

The Berkeley Institute "Weekly Times"

Week of January 29th, 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."

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UNIVERSITIES VISIT BERKELEY



Principal's Corner:

Good day Berkeley Family,

I hope this message finds you all in high spirits and ready for an exhilarating week ahead, after such a 'Bermudaful' weekend. As we embark on a new school week, I am thrilled to announce that our highly anticipated Annual Cross Country races are just around the corner, as well as the start of Semester 2! We did share last week about some adjustments to our academic schedule. Most importantly, Semester 2 classes for students will now start on **Monday, February 5, 2024**. This extension is intended to provide our dedicated teachers with ample time to complete various crucial tasks, including marking assessments, and finalizing grade imputations and comments for the current semester.

During this extension period, it is essential that students come prepared for their current classes (Semester 1), with the appropriate materials for the remainder of the upcoming week. We kindly request your assistance in ensuring students have the necessary textbooks, notebooks, and any other required materials to facilitate a smooth continuation of their academic activities.

This **Tuesday, January 30, 2024**, our entire school community will come together for our **Annual Cross Country** races commencing at **1:30 p.m.** We look forward to our students showcasing their incredible athleticism, determination, and sportsmanship. It is expected that **EVERY** student will participate in the event. Students will have their regular classes in the morning on Tuesday (amended schedule), so that little to no instructional time is lost.

We encourage all parents and guardians to come out and cheer for our student participants. Your support plays a crucial role in making this event memorable for everyone involved. Let's create an atmosphere of encouragement and enthusiasm that will motivate our runners to give their best.

Excitedly, all students are asked to proudly wear their **Berkeley PE kits and tracksuits** to school on **Tuesday, January 30, 2024**. Students are reminded not to forget their comfortable running shoes, water, and of course, their house spirit! Points will be awarded to runners, as we begin to tally our **GREEN** and **GOLD** house points ahead of Sports Days 2024! In case of inclement weather, we will communicate any changes to the event schedule promptly. Stay tuned! We hope to make this year's Cross Country races an unforgettable experience for everyone involved.

Looking Ahead: We will be hosting a **\$3.00 school Grub Day** on **Friday, February 2, 2024**. **Second Semester** now begins on **Monday, February 5, 2024**. Our monthly **PTSA Meeting** will be held in the **Cafetorium** on **Monday, February 5, 2024** at **5:30 p.m.** **Here's to a fantastic week ahead!**

Nazareth University Creates Partnership with Berkeley

The Berkeley Institute has created a partnership with Nazareth University to pave a way for our students to study overseas in New York. Mr. Frank Williams, Vice-President for Advanced Admissions at Nazareth University, initially connected with Bermudian students by way of the Peer Forward Experience. He returned to the island later in the year to attend the International College Fair in Bermuda. Upon Mr. Williams' return to the island he delivered acceptance letters to students at The Berkeley Institute and The CedarBridge Academy. A special ceremony was held on campus where Mr. Williams presented our students with acceptance letters and scholarship offers. The Head of Student Services at The Berkeley Institute, Ms. Cindy Smith, shared with the Royal Gazette newspaper, "The personal touch of coming to Bermuda to personally hand-deliver acceptance letters to our senior students at The Berkeley Institute definitely made Nazareth University stand out." Mr. Williams conveyed to The Royal Gazette, "Nazareth is now competing with the world for these students and it is the personal connections we make with them that can make all the difference in them choosing to come to study at Nazareth." On behalf of the Berkeley family, I wish to thank Mr. Williams for attending the International College Fair at The Berkeley Institute.

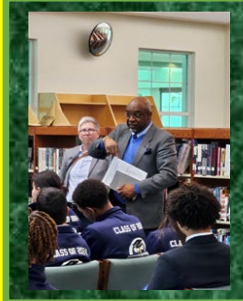


'Prefect Partnership' – Frank Williams Vice-President for Advanced Admissions at Nazareth University takes a picture with Prefects.

Universities Visit Berkeley to Recruit



#Chancellor



#CollegePrep



'Truth Leads to God'



On Tuesday, January 16th, 2024, special assemblies were held in the Cafetorium and in the library for representatives from Oral Roberts University and Mount Saint Vincent University. Dr. Santucci, S4 Counselor at The Berkeley Institute, was instrumental in organizing the presentations for our S4 students. The university visits offered our S4 students a chance to broaden their horizons in choosing tertiary level education. Ms. Rasheeda Burgess, born and raised in Bermuda, is the Director of Customer Experience Optimization and Innovation at ORU. She shared a video presentation and Power Point of ORUs' rich educational background and of their strong commitment to higher education. Our students learned that ORU is indeed a 'hidden gem' tucked away in the Midwest state of Oklahoma. In the library Dr. Joel Dickinson, President and Vice Chancellor of Mount Saint Vincent University presented alongside of Mr. Aris Hernandez, International Student Recruitment Officer at MSVU, to our S4 students. Our seniors learned that 'the Mount' is a public, primarily undergraduate, university located in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Our students were made aware that The University of Mount Saint Vincent is a nationally recognized independent, liberal arts college committed to the Catholic tradition and ecumenism. Both presentations covered the gamut of undergraduate/postgraduate programs on offer including an array of majors and minors. Conditional acceptance policies; mission statements; and revelations on school culture were also shared during both university presentations. On behalf of the entire S4 year group, I wish to sincerely thank: Dr. Santucci; Ms. Rasheeda Burgess of ORU; and Dr. Joel Dickinson and Mr. Aris Hernandez of 'the Mount' for enlightening our senior students on tertiary level education options in the United States and Canada.



#HiddenGem



#Divinity



Whole Leaders for the Whole World



Year Level Prefects Create Vision Boards

On Wednesday, January 24th 2024, year level prefects of The Berkeley Institute engaged in hands-on leadership training to create vision boards. Deputy Paynter facilitated the working sessions that were held in the staff lounge during the lunch period and after school. As a starter activity each student was given a post-it on which they were prompted to identify one SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Timely) goal and/or area in life they needed to focus on or improve upon on their leadership quests. Students anonymously posted their SMART goal onto an easel in the staff room. Once the students completed the starter activity, the students' goals were shared with the group by Deputy Paynter. Then our budding leaders were show a five minute video on how to create vision boards with symbolic words/phrases/affirmations and images that aided in internalizing their goals. Next, the students were show real life examples of vision boards created by their peers. Finally, the aspiring leaders were given an opportunity to use: magazines; construction paper; glue, scissors; pencil crayons and markers to create vision boards that would motivate them to achieve their goals. During the next working session, Deputy Paynter will share his vision board before allowing our aspiring leaders to unveil the symbolism depicted in the affirmations and images chosen to create their vision boards. Congratulations to our year level prefects! A few student samples will be shared in next weeks' newsletter.



#CreatingVisions



#CutAndPaste



#SymbolismUnveiled



#PositiveAffirmations



#WorkingSession



#LeadershipQuest



#SmartGoals



#InternalizingGoals



The Berkeley Institute

Hours of Operation

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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The Week at a Glance

- ❖ Monday, 29th January, 2024
 - Semester 1 Resumes
- ❖ Tuesday, 30th January, 2024
 - Cross Country & Sports House Meetings
- ❖ Wednesday, 31st January, 2024
 - Quarter 2 Grade are due
- ❖ Monday, 5th February, 2024
 - Semester 2 Begins
 - Staff Meeting @ 3:45 p.m.
 - PTSA Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ Thursday, 8th February, 2024
 - Sports House Meeting
- ❖ Friday, 9th February, 2024
 - School Grub Day \$3:00

The Berkeley Institute Educational Society



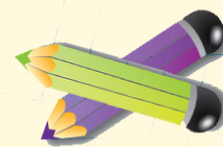
RIP Michael Swan: Berkeley Educational Society member and a coach in life as well as sport who volunteered at The Centre for Bermuda's young people enjoyed a long career in telecommunications.

Berkeley Pictures of the Week



From left to right:

1. On the behalf of the entire S4 year group, I wish to sincerely thank Dr. Santucci for organizing the university visits to The Berkeley Institute.
2. 'Golden Girls' – Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Iris pose for a picture in their Gold House gear.
3. Berkeley graduate, Kallan Richardson, finished 3rd in the annual Butterfield Mile.



Quincy Paynter
Deputy Principal
Editor

Respice Finem! Keep the End In View!