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## A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

### EDITORIAL

In this electronic age, anything which happens anywhere in the world is immediately transmitted around the whole world via Facebook, Twitter, or by whatever is the favourite media of communication at the time. In fact, there is good chance that someone right around the globe will get the news before someone else in the same city where the happening occurred! This puts the “print” media at a great disadvantage as it is both “local” in distribution and slow in delivery (compared to electronic communication). We (Saints Toronto) are at an even greater disadvantage as we publish our newsletter only four times a year. Thus, before each issue, there will have been three months of information which may have already been delivered publicly since the last issue.

In spite of its drawbacks, the newsletter can still play a useful part in communicating since its objective is to report not on global issues (for which information is readily available elsewhere) but on specific “local” issues which either may not have been reported at all or may have had a very small distribution for their reports.

In the past, we have concentrated mainly on alumni/ae issues or happenings even when these were in support of our *alma mater*. There has been a lot going on at the College, and we have started getting much information about these activities. Some of the alumni/ae may be aware of some of this information but, unless they are still living in Guyana, the chances are great that they have not had any access to all these news even when these are three months old!

Starting with this issue, we have decided to create a new section, **College Notes**, in the newsletter where we shall publish news of happenings at the College. However, this does not necessarily mean that every issue will have this section as we can publish only what information we have received.

We hope that this new section will enable everyone to see the positive effects and results which the support of the Alumni Associations have had on the school in general and on the students especially. Hopefully, this will inspire

more alumni/ae to contribute or volunteer in these very worthwhile efforts in returning the College back to its premier status in Guyana.

We offer great thanks to all those alumni/ae who have already contributed and/or continue to contribute either their time or financially to Making Saints Number One again!

### New Year’s Eve Gala

For those in the Greater Toronto Area, don’t forget about our charitable Society’s New Year’s Eve Gala on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 (see details on back page) for which a tax deductible receipt of \$50 will be issued for each ticket purchased. All the proceeds go to the College in Guyana, so there is no better way to ring in the new 2020 leap year! For more details and how to obtain tickets, go to [www.torontosaints.org](http://www.torontosaints.org) and click on “Events” to see the flyer about this event.

### Season’s Greetings

Finally, on our way to the new year, let us not forget that we pass through the celebration of Christmas. With all the bad news from around the world – Hong Kong riots, Middle East wars and refugees, Brexit, U.S./China economic confrontation, etc. – and all the running around for the secular celebration of this season, we tend to forget the real and true meaning of Christmas which is not just any “holiday” but a religious celebration of the birth of Jesus. In the spirit of Christ, let us not forget those who will be celebrating alone or far from home, those who do not even have a home, much less a warm one, those who are troubled, and those who are finding it hard to make ends meet and cannot truly celebrate because of the lack of basic necessities. Let us all give pause to help where ever we can in any way we can, no matter how small. Only then can we really celebrate and honour the true meaning of Christmas.

On behalf of the Saints Toronto Association and the Society, I wish to offer you and your families a very Merry and Holy Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

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*Biography of Jesuits at St. Stanislaus College - 18*

### FR. JOHN HOPKINSON - HEADMASTER

John Hopkinson, known to so many of the Province as Hoppy, was a Prestonian, born on 12 December, 1915, in St. Joseph's parish and educated at the Catholic College. On leaving school, he joined the Society at Roehampton in 1934 and took his first vows two years later. Then came two years of juniorate and three years of philosophy at Heythrop. In 1941, Hoppy was sent to St. Michael's, Leeds, for regency, a stint of five years including study for an external London degree in French, which ended when he returned to Heythrop for theology in 1946. He was one of those ordained a year earlier than would have been normal and so was ordained priest at St Wilfrid's, Preston, in 1948. On completing theology, he went for tertianship to Paray-le-Monial in 1950. Then came seven years of teaching at St. Francis Xavier's, Liverpool. In 1958, he sailed from Liverpool to become Prefect of Studies at St. Stanislaus College, Guyana. From December 1968 until the following March, he acted as Mission Superior because of the serious illness of Fr. Fenn. In 1972, Hoppy ceased to be Prefect of Studies. He became, first, diocesan supervisor of education and, then, parish priest at Campbellville. In 1975, he was on sabbatical leave, principally at Stamford Hill, and was then appointed to Barbados to take charge of the house and the parish. In 1990, he returned briefly to Guyana but, in May of that year, joined the church staff at Blackpool. In 1998, he moved because of increasing ill-health to the Mount Street Hospital in Preston and then to Nazareth House, Blackburn. He died in hospital in Blackburn on 24 October, 1999.

In the funeral homily he preached for Hoppy, Manus Keane spoke of three major assignments in his life as a priest. The first was his work in schools. "His model of school was the one he knew best from his experiences in Preston, Leeds, and Liverpool. It was with a certain apprehension that he learned that he was to be Head Master of St. Stanislaus, the leading Catholic boys' school in Georgetown. For some fourteen years, he held that important post. It was a crucially difficult time when the colony was gearing itself to throw off the status of a British colony and emerge as an independent nation. The colonial administration had brought in labour from different parts of the world and, with independence in the offing, politicians in pursuit of power inflamed racial tension. With civil strife and violence all around, Hoppy struggled to maintain high standards, trying to uphold morale and unity among teachers and pupils of the different races. It was not long before Hoppy showed his complete commitment to the country by applying for and receiving citizenship.

"He wrote and directed school plays. His mind was in a constant ferment with ideas to improve the standards in the school, often much to the apprehension - and resentment - of some members of the teaching staff who did not share

his enthusiasms entirely!

"For a brief time, my stint at the school overlapped with his presence. I remember well, tired staff relaxing in the staff room, or marking exercises, freezing with foreboding as he would introduce himself into the staff with the phrase 'I've been thinking!' Teachers, young and old, would try to render themselves invisible, knowing with a sinking heart that here was another bright idea for one of them to implement. How we hated that phrase 'I've been thinking!'. He was a man of ominously quiet enthusiasm, who was not easily put off if he reckoned something was worth doing. If it was worth doing; it was worth doing well, regardless.

He ran 'a tight ship'.

He was a teacher through and through, but he never forgot that, first and foremost, he was a priest. For most weekends, he was out in some country parish."

Paddy Connors did part of his regency at St. Stanislaus:

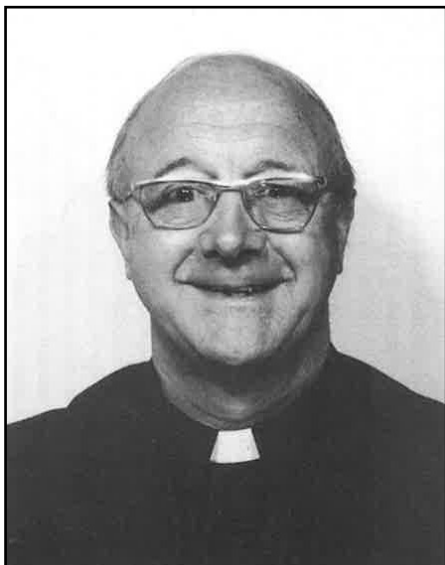
"Hoppy was a brilliant teacher of small boys. He would take them for elocution and hold then spell bound with some nonsense poem like

'he was a cat and she was a cat ... '. A double period was not long enough. They all wanted to have a go.

"Hoppy also liked drama and he was a master of the pantomime which just suited Guyana and even made money which, of course, suited Hoppy. Even I once suggested we should give up cricket and spend the money on developing drama. But Hoppy was not for big changes. It must have been difficult for him to come to Guyana as Headmaster, so he moved very slowly which, I suppose, left the way clear for his successor, Ken Khan, to make rapid radical changes.

"Hoppy would also try his little boy techniques on the 5<sup>th</sup> Form. They had to sit up straight and pay attention. Arms folded. Books open face downwards on the desk. Then, Hoppy would talk forever. We could see that the boys were puzzled. They hated being treated like little boys, but the smirks on their faces showed that they were also having a good laugh at some memories of earlier less responsible days when they had indeed been little boys.

"Hoppy was also a good rabble rouser.



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**FR. JOHN HOPKINSON** (continued from page 2)

In those good old days, the boys had to march to the Cathedral on Friday afternoons for singing practice, sermon, and benediction! Sometimes, Hoppy would really let go: 'Boys, you're a rotten lot. You really need confession'. He got away with that one and, for a time, 'you're a rotten lot' became a catch word at St. Stanislaus College. Indeed, I think some of the boys would have gone to confession, but Hoppy had not prepared anyone, and there were no priests available.

"Of course, the rabble rouser could get into trouble. 'Boys, you're a lazy lot. You have to work like slaves ... Uh! Sorry, boys.' And Hoppy was humble enough to withdraw in confusion."

Manus Keane identified the fourteen years spent as a parish priest in Barbados as the second major assignment in Hoppy's life: "Perhaps it was in Barbados that he experienced the happiest times. Although, it was by no means an easy assignment. His simple open friendliness, his buoyant sense of humour, and his obviously genuine concern for them earned him many friends among the poor sugar cane cutters from the island of St. Lucia and among the very rich folk on vacation from the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

"It was quite a refreshing experience to hear him preaching to a packed congregation in the tiny church at Sunday Mass, with notables like Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada, unable to find a seat, unselfconsciously sitting on the floor by the side wall while Fr. Hoppy directed his words to the local folk. He was proud of his knowledge of the local St. Lucian French patois.

"These island folk were used to extravagant gestures and even melodramatic delivery. They loved Hoppy's homilies and, with an appreciative audience, he was in his element. After Mass, the Presbytery would be awash with catechists, children, and parents. Truly a happy Community of Faith.

"He made some unlikely friends, like Frank Sinatra who was not too impressed by the little church organ; he presented Hoppy with a new one.

"And, on another occasion when a palm tree, uprooted in a

hurricane, fell across the parish car, Fr. Hoppy was injured and the car was damaged beyond repair. Frank Sinatra sent him a new car."

The third major assignment for Hoppy came with the decision that he should return to the UK, to the Sacred Heart parish in Blackpool. Manus continued: "He found England desperately cold, and he had a few moans about that but, before long, wrapped in an old overcoat, he could be seen trudging round the parish taking Holy Communion to the sick.

"There have been the occasions when I tried to restrain him from taking Communion to sick outside the parish as he would set off for Bispham, Fleetwood, and even Lytham. 'They are my friends', he would say, and off he would go, regardless. He had that Lancashire stubbornness about him.

"It was in the busy confessional that so many people found him a tremendous help. His gentleness and understanding gave them fresh courage to accept that God loved them because 'they were lovable'.

"A final episode stands out vividly in my mind that encapsulated the quality of Hoppy, the Jesuit. His health was failing, and he was admitted to the Devonshire Road Hospital. It was clear that he would need full nursing care.

"We tried to get him to accept the inevitable; that he would have to enter a nursing home. He fought off the suggestion, there was still too much work to be done in the parish.

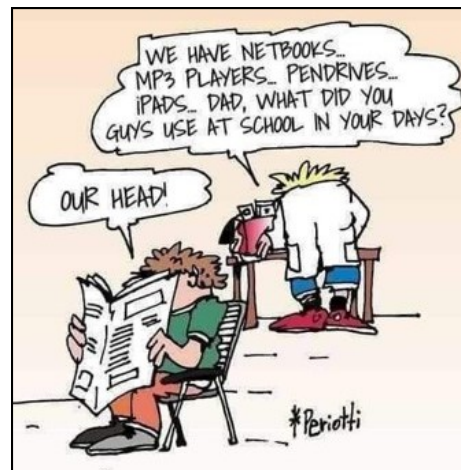
"A social worker was sitting with us; she needed Hoppy's agreement to enter the nursing home, and it was not forthcoming.

"It was stalemate. Then hopefully I said: 'Hoppy, you and I are Jesuits; we are following Our Lord in the Society, with St Ignatius. You and I are men under obedience.' He cut me off with a big smile and said, 'Of course, we are! That's been our whole life.' And he turned to the young social worker and said 'When do we go?'"

The Requiem Mass and funeral took place in Blackpool on 29 October, 1999, with interment in the cemetery there. May he rest in peace.

**MODERN LIVING AND TECHNOLOGY**

(at its best?)



## MEMBERSHIP

The following is the list of alumni who are currently paid-up members in 2019. The names in *italics* are alumni who have paid since the last issue of the newsletter was published. Membership is based on the calendar year.

<b>CANADA (67)</b>	Roger Devers <sup>3</sup>	Vibert Lampkin	Akisha Somrah <sup>4</sup>	Ronald Harford <sup>4</sup>
Paul Abdool	Terence Devers <sup>3</sup>	Geoffrey Luck <sup>3</sup>	Albert Sweetnam	John Jardim
Paul Archer <sup>1</sup>	Neville Devonish <sup>3</sup>	Sherlock Martin	Beverly Vandeyar	
Lance Alexander <sup>3</sup>	Jerome D'Oliveira	Michael Mendes de Franca <sup>4</sup>	Arthur Veerasammy	<b>U.K. (2)</b>
Glenmore Armogan	Paul Duarte	Richard Miller	Vibert Vieira <sup>4</sup>	Tony Gomes <sup>3</sup>
Malcolm Barrington <sup>4</sup>	Joe Faria <sup>3</sup>	Anthony O'Dowd	Howard Welshman	Neville Jordan <sup>2</sup>
Rene Bayley	Paul Farnum <sup>1</sup>	Renuka Persaud <sup>4</sup>	Godfrey Whyte <sup>1</sup>	
Gerard Bayley <sup>4</sup>	Andre Fredricks <sup>3</sup>	L. A. Phillips <sup>3</sup>	David Wong <sup>4</sup>	<b>U.S.A. (8)</b>
TeddyBoyce	Darwin Fung <sup>4</sup>	Marcelline Ram-charan <sup>3</sup>	Fitzgerald Yaw Jr. <sup>3</sup>	Mark Anthony <sup>1</sup>
Randy Bradford <sup>1</sup>	James Fung <sup>1</sup>	Sharwatie Ram-saywack	Wayne Yeates <sup>1</sup>	Satynanand Bhagrat-tee <sup>4</sup>
Paul Camacho <sup>4</sup>	Trevor Gomes <sup>1</sup>	Mary Rayman	John Yip <sup>1</sup>	Bernard Friemann <sup>5</sup>
Alfred Carr	J. Neil Gonsalves <sup>4</sup>	Carl Ramalho		Edwin Jack <sup>1</sup>
Wilfred Carr <sup>4</sup>	Hugh Hazlewood <sup>4</sup>	Romeo Resaul	<b>AUSTRALIA (1)</b>	Kenneth Jordan <sup>3</sup>
Joseph Castanheiro <sup>3</sup>	Jocelyn Heydorn	Brian Rodrigues	Lennox Yhap <sup>1</sup>	Jolyon King
Sydney Chin	Desmond Hill <sup>4</sup>	Savitri Seenauth		Peter Rodrigues <sup>1</sup>
Tony Clarke	Andrew Insanally	Michael Singh <sup>4</sup>	<b>BRAZIL (1)</b>	Leyland Thomas <sup>1</sup>
Edward DaSilva <sup>3</sup>	Richard James <sup>6</sup>	Peter St. Aubyn <sup>3</sup>	Stephen DeCastro <sup>4</sup>	
Tyrone DeAbreu <sup>4</sup>	Desmond Jardine <sup>4</sup>			<b>VENEZUELA (1)</b>
Rupert DeCastro <sup>3</sup>	Anthony Jekir			Michael Chin-a-loy
Clive Devers <sup>3</sup>	Amanda King <sup>1</sup>			

There are 83 paid-up members.

Notes :

1. These (14) alumni have paid in advance through 2020.
2. This (1) alumnus has paid in advance through 2021.
3. These (17) alumni have paid in advance through 2022.
4. These (20) alumni have paid in advance through 2023.
5. This (1) alumnus have paid in advance through 2024.
6. This (1) alumnus have paid in advance through 2026.

## THE 5 MOST ADDICTIVE SUBSTANCES ON EARTH

By Joanie Faletto, Curiosity Newsletter

Addiction is no joke. Though we've all joked about being addicted to things like chocolate or some TV shows, those things aren't out to ruin anyone's lives. Entering the realm of the world's most addictive substances will do just that.

A group of addiction experts came together in 2007 to publish a study in *The Lancet* about the most addictive substances in existence. They developed a rational scale that could measure the harm of different drugs and their potential misuse. They averaged three factors: pleasure, psychological dependence (cravings, irritability from withdrawal, etc.), and physical dependence (symptoms like headache, nausea, etc.). They scored each drug on a scale from 0 to 3, where 3 was the most addictive and 0 the least. The top five most addictive substances were:

1. **Heroin** (3),
2. **Cocaine** (2.4),
3. **Nicotine** (2.2),
4. **Barbiturates** (2), and
5. **Alcohol** (1.9).

In a 2010 report in the *Lancet*, members of the Independent Scientific Committee on Drugs and a few specialists ranked the most addictive drugs in a different way: those that do

the most harm not only to the users, but also to their family, community, and world. They used 16 criteria: nine related to the harms that a drug produces in the individual and seven related to the harms it causes others. For example, harms to users included physical costs, psychological issues, and loss of relationships and belongings. Harms to others included less obvious things like the economic costs, crime rates, environmental damage, and family adversities due to a person's dependence on the substance. The drugs were scored out of 100 points, and the criteria were weighted to indicate their relative importance.

The drugs the study found to be the most harmful to individuals lined up closely with the 2007 study: **Heroin** (34), **crack Cocaine** (37), and **Methamphetamine** (32).

But the most harmful drugs to the community may be surprising. The panel rated **Alcohol** (46), **Heroin** (21), and **crack Cocaine** (17) as the most harmful to others. Even more striking, the study concluded that, overall, **Alcohol** was the most harmful drug (overall harm score 72), with **Heroin** (55) and **crack Cocaine** (54) following.

Beware the bottle, kids.

COLLEGE NOTES

THE STATE OF SPORTS AT SAINTS (SEPT. 2019)

The Physical Education (PE) and Sports department teaches PE to all students in Forms 1 to 3 and those Fourth and Fifth formers who elect to write the subject for CSEC. The PE department also facilitates inter-class and inter-house competitions, as well as selecting and training the teams which represent the school at external competitions. In addition, the department coordinates four after-school programmes for Basketball, Volleyball, Hockey and Football. Saints Scouts and the Chess Club are also part of the after-school programme of activities offered to students. The main objective of these programmes is to provide our students with the rounded education we all benefited from at Saints.

**Basketball**

Approximately 40 children participate in the after-school programme. Saints was the only school to qualify a team in all four categories of the 2019 National Schools Basketball Festival (NSBF); however, the under-16 boys category was eventually cancelled. Our under-18 girls and boys were competitive but lost in the early rounds of the competition, while our boys' under-14 team (see photo below) placed second in their category.



**Field Hockey**

Approximately 50 children participate in the after school programme. Our teams dominated the 2019 Guyana Hock-



ey Board's under-14 Club & School League. Our two boys' teams placed first and third, with Saints boy, Javid Hussein, winning MVP, while our two girls' teams placed first and second. Saints girl, Shanique Clarke, won MVP while Clayza Bobb received a prize for being the top goal scorer of the competition. Four of our students, Abosaide Codogan, Charlia Webb, Shakeem Fausette, and Nickel Ashby, were selected to represent Guyana on 2019 tours of Canada and Trinidad respectively. See photo for the winning boys' and girls' teams.

**Football (Soccer)**

Approximately 20 children participate in the after-school programme, which only started this term on Friday afternoons at the College's ground on Carifesta Avenue, under the guidance of the Vurlon Mills Academy. This year, our under-18 boys placed third in the St. Roses 5-a-side Futsal Competition. They also qualified for the knockout stage, but lost in the round of 16 of the Milo U18 Competition. Our boys and girls under-14 teams both placed third in their respective groups in the Exxon Mobil U14 Competition but did not qualify for the knockout stage of the competition.

**Volleyball**

Approximately 20 children participate in the after-school programme; however, there hasn't been any schools competition for volleyball in the past two years.

**Chess**

Approximately 20 children participate in the after-school programme. The school team won the 2018 Marian Academy Scholastics Competition. Five of our students, Savir Gookul, Jarrell Troyer, Chelsea Juma, Jaden Taylor, and Ghansham Allijohn, were also selected to represent Guyana at the 8th CARIFTA Junior Chess Championships 2019, which took place in Curacao. See photo for the five selected students.

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**The State of Sports at Saints** *(continued from page 5)***Track & Field**

Saints continues to dominate zone 3 at the annual schools track & field championships. However, apart from these championships once a year, there isn't any other Track & Field events for schools.

**Cricket and Table Tennis**

Although cricket and table tennis are also played at the college, we don't offer any structured after-school programmes for these sports at the moment. We hope to address this sometime in the future.

**Positives**

The completion of a second basketball court at the school has led to a big increase in participation numbers. An increase in the number of Ministry of Education equipment grants has helped us to rely less on alumni donations for the replacement of heavy use items such as balls. We have been able to enter into partnerships with clubs, who use our facilities, to help coach our student athletes. Eagles Basketball Club, Classic Ball Blasters Volleyball Club, Saints Hockey Club and, most recently, the Vurlon Mills Football Academy all assist in the coaching of our students in the after-school programmes. There has also been a steady improvement in the overall participation numbers, gender balance, and performance of all our school teams over the past four years.

**Challenges**

With the high level of competition that currently exists for spots at the top schools, more and more First Formers are coming into Saints having spent most of their early years focused exclusively on academics. As a result, the talent pool of athletes entering the school seems to be diminishing with each passing year. There has also been several instances where parents withdraw their children from the

school team in the middle of a competition, because of a dip in their academic performance. This forces us either to field under strength teams or, in extreme cases, to forfeit matches due to lack of players. In some sports such as volleyball, there is a lack of competitions for the school to compete in which causes students to lose interest in the sport.

**Future Plans**

It is our intention to host annual invitational tournaments for each sport at the college, starting next year with Basketball and Volleyball. These tournaments will have to be coordinated with the Ministry of Education and the various associations. We would also like to facilitate the development of more facilities at the Saints ground to improve its revenue generating capacity and usage by students and alumni.

**Needs**

The department has several equipment needs; however, I think priority should be given to those which are difficult to address locally. One of our main needs at the moment is uniforms for all sports, but I would suggest acquiring a large quantity of numbered and branded reversible pinnies instead of individual uniforms for each sport. Two portable electronic scoreboards would also enable us to host simultaneous matches on our two basketball and volleyball courts for planned competitions.

I'd like to thank the Toronto Alumni for all their support over the years. I hope future generations of alumni live up to the commitment and dedication you have shown to the school, and continue the great work that allows us to provide future generations with the well-rounded education that has become the hallmark of the Saints experience.

*Robert Fernandes Jr., Games Master*

*Stabroek News, Wednesday 23 October, 2019*

**Juma, Taylor, Alijohn lead St. Stanislaus to Chess title**

Favourites St. Stanislaus College, boasting a number of junior national players, ran out winners of the team category of the Marian Academy Inter-Schools Invitational chess tournament held at the school's auditorium last weekend.

Boasting a star-studded lineup of Jaden Taylor, Ghansham Alijohn, Chelsea Juma, and Jorrey Troyer, St Stanislaus won from Marian Academy and Queen's College in that order.

The Marian Academy team boasted players of the calibre of Ethan and Ronan Lee, Sasha Shariff, and Odit Rodrigues, while Queen's College team included the likes of Rajiv Lee, Ricardo Narine, Demetrius Drupe, and Omesh Dyal.

In the Secondary Schools individual competition, the winner was Samirah Gobin of Al Ghazali Islamic Academy, while Marian Academy's Luca Dotto was the runner-up. Another Marian Academy student, Angel Rahim, was voted the best female player.

Marcello Leonard of the Hinterland Scholarship Dorm was the winner of the U14 event, and Juilon Lord, of School of the Nations, the winner of the U18 Open event.

Among the Primary School students, Arysh Raghunauth of Maes School was the winner, with Mahir Rajkumar of Maes the runner up. Rajkumar also won the best female prize.

Omar Sharif of Maes was the winner of the U12 category, while Jacob McDonald of School of the Nations broke the Mae's dominance by winning the Under-8 category.

According to Tournament Director John Lee, this is the second year the tournament is being played, and it attracted a large turn-out.

Apart from the tradition chess-playing schools like Queen's College, St Stanislaus College, and Marian Academy, there was also participation from Al Ghazali Islamic Academy. "We also have a few players from the Hinterland Scholarship Dorm", Lee told Stabroek Sport.

Press Release by College Board of Governors

## 100% Saints' Students Win Seven or More CSEC Subjects College Keeps Top Spot in Eighteen Subjects at CSEC in 2019

St. Stanislaus College continues its quiet march at the top of student performance in 2019, with all eighty-three students on the Saints team who wrote the 2019 CSEC Exams, obtaining Grades 1-3 passes in seven or more subjects. Remarkably, every student obtained a high performance pass in Math and English. Of the 27 subjects offered, the school obtained 100% Grades 1-3 passes in Maths, English, and sixteen other subjects. The School obtained a Grade 1-2 pass rate of 94% in Maths and 99% in English, with the remainder of students all obtaining Grade 3.

In expressing his congratulations, College Board Chair Mr. Chris Fernandes said, "In keeping with our College Motto, *Aeterna Non Caduca – Not for this Life Only but for Eternity*, no child has been left behind. At Saints, we work together as a team to make Saints a top-class contributor to a good and sustainable future for Guyana."

The College focusses on supporting Guyana's youth to become well-rounded citizens with a strong sense of values and leadership for their community. In 2014, the College introduced its Back to Basics programme that concentrates on student quality and based on the belief that every student has a right to the opportunity to succeed. The programme rests on the principle of giving each student a strong foundation in the core elements of a rounded education and is geared towards providing students with the knowledge, skills, and competencies to pursue further education in a range of disciplines and with the ability to make positive contributions to the sustainable development of

Guyana.

"We have done it again", said Saints Principal Fazia Baksh. "With the dedicated and hard-working staff, and the commitment of parents, the Board, the Alumni Associations, and especially the children, we have incomparable results. I'm particularly pleased that we obtained a 100% pass rate in Maths where the national and regional average was below 50%. We want to recognize the high-flyers, and we want to recognize the performance of the entire cohort of students. It speaks to our commitment to the Team."

Saints also had a stellar year at the CAPE Examination, with Grades 1-3 pass rate average of 98%, in nine subjects, including 100% passes in Biology, Caribbean Studies, Environmental Science, Geography, Management of Business, and Physics. 95% or more students obtained passes in Chemistry, Communication Studies, and Pure Mathematics.

The College would like to highlight the critical involvement of parents or guardians and the invaluable benefits that are achieved when partnerships are formed between parents and staff.

The Board of the College, the Parent Teachers Association, the Alumni Associations, and the Administration wish to congratulate the students, parents, and teachers for their outstanding achievement and looks forward to their commitment to even more success.

And Saints goes marching on.

### CARIBBEAN ADVANCED PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS

Subject	Unit	Grades 1-3 (%)	Grades 1-4 (%)	Grades 1-5 (%)
Biology	1	87.49	95.82	100
Biology	2	100		
Caribbean Studies	-	100		
Chemistry	1	44	80	84
Chemistry	2	95.24	100	
Communication Studies	-	96.77	100	
Environmental Science	1	100		
Environmental Science	2	100		
Geography	1	80	100	
Geography	2	100		
Pure Mathematics	1	45.45	63.64	69.69
Pure Mathematics	2	94.74	100	
Physics	1	85.71	-	100
Physics	2	100		
Integrated Mathematics	-	95.84	100	
Accounting	1	75	100	
Management of Business	1	100		
Economics	1	57.15	100	
Entrepreneurship	1	100		
<b>OVERALL</b>	-	<b>84.24</b>	<b>93.49</b>	<b>95.2</b>

### CARIBBEAN SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

Subject	Grades 1-3 (%)	Grades 1-4 (%)	Grades 1-5 (%)
Agricultural Science DA	100	-	-
Biology	100	-	-
Caribbean History	100	-	-
Chemistry	85.45	100	-
Economics	94.44	100	-
English A	100	-	-
English B	84	100	-
French	85	100	-
Geography	100	-	-
Information Technology	100	-	-
Integrated Science	93.75	100	-
Mathematics	100	-	-
Office Administration	100	-	-
Physics	96.36	100	-
Principles of Accounts	100	-	-
Principles of Business	100	-	-
Religious Education	100	-	-
Social Studies	100	-	-
Spanish General	68.75	81.25	100
EDPM	100	-	-

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**CARIBBEAN SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE**  
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Subject	Grades 1-3 (%)	Grades 1-4 (%)	Grades 1-5 (%)
P.E.	100	-	-
Human and Social Biology	100	-	-
Additional Mathematics	77.8	88.89	100
Portuguese General	88.29	100	-
Food AND Nutrition	100	-	-
Technical Drawing	100	-	-
Industrial Technology	100	-	-
<b>Overall</b>	<b>95.68</b>	<b>99.54</b>	<b>100</b>

Our school continues to achieve success. Our success needed to be measured against Queen’s College and The Bishops High since students with higher scores at the Grade 6 Assessment and CSEC are placed there. Their CAPE and CSEC results were shared with me yesterday by the local registrar and are as follows:

**CAPE 2019**  
**Grades 1 to 3:**  
SSC: 84.24%  
TBH: 81.43%  
QC: 81.24%

**CAPE 2019**  
**Grades 1 to 5:**  
TBH: 98.44%  
SSC: 95.23%  
QC: 94.44%

*(The MoE uses the figures on the right.)*

QC and Bishops have more than 150 students in their 6<sup>th</sup> Form (both Lower and Upper 6<sup>th</sup>). Our combined class had 72 students. This means that each student at SSC would have had to receive acceptable grades for our high average. The staff is so proud of what our students have accomplished.

**CSEC 2019**  
QC: 99.29  
TBH: 98.49  
SSC: 95.68

QC and Bishops have students write CSEC subjects, such as Maths and English, at Form 4, and their results are add-

ed to their overall percentage pass rate. Form 4 students sign up to write exams privately through other exam centres, not through the school. I will go to the exams division to sift through our competitors’ results to get the real story.

**NEW COMBINATIONS AND DONATIONS**

The St. Stanislaus College Alumni Association Toronto together with the local Association shared the cost and donated 105 combination desks made by Fibre-Tech for seating in Grade 9 classrooms. Heartfelt gratitude is extended to them both for their continued support, especially in this regard.

The College received a donation of items from the Toronto and Antigua Alumni Associations. We are forever grateful for their efforts in procuring and ensuring their timely arrival for the new term. The items were disbursed as follows:

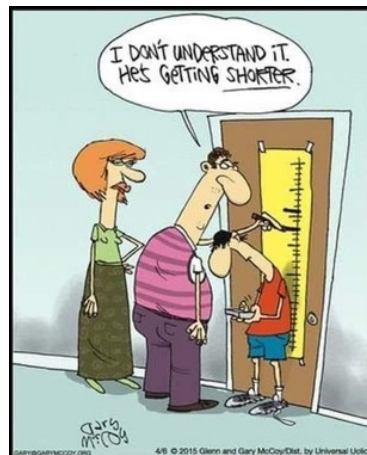
- 11 new computer systems and the accessories were set up in the small IT lab. These systems are already in use by the 6<sup>th</sup> Form students.
- Four of the refurbished computer systems have been placed in IT lab 2. One has been set up in the document centre to assist students with the printing of assignments from flash drives.
- One projector will be permanently mounted in IT lab 1, while the Mathematics and Social Studies Departments have each received one projector and screen. These projectors are used by teachers of these departments.
- The Science textbooks sent have been placed in the library. All other items have been placed in storage for use when the need arises.

Special thanks to Mr. Roger Devers for the donation of a projector and screen.

On behalf of the College Administration, Teachers, and students of the St. Stanislaus College, I extend hearty appreciation to the Board of Governors, St. Stanislaus Alumni Associations, and The Parent Teachers Association for your service and the efforts rendered in improving St. Stanislaus College.

*Fazia Baksh, Headmistress*  
*19<sup>th</sup> September, 2019*

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Date	Event	Location	Cost
Tues. 31 Dec., 2019	New Year's Eve Gala (Hors d'Oeuvres: 6:30 p.m. Dinner with wine: 8:00 p.m.)	Scarborough Convention Centre 20 Torham Place, Scarborough	\$110/person (includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner with wine)
Sat. 18 Apr., 2020	Spring Dance (Dinner: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)	West Rouge Community Centre 270 Rouge Hill Drive, Toronto (Hwy 401/Hwy 2/Port Union Road)	tba (includes dinner and all drinks)
Sat. 11 Jul., 2020	Golf Tournament	Lebovic Golf Club, 14020 Leslie St, Aurora, ON L4G 7C2 (W. of Hwy 404, N. of Bloomington Road)	\$150 (includes breakfast, lunch, 3 drinks, and snacks on-course)
Fri. 31 Jul., 2020	Caribjam	tba	tba
Mon. 3 Aug., 2020	Last Lap Lime	Woodbridge Fairgrounds	tba
Sat. 17 Oct., 2020	Fall Dance	West Rouge Community Centre	tba

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