

The Berkeley Institute "Weekly Times" Week of September 16th, 2024

Our Mission Statement

"The mission of The Berkeley Institute, a diverse senior school with a rich heritage and tradition of excellence, is to ensure a stimulating learning environment that prepares all of its students to lead full and purposeful lives and to assume leadership roles in both the local and global communities."

Revised April 2019

The Berkeley Institute's Orientation Day



Principal's Corner:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. As we conclude the first week of the new school year, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to you for your support in ensuring that your young person(s) had a smooth and successful start.

The energy and enthusiasm that our students have brought to school has been uplifting, and it is clear that we are set for an exciting and productive year ahead. We have had a wonderful week of reconnecting, learning, and setting the stage for continued success. As you are aware, we had well-renown Guest Speaker, Dr. Javar Godfrey, work with our staff and students over a three-day period. The students as well as many staff members were truly impacted by the events in a positive way and it is our hope to include parents and guardians in the Workshops with Dr. Godfrey when he returns to campus. We have been intentional with regards to ensuring that we honour the pain and healing needed for our school community after such a horrific summer of events. The well-being of our staff and students is our greatest priority!

Parents and guardians, your partnership is crucial, and we truly appreciate the trust that you place in us to guide and support our students. As we move forward, please feel free to reach out to the year-level teams if you have any questions or concerns. Together, we will continue to nurture the growth and development of our students while preparing them for a bright future.

Here are some reminders that will assist us with our students:

1. There are hopefully only minimal changes to student schedules and from today onward, we are now about the business- educating our beloved students!
2. S1 students must wear their school clothes at all times, even on days when they have PE. Students change for PE here at The Berkeley Institute.
3. Students are expected to comply with the school rules, which includes our uniform and cell phone policies. Non-uniform items will be confiscated for the term, which includes, but is not limited to nose rings and any other jewelry items, air pods, headphones and cell phones.
4. Students are reminded NOT to congregate in town at all after school. We understand that students may have appointments or dance, etc.; however, other than the aforementioned scenarios, Berkeleyites are expected to go straight home after school.
5. We normally host \$3.00 Grub Days on Fridays; however, when there is a theme associated with the Grub Day, students are expected to comply with the theme or they can wear their school uniform and not participate (we will be sure to communicate this). Further, our Grub Day rules include- no tights, no holed or frayed jeans/pants of any kind, no midriffs and no inappropriate decals.
6. Our first **PTSA Meeting** is scheduled for **Monday, October 7, 2024** in the school **Cafetorium** at **5:30 p.m.** Save the date...we hope to see you soon!

As a further update, I will be off campus all of next week for family matters.

In my absence, the following Deputies will be Acting Principal as outlined below:

Deputy Paynter (gpaynter@berkeley.bm) - Monday, September 16th and Tuesday, September 17th

Deputy Symonds (tsymonds@berkeley.bm) - Wednesday, September 18th and Thursday, September 19th

Deputy Douglas (douglas.kali@berkeley.bm) - Friday, September 20th

Please connect with the Acting Principals as needed...

Thank you again for your ongoing support. Wishing you and your family a restful weekend, and we look forward to the weeks ahead!

New Student Induction Day



#WelcomeClassOf2027

On Thursday, August 29th 2024, The Berkeley Institute held its' annual New Student Induction Day. Our inductees attended school dressed in jeans, white tee shirts, and sneakers. The students were placed into advisory groupings upon entering the school building. Then Principal Douglas officially welcomed our new students to the school during a special assembly held in the Cafeteroium. The S1 Team was introduced to the new students before the schedule for the orientation day was revealed. Our new students spent time in their advisory settings getting to know; their advisor, school expectations; and schedules. Mrs. Stroble facilitated a workshop that assisted students with using their devices to connect to the schools' network. Students gained valuable information on how to navigate Office 365 and FROG. Ms. Key-Holmes and Mr. Ball enabled the students to have their school identification photographs taken in the Berkeley Historical Room. After lunch our new students participated in a Scavenger Hunt around campus before getting sized for PE uniforms and tracksuits. Thanks to all of the staff at The Berkeley Institute for pouring into a successful New Student Induction Day!



#AlphasAndOmegas



#PhotographOpportunity



#BaptismByBalloons



#Iris'Angels



#HumanLettersOfLove



Around Campus: School Orientation Day



#WomenOfTheFuture



#HealingByEducation



#SuperHeroGivesBack



On Tuesday, September 10th 2024, Dr. Javar Godfrey and Mrs. Patrina "Powergirl" O'Connor-Paynter were our guest speakers who facilitated a series of workshops for our male and female year level students. Dr. Godfrey is a promoter of justice and an advocate for social justice. He played football at Kentucky State University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work, specializing in Domestic Violence and Drug and Alcohol Counseling. Dr. Godfrey earned a Master of Science in Social Work from the University of Louisville before pursuing a Doctorate Degree from Andersonville Theological where he graduated Summa Cum Laude. His life work has allowed him to collaborate with professional athletes, universities, corporations such as Nike, Pepsi, NCAA, NBA, NFL, and school districts across the United States of America. Dr. Godfrey shared a number of interactive activities with our students that originated from his 'worth book' entitled, "Thoughts: Healing in Process..." Mrs. O'Connor-Paynter serves as the Managing Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bermuda (BBBS). She is highly regarded as a local influencer, motivational speaker, and an award-winning media personality. Her journey of service has garnered the following list of recognitions: Queen's Certificate and Badge of Honour, Bermuda's Woman of the Year, Bermudian of the Year, and Phenomenal Woman of Excellence. Powergirl engaged the students in four main activities that helped students to: embrace personal growth, avoid procrastination, develop study skills, build good relationships with teachers, identify support systems, and consider future endeavors. On behalf of the entire Berkeley family, I wish to share tokens of appreciation to Dr. Javar Godfrey and Mrs. Patrina "Powergirl" O'Connor-Paynter for extending themselves to facilitate workshops for our students on the official first day of school at The Berkeley Institute.

#MenOfTheYearsToCome



#TriggersTraumaTriumph



#HealingInProcess...



The Berkeley Institute

Hours of Operation

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Student Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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The Week at a Glance

- ❖ Monday, September 16th 2024
 - ITL & Year Head Meetings @ 3:45 p.m.
- ❖ Tuesday, September 17th 2024
 - Berkeley Board of Governors Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ Thursday, September 19th 2024
 - Berkeley Educational Society Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Friday, September 20th 2024
 - School Grub Day \$3.00



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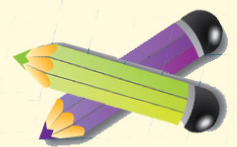
The poster features a purple and black background with white silhouettes of two rugby players. A QR code is located on the left side. The text is arranged in a clean, modern font.

Berkeley Pictures of the Week



From left to right:

1. The entire staff of The Berkeley Institute pose for a picture before the start of the new school year.
2. Mr. Malcolm Butterfield shares his testimony of how he persevered to bring Dr. Javar Godfrey to island to minister to our students.
3. **Library Crew:** pose for a picture at Snorkel Park after a long day of workshops.



Quincy Paynter
Deputy Principal
Editor

Respice Finem! Keep the End In View!