



# **BONNE TERRE PREPARATORY SCHOOL LTD.**

## *Newsletter October 2019*

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We take this opportunity once again to welcome students and parents who have joined us recently and thank you for making our school the school of choice for your child/children.

The month of October is designated as Creole Heritage Month in St. Lucia and here at school we will be sensitizing our students by engaging in some activities.



**La Marguerite Festival:** we shall be observing the La Marguerite Festival here at school on **Thursday October 17, 2019**. We ask that children attend school in shades of blue or purple on that day. Also, should your child have any of the following costumes he or she can wear it to school or you may create your own:

Policeman's/policewoman's uniform

Nurse's uniform, Doctor's uniform

Lawyer's or judge's outfit

Queen's costume

King's costume

We shall have a special assembly to educate students about this festival. Kindly note that classes continue during the day.



**Jounen Kweyol:** International Creole Day is on October 28<sup>th</sup>. On **Wednesday October 23, 2019**, we will celebrate Creole Day here at school. On that day students are allowed to dress in creole wear, (madrass or floral outfits) and will engage in cultural activities.

Contributions will be solicited from parents for local snack items and dishes for a creole lunch menu. Students will enjoy a day of festivities in true creole fashion. You will receive your child's expected contribution directly from his/her class teacher.



**Co-curricular Activities:** All co-curricular subjects P.E. Swimming and Library etc have commenced. Please note: Girls must wear full body swim costumes for swim classes. Two piece costumes are not allowed. All students are required to have a swim cap and goggles. They must also bring along slippers for walking to and from the pool and a towel. Kindly provide a separate bag for swim items. Students are exempt from swim class for medical reasons only.



### **School Closed Days:**

Parents are reminded that school is closed on the following days:

**Monday 7, 2019**  
**October** – Thanksgiving Holiday

**Thursday 24 and Friday 25, 2019**  
**October** – Mid Term Break.



**NOTE:** Any child with any form of infection or illness should be taken to a doctor and kept at home until they are recovered. Children with a fever, cough, running nose or any condition such as ringworm, impetigo, red eye, etc. should **NOT** be sent to school. Please inform us should your child have any such condition. We aim to try our best to keep every child healthy. We need your co-operation to do so effectively.

While we keep hand towels in the washrooms which we change during the course of the day, we recommend that you supply your child with his/her own hand towel, clearly labeled for sanitary purposes.

Our school has an open door policy. Feel free to come in to discuss any concerns you may have regarding your child/children's welfare.

Our school hours are from **8:10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** We encourage parents to get students to school by 8:00 a.m. to allow them to settle comfortably before the bell. Students arriving after the bell at 8:10 a.m. will be marked late.

A half hour grace period is allowed after school. However, any child left on premises after 3:30 p.m. without a legitimate reason is unsupervised. Students left on premises past that time will be automatically placed in the After School Programme and parents will be charged.

*Any student left repeatedly past the grace period will be asked to be withdrawn from the activity.*

### **REMINDERS:**

**We remind parents that they should report to the main office before going to your child or ward during the school day.**



### **KIND CONSIDERATION**

Please do not park, stop or turn in our neighbours' driveways. We wish to keep a cordial relationship with our neighbours and ask that you respect this request at all times.

Parents are reminded that older students may be dropped off at the corner near the school and be allowed to walk to the main gate. Parents with little ones may turn at the school's main gate but this is a **NO PARKING AREA**. Any parent found blocking the main gate will be fined **\$25.00** on sight to be paid immediately.

Drivers need to exercise caution and be guided by the fact that this is a school zone. **ABSOLUTELY NO SPEEDING** on this road as this is also an area for pedestrians. Kindly inform your drivers or anyone sent to drop off or pick up your child/children of this.

*"Courtesy is **NOT** an option"*

### **REMINDERS CONT'D:**

Students of Grades 3 to 6 are required to have an Oxford Dictionary and Thesaurus for their use at home and at school. Parents may purchase these from local book stores.



**Vehicles left idling emit dangerous toxins which are harmful to the environment. Inhaling such toxins is a health hazard especially to young children.**

**Please be mindful when parking outside of the school and turn off your engines.**

**Noise pollution is also an issue. We remind you to lower your music when approaching the school.**

*Thank you for your kind consideration.*

### **BIRTHDAY WISHES**

Belated birthday wishes to all who celebrated in September.

Happy birthday to all who will be celebrating in October!!!

