

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It gives me great pleasure to send Greetings to the Alumni of the Toronto Chapter of the Past Students' Association from the family at Ravensworth on the occasion of your Annual Banquet.

I send special Greetings to Mr. Victor Edwards, my mentor, and his dear wife Fay, who are being specially recognized on this occasion. Mr. Edwards not only propelled the School into international recognition, but together with his wife, mentored and touched the lives of many students who passed through the gates of Ravensworth. We will never tire of showing our love and appreciation.

Congratulations to President Donna Harris-Barnwell and her Executive on the hard work and dedication displayed in organizing the successful Lyme last summer and now this Banquet. Thank you for "Serving Others As You Have Been Served", for your generosity to the School and your practical support in so many ways. Your assistance to the School is of particular importance now as we grapple with the inadequacy of the resources needed to achieve our goals and objectives. It is through efforts like yours and those of other stakeholders that we are able to maintain our good record of performance.

Our academic performance in internal and external examinations remains good. Of note is the outstanding performance of some of our students in the CXC CAPE 2010. Renice Henry was the best performer in History in the Caribbean and in Sociology in Jamaica. Tyrone Bailey placed second behind Renice in History in Jamaica and Novia Cotterell placed fourth in Sociology. They are all students at the University of the West Indies, where Novia received an Open Scholarship to study Law.

Our volleyball teams continue to be forces to reckon with in inter-school competitions. Our male U-19 team are All-island Champions for the ninth time, while the female team came third. The U-16 female team are All-island Champions, while the males came second. We placed third and fifth in the ISSA Grace Boys and Girls Championships and had good performances at the other meets throughout the season. Five members of our team and a Coach were selected to represent Jamaica at the CARIFTA Games. We won two gold and three silver medals and three fourth places. We reached the quarter-finals of the Schools Challenge Quiz, and came third in Chess and Girls Football. Our cricket teams reached the semi-finals in their competitions, while our very young three-member swimming team remains at eighth position and the two males were selected to train for the Jamaica team. Our netball and male football programmes are not living up to expectations, although we gave improved performances this year. Our cultural programmes remain strong but are in the process of being revamped.

There is still much to be done and we are behind target in achieving our goals, but with the continued help of members of the St. Jago Family, we will remain the best all-round high school in Jamaica. LABOR OMNIA VINCIT!

**Sandra Swyer-Watson**

**Principal**

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