

SCS NEWS bulletin



"Learning for life!"

Introduction

From the Principal's desk

As 2017 school draws to a close, it is an important time to stop and reflect on this past year, a year filled with a range of both expected and unexpected challenges and opportunities for many students, families, teachers, and administrators. It's also an opportunity to take a deep breath and think about how to best direct your energies in the coming year.

At the end of this month we will have to say farewell to Mrs. Adiola Amsterdam-Khan as she continues her educational career elsewhere. She has devoted over 11 years of her life to educate Saban youth. She will be missed!

Fortunately, Mr. Aron Hoogendoorn is willing and able to substitute all her classes until July 2018. That means, that per August 2018 a new Science teacher will have to be appointed.

We can also be proud of our 100% passing rate once again and we look forward to a 100% passing rate in 2018!

2017 was a year like no other.

Extra Curricular Activities

Students from form 1, 2 and Pro 1+2 have been participating in the Extra Curricular Activities since September 2017.

Activities are music, sports (snorkeling, swimming, SabaFit park, hiking), webdesign, and the Leo Club.

These activities are important even though sometimes the students find it difficult how these activities will benefit them. From strengthening the mind to promoting better time management skills, extra curricular activities can help students achieve success in much more than just their academic endeavours.

On November 18, 2017 the Leos in collaboration with the Lions raised money for Dominica by having a foodsale. Almost all tickets were sold. Sale was approximately \$ 1,455 (produce costs need to be deducted).



In addition to the funds raised by the Leos, the Kandinsky College Malderburcht in Nijmegen will also raise funds for Dominica. They will hold a fancy fair. The raised funds will benefit educational projects on Dominica in 2018.

The last day of school in 2017 will be December 14, 2018. After the assembly students will have a home-room activity after which they are allowed to go home and start their well deserved Christmas holiday.

Upcoming Events

January

- 8 School resumes
- 11 Flagler University Visit
- 16 Student Body Meeting
- 26 House Activity

February

- 16 House Activity
- 19-23 Mid Term Break

March

- 2 Start Form 4V Internships
- 8 Student Body Meeting
- 9 End of term 2



January 2018—July 2018

All information about the terms, parent evenings, report cards, and more is available on our website www.learningsaba.com.

If you would like to receive the SCS Newsletters and other information via E-mail, please send indicate so by sending an email to :

administration@learningsaba.com



Student Tracking System

If you still have not received your Presentis information or lost your information, please contact the administration. To monitor your child's progress go to our website and click on the Presentis logo.

House uniform is only allowed when there are House Activities planned.

All other days the students are expected to wear their school uniform .

Please be advised that students, who do not wear the

WELCOME TO OUR CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY



**THURSDAY DECEMBER 14, 2017
07.30 AM—9.00 AM**



Bridget Blucher visits the SCS

On December 11, 2017 Bridget Blucher addressed the SCS Students about '*owning your own future* and *bullying*. She was invited by the Public Entity Saba and the SCS was offered to opportunity to have her give a motivational speech to the SCS Students.



News from Lipscomb

Lipscomb visited the SCS last month and gave information sessions to students, parents/guardians and SCS Staff. Since mixed messages were given, the admissions officer Jennifer Zepparelli send us a letter stating the cost of tuition and boarding. Please find the attached letter.

If you have any additional questions, please do contact her at :

jennifer.zepparelli@lipscomb.edu



On January 18 and 19, the Vocational Students from form 4V will participate in the regional Skill Games.

The students will compete in teams of three students to become the best of the BES Islands and will attend the Skills Games in The Netherlands to compete on a national level.

More information will be shared in 2018

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Opportunities for all Children

All children need to be able to participate; social, with sports, culture and at school. That is important for now and for the future. This is why the Cabinet in The Netherlands decided to make funds available to give each and every child on Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius opportunities. That way children can participate if there is insufficient finance at home.

The SCS also requested this funding and received additional funding. With this extra money we are providing free breakfast between 7.00am —7.15am and free fruit every day.

Why is it important to have breakfast?

Breakfast is indeed a very important meal. A good breakfast fuels your energy and gets you ready for the day. In general, kids and teens who eat breakfast have more energy, do better in school, and eat healthier throughout the day. Without breakfast, people can get irritable, restless, and tired.

Additionally, if parents/guardians needed financial support and did not qualify for financial assistance via the Social Affairs Department, the SCS would be able to assist in providing school & vocational uniforms, school material and even a computer/tablet.

If you need support from the SCS, please contact the director to find out what the SCS can do for your child/children. Please check the School Guide for more information about financial assistance.



All students have to attend school until the last day (December 14). If you are leaving the island prior to the final day of school without written approval from the SCS or the Truancy Officer (this includes any activity with the homeroom), you might/will be stopped by immigration as you are not allowed to leave.



SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 15—JANUARY 5 (Christmas Holiday)

