

The Convent Chronicle

Convent High School P O Box 409, Commonwealth of Dominica

2010-2011 RECAP

The school year of 2010-2011 has been a spectacular one. It seems that this year was one for creative, and imaginative feats those that require teamwork, and discipline. It was all thanks to the amazing efforts of the students, and never failing, patient support of all our teachers, and the staff members that it was as memorable as it is now.

It began in First Term, the buzz of the new and for some final school year led to the most excellent elections of Odessa Elie as Head Girl and Simone Green as Vice-Head Girl on 21st September 2010. Then on Friday 1st October the same year the teachers were shown how special they are during a spectacular Teacher's Day Assembly. On the 4th, the netballers stole the show as they began their tournament with a Bang! Convent was on a roll! Using their knowledge of Dominica's Credit Union History, on 21st October Nikkita Cellaire, and Alex-Marie Roberts from the House of St. Ann won the Credit Unionette Quiz. Both students belonged to the energetic class of 3-2 who later along with 4-A attended the Youth Rally on the 22nd. These two classes were not the only ones representing Convent High School. The class of 3-3

marched in the Youth Rally, with grace, discipline, and elegance, especially since they were notified on such a short notice. The show of beauty, and splendor refused to stop there as the school body debuted their fashion sense at Creole Day, and in Ravishing in Red.

Then in Second Term the member's of St. Agnes astounded us with their lively Feast Day celebrations. The display of outstanding ingenuity continued in HFLE week that was largely organized by the class of 4-A. Some activities included the Rally Cry Competi-



tion with the theme non-violence, the competition which was organized by class was won by the astounding class of 3-2 who's motto was :

“Violence is a nuisance
Surely makes no sense
Guns, and knives, and power arms
should not be let into our hands
Non-violence is the way to go

Now that's the real status quo”

The week ended with a extravagant and spectacular talent show. However the best was certainly shown in our prayerful celebration of Convent High School's 153rd Anniversary, which also included an Anniversary Quiz. Valentine's Day was celebrated along with St. Ann's Feast Day on the 14th February 2011. Sport's Day on March 4th 2011 was a day for exciting and fun activities, this year the proud

house of St. Joan emerged victorious. The action continued as Alex-Marie Roberts of 3-2, and Jade Alexander of 3-1 represented Convent High School in Math Power. However the greatest show of unity was the week of the 14th March 2011 when Literacy week was shared among the French, Spanish, English, and Literature Department, and event quite unusual for Convent High School.

Finally, Term Three was one for Good Byes, especially for the well-bonded classes. In this very short term St. Rita and St. Joan had spectacular assemblies. On the fourth of June for a little stress relief students of all forms, along with guides, parents, and teachers embarked on a six hour hike of the Second Segment of the Witikubuli National Trail.

By: Siobhan Pascal



LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Dear Miss Editor,

For some time now, it has become apparent that Convent High School girls are quickly losing their virtue. This can be seen mainly through the school environment. There is rubbish scattered everywhere, graffiti and students can be seen dressed untidily nearly everyday. This truly tarnishes the school's reputation and students who do participate in such behaviour deserve to be severely punished.

The garbage distributed on the school property is done mainly by irresponsible students who should be penalized for their wrong-doings. It is an eyesore to all who are unfortunate enough to view it and should be disposed of properly. This is unsanitary

and may cause health issues in the school. Furthermore, visitors may be discouraged or disgusted with the state of the grounds.

Additionally, graffiti has recently been discovered as a prominent, yet unsightly feature at the Convent High School. The walls, partitions and doors all over the school, especially the bathroom have been almost completely covered in writing and drawing. These students will never learn from their mistakes if not stopped. They have developed more sinister and creative ways to perform their deeds.

Also, it is of all students' knowledge that they are to be dressed poorly and present themselves well at all times. Students come to school

dressed in incomplete or disheveled uniforms. Grave penalties should be put in place to teach these delinquents a lesson and force them to abide by the rules.

Chastisements such as detentions and suspensions should be granted to students who fail to abide by the school rules, as demerits are no longer effective. The standards of the school are said to be rapidly dropping mainly due to the littered grounds, dominating graffiti and tousled uniforms. It is time to upgrade and to ensure that Convent High School returns to the impeccable institute of learning that it once was.

Yours Sincerely,

CHAGRINED CITIZEN

EDITORIAL

Dear CHAGRINED CITIZEN,

I understand your distress over the current activity and attitude of the Convent High School girls. It is my understanding that they are no longer of the high quality that

Students need to realize that keeping their environment tidy is to their benefit as well as others. By keeping their surroundings clean, they decrease the chances of contracting diseases. Also, one's environment speaks volumes about their character, which is especially valuable. In modern times, a good reputation will get you almost as far, if not farther than a good education.

Furthermore, students wishing to release their creativity should join the appropriate clubs/ groups which are available in school or in the commu-

nity. The school's property is definitely not suitable canvas. Some drawings and writings are very graphic and should be discussed with a counselor, peer, parent or guardian. Reconciliation is also a method of therapy for those interested.

In addition, one should always present oneself in a proper manner, forever prepared for any opportunity that may arise. The Convent High School is also being represented through the uniform and it should, therefore, be worn with pride and grace. Not

only is appearance important, but the students' manner as well. It has been nationally known that Convent girls are *fresh*. This does not mean that they are pompous or conceited, but proud and firm.

I truly hope that this will be a wake-up call to all Convent High School girls and that they genuinely reflect on their past actions that have caused the school disrepute. It should be noted that not all girls are at fault, but the innocent will be blamed for the mistakes of the guilty, and as it is so commonly said, *Peter*

will pay for Paul. In conclusion, these students need to keep their environment clean, for cleanliness is next to godliness, channel their creative energy into something positive and represent their prestigious

school in a decent fashion.

Respectfully Yours,

BETTY BISCUITZ

Dear **Betty Biscuit**,

I am so stressed! I have tests and due assignments everyday this week! I have time for absolutely nothing but schoolwork— not even sleep is sacred. I have been told that I am wonderful at managing my time, yet I find myself constantly behind. My grades are dropping drastically and I need a break. What's wrong with me??



Slipping Student

Dear **Slipping Student**,

You really do sound stressed! High school students often are. Stress is very unhealthy, as you should know. Take at least an hour everyday to pay attention to yourself and enjoy the little things. Take walks regularly to relieve stress. Order your assignments and study time according to the due dates. I wish you all the best.



Stay Scrumptious,



Rottweiler puppies for sale!!!! ONLY 3 MONTHS OLD

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WHEN I BELIVE IN ME

BY ALEX-MARIE ROBERTS

Mountains are moved, seas are split
 When I believe in me
 Tests are passed, challenges and expectations surpassed
 When I believe in me
 Tides are turned, respect is earned
 When I believe in me
 I feel wind on my back, I'm finally free
 When I believe in me
 Yes, I have grown, it's good to be free
 When I believe in me
 I unleash the power within, no longer am I shut in
 When I believe in me
 I break the cycle, I get out of the box
 When I believe in me

My fears and my worries are
 caged up and locked
 When I believe in me
 My trials and temptations, long
 behind me, are gone
 When I believe in me
 It's good to be me, refreshed
 and reborn
 When I believe in me
 Amazing, inspiring, awesome
 and cool, when I am in
 charge, I'm no longer the fool
 When I believe in me
 I reach for the skies, success
 before my eyes
 When I believe in me

I move in the stars, I know I
 can do it
 When I believe in me
 Yes! I believe in me
 Do you believe in me?
 Yes! I believe in me and you.
 What do you see when you
 look at me?
 I see that you believe in you
 I believe in me
 Be what you want to be
 YES!!! I... BELIEVE... IN...
 ME

ADVERTISEMENTS

*The Art Department for Career Day is located in front of the li-
 brary. Please visit. Bring your friends!!!!*

FOR A LIMITED TIME on sale in the school office:

- gel ink pens
- writing pads
- chalk
- canvas bags
- Flasks

*Inquire Price in Office

Release your inner writer at *Creative Writer's Club*! Membership is free and open to all students. Join **NOW!!!**

*See Miss D. Sorhaindo for details.

Lost and found

- A large black hoodie
- A pink pencil case
- A pair of glasses
- A small black leather purse

*For more information, or to claim these items, visit the school's office.



WANTED

The new school year calls for more students involved in more activities, such as:

1. Choral speech group. Applicants must posses:
 - good stage presence
 - confidence
 - poise
 - articulation
 - positive attitude

* For information, see Miss Leandra Lander.

A chef for the canteen. Applicants should posses:

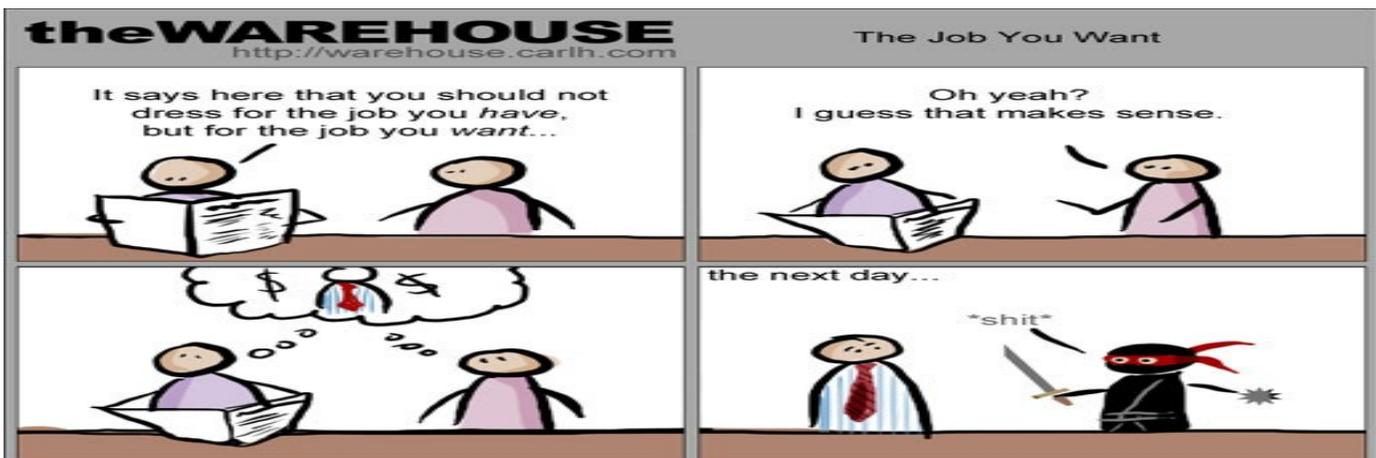
- exceptional cooking skills
 - the ability to work well with others
 - the ability to work quickly and meet deadlines

The new school year also demands new teachers for the subjects Spanish, French, Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Mathematics.

Applicants would require:

- ones in CXC Mathematics and English
- one in at least seven CXC subjects
- one in the subject hitch they desire to teach
- sociability
- the ability to meet deadlines
- the ability to interpret information for others

* For more information call the Convent High School office at 448-2916



THIRD FORM ADVICE

As our present third formers move hopefully on to fourth form and our second formers come to third form. There are a few pointers that us third formers wish we had been warned about and we hope that the second formers do not make the same mistake. Those would be:

1. Procrastination- do not absolutely do not wait until the day before to do the assignment do it as soon as you get it. It is not worth any of the stress and the long hours.
2. Love- it is important and you will need it to get through life, but don't be so busy wrapped around in your little rumors, and so busy in love that your school work comes second. I know I may start to sound like any adult you know. But you wouldn't believe how far your average can drop because you stayed up all night with him.
3. Never give up- The work will always be challenging and you may HATE the teachers but as long as you persevere you will make it. Don't give up your social life completely but don't get consumed in it either. Your work is more important...you will have to stay home sometimes or go to places you don't want to go. It will pay off in the long run; I promise. Be balanced and be focused...even though it means burning the midnight oil, DO IT. One more thing, if you are fortunate enough to have Miss Nation as your class teacher, cherish her. She will push and tug you in the right direction...in her own way."---B Titre
4. Underestimate- Do not absolutely do not underestimate the amount of work you have to do. You think life is tough now just wait. You will be given equations that look like Latin, you will be put into groups with the most idiotic children, you will have to write essays until your fingers cramp, just do not underestimate all that work that will come.
5. Plan Ahead- Let's say you are going to a party on Saturday a certain 3-2 group will always advice you to study on Friday or complete whatever work you have to. Even if that means studying through Lunch, and Break >.>
6. Seven B's- **Books Before Boys Because Boys Bring Babies.** Go to school and while your their save the boyfriend chat for break or after your work is done, because believe it or not this is the most social time you will get for a long time to come. Enjoy your school days and don't be so anxious to leave because honesty the real world is scary.
7. Good Enough To Pass-Sometimes in 2nd form we develop a "its good enough to pass" attitude... however this attitude will get you nowhere in future forms. I think that the best advice that I can give to the upcoming third formers id this: Work hard, Study harder and never give up....oh and learn how to take notes well.- A third former
8. Be Ready- Just Be Ready. Stay focused. Third Form is going to be full of stress and work, but stay focused and be prepared. Keep your eyes on the prize and never look back!
9. Mindset- Make sure to come to third form with a proper mindset. Know what you want in life.
10. God- Have faith in God, especially when things get tough. Never give up!

