

Principal's Mid-Term Letter



"Another Clean Sweep"

Campion wins trophies for **Top CSEC School (2003-2006 and 2008-2015)** and **Top CAPE School (2005-2015)**

Since it clashed with Spirit Day at Campion, the **2015 CXC Awards** Ceremony staged by the *Jamaica Association of Principals of Secondary Schools* at de Carteret College, Mandeville on January 8, 2016, was not well attended by Campionites.

However, that did not prevent the school from winning yet again, the trophies for **Top CSEC** and **Top CAPE School** in Jamaica for 2015. **Congratulations** to all our awardees who have done themselves, their families, their teachers and the entire Campion family proud!

Special congratulations to Brandon Chambers who received the award for Top Performer in the Humanities and to Ruth Ann Armstrong who was named the island's 3rd Best Performer.



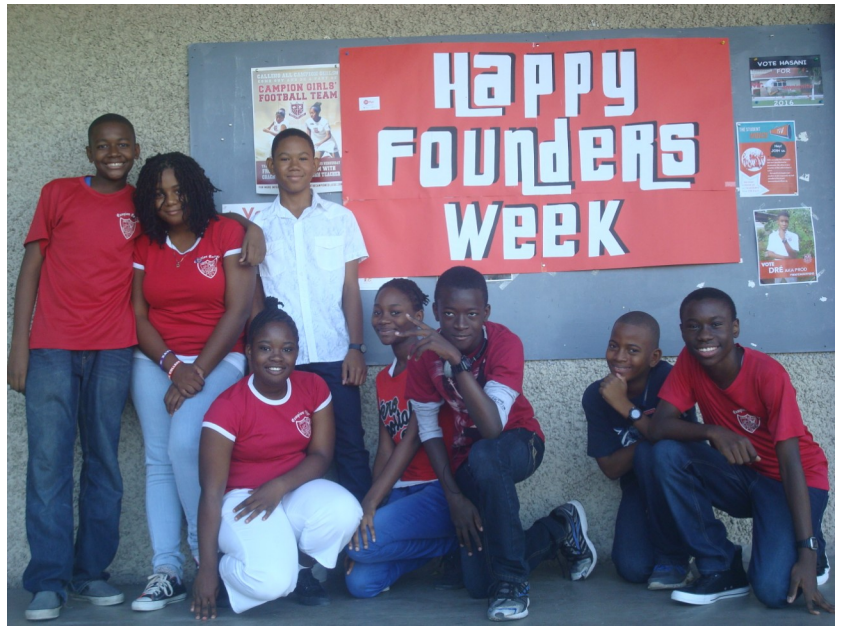
CONGRATULATIONS

- Our **Schools Challenge Quiz Team** and **The Debating Team** have both won their first matches and advanced to the second round of their respective competitions. Go teams!
- Abhijai Mansingh, captain of our victorious Under 19 cricket team, received the award for outstanding performance in schoolboy cricket at the RJR's 2015 National Sportsman and Sportswoman Awards Ceremony.

- 50 of our students have advanced to the 2nd round of the Jamaican Mathematical Olympiad:
 - 11 First Formers, 5 Second Formers
 - 7 Third Formers, 13 Fourth Formers and
 - 14 Fifth Formers
- Special congrats to the 24 students who placed among the **top ten** performers in their grade level. And super special congrats to the Fifth Form students who claimed **9 of the 11 top places** at their level.
- We are without doubt a Mathematics powerhouse!

FOUNDERS WEEK 2016

Founders Week 2016, January 4-8, began with a special assembly, featured the second Archbishop Samuel Carter Memorial Lecture, which was superbly delivered by Professor Trevor Munroe, the Champion History Quiz, which was won by the 6A team and culminated in Spirit Day and the highly anticipated Mr. and Ms. Campionite Competition. It was indeed a spirited celebration of our rich legacy. **Fortes!**



SPORTS DAY 2016

Bellarmino and Loyola rule the day!

Most Campionites will not even remember that February 8th was Nomination Day because they were too busy enjoying their own Sports Day! What a display of house and school spirit!

Highest commendations to Coach Phillpotts-Brown, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Fairweather and the entire team of marshals, time-keepers, judges, house co-ordinators, house leaders and above all, all the students who showed their athletic talent throughout the week in field events and on the day in all the races. Those who missed the exciting teachers race and the unexpected parents race, missed something!

Congrats also to the leaders of the cheerleading groups who put on such professionally choreographed, high-energy displays in their competition. Well done!



Students with Spirit—Founders Week 2016



Thank You Donors!

- The table tennis team benefitted from the donation of a new table by kind parents who would like to remain anonymous. Although we can't name them, we are sending them a huge Thank You 'shout-out' for this very tangible expression of support for our sports programme.
- Parent, Mr Gary Allen has contributed to our water project through his donation of a water cooler. Students will love him forever!
- We continue to receive donations of water tanks, the latest being from alumnus, Paul East and present parent, Mr Peter Henry. Thanks also to donors, Mr. Ashton Hewitt & Mr. Robert Haughton.
- The 6th Form Science Lab will benefit from a generous donation of \$300,000 from Mr Christopher Berry, who wants to support our effort to upgrade our facilities to world class standards. The donation will allow us to install an emergency eye-wash station and shower in the 6th form lab.
- The Student Council has made a donation of \$145,000 towards the cost of purchasing a new key board for our incredible school band. This is possible because of all the hard work that the council, under the direction of Mrs. Taylor-Smellie, put into staging their successful Mr. and Ms. Campionite competition. Well done!

Campion gets a taste of Africa!

English Teacher, Mrs. Holdsworth McKenzie, continues to bring to life the novels being studied by her 5th formers and this term took her class to Café Africa.

In her report she says: Friday, February 5, 2016 at Cafe Africa was successful and a very memorable night. It began with a warm welcome by owner and Campion alumnus, Steven Golding. Steven also briefed the students of 5-3 on the history of some of the food that they were about to consume. Students were very adventurous and selected from the menu, dishes from five different African countries, which were served with generous helpings of yam fufu ("Things Fall Apart" style) and in calabashes which were bought in Africa.

This was followed by a quiz on the novel which focused on plot and characterization. Dessert was a "Things Fall Apart" book cake which was made by Nicole Levy of <http://levysgoodies.weebly.com/>.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



We welcome with joy the arrival of two of the Campion babies expected this year. Congratulations to Ms. Vanessa Thomas on the birth of her daughter, Jalisa, and Mr. Sanchez Adamson on the birth of his son, Alexander!

The Campion family extends prayerful support to the following members of our community who lost loved ones this term:

- Daniella Henry
- Sade Rose
- Mr. Dwright Wright
- Deacon Derrick Foster



Commendations to Ms Rose and the Guidance Dept on another successful staging of 3rd Form Careers Day!

Campionites take a stand for democracy

Over 100 members of the Campion Community, the overwhelming majority of them students, have signed up to serve as CAFFE volunteers on Election Day. 70 sixth form students will serve as observers in the field, while the other 4th and 5th formers will staff the CAFFE Data Centre. This is an excellent demonstration of our students' commitment to social justice and their readiness to participate in the civic duty of defending our democracy.



A LENTEN PRAYER

As the election fever heightens, we will frequently bemoan the tribalism, distrust, venom and violence that characterize our politics. It is very easy to see and criticize this in the faceless masses in orange and green, or in the politicians we so love to revile. But so often we do not recognize the seeds of distrust, hostility, venom and violence in ourselves.

During these forty days leading up to the mysteries of Holy Week and the great feast of Easter, we are called to the difficult business of reconciliation. We are encouraged to mend broken relationships, help to heal the wounds of division in our families, let go of past hurts and open our hearts in love and forgiveness. Without the graces of this holy season, this enterprise is nigh impossible.

Let us be united in prayer for each other, that through our acts of self-denial this lent, we will deepen our relationship with our gracious God and with all those from whom we are estranged.

G. Baston



UPCOMING EVENTS:

SCHOOL RESUMES ON **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

TRAINING SESSIONS FOR:

- CAFFE OBSERVERS—TUES. FEB. 16 AT 3:15 and 4:30 P.M. in the Auditorium
- FOR DATA CLERKS—THURS. FEB. 18 AT 3:30 P.M. in 6th Form Computer Lab

H.S.A. CONSULTATION DAYS—MARCH 10 & 11