

BONNE TERRE PREPARATORY SCHOOL LTD

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Welcome! As we commence the 2013 -2014 academic year we welcome all our students, parents and staff members. We extend a special welcome to our newcomers.

We remind you that the **opening date for this school year is Tuesday September 10, 2013.** We will be open next week from Monday Sept. 2 through to Friday Sept. 6, 2013 from **9:00 am – 1:00 pm.** for receiving payment slips, purchasing of uniforms etc. Teachers will also be in for workshops and general preparation for opening of school.

Uniform sales: In an effort to avoid the chaos we have had in the past we have arranged uniform sales on specific days for specific classes. Kindly note the following days for uniform sales for the different groups:-

Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 2 – Wednesday September 4, 2013

Grades 3 – Grade 6 – Thursday September 5, 2013

High School – Friday September 6, 2013.

We remind all parents that footwear for our school consists of **black** shoes and **white** socks. Sports or ankle socks are only allowed for Physical Education classes.

We have had a wonderful proposal from the St. Lucia School of Music. We have had difficulty engaging a suitably qualified music teacher ever since our last teacher left in December of 2012. This based-in-school programme as it is being called will be headed by Mrs. Celine Strudwick-Green, a Jamaican by birth who is an experienced music educator. She specialises in early childhood and primary education. Classes involved will be Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 4. The cost for this programme is **\$150.00 per student per term.** We can appreciate

the value as we all know the cost of private classes per student per session. Students who show potential will be invited to continue with the St. Lucia School of music at a special rate.

Attached is our school calendar for this academic year. We encourage you to print and post in an area where it will be quite visible as too often parents forget the dates set.

General Reminders:

Keeping Healthy: Students with any contagious disease must be kept at home until the condition is cleared. Also, students with coughs or colds (especially a runny nose) should be kept away from school. We would appreciate it if any suspicious skin rash, bumps etc. be checked out by a doctor and the school informed of whatever the condition may be. At this school we do regular head checks for lice.



Road Use and Parking: We remind parents to exercise extreme caution along our road. The turning point just before the large chain link gate is to be kept **clear** at all times; **no parking** at that point nor in front of our neighbours' entries. Be mindful that this is a residential area and persons need to get to and from their homes. We wish to continue the cordial relations that we have had with our neighbours for the last twenty years. We urge parents of older children to use the drop off point (at the corner) to lessen traffic congestion nearer the school's entry.

School Hours: Our hours are **8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** for Pre-Kindergarten students and **8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** for all others. The earliest drop off for students is **7:30 a.m.** Any time before that your child will be unsupervised.

After School Pick up: Please ensure that students are met promptly after school as we **DO NOT** encourage late pickups. Students left on premises after 3:30p.m. are unsupervised unless they are enrolled in some after school activity. You are also reminded to notify the school either by phone or a written note of any change in pick up arrangement for your child /children. No child will be allowed to leave with persons unknown to us.

School Visits: We remind you that anyone visiting the school during the school day is to first report to the office. You are also to dress appropriately when coming on school premises. We request that you avoid loud music as well as beeping of horns when in the school vicinity.

Please note that school ends at 12:00 noon for high school students only on Tuesday September 10, 2013.

All other information regarding timetables for co-curricula and extra curricula activities as well as plans for the term will be sent out in a subsequent e-mail.