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## Greetings Old Boys and Friends of St. George's College



Margaret Campbell

I know that you have been concerned for us in light of the recently reported "War on North Street" between Kingston College and St. George's College, and we thank you for your calls and prayers. The conflict largely took place in one afternoon leaving two of our students injured. They have recovered and are back in school. We have had relative calm since the day after the eruption which was St. George's Day, celebrated on Friday, April 25, 2008 as an open day. We are working to maintain the calm and have some plans to improve the relationship between the students which maybe we have taken for granted over the years.

The conflict stemmed from the fact that many of our young Jamaicans have been taught by their communities to rely on themselves for justice, with resulting acts of reprisal being the order of the day. This makes mentoring by good fathers and old boys even more important in re-culturing our youth.

We cannot stop there. Our Jesuit mission calls for social justice. We are challenged therefore to reach out to the surrounding community in an attempt to transform thinking. The College continues with its strong interaction with the community in a bid to achieve this. Members of the Central Kingston football team train regularly on the campus at Winchester Park. We also involve the community in maintenance work that is done on the campus. As a result, the community has a protective attitude towards the school and its staff and students. This relationship may be the springboard for promoting change.

About one week after the conflict, a first form student came to my office to report that he had been robbed by a street boy on a lane on his way to school. Having been pushed to the ground he got up after the robber ran off, to see two older students from Kingston College approaching. He admitted to being afraid. To his surprise, the boys helped him, gave chase to the boy who robbed him, then walked with him to school. A vendor from the community who saw what happened gave him the equivalent of what had been stolen. Throughout the conflict, community vendors attempted to stop the students from hurting each other.

Two weeks ago when I confronted one of our students who was wearing a K.C. tie borrowed from a friend who attends that College, he said with the eloquence of youth "Mi a stand up for peace Mrs. Campbell".

These incidents are a reminder to all of us that despite the recent conflicts, the majority of the students from both Kingston College and St. George's College are good boys, while a small fraction, some of them redeemable, cause us heartache. In fact, isn't it the same with our beloved Jamaica and the goodness of the majority. We fight on!

In other news, we received 47 computers earlier this month through the government's E-learning project and were the first school to receive them. Together with 38 lap tops received from the Florida chapter in April, this leaves us needing about 50 more desktops to complete the upgrade of the computer laboratories.

The school year is fast drawing to a close. We had our valedictory service on May 4, 2008 and our graduation service is scheduled for July 6. We close for the summer on July 4.

Many thanks to all of you who continue to faithfully support us. We could not have made it through the challenges of the year without your support.

May God bless you.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

Margaret Campbell, Principal

## Florida News



*Fr. Mc Isaac, Jacqueline Clarke, Chris Chin, Margaret Campbell*

The Fourth Annual Dennis Ziadie on April 26 pitted the JC OBA Fla. team against the St.GC OBA Florida team and this year STGC continued their winning streak with a 3-1 victory.

The crowd was pleased with the half time entertainment, a penalty shootout with several alumnae of Jamaican Girls High Schools ( Alpha, St. Hughes, Immaculate, Mo Bay High, and Holy Childhood which was won by Mo Bay High.

The score however belies the very competitive nature of the event as JC put up a big fight and half time score was 1-1.

ST.G.C dominated the 2nd half and prevailed with a 3-1 victory.

This annual event commemorates the life and contributions of the outstanding Georgian Dennis Ziadie who coached both his Alma Mater ST.G.C and J.C to Manning cup victories.

He along with fellow Georgian coach Bell died in a bus overturn in Mexico while attending the World cup in 1986.

The Florida fundraiser Ball on Saturday May 3rd at the Signature grand was a resounding success and we congratulate President Trevor Palmer, and his executive and Ball committee for the splendid show.

Paul Bitter did an excellent job as M.C and joining in to celebrate was former justice Ian Forte, Fr. Mc Isaac, Fr Hosie, Lennox Robinson and Margaret Campbell, principal. Archbishop Burke also graced with his presence as did the newly appointed Advancement Director, Jacqueline Clarke ..

President Chris Chin headed our Ontario contingent and knocked heads with his counterparts, Courtney Currie, Jamaica OBA President and Trevor Palmer, Florida OBA President.



*OBA Presidents: Chris Chin, Trevor Palmer, Courtney Currie*

Robbie Vernon

## St. G.C. Old Boys of Florida 2nd Annual Mini Reunion



*Roy Mc Catty (centre-with shorts) with Florida OBA cronies*

Everton Spaulding and his wife Allyson, hosted the second annual Mini Reunion of this diehard group of St. G. C. Old Boys of Florida at their home in Ft. Lauderdale on Saturday May 31st. Those who attended had a wonderful time enjoying the great selection of delicious foods and beverages.

We all had a great time as we restated, for the millionth time, many of the precious memories we collected over the years. Names such as Mr. Wilson, Fr. Quinlan, Fr. Ryan, Fr. Higgins, Fr. Feres, and Keith Noad featured prominently.

Las Talbot officially forgave Roy McCatty for running him out in our Colts cricket match against KC in 1962. St.G.C.'s 176 (Roy 56, Las T. 35, and Michael (Tony) Bell "strokeless 0") was not enough as McLean and Morant punished Tony Bell's off spinners mercilessly to see off the total in front of hundreds of KC supporters.

The food, which included curried goat, fried and jerk chicken, jerk pork, escovitch fish with plenty onions, rice and peas, cornmeal pudding, and potato pudding by Ava Mitchell, was absolutely wonderful and prompted Tony P. to suggest that we do this mini reunion monthly.

Courtney Daley, Wes T., Earl Hylton, Barry D. Barry Chin, Johnny Hew and Francis Cunningham "held court" as they usually do, helping to ensure this occasion would be added to our collection of "precious memories".

Special thanks were extended to Everton and his beautiful wife for hosting the reunion and to Phillip Hall and Keith Mitchell for planning it.

Roy McCatty

## JAMAICA NEWS



*Head Table Quarterly Lunch L-R : MP Ronnie Thwaites, Principal Margaret Campbell, MP Lisa Hanna, Senator Dwight Nelson, OBA President Courtney Currie*

The Old Boys Association honoured Michael Chuck, the Chair of the annual golf tournament during the quarterly luncheon, which was held on April 17, 2008 at the Police Officers Club on Hope Road in Kingston. M.C. was Basil Lue and guest speaker Ms Lisa Hanna M.P. St. Ann., former Miss World

With her at the head table were Deacon Ronnie Thwaites, Margaret Campbell, Principal, Senator Dwight Nelson, and Courtney Currie.

The results of the just concluded tournament had Peter Chin and Telroy Morgan playing off a combined handicap of 4 netted 60.75 for first place in the open section. Paul Seaton and Nigel Davy came second with Guyan Arscot and Fabian Campbell finishing third overall. In the closed section for St. George's College Old Boys, Rodger Braham and Bruce Lyn playing off a combined handicap of 5.5 netted 60.5 for first place, with Tony Wong and Paul Bitter second and Wayne Chang and Wayne Wray third.

In the Challenge trophy section contested by old boys and alumni of St. George's College, Kingston College, Campion College, Convent of Mercy Alpha, Cornwall College, St. Mary High, Wolmers Boys School, York Castle High School, Jamaica College, Glenmuir High School, Munro College, Clarendon College, Excelsior High School, Calabar High School, and Hillel Academy, the pair of Bruce Lyn and Rodger Braham representing St. George's College came out on top with Munro College pair of Peter Chin and Telroy Morgan in second place.



*Principal Margaret Campbell presents Michael Chuck with a plaque.  
Basil Lue looks on.*

Michael, along with his committee, which also includes his wife Karen, has successfully organized for the last 12 years the old boys' golf tournament, which has become a feature on the golf calendar in Jamaica. In addition, the golf tournament has become the Association's biggest fundraising exercise consistently returning net profits of well over \$1/2M for the last 12 years. This year's renewal of the golf tournament is no different from the previous years in which the expected profit will be over \$0.7M.

StGC OBA contributed \$150,000 to assist the Penn Relay Team

The St. George's College Old Boys Association contributed \$150,000 to the school to be used in assisting the team going to the annual Penn Relay Carnival in Philadelphia. The contribution was made to the Principal, Mrs. Margaret Campbell who then presented the cheque to team manager, Peter Brooks.

The team of Khorey Spalding, Darrion Mitchell, Dwayne Thomas and Aldane Dunn subsequently won the bronze medal in the Championship of America 4 x 100 M relay for High School Boys.

[Courtney Currie](#)

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