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<p style="text-align: center;">REPORT OF GLENMUIR PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR SEPTEMBER 2007 – AUGUST 2008</p>
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Glenmuir Preparatory School, a co-educational Diocesan Institution, situated on Jackson Street in May Pen, continues to make its mark on society in this our thirty ninth year. Our mission statement guides our quest for developing children with strong Christian values and attitudes. We also implore our parents to join with us as we make this journey.

Board of Management

President:	The Rt. Rev. Dr. Alfred Reid
Chairman:	Mrs. Shirley Willis
Vice-Chairman	Mr. Timothy Lankester
	The The Venerable Winston Thomas
	Mrs. Philippa Sharpe
	Mrs. Leonie Baugh
	Mrs. Winsome Singh
	Mr. Clement Radcliffe
	Mrs. Lydia Bryan
	Mrs. Launa Knight
Principal	Mrs. Beverley Kenny
P.T.A. President:	Mrs. Deborah Jones
Sec/Bursar:	Mrs. Monica Seymour

Three meetings of the Board of Management were convened.

Staffing:

Principal: Mrs. Beverley Kenny B.Ed.

Graduate Teacher:	1
Diploma Trained:	8
Certificate Trained:	2
NCTVET:	3
H.E.A.R.T.	5
Administrative:	1
Ancillary:	6

Enrolment

The student population was 273, comprising 130 boys and 143 girls.

Academics:

The curriculum embraces Language Arts, Mathematics, Religious Education, Science, Social Studies, Spanish, Music, Computer and Art & Craft. Extra Curricular activities include Brownies, Cub Scouts, French, Football, Netball, Dancing, Choir, Karate and ISCF.

Thirty-three students sat the Grade Six Achievement Test and were placed accordingly:

Campion College	1
Glenmuir High	20
Clarendon College	7
Denbigh High	3
Lennon High	1
Foga Road High	1

Religious Activity:

The devotional life of the school continues to be enriched by the contribution of Sister Alverine Roberts, our chaplain, and visiting Ministers and friends from the churches in the community. The focus on loving our neighbours as ourselves helps the children to show respect to each other.

The Parent Teachers' Association

The Parent Teachers' Association, under the presidency of Mrs. D. Jones, played its usual vital role in the development and enrichment of the school. The regular bi-monthly meetings were held. The activities undertaken were:

- Sports Day Medal Purchase
- Sports Day Luncheon
- Teachers' Day Activity
- Child's Month Activity
- Jeans Day
- Parenting Social – Presentations by children and Talks on *Social and Moral life of the family* by Rev. E. Scott and *Nutrition in the family* by the Nutritionist from the May Pen Hospital
- Prize Giving and Carol Service
- Brownies and Cubs brought cheer to the May Pen Hospital
- Brownies Participated in the May Pen Hospital Tree Lighting
- Educational Trips to National Heroes Park,
Hope Gardens and Zoo
Tiano Museum – Spanish Town
Grade Six after exam activity
- Teachers participated in workshops run by the Ministry of Education and by Jamaica Independent Schools Association.
- Spelling Bee School Champions were Ashley Davy and Jourdan Dunkley

- The Quiz team, champion for the county, was accommodated at Star Fish Hotel for a week-end. They also visited 'Outamany'

Valedictory Service was on June 24, 2008. Guest Speaker was Rev. Colin Reid.

Bradley Stultz was awarded the Jamaica National scholarship for Clarendon. He now attends Champion College.

Conclusion

The school faced a number of challenges during the year especially as it related to the damage sustained during the passage of the hurricane. However, we were able to cope.

I wish to thank the Board of Management, Teachers, Administration and Ancillary Staff, Parents and Friends of the school for their support during the period.

We thank God for all we have been able to accomplish and will continue to seek his guidance as we try to provide education for our students that will help them to become good citizens of our country.

B. J. Kenny (Mrs.)
Principal

Shirley Willis (Mrs.)
Chairman

<p>DIOCESE OF JAMAICA & THE CAYMAN ISLAND ST CYPRIANS PREPARATORY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR SEPTEMBER 2007 – AUGUST 2008</p>

The St. Cyprian's Preparatory School located in the parish of St. Mary about a kilometer from the town of Highgate, continues to strive in its pursuit for excellence, as seen through our intellectual, emotional, spiritual, social and physical development both for students and staff.

Our students are being taught through a curriculum whose programmes not only seek to instruct and guide, but also to encourage and support our students to achieve their highest potential.

Board of Management

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Alfred Reid	President
Mr. N Foga	Act. Chairman
Mr. W McCalla	Attorney-at-Law
Mr. P Haddad	
Mr. B. Morgan	
Mr. V. Bullock	
Mr. L. Pringle	P.T.A. Representative
Mrs. E. Foga	
Miss J. Gopie	
Miss P. Strachan	
Miss E. Condappa	Teacher Representative
Mrs. M. Jahalal	Secretary
Rev. S. Hutchinson	Principal

School Enrolment

The total enrolment for the school year was two hundred and five (205) students; eighty nine (89) boys and one hundred and sixteen (116) girls.

Staff

Rev. S. Hutchinson	–	Principal
Trained Diploma Teachers	–	2
Pre-trained	–	5
Teachers Aids	–	2
Part Time Music	–	1
Part Time Spanish	–	1
Ancillary	–	3
Secretary/ Bursar	–	1

Academic Achievement

The academic performance of the students throughout the school year 2007-2008 was quite favourable. Twenty two (22) students sat the G.S.A.T.

examinations, nine (9) girls and thirteen (13) boys. Sixteen (16) students were placed at the Traditional High schools and six (6) at the Technical High schools. Two (2) scholarships were awarded, The Jamaica National Scholarship to Delaine King and the Police Credit Union Scholarship to Andrew Grey.

The Grade 4 Literacy and Numeracy test was administered to thirty two (32) students who all achieved the Mastery level.

Religious Activity

Devotional exercises are conducted by members of staff, parents, members of the B.S.A. St. Cyprian's chapter, members of the Highgate Ministers Fraternal and members of the Christian Services International. Rev. Fr. Patrick Joseph Rector of the Highgate Cure makes regular visits and also conducts devotion.

The School Plant

The buildings are in fairly good condition. Extensive repairs were carried out on the roof of the Grade 2 class room. Up grading work was done to the computer room and three (3) computers were donated by a member of the Highgate community. An old store room was converted to a sickbay.

The drive way, parking area and general beautification of the school's environment is ongoing. The main entrance of the school is in need of urgent repairs. The entire area is flooded whenever it rains.

We experienced a shortage of chairs at the beginning of the school year. We wish to express thanks to the Principal of St. Mary Technical High School who gave us fifteen (15) chairs and St. Mary High School for five (5) combination desks and chairs.

Parent Teachers Association

The parent teachers Association continues to be very supportive. Meetings are held on a monthly basis where plans are made for the upliftment of the institution. In December 2007 the P.T.A. hosted its annual Christmas Dinner which was well supported by parents, students and members of the community.

November was celebrated as Parents' Month. Parents day was celebrated on November 28 where parents participated in a forum on parenting and sporting activities. Prizes were presented to the winning parents both male and female.

Special Events

Heroes' day celebrations took place on the 12th of October. The performance of the students was of a very high standard. Thanks to the parents who attended and participated.

The school participated in the Speech and Dance categories of the Jamaica Cultural Development Annual Festival. The school was awarded three (3) gold medals and three(3) silver in the area of speech and commendation in the area of dance. One of our students, Olivia Harley, participated in the National Finals at the Little Theatre.

An Inter-House Festival of Arts competition in the areas of Speech, Drama, Song, Art and Craft and Culinary Arts took place on December 11th. The main theme was the Coconut. There was a display of foods, art pieces and craft items made from the coconut. Special thanks to the St. Mary R.A.D.A. Office for their help and support.

The annual flea market was held on Thursday April 24th. A total of one hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000.00) was collected. Grade three emerged the champion collecting class.

Teachers' day was held on April 7th. Gifts baskets were presented to members of staff by the P.T.A. Members of Staff were also given a special luncheon at the Sunset Jamaica Grande Hotel.

Valedictory service was held at the St. Cyprians Church, Highgate. Guest speaker was The Very Rev. Fr. Charles Manderson, Rural Dean for the Parish of St. Mary.

Children's day and Miss St. Cyprian's Prep were held on May 29th.

Members of the P.T.A. and staff participated in the school's Labour Day activities. The Kindergarten, Grades two and three and the covered walkway were painted.

School improvement and development plans were drafted and presented to the school Board and the Ministry of Education.

Sports

The school continues to provide opportunities for students to participate in sports. Our annual inter-house sports was held on February 5th. It was an enjoyable day. The school's netball team emerged champions of the St. Mary Central District Association. The football team was placed second and received the trophy for the most disciplined team. Marlon Reid received the trophy for scoring the most goals in the competition.

Clubs

The Brownies and Cub Scouts groups continue to meet on Fridays. Twelve Cub Scouts attended a rally in Kingston on May 17th at Emmett Park. The group won one gold and one silver medal.

The 4H group has been activated and students are participating actively.

Early Childhood Commission

The school is in the process of putting into place the pre- requisites as requested by the Early Childhood Commission for the registration of the Kindergarten Department of the school.

Teacher Appraisal

The teacher appraisal implemented by the Ministry of Education is in progress.

Concerns

The board needs to look seriously at our canteen as we are operating at a loss. Recommendations for divestment are being proposed by the P.T.A.

Special attention to be given re: school fees.

The Board needs to organize a fund raising event to help with the budget of the school.

Conclusion

Let me on behalf of the school family express thanks to the board, the P.T.A. and all stake holders for their continued support. May God continually guide us and bless us in our endeavours to work hard in our quest for excellence and to do so with grace and humility.

Submitted by:

Rev. S. Hutchinson
Principal

Mr. N. Foga
Acting Chairman

REPORT ON ST. HUGH'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR SEPTEMBER 2007-AUGUST 2008
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Introduction

The school was founded in 1899 by Archbishop Nuttall as part of the Deaconess Home School, which later became St. Hugh's high School. The Preparatory School moved to its present location at 1 Tom Redcam Drive in September 1959. The school is owned by the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

The philosophy at St. Hugh's is to participate in the life of the wider community – with the view of gaining experience and having fun – whether it is the science fair, debating, football, track and field, dance art or even GSAT. Wining at all costs is not the name of the game for St. Hugh's.

St. Hugh's Preparatory follows the Ministry of Education's Integrated approach where we use child centred teaching methods to focus on the basics, while immersing students in the arts, sciences, foreign language and a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. Our Resource and enrichment programme caters to children with special needs such as slow learners, above average learners and those with other learning disabilities.

The school caters to boys and girls between the ages of 3 and 12 and tries to maintain a healthy social mix through bursaries.

Board of Governors

President:	The. Rt. Rev'd Alfred Reid, Lord Bishop of Jamaica
Chairman:	Mr. Vivian Crawford
Members:	Mrs. Gina Black
	Rev. Vivian Cohen
	Mr. Almerick Cooke
	Mr. Peter DePass
	Mrs. Sasha Wright
	Mrs. Jean Smith
	Mr. Wayne Sutherland
Staff Representative:	Miss Valda Hamilton
PTA President:	Mrs. Heather Chin
Principal:	Mrs. Cathy Williams

Four Board Meetings were held for the academic year in October 2007, February, April and June 2008.

Staffing

Principal	Mrs. Cathy Williams – B.A., MSc. (Education)
	3 Trained Graduates
	9 Trained Diploma/Certificate
	7 Assistant Teachers

	2 Specialist Teachers
	2 Part Time Teachers
Administrative Staff	3 members (Bursar, Secretary, Clerical Assistant)
Ancillary Staff	2 canteen workers
	2 cleaning ladies
	1 resident caretaker/groundsman
	1 part time gardener

School Enrolment

The year began and ended with 241 students enrolled.

Academics

The school follows the Ministry of Education’s Revised Primary Curriculum which is enhanced by secondary subjects and extra-curricular activities. Project work and field trips enhance the learning experience.

Our students performed well this year with improvement shown in the areas of Mathematics. A school based assessment in the area of Mathematics was administered to all Grade 1 to Grade 6 students in September.

Special Events and Competitions Entered

JCDC Festival

Dance	Bronze medal for “Butterflies in the Caribbean”
Choir	Two gold medals for Group Performance and individual gold for Danielle Stewart

Sports Participated in JISA Inter Prep School Netball and football competitions as well as Prep. School Swim championships

KFC quiz Participated this year.

Tree Planting Day – The Environment Club participated in the National Tree Planting Day and planted approximately 30 trees on the compound.

Examination Results

Grade 1 Reading Readiness Inventory – complete mastery

GSAT – 29 students sat GSAT with 4 students seeking special concessions. Jerome Tucker awarded a Government Scholarship to Wolmers Boys, Kareem Marshall a Guardian Life Scholarship to Champion College and Ana Katrina Donaldson awarded a Jamaica National Scholarship to Champion College

Grade 4 Literacy Test – complete mastery

Condition of Buildings

There was extensive damage to buildings following Hurricane Dean. Roof repairs were done to the Resource and Canteen buildings, the walkway between Kindergarten and the main block and the Hall. In addition extensive electrical rewiring had to be done. It was necessary to remove several trees that fell during the passage of the hurricane.

Conclusion

The start up of the school year was delayed by one week in order to affect repairs after the passing of Hurricane Dean. However despite this delay all other aspects of school life continued as planned.

Many thanks to all of our parents, staff and well-wishers who continue to support and assist our school in all areas.

<p style="text-align: center;">ST. JAGO CATHEDRAL PREPARATORY SCHOOL REPORT TO SYNOD FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2007–2008</p>
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Chairman: Ms. Carmen Alexander
September 30,2008
Principal: Mrs. Andrea Baugh

The St. Jago Cathedral Preparatory School is a private Anglican Institution founded in 1957. It provides quality education to the children in and around Spanish Town. In September 2007, the St. Jago Cathedral Preparatory School Family had 402 students (176 boys and 226 girls), 1 principal, 16 full time teachers, 4 part time teachers, 1 secretary / Bursar and 4 custodians.

Board of Governors

President:	Lord Bishop Reid
Acting Chairman:	Ms. Carmen Alexander
Secretary:	Ms. R. Wolfe
Principal:	Mrs. Andrea Baugh
Teacher:	Mrs. K. Robinson
PTA President:	Mrs. S. Cunningham
Other Members:	Mr. C. Green
	Mrs. N. Fearon
	Mrs. Y Keane-Dawes
	Mr. Al Chambers

Qualification of Teaching Staff

Pre-Trained teachers	4
Certificate in Teaching	1
Diploma in Teaching	9
Degree	3

Academics

The kindergarten programme is child centred and activity oriented. Grade 1–3 experience the integrated curriculum; Grades 4–6 are taught specific skills in Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science and Religious Education. All students are exposed to computer, PE, Spanish, Music and Library. A Reading Clinic caters to children in grades 1–6 who need the support.

The students performed very well in the Grade: 3 Diagnostic Tests in Numeracy and Literacy with the majority of students in the mastery section and only a few in the Near Mastery.

The grade: 4 Literacy Test results were also excellent, with the majority in the Mastery and only a few in the Near Mastery. No intervention was required.

The GSAT results were also quite good in that out of a total of forty-seven students only nine were placed in non traditional high schools. Schools placed were St. Jago High, St. Catherine High, St. Andrew High, St. Hugh's High, Jamaica College, Kingston College, Meadowbrook High, Alpha Academy, Calabar High, Glenmuir High and Jose Marti Technical High School.

Health & Family Life Education was added to the curriculum for grades 1-6.

The spiritual lives of the students have been well taken care of as students attended Mass on Friday mornings at the Mission. Reverend Michael Allen, Reverend Poinsette and Canon Colin Reid have all impacted positively on the lives of the students through Monday morning devotions at school and mass at church. Teachers also took turns at leading devotions.

Special Events/Competitions Entered

The school entered the KFC quiz Competition and won the first match, unfortunately they were out of the competition by the second match.

The school also entered the Debating Competition.

Our Speech Choir received a bronze medal and our dancers a gold and silver in the JCDC's Competitions.

Once again the school did extremely well in the Schools' Environmental Competition.

We received third place overall and first place in the region. We also won Best Club and Best Display.

We had a visit from the Cultural Affairs Officer of the U.S. Embassy who was quite taken with the performance of our students.

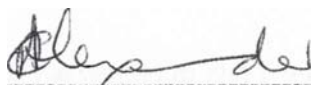
Sports

Although the school entered the Prep School's football Competition and Track & Field, we did not do so well.

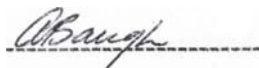
Acquisitions

Six new computers were purchased and seven restored and net worked to transform the Computer Room into a Computer Lab. More teachers are making use of technology in their lesson delivery.

We acknowledge all our parents, teachers and well-wishers who continue to give of their time, cash and talent to this noble institution.



Ms. Carmen Alexander
Acting Chairman



Mrs. Andrea Baugh
Principal

**REPORT OF ST. JAMES PREPARATORY SCHOOL,
MONTEGO BAY
FOR THE YEAR 2007–2008**

President:	Dr. Alfred Reid – Lord Bishop
Chairman:	Canon Justin Nembhard
Other Members:	
	Mrs. Gloria Groves
	Mrs. Jennifer Lee
	Mrs. Hemmings-Young
	Mrs. Ava Gooden
P.T.A President:	Mrs. Karlene Minott
Bursar/Secretary:	Ms. Cleonora Fregenet
Teachers Representative:	Mrs. Molly-Ann Nweke
Principal	Mrs. Jean James

The St. James Preparatory School was started by Rev. Lorenzo Harrison in 1965. It is a co-ed school which caters to the holistic development of its students.

The re-opening of school which should have been on the 3rd of September was deferred to the 10th due to the passing of Hurricane Dean on August 19.

The school year started with 290 students on roll, 156 boys and 134 girls.

Staffing

All members of staff returned except Ms. Watson who migrated at the end of August 2007. Mrs. Henry was employed to fill that vacancy and for an additional person we employed Ms. Dawkins.

P.T.A.

At the Annual General Meeting held on September 18, Mrs. Karlene Minott was elected unopposed as President. Regular monthly meetings were held except for a few instances.

The registrar was invited to answer questions parents might have. Although it rained heavily that afternoon, the attendance was quite good.

Fund Raising

There was no harvest or fun day this year, but there were a number of bake sales, a movie and An Evening of Excellence. Commendation has been given to the evening of excellence, as the performances were good. Persons were impressed especially with the drummers.

Paving of the Yard

The yard was paved at a cost of \$350,000.00 this is a joint effort by the P.T.A. and the Board.

Homerom Meeting

Meetings were held in the 1st and 2nd term respectfully for all classes. The meetings were poorly attended. The meetings are planned so as to help parents and teachers to work in close collaboration in the interest of the children. In most cases those parents who attended were the faithful few. It is hoped that next year parents will have more interest in the life of their children.

Parents' Day

Parents were invited on the day designated to them to share in the morning's devotion. The Guest Speaker was Mr. Ronald Vassel who spoke about the great responsibility parents have in the decision making and future of their child/children. He reminded them that the future of the child cannot be left to chance. He pointed out that among the student population there are Prime Ministers, Doctors, Teachers and other noble professions but there are also gunmen, thieves and murderers. What our children become is dependent on us as parents. He implored them to be good role models. At the end of the exercise, parents were given "Parents' Day Pins".

Early Childhood Act

The early childhood act came into effect this year, meaning that all institutions must be registered. Teachers in this department were required to have police records and food handlers permit. There were other requirements such as fire safety and sanitation certificates. Officers from the Public Health and fire department were invited to inspect the building. Some recommendations were made. We adhered and so were able to meet the registration deadline.

Donations

A number of reading materials were received from Caribbean Cruise, Breezes Montego Bay and Food for the Poor. The students showed interest in those received from Caribbean Cruise as they were very interesting materials.

Education Week

It was decided to have presenters speak to the students about Career Choices. Fortunately we had eloquent professional parents on whom we called.

Labour Day

The Cubs and Brownies had planned a workday but this fell through. The students apparently were very tired and unable to make it because they

had Sports Day the previous day. However Mrs. Rankine, Ms. Andrea Hall and Ms. Jackson deputized for their children and worked along with Mrs. Nweke and Ms. Dawkins in weeding and painting, and it is quite evident they did a good job.

The visit of the Archbishop of York

The visit was an historic one in the sense that a black African held a prominent position in England. It was also the first in history that a black person is the head of the Church in England.

The students of Anglican Schools were invited to welcome him and his wife. Only eleven students were given permission from their parents to attend. Nevertheless these students along with Ms. Dawkins, Ms. Hall and myself went to the Youth Gathering at the Insports Centre. Those who went had a chance of seeing the number of other Anglican Schools in the island.

Two days later the Archbishop was invited to Montego Bay. He should have visited the school but it was not possible because of his tight schedule. The student body and the teachers formed a Guard of Honour at the Church Street entrance to the church. In his humble manner he alighted from his car and greeted and shook the hands of as many children as possible.

Later that day students from the festival group performed for him at a luncheon put on in his honour at the Holy Trinity Centre, Westgate.

Brownie Pack and Cub Scouts

The Cubs and Brownies were enrolled earlier this year. They both had regular meetings. Cubs had regular drills, a cook out and the boys learnt to play the drums. Brownies also had a cook out.

Environmental/4H Clubs

The clubs continue to do well and as a result twenty new members were added. The clubs accomplished goals such as field trips, tree planting exercise, craftwork, environmental challenge research and other competitive events.

For the field trip they visited the Cockpit Country and the Alps in Trelawny. The trip was deemed informative and exciting. The students observed endangered species of plants and insects. They also visited pig rearing farms and yam fields. The trip to the Alps gave them an opportunity to be taken on a tour of the Primary School.

At Long Pond they visited the sugar estate but was denied a tour as the facility was in disrepair. They were however allowed to take pictures of the steel tanks, the washing area for canes and the great houses.

The trip to the Cockpit Country gave the students an opportunity to see the Wattle and Damb houses (houses made from marl and sticks) men riding

donkeys in the field and one of the oldest Anglican Churches in the island. The tour was climaxed by a visit to the newly built Stadium.

April Campbell who was last year's 4H Club girl of the year is now the Western 4H Club girl of the year and the 3 place winner in the National Competition.

Credit Union Quiz

We entered this year but was knocked out in the 1st round. Our students need to watch Jamaica news and other important things on the television.

HIV/AIDS Debate

Ms. McKenzie and Ms. Sharada worked assiduously to prepare students to enter this debate. The three students who were finally chosen to represent the school were Brandon Sullivan, Topaz Blackhall and Cara-Lee Harwood. On the day appointed, our team turned up but had no one to play against. They were asked to present their argument. The score received was 325/400. Unfortunately each time there should be a match the other team failed to show.

J.C.D.C Festival

This year the school participated in speech, quadrille, ring game and the culinary arts, for the first time in years we did not participate in music as on the day appointed some students turned up unprepared and there had to be a certain number for each event.

The ring game and the quadrille each won a silver medal, the speech was awarded a bronze. In the culinary arts category 4 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze were received for napkin folding, table setting and cookie making. A certificate was awarded for sandwich and drinks making. Thanks to Ms. Hall who assisted Mrs. Hylton in the preparations. We were awarded 1st place and hailed as the school with the best garbage management practice for St. James.

Swimming

The school through the instrumentality of Mrs. Nweke encourages swimming. Asani Lemonte and Tori Dixon entered the National finals in Kingston. Asani topped his category and Tori was placed 3rd in hers.

K.F.C Quiz

Students and teachers worked hard in preparation for this match. The students did a practice match among other schools in this area who were in the competition. We emerged 2nd place winner. For the real match however, we were asked to play Nagga Head Primary of St. Catherine. We lost to them.

Spelling Bee

Abigail Rankine and Howard Patterson represented the school at the Parish finals in October of last year. From a field of 43 students we came out 7th and 17th respectively. We hope to do better this year.

Spell Down 2008

This year to motivate the students to show interest they were promised medals as incentives. Classes selected were grades 3, 4 and 5. Despite the fact that the students were given a term to prepare, much interest was not shown.

From grade 3: Kayla Hamilton
Danielle Roper
Toni Dixon/Phillip Williams

From grade 4: Chris-Ann Clarke
Josh Burly

From grade 5: Chantae Humphrey
Sudeen Underhill
April Campbell

These students were then combined to choose the schools champion. Chris-Ann Clarke emerged the champion followed by Sudeen Underhill, Josh Burly and Phillip Williams, the four should be practicing, however only Chris-Ann Clarke has continued practicing for the Parish finals which will be held later this year.

Is there something to be gained from Spelling Bee?

- Publicity
- Cash and prizes
- Enlarged vocabulary

Visit of the Head of Youth & Education Department

The Rev. Michael Allen along with a photographer visited our school. They were taken on a tour of the school after which photos were taken of both uniform groups, the recorder players and other interests around the school. This was done as the Diocese is working on a magazine.

Japanese Visit

Just recently we had some Japanese visitors to our school. The students performed for them and they had great commendations for them. We were given a cheque of \$35,000.00 from Wexford Court, which has been used as a down payment on an overhead projector.

Sports

Football

The boys are again the Western Prep. Schools Champion and the girls are runner up. The under 8 boys also won their matches.

Cricket

Our boys are currently the county and zone champions. They also journeyed to Mandeville to play Hydell. However they lost to them by 20.

Teachers' Day

The Cub Scout formed a guard of honour at the entrance to the school and on their arrival each teacher was presented with a rose and escorted to her classroom. Thanks to Ms. Natalie Dawkins their leader. Later that day the staff was treated to a Day Pass at Breezes Montego Bay.

Examinations

The students performed creditably in the Readiness Test for Grade 1, Numeracy and Literacy for Grade 4 and Diagnostic for Grade 3. 28 students sat the G.S.A.T. Examination.

The results are as follows:

Cornwall College	6
Montego Bay High	6
Herbert Morrison Tech High	5
Mt. Alvernia High	3
Irwin High	3
Ardene High	1
Hampton High	1
Ruseas High	1
Anchovy High	1
Frome Tech	1

Condition of Building

The building is in good condition. At the end of the school year some painting was done.

Conclusion

Overall this was a very good year. We thank God for what we were able to achieve and with His help we will grow from strength to strength.

Jean James (Mrs.)
Principal

The Very Rev. Canon Justin Nembhard
Chairman of the Board

**ST. JOHN'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL
OCHO RIOS, ST. ANN
REPORT FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR
SEPTEMBER 2007 – AUGUST 2008**

For the past 48 years, the St. John's Preparatory School has been providing quality education for students 3 to 12 years old.

The school is owned by the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, having been founded by the Reverend L. B. Harrison, a former Rector of the St. John's Anglican Church.

The school which serves Ocho Rios and its environs is located on the road leading to the Shaw Park Gardens, Ocho Rios, St. Ann.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

President:	The Rt Rev'd Dr. Alfred Reid, Lord Bishop of Jamaica
Chairman:	Reverend Father Kenute Francis
Vice Chairman:	Mr. Leon Gordon
Secretary:	Mrs. Tanya Vassell
Members:	Mrs. Gwen Hamilton Mrs. Gloria Satterswaite Mr. Lloyd McNeish Mr. Milton Wright Mr. Phillip Dunkley
Principal:	Mrs. Joyce Richards
Staff Representative:	Miss Carolyn Rowe
P.T.A. President:	Mr. Raymond Hamilton.

Three meetings of the Board were convened during the year as well as sub-committee meetings, to deal with vital issues.

STAFFING:

Principal	Mrs. Joyce Richards
Vice Principal	Mrs. Charmaine Lynch
Trained Graduates	3
Trained Teachers	10
Pre-Trained	2
Teacher's Aide	3
Administrative	1
Care Giver	1
Ancillary	2
Part-time Teacher	1

ENROLMENT

The student population was 274, comprising 136 boys and 138 girls. The average attendance is 97%.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

The National Curriculum was followed.

In order to enhance learning and curriculum delivery, students were engaged in projects, research, group activities, field trips and a variety of other methodologies.

Students were entered for all National Examinations set by the Ministry of Education and Youth.

- We are particularly proud of our 29 students who sat the GSAT in March and were placed in High Schools. Congratulations to all of them for their outstanding performance.
- As usual our girls have maintained their positions, but we must highlight the boys 9 out of 15 of whom have gained places to one school – Munro College .
- The Grade 4 students also mastered the Maths and Literacy Test. We congratulate all of them. Results are as follows: Language Arts 100% Maths – 97%
Communication Tasks – 100%
- In the Grade 3 Diagnostic Test the performance was also outstanding. There was a 100% Mastery of Language Arts, Mathematics – 100% and Communication Task 97%.
- We wish also to congratulate and thank the teachers for their collective effort in getting our students to succeed.
- At the school level through our process of continuous assessment, success is celebrated and students are recognized and rewarded as a means of motivating them to learn and conduct themselves in an appropriate manner.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

In order to keep abreast of growing trends as well as for their own self actualization, opportunities have been provided for teachers to develop best practices as a uniform approach to students learning. Staff development seminars were not only convened “in house” but also at the Ministry level.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Devotional exercises were conducted daily by various members of the school family. A close association is maintained with the St. John’s Anglican Church. Our major services and other functions are hosted by the Church and or Church Hall.

PTA ACTIVITIES

The PTA continues to be fairly active and supportive of the school's programme. Meetings are convened on a monthly basis. There was emphasis on Parental Education and matters pertinent to the improvement of the school.

Sponsorship of the Sports Medals and support in Fund Raising Activities were encouraging.

At our Parents' Evening held in November ten (10) parents were honoured for outstanding contribution to the school.

GIFTS RECEIVED

The school has benefited from our partners in education in cash and kind.

- Books from Food for the Poor
- A scanner from the Prefect Body
- Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) from the Kiwanis Club of the Garden Parish.
- Books from the National Commercial Bank
- Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from Shoppers Mart
- Food Stuff from various members of the business community to assist in Fund Raising Projects.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The St. John's Preparatory School caters to the all round development of the child. Hence in addition to academic work programmes and opportunities are provided for character building as well as to allow students to develop their confidence, cultural awareness and civic values.

- The school participated in the TVJ Junior School Challenge Quiz in October. They lost in a tie broken by their opponents, St. John's Primary.
- National Heritage Week Celebrations held in October.
- Annual Prize Giving – 132 students were awarded for their performance in the previous school year.
- A Badging Ceremony for 35 Prefects was conducted.
- In November 119 students were awarded Certificates of Achievement or Merit for their performance.
- Our Rally of the Grades held on November 29, 2007 was a very successful event.
- There was widespread participation from parents and students. Funds will go towards our building programme.

- Annual Carol Service was held in December - offering collected will be sent to St. Monica's Home.
- Sports – provided the opportunity for social interaction and healthy competition. Our Annual Inter House Sports held at Content Gardens on February 1, 2008 was well attended by parents, friends and well wishers. The level of participation was good and the competitive spirit high.
- It was very encouraging to see the larger number of fathers who were in attendance and enthusiastically participated in the parents' race. Stuart House emerged winner with Harrison second and Joel third.
- The Principal's Trophy was presented to Stuart House.
- Football: The Football Team defeated Breadnut Hill Primary School and in the semi finals beat Tomlinson's Prep 2 nil. They made their debut by beating the formidable Ocho Rios Primary 3 goals to 1 and so became the first holders of the Elementary Champion Trophy.
- Our Peace Day Celebrations were held in March.
- Founder's Day: The school celebrated 48 years of existence on April 25, 2008.
- Founder's Day Service was held at the school and was conducted by the Chairman of the Board.
- A Lunch Hour Concert presented by the Grade 3 students and which was based on the cultural component of the curriculum, concluded the celebrations.
- Parent Conferencing: – Held on April 23, 2008 – Attendance was disappointing as only **67%** of the parents availed themselves of this wonderful opportunity to receive meaningful feedback on their children's performance.

Congratulations to the parents of Kinder 2 which had 100% attendance.

- JCDC Activities.

The Dance Troupe was awarded 2 Gold Medals and one Silver Medal at the Parish Finals held in Brown's Town on May 15, 2008.

At the Evening of Excellence held in Brown's Town on Friday June 21, 2008, they were awarded a Trophy for the Most Outstanding Dance Troupe in the Region. We also participated at the National Finals in held in Kingston .

- Education Week was very productive as students derived benefit from the numerous activities planned. The week of activities saw widespread participation in the "Read Across Jamaica Day" and the Career's Day. It was very encouraging to see persons from the business community and various occupations who made time to

visit the school and shared with the students. Donation of books were also received.

- Other activities for the week were Teachers' Day and Children's Day.
- Our Annual Harvest Thanksgiving and Fun Day were held on June 12 & 13 respectively. Funds were raised – for the building program.

Community Involvement

A strong community linkage is vital for the success of any effective school. The school should not only take from the community but should learn to give back.

- The Red Cross visited the Children's Ward on May 21
- June 5, Cub Scouts visited the male ward of the St. Ann's Bay Infirmary
- June 6, The Wellness Club visited the Girl's Home. Not only did students distribute gifts, but they also entertained and held discussions with the persons. Feedback is that they were all well received and they were all deeply moved.
- The Dance Troupe also performed at the Opening Function of the Jamaica Employer's Federation Conference at the Sunset Jamaica Grande Hotel, held in May.

Clubs and Societies

- At the Brownie Promise Ceremony 12 new brownies were invested.
- In a very impressive ceremony, 32 Cub Scouts were invested. Some Cub Scouts received the Bronze Arrow Badge. Cub Scouts also attended the National Rally held in Kingston , and enabled the parish to win best attendance.
- A one day Camp in which Cub Scouts worked on their badges was held at the school on Saturday, June 21, 2008

School Leaving Ceremony

Our Annual School Leaving/Awards Ceremony was held in June.

Awards were presented to members of the graduating class for Academic Performance as well as for Social and Personal Development.

Visitors:

- On Monday, June 16, 2008 we welcomed a party of Youth Directors and 12 High School students from St. James Anglican Church, Hendersonville, North Carolina, U.S.A.

CONDITION OF BUILDING

We continue to maintain the building through painting and refurbishing. Plans for commencing the expansion of the Early Childhood Department are in advance stages. The continued leakage of the roof over the Reception area gives cause for concern. It is hoped that repairs will be effected early.

CONCLUSION

We thank God for his goodness in enabling us to have had another successful year. I would like to express gratitude to the Board of Management, Teachers, Parents, and Members of the school community for their continued support in the growth and development of the school.

Reverend Father Kenute Francis,
Chairman.

Joyce Richards, (Mrs.)
Principal

<p>THE QUEEN'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL REPORT TO SYNOD FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2007 – 2008</p>
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INTRODUCTION:

The Queen's Preparatory School will celebrate its 55th anniversary January 6, 2009.

It is a co-educational institution which aims to prepare children aged 3% – 12 years for the secondary level.

Many of the children are from housing developments in the Constant Spring area and from other areas in the Kingston and St. Andrew areas. The school also enjoys patronage from the Greater Portmore area, Old Harbour and even as far away as St. Mary.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Rt. Rev. Alfred Reid – President
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 Mr. Melvin Carey – Vice Chairman
 Mr. Crafton Miller
 Dr. Marcia Stewart
 Mr. Charles Jones
 Rev. Joel Downer – P.T.A. President
 Miss Jacqueline Bailey – Staff Representative
 Mrs. Karlene Hay – Principal
 Mrs. Joan Norton – Secretary

No. of meetings held during the year 2007–2008 – 3

STAFF:

Principal – Mrs. Karlene Hay
 Teaching Diploma – St. Joseph's Teachers' College
 Bachelor of Laws Degree – University of London.

Vice Principal – Mrs. Alison Tai
 Teaching Diploma – University of the West Indies
 Bachelor of Arts (History) – University of the West Indies
 Masters in Education – OISE, University of Toronto
 Diploma in School Management.

Administrative Staff	5
Trained Graduates	12
Pre-Trained Graduates	2
Trained Teachers	9
Pre-Trained Teachers	3
Teachers' Assistants	11

Part time Specialists	11
School Nurse	1
Ancillary	9

SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Department	Boys	Girls	Total
Junior	92	71	163
Kindergarten	129	109	238
Total no. of students	221	180	401

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES:

The following subjects are offered: Mathematics, Language Arts, Literature, Science, Social Studies, Religious Education, Spanish, Music, Art, Drama, Literature, Library Skills, Computer Education and Physical Education which includes Swimming.

The Special Education programme incorporates three separate classes. There is a class of seven student who are challenged with moderate learning and physiological disabilities such as autism, slow learner disorders and downs syndrome. Additionally, there are two Resource Rooms which cater to children who are experiencing mild learning difficulties and also for those who are highly-able or gifted children.

The overall results of the government standardized tests, the NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME were quite good. However, we recognize a need to emphasize the skill of reasoning to solve problems and not just to rely upon stated formulas. There is also a need to motivate the children to read more on their own and to expose them to the creative facets of the English Language with the aim of enhancing their ability to write independently and creatively. The results of the Grade 6 Achievement test was very pleasing with 85% receiving placement in traditional high schools.

Many field trips were taken this year including to places such as The Institute of Jamaica/The National Gallery, Port Royal, The Bob Marley Museum, Outameni Experience, Jamaica Environment Trust Office, Cranbrook Gardens, Twin Sisters Cave, and Hope Botanical Garden.

The trips were informative as well as fun for the children.

Seminars and workshops were attended by the teachers. The workshops attended this year included, MICO CARE CENTRE – Writing Workshop, First Aid Workshop, Environmental Workshop for Early Childhood Teachers, Early Childhood Special Education Workshop, Ministry of Health – Food Handlers' Workshop, Grade One inventory Learning Profile Workshop and Health & Family Life Education residential training weekend. These have been quite beneficial and the content has greatly influenced teaching and learning.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

They are as follows: Art & Craft, Brownies, Cub Scouts, Cricket, Football, Chess, Dancing, Drama, Environmental Club, Karate, Reading Club, Tennis, Track & Field, Spanish, French and Violin.

COMPETITIONS

Constructive competition is healthy as it challenges children to strive to do their best and exercises and matures sportsmanship. Our annual Sports Days is a major contributor in this regard. We have also competed in inter-school competitions such as JISA Alberga and Henriques Cups and the Crimson Dawn and Burger King Swim meets. The children performed creditably in both of these competitions but it is felt that their performance was hampered by a lack of commitment to training sessions coupled with the fact that the cost to have an ongoing training programme is prohibitive. Our cricket team did their best but did not advance in the competition.

Our track team, although small, did very well at the JISA Track and Field championships in June 2008. Michaelia Bailey, a grade 3 student was named Champion Girl in Class 3.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Each morning begins with devotions which are conducted by the School Chaplain, the Principal and the Vice Principal at general assemblies or by the classroom teachers in class.

Special programmes are undertaken to recognize and appreciate Christmas and Easter, Archdeacon Leon Golding continues to a most beneficial link between the school and the church. We are appreciative of his obvious interest in the spiritual life of the school.

P.T.A. ACTIVITIES

Rev. Joel Downer was elected as the President of the PARENT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION. The Executive led by Rev. Downer has been very active this year but their valiant efforts have been hampered by a lack of assistance by the general parent body. The PTA also showed their appreciation to the staff by hosting the Teachers' Day luncheon and providing gifts for Christmas. Parents participated in Reading Week and Education Week activities. Education Week was very informative and exciting for the children as parents came in and made presentations about a variety of professions. The children also did research on and were allowed to dress up to depict their preferred profession.

CONDITIONS OF BUILDINGS

The school plant is in a good condition generally with only the need for minor repairs from time to time. However, it is hoped that a new, purpose built facility be constructed in the near future to house the Special Remedial Department. There continues to be a problem with keeping rodents off the compound.

Although the premises is treated regularly, we seem to be suffering from a lack of effort on behalf of the neighbouring premises (apartments and restaurants).

SPECIAL EVENTS

The following events took place during the 2007–2008 school year:

Heritage Week Celebrations	October 8 – October 12, 2007
National Parents' Month	November 2007
Christmas Programmes	December 12, 2007
JMTC Benefit Performance of "Cats"	February 23, 2008
Sports Days	March 8 and April 26, 2008 Kindergarten and Junior Departments respectively.
Pre-Holy Week Service	March 12, 2008
Reading Week	April 22 – 28, 2008
Education Week	May 5 – 9, 2008
Teachers' Day	May 7, 2008
Valedictory Service & School Leaving Ceremony	July 2, 2008
Open Day	June 27, 2008
Kindergarten Dept. Summer Concert	June 30, 2008
Junior Dept. Summer Concert	July 1, 2008

PROBLEMS

Although the majority of children are meeting expected targets we still have a number of children who require special and individualized attention as they tackle challenges in regards to their learning, social and behavioural skills. We work along with two psychologist to assist us with the assessment and treatment of these children. Also, the Resource Services Programme in both Departments have been strengthened by the addition of Remedial Comprehension Programme in the Junior Department. Teachers are encouraged to employ incentives to promoted and reward good behaviour and we are committed to maintaining the official teacher/student ratio of 1:25 and in the Kindergarten Department 25:1 and a teacher's assistant).

The lack of parental support and involvement continues to be a major problem for the children who are not meeting targets.

The collection of fees has become an onerous and time consuming task as more and more parents are finding it difficult and even impossible to pay the fees. Installment arrangements are offered to ease this burden for the parents but the harsh economic realities of our nation and indeed our world are taking a toll on the financial resources of the parents and indeed the school.

Security has become a very important issue as the crime rate on our island continues to soar seemingly out of control. As a result, the school has had to

increase the hours of security personnel as well as to introduce methods to best secure the safety of staff, parents and children.

The Early Childhood Commission has made requests of the schools which are onerous, difficult and expensive to implement. The Principal has complied only partially with all the requirements as she is also awaiting reports from other organizations (Fire Service etc.) so as to complete same.

CONCLUSION

In 2007 – 2008 we resolved to assist the children to become more civic minded and to accept and embrace their social responsibilities. In a nutshell, it was our desire that they understand that they are indeed their brothers' keeper. To this end, we encouraged the children to become more sensitive to the needs of their fellow students (informally as well as via Guidance & Counselling Sessions) and we also instituted a Friday Charity Day at the end of each month when children were encouraged to give at least \$50.00 to a named charity. This year the receipts were used to provide cooked lunches for four children from the Grants Pen Community who attend the Elim Basic School.

We will continue these efforts in the following year.

We are indebted to the Board of Governors, the PTA and the staff for their continued dedication and service. **We will not grow weary in doing well.**

Karlene Hay (Mrs.)
Principal

Kathryn Brodber Ph. D
Chairman of the Board

**REPORT OF TRINITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Linstead, St. Catherine
1st SEPTEMBER 2007 to AUGUST 2008**

Trinity Preparatory School – A brief history

The school was founded in 1959 on property known as “Kildare” close to Holy Trinity Church in Jamaica, under the Diocesan School’s Trust. It was opened in January 1960, using rooms in an existing house but developed rapidly adding new buildings at intervals until the present time.

The school by the mid 1960’s comprised seven classrooms, a large Assembly Hall and adequate toilet facilities. The school house, formerly rented, was purchased by the school and used to house two classrooms, library, staffroom and tuck shop. The grounds of about 13 acres allowed ample space for sports and scope for enlargement as the need arose.

The school by this time had about 160 students on roll. The total budget for the operations of the school from its inception was provided by Alcan Jamaica Company Limited. Then known commonly as “Sprostons School.” This relationship was established because the school population consisted almost entirely of children of Alcan expatriated employees. This situation continued until the late 60’s when things started changing.

The Principals in the history of the school were Mrs. Sommerville, Mrs. Linley, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. L. Fletcher, Mrs. B.B. Dilworth and Mrs. R. Lewis.

Presently the school comprises 15 classrooms, a music room, a library, a computer Laboratory, a Science Laboratory and the Principal’s office along with adequate bathroom facilities and a large playing field.

The accommodation for the school is about 340 students. Funding for the school is derived from the two (2) benefactors, namely; Worthy Park Estates Limited and Nestle Jamaica Limited and from school fees.

Board of Governors

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| President | – | The Right Reverend Dr. Alfred Reid
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| Secretary | – | Mrs. Rita Banhan |
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Church, | – | Rev. Ronald Keane Davies – Holy Trinity Anglican
Linstead |
| Mrs. A. Richards | – | P.T.A. President |
| Mrs. Una Nugent | – | Church Representative |

Mr. Albert Stevens	-	
Mrs. Susan Bailey	-	Teacher Representative
Mrs. Beryl Dilworth	-	Past Principal
Mrs. Minnett Williams	-	Acting Principal

Board meetings are held on the second Monday of every other month, in the school year, to discuss matters relating to the welfare of the smooth and efficient operation of the school.

Staff

Mrs. M. Williams	-	Acting Principal
Number of Teachers with B.Ed.	-	Two (2)
Number of Trained Certificate Teacher	-	Six (6)
Trained Teacher with Diploma	-	Five (5)
Specialist Teacher	-	One (1)
Number of Pre-Trained Teachers	-	Two (2)
Part-time Teacher	-	Three (3)
Administrative	-	One (1)
Ancillary Staff	-	Five (5)
Librarian	-	One (1)
H.E.A. R.T. Trainees	-	Four (4)

School Enrolment

The School year began with an enrolment of 282 students:-

No. of boys	No. of girls	Total
126	156	282

The School has:

Kindergarten 1, Kindergarten 2

Grades 1,2,3,4,5 & 6

Grades 2, 3,4, and 5 have an "A" and a "B" class.

Academic

Thirty Five (35) students sat the Grade Six Achievement Test which was held on March 13 and 14, 2008.

They were placed at the schools of their choices. The schools they were placed are as follows:

Campion College	1
Ardenne High	4
Charlemont High	11
St. Andrew High	2
St. Jago High	1

McGrath High	2
St. Mary's College	1
Calabar High	4
St. Catherine High	5
Holy Childhood	3
The Queen's School	1

Special Awards/Scholarship for G.S.A.T. performance.

Arielle Ashley – Government Scholarship, V.M.B.B.S. Award and WINDALCO Award.

Religious Activity

Devotional exercises were conducted on Monday and Friday mornings by the Acting Principal.

Reverend Ronald Keane-Dawes Chaplin of the school came in on some Mondays to conduct devotion.

On Friday mornings student conducted devotion. During part of Easter Term, devotions were held by the various Houses on a Thursday. Some of the students attend the Holy Trinity Anglican Church.

Parent-Teacher's Association

P.T.A. meetings and executive meetings were held once per term.

Conditions of Buildings

The buildings were in a satisfactory condition .There was an ongoing maintenance programme. The buildings were painted and national symbols were put on the outside walls. Sections of classrooms were refurbished.

Special Events of Note

1. On Teachers' Day, appreciation was shown to the Teacher by the Board of Governors and P.T.A.
2. Heroes Day Celebration
3. Christmas Programme
4. Annual School Fair
5. Educational Tours
6. Annual Sports Day
7. Participation in the Festival of Arts Competition
 - (a) Speech – Certificate
 - (b) Music – Four Gold Medals, One Trophy
 - (c) Dance – Three Gold Medals
8. Participate in WINDALCO District Sports Competition
9. Participation in the Inter-Prep Athletic Champion

10. Valedictory Service and School Leaving and Prize-Giving Exercise.

Problems

- 1) The playing field of the school needs to be enclosed to prevent intrusion from trespassers.
- 2) Dumping of garbage at the main entrance of the school on Forte Street needs to be addressed.

Conclusion

Trinity Preparatory School continued to play an important role in the development of the students. The teachers were dedicated and continued to give quality education to the students who were privileged to be exposed to its sphere of influence.

Our gratitude must be expressed to the Board of Governors, the Parent-Teacher's Association, our Patrons and well wishers for their continued support.

May God continually add His blessing our labour and continue to guide us.

**REPORT OF ST. MARY PREPARATORY SCHOOL
FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR
SEPTEMBER 2007 – AUGUST 2008**

"QUALITY EDUCATION IS A MUST"

The mission statement for St. Mary's Preparatory' School aims at: providing teaching of the highest quality to satisfy the needs of all its students and to provide an organizational climate which will enhance the students' development and performance as well as good co-operate image. The motto of St. Mary's Preparatory is "God, Jamaica and Education," The school colours are sky blue and white.

There was the necessity for co-curricular activities to be implemented at St. Mary's Preparatory School. Clubs and societies were implemented to cater to the varied needs and interests of the students. Such clubs and societies included: 4H, Mathematics, Quiz, Music and Spelling. Some students were privileged with the opportunities to participate in various 4H competitions such as Rabbit Care, Cake Decorating and Table Setting. These are relevant life skills which the students can pursue in the future. Two students, Alonzo Smith and Barri-Kay Gentles, represented the school well in the Gleaner Spelling Bee Parish Finals held at the Burchell Baptist Church. In addition, sports teams were initiated such as football, netball, and track and field. Sports Day presented the perfect occasion for our students to display their athletic abilities especially on the tracks.

"Wi likkle but wi talawah!" St. Mary's Preparatory have demonstrated success in vast number of areas. They have been triumphant in areas such as Sports, the students certainly "put their shoulders to the wheel"; they worked hard and success was now theirs. They received three trophies: one for placing second, one for the newest school with the highest overall score and one for the most disciplined team. Monesh Davis, a member of the quiz team was voted the most outstanding boy. He received a trophy and a cash prize of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). The team members were given day passes, books and a trip to Dunn's River Falls. The school received a microwave.

Not only are the students of St. Mary's Preparatory School academically inclined but it is that they are all rounded. The children obtained four gold medals at the annual Jamaica Cultural Development Commission (J.C.D.C.) at the national finals: one gold and three silvers. As a result of the team's astounding performance, invitations were extended to them to perform at Goodwill All Age School and Dumfries Primary School "Boys" and "Girls day" respectively. As foreseen, they delivered an excellent performance. The team, under the tutelage of Mrs. Archibald, also performed at the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort. Hence, I bring you the principal's message.

The Principal's Message:

It is indeed an honour and privilege for me to serve this institution as principal. While this is my first occasion, I have been a part of educational management for the past three (3) years; serving as Vice Principal in two (2) institutions. Over the past year, I have grown to have a deep affection for the school, its staff and surrounding community.

At St. Mary's Preparatory, parents know that their children are cared for in all aspects of their development. They know also that they will be challenged, encouraged and supported in their academic pursuits. We are building a strong academic record; we have a broad extra curricular and co-curricular programme, dedicated and well qualified teachers, wonderful students, enthusiastic sponsors and an involved and supportive parent body.

The greatest contribution that one can give to their country is to develop its youth, It is therefore the school's mission to provide all its students with the requisite skills and experiences to enable them to cope with social changes and technological advancement.

With God's help and our continued commitment, we shall succeed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

St. Mary's Preparatory School, Montpelier was conceived as an experiment in September 1987, Reverend and Mrs. Ottey of St Mary's Anglican Church, Montpelier, had realized there was a need for a Preparatory School in the area since the available Preparatory Schools in Montego Bay were full and the local state Primary Schools were stretched beyond their physical capacity. Possibilities were explored and there were two retired teachers at All Saint's Chester Castle who were eager to start a school Also, St. Mary's, Montpelier had a dilapidated church hall which housed goats. With the help of various people this was cleaned, painted, and two toilets were installed. This gave birth to the St. Mary's Preparatory School which opened in September of 1987 with only one pupil. By the end of the first year there were twenty children on roll.

Presently, St. Mary's Preparatory School is still affiliated with the St. Mary's Anglican Church in Montpelier and has an academic staff complement of principal, eight full time teachers and three part time teachers. Additionally, there is an administrative staff which is comprised of two persons and there is also one ancillary staff member.

The school is host to one hundred and sixty (160) students and Arch Deacon Golding represents St. Mary's Preparatory as Chairman of the School Board. Academics and Culture. In Sports, St. Mary's Preparatory School engaged in the 2008 Milo Relays whereby they were auspicious in obtaining 2nd place.

Where the academics are concerned, the students of St Mary's Preparatory never cease to do their utmost best and their end product – success. Of the

students who sat the Grade Three (3) Diagnostic Test on the 3rd and 4th of June 2008, it is pleasing to note that all students were successful.

Nine students sat the Grade Four (4) Literacy Test where one student failed in the area of comprehension.

Eleven students sat the Grade Six Achievement Test (G.S.A.T.) and were all successfully placed in traditional high schools. Four students were placed at Cornwall College, four at Mt. Alvernia and the remaining three at Herbert Morrison.

St. Mary's Preparatory School entered the Montego Co-operative Credit Union Quiz Competition for the very first time. Our students never failed to defeat some of the seasonal campaigners. They defeated schools such as Granville All Age (38-32), Salt Spring All Age (48-19), Howard Cooke Primary and Mt. Alvernia Prep. (55-41). That was enough to set up and secure a place in the finals against Chetwood Primary where we were edged by a score of 25-26.

**REPORT OF ST. GEORGE'S PRE-SCHOOL
GEORGE TOWN, GRAND CAYMAN, CAYMAN ISLANDS
FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR SEPTEMBER, 2007 – AUGUST 2008**

George's Pre-School is an Early Childhood Centre where we believe that "Cayman's children are God's children".

St. George's Pre-School is a Christian, private, Early Childhood educational institution. It is an extension of the St. George's Anglican Church, George Town, Grand Cayman. This facility was officially opened in January, 1999 and registered and licenced by the Ministry of Education of the Cayman Islands" Government. Our school also complies with the fire and health standards.

St. George's Pre-School strives to provide equal opportunities for all its pupils, thus facilitating the development of their potential through educational programmes that are physically, socially, spiritually, mentally and morally suited to the enhancement and well-being of each child in a safe and secure environment.

Board of Management

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Ms. Joy Frater	
Ms. Monica Bryan	
Ms. Melissa Whittaker	
Mr. Astill Murphy	
Mrs. Magdalena Fernandes	Principal

Members of Staff

Mrs. M, Fernandes	Principal
Trained Teachers	4
Teacher's Aides	4
Care-Givers	2
Ancillary staff	3

The staff members here and who has left were very much committed to the growth and development of St. George's Pre-School and have participated in workshops, which helped to improve their skills. We still don't meet the requirements in teacher student ratio as outlined in the education guidelines laid by the Early Childhood Unit. We still continue to employ appropriate staff for the Pre-School.

Student enrolment

The school has registered 112 pupils this year with a total of 50 boys and 62 girls. The attendance ranged to 85–100 children daily.

Religious Activities

Church Devotion is conducted every Wednesdays and on Saint and Holy Days where all the children, staff and sometimes the parents are involved. On other days devotion is conducted at the school before we start with the classroom activities. Every year we start with a special opening service at the church where the parents, staff and children are invited. Our children also perform at the church every year for Christingle Service. During the child month a special service is kept for the members of the school family and our School leaving service is held at the church where the school leavers receive a special blessing. All this is done to instil positive values in our students.

We are thankful to Rev. Mary Graham and Ven. Hollis Peter Lynch for their regular visits to the school and for helping us to know more about our saviour and the Church.

Other Activities

Throughout the year our children are involved in a lot of activities and field trips.

Among the activities were;

Christmas Concert, Christmas Party, Valentine 'kings and Queens, Entertainment programme for the children like Bouncing Castle, face painting and games, Cancer Walk, Common Wealth Days Celebration, Annual Sports Day and Portrait Day. Our field trips includes visits to the fire station, Police station, Turtle Farm, tour in and around the district, Cayman Airways, visit to George Town Primary school. During the week of the Young child Governor's wife, Mrs. Jack made a visit to the school and shared how to do origami with some of the children. This visit was showcased in the paper and the government website. Prospect Primary and New Horizons came and read for the children. Kiwanis Group gave a generous donation for the breakfast programme. Nurse Jackson a dental Nurse visited and did a presentation for the children.

Parent Teacher's Association

St. George's Pre-School is pleased to note that we had a very strong and unified PTA this year. This PTA raised funds for improvements. They support the school by participating in our P.T.A. meetings, Field Trips and various activities the school has had throughout the year. It's not through advertisements on the newspapers that has helped the school to build up on the registration, but it's through the parents who have not only chosen St. George's Pre-School for their children, but has encouraged others to make it their choice as well. Their commitment to this school has also contributed to its growth. There are some parents who donated educational supplies and resources that have helped improve the quality of our school. This year the parents contributed everything towards the Christmas party and for the family dinner in the celebration of Common Wealth Day. We are very fortunate to have these parents involved and we hope it continues through out the years.

Church Contributors

Many of the church members supported, guided and made generous donations to the school. There are many Church members who show a lot of interest in the school. One of the church member helped the school in the arrangement of a big donation from the First Caribbean Trust, that helped us to equip the school playground. The interest of the Church members and their frequent visits to school motivates us to do even better as we feel that we all belong to the same family. Some Church members assisted at the school when the Principal was away for few days.

Closing Remarks

Though it was a challenging year it was still very productive. We will continue to strive to make St. George's Pre-School the best on the Island. We look forward to continue the collaborative relationships we already have and looking forward to building new relationships in building a strong community in providing quality services for children and families.

Magdalena Fernandes (Mrs.)
Principal