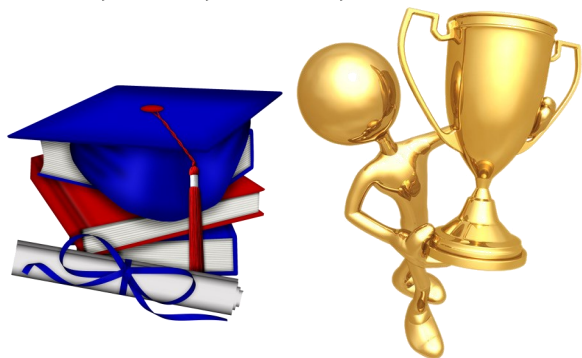
### JULY

- 3 – 21<sup>st</sup> Summer School: 9:00am – 3:00 pm
- Office Hours 8:45 – 3:00 pm

### AUGUST

- 1<sup>st</sup> FIRST TERM FEES DUE
- 21<sup>st</sup> Staff Orientation
- 24<sup>th</sup> Prefect Orientation – 9:00 am
- 25<sup>th</sup> New Student Orientation, 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon
- Full School Uniform
- 28<sup>th</sup> First Day of Classes - Michaelmas Term

## **PRIZEGIVING AND GRADUATION**



*The following Prizes are awarded to members of each homeroom.*

Proficiency (Top 3)  
Most Improved

Effort prize (1)  
Honour Roll

### **Primary Only**

Top Reader, Most Improved Reader, Good Conduct, Merit, Progress  
Inter-House Competitions, Leadership, Projects, Library Usage and Extra-curricular Activities.  
Monthly Good Character Award, Overall Good Character Award

**On the successful completion of Grade 12 (meeting all required standards), each student will receive a School Diploma. These are graded:**

Distinction (A)	Special Credit (B)
Credit (C)	Pass (D)

**Graduation is not automatic.** Students not meeting the required standard will receive a Basic Diploma (Leaving Certificate).

### **Requirements for participation in the Graduation Exercises include**

- A minimum Cumulative Average of 60%
- Regular attendance and punctuality to school and classes
- Full preparation and participation in classes and activities
- Submission of all assignments, projects and coursework
- Attendance at all external examinations
- Completion of 30 hours of community service
- Participation in at least one extra-curricular activity
- Compliance with all school rules and regulations

## **SUMMER PROGRAMMES**

*Monday – Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm*

**Cost: 3 weeks @ \$250.00 per student**

**One week only - \$100**

### **Primary Department June 26<sup>th</sup> - July 14<sup>th</sup>**

*The programme is specifically geared towards students entering Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 6*

- **Orientation** of new students into the school
- **Reinforcement, Maintenance and Strengthening** of Mathematics, Language Arts and Reading skills using technology, board games, cooking, drama, etc.
- **GLAT Preparation for students entering Grades 3 & 6**
- Additional activities to include: P.E., Swimming, Art / Craft, Spanish, Science, Computer, Cooking

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### **Secondary Department July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Classes are specifically geared toward the needs of the following:*

- Grade 6 students preparing for the first year of High School
- Students of Grades 7 & 8 with a failing average in **Language, Mathematics, Science, French/Spanish**
- Grade 8 students preparing to write **BJC examinations June 2018**
- Students of Grades 9 and 10 in preparation for the **P.S.A.T.** examination (Oct. 2017)
- Students of Grade 11 in preparation for **BGCSE 2018** especially students with a failing average in Language, Mathematics, French/Spanish and Science.

**All classes are designed to meet the future examination requirements, needs and skills for specific grade levels.** Letters with specific objectives for each grade level will be issued.

Registration forms may be collected and returned with payment to the School's Office,  
Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm daily.

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## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR JUNE



Ms. Dawn Carrington, Ms. Deena Godet, Mrs. Avril Gordon, Ms. Maria Hamilton, Ms. Eulien Massiah, Christopher Bain Jr, Nathan Bain, Jelissa Bocage, Syann Brennen, Laurann Brown, Halle Cartwright, Marino Cartwright, Taylor Cartwright, Tyler Cartwright, Camani Cleare, Makaela Cooper, Aleah Curry, Lekino Davis Jr, Allison Dean, Nave Dixon, Kiarra Dorsett, Chenyah Evans, Jeh-mar Evans, Patrick Ferguson II, Destiny Ferguson, Dylan Fowler, Vincent Gardiner Jr, Alexia Gibson, Tamico Glass, Keiyanno Hinzey, Shannea Ingraham, Cairon Johnson, Floyd Johnson, Jayah Johnson, Katelyn Jones, Miranda Logan, Aaliyah Lyles, Bharti Lynes, Trinity McDonald, Michael Miller, Jaden Minns, Keianna Moss, Wellington Newbold Jr, Alexandra Outten, Brandon Rahming, Breanna Rahming, Tayshawn Roker, Ethan Rolle, Jewel Seymour, Maya Shearer, Zara Shearer, Caden Smith, Payton Smith, Autumn Thompson, Shannon Tucker, Bryson Wallace, Triniti Wells, Savannah Williams, Chadwick Williamson, Chad Woodside.

## Summer Music Workshop



July 3rd - 7th.  
9—12 noon daily

**Specializing in beginner instrumental instruction and lessons on various genres of music.**

**Ages: 10—17 years**

**Space is limited. First come; first served.**

**Cost for the week is \$125.**

**For more information, contact  
cparker@aceaschools.org**

## 6 TYPES OF FUN SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS &amp; TEENS

**Create family challenges:** Establish a weekly contest

**Play with your kids:** toss water balloons, dive head-first down the slip-and-slide.

**Enjoy some quiet time together:** family picnic, family board game night

**Make food fun:** make your own ice cream, take turns choosing dinner options

**Plan Projects That Can Last All Summer**

*Create a project that will keep your kids busy, but one that will also give a sense of accomplishment at the end of the summer.*

**Start a garden:** start your own vegetable or flower garden. These promote healthier eating habits and improved psychological well-being

**Encourage your teen to volunteer:** Many organizations, like hospitals, accept teen volunteers. Participate in fundraisers for various causes.

**Start a business:** A simple lawn care business or dog walking service could be a great way to teach responsibility and earn some extra income.

**Plan an event:** Planning an event could help your child practice life skills, such as budgeting, time management, and communication.

**Promote Activities That Will Keep Your Teen Physically Active**

**Encourage your child to get active every day:** Challenge her to ride her bike five miles per day or to work out using an online video

**Plan family activities that involve exercise:** Go swimming as a family; go for a walk every evening after dinner. Look for new physical activities you can try as a family—frisbee golf, canoeing. Make fitness fun.

**Encourage Activities That Will Keep Your Child Mentally Active**

*Summer brain drain can be a real problem, especially if your child spends his days playing video games. Encourage him to get involved in activities that will help him keep his mind sharp. Help him discover fun activities that encourage learning.*

**Think about the future:** Visit a college together or help arrange for your teen to job shadow someone who works in a career that interests him.

**Encourage your child to read:** Visit the library or purchase some new e-books and challenge your child to read a new book each week. Encourage him to explore new genres or to start a book club with friends. Reading can help keep your child's brain active and it can turn him into a lifelong learner.

**Use electronics in a healthy way:** Rather than staring at a screen, encourage your teen to build a website or learn graphic designing.

**Plan Indoor Activities**

It's important to plan for those rainy days or searing hot days when your teen isn't likely to go outside. Find some indoor activities that your teen can keep in mind so she won't get bored. Here are some ideas that can keep her busy.

**Provide art supplies:** Art projects can be as simple as a collage made from old magazines or can involve complex crafts like sewing a new outfit. Encourage your child to write songs, create a video, draw pictures, and create poetry.

**Encourage household activities:** There are always things that can be done around the house. Let your child paint her bedroom a new color or assign her projects, like cleaning out the garage. Challenge her to show you that she can be responsible.

**Support Activities for Your Teen to Do With Friends**

It's important for kids to maintain healthy friendships. And sometimes, during summer vacations, a little adult support can ensure those friendships stay active in the absence of school.

**Have friends over:** There's a lot to be said for knowing where your teen is and who she is hanging out with, so be willing to host an overnight movie marathon or agree to drive the teens to the beach.

**Help teens get involved in the community:** Try to link your teen to community or church activities, such as helping at Vacation Bible School or reading to children at the library. With a little help getting started, many teens enjoy becoming more involved in their communities.

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HOME OF THE MIGHTY BLUE WAVES

**BLUE WAVES**  
SWIM CLUB • NASSAU, BAHAMAS

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**2017 SUMMER SWIM CAMP**

**Learn to Swim & Stroke Development**  
Mondays - Fridays  
SESSION 1 - 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
SESSION 2 - 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**COST:**  
**\$75.00 PER WEEK**  
**\$250.00 FULL CAMP**

**ADULT CLASSES**  
Mondays & Wednesdays  
5:30 pm - 6:45 pm  
**\$45.00 PER WEEK**

**JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2017**

**St. Anne's School Pool**  
**Contact Mr. Brown @ 436-7877 for more info**

# Be Prepared For The New School Year!

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## SCHOOL FEES

School fees are paid directly into First Caribbean International Bank by cash or certified cheque, using the fee slip obtainable from the school. The amount is specified and must be paid in FULL. The bank will retain a copy, and hand three (3) stamped copies back to the payer. The payer keeps one copy as a receipt, and returns two (2) copies to the School.

### DUE DATES

School Fees are paid in three (3) installments and are due on or before July 28, December 1 and March 1. Fees may also be paid annually in advance. Students will not be admitted to classes if they fail to produce a fee slip by the set deadline. Under no circumstances will students be allowed to write examinations unless fees are paid. Any other arrangements must be made with and approved expressly by the Principal/Director.

LATE FEE: \$50.00

INSURANCE: A MANDATORY student accident insurance fee of \$25.00 is billed to the School Fee payable August 1st

COMPUTER: \$50.00 per term

EDLINE: \$5.00 per term

### TEXTBOOKS

Secondary students are responsible for purchasing their own textbooks. Some texts are available from Nassau Stationers and others at the School. Parents are furnished with book lists and selling dates prior to the opening of school in September. Books are sold daily during the term from 8:00 a.m. to 8:25 a.m. and 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. The use of correction fluid is not permitted.

Primary Department: Textbook Rental & Supplies Fee: \$100.00.

The textbooks are on loan, and must be returned at the end of the academic year. Students are required to cover these books to help to keep them in mint condition. A charge is levied for lost or damaged textbooks.

Primary school students are responsible for purchasing their own Workbooks and Exercise books. A limited supply is available at the school's office. Nassau Stationers is our official book dealer.

### THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents, please ensure that your child is properly dressed before he / she leaves the house each morning.

### FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES (LABEL ALL CLOTHING)

**PRE SCHOOL:** \*Navy Blue Skorts /Shorts & Golf Shirts  
Black shoes & navy blue socks  
**PLACE ORDER NOW AT OFFICE!**

### BOYS GRADES 1 – 12:

Grey Shirt, (neatly tucked into the trousers)

Short blue trousers (N - Grade 5)

Long blue trousers (Grades 6 - 12) (worn at the waist) with a Black belt (leather or leather-like)

Navy blue socks

Black shoes (leather or leather-like)

NO BOOTS OR TENNIS

### GIRLS GRADES 1 - 12

Grey blouse

N - Gr. 5: \*Blue (knife) pleated skirt with a bib to the front and crossed straps at the back

Gr 6 -12: Blue (2" knife) pleated skirt

LENGTH AT LEAST 2 inches BELOW THE KNEE

BAND NO WIDER THAN 2inches

Navy blue socks

Black shoes (leather or leather-like) - NO HEELS

Uniform material is available from all leading School Uniforms Suppliers.

### WINTER WEAR (LABEL\* ALL CLOTHING)

1) Navy Blue or Grey Blazer OR

2) Navy Blue or Grey Sweater, button down the front OR

3) Navy Blue or Grey Pullover, (NO TURTLENECK)

4) Navy Blue Windbreaker with White trim with Crest

5) Navy Blue Official School Sweat suits for P.E. days

Navy blue tights may be worn by girls on very cold days.

### HAIR AND HAIR ACCESSORIES

Blue, grey, black or white hair accessories may be worn. **Extension braids and / or beads, weaves, hair colour, etc. are not permitted. Boys are reminded that hair is to be kept short and neatly trimmed. Beards, facial hair, pony tails, pig tails, faddish parts, designs and colours are not allowed.**

### JEWELLERY

GIRLS: One pair of matching knobs, or matching sleepers in the lower lobe of the ear and a Wrist Watch. (Earrings may be gold or silver. If a finger can pass through the loop, it's too large.)

BOYS: Wrist watches only. NO earring(s) allowed.

No other jewelry or tattoos allowed. The school does not accept responsibility for confiscated items of jewelry or clothing.

### P.E. UNIFORMS – BY ORDER ONLY! ORDER NOW!

P.E. Uniforms, with the exception of swimsuits and footwear, are sold by the school and can be purchased from the school office. The P.E. uniform consists of:

i) A light blue tee shirt with the school's crest emblazoned on the front

ii) Navy blue shorts bearing the school's crest on the left leg of the shorts

iii) Plain white socks & Blue or Black Tennis shoes

**NO COLOURED STRIPES, LOGO OR DECORATION**

iv) SWIM KIT

GIRLS: One (1) piece Blue or Black swim suit

BOYS: Blue or black jammers or Jockey style swim suit

ALL: Cap, towel and sandals, Cover -Up or Oversized t-shirt

v) SWEAT SUIT: Navy blue

N - Gr. 6 students are allowed to wear the full P.E. kit to school on the day (s) their class is scheduled to have P.E.

**\*ASK IN THE OFFICE ABOUT ORDERING**

1. IRON ON LABELS: \$15 FOR 100

2. P.E. KITS – BY ORDER ONLY: \$30.00 & \$40

3. SWIMSUITS AND SWIM CAPS



**NO CELL PHONES, BEEPERS, PAGERS, SMART WATCHES, TOYS OR ELECTRONIC GADGETS PERMITTED  
ALL SCHOOL RULES APPLY WHEREVER AND WHENEVER THE SCHOOL UNIFORM IS BEING WORN.**