



SCS NEWS bulletin



Introduction

By Anton Hermans, director

I hope your child/children had a good start of the school year. I can't believe it is almost Mid-Term break again. As indicated during the parent evening at the beginning of the school year, I hope we keep a strong connection with you and work together to help you and your child/children advance and to continue to assist the students on their path of learning and discovery.

Nurses to visit the SCS

The nurses of the Saba Health Care Foundation will visit the school on Wednesday October 12 (period 7+8). The nurses will focus on the Human Body.

SCHOOL IS COMPULSORY

School is compulsory. This message has been communicated many times before. Parents/Guardians are allowed to take their child out of school for a period between 1 to 10 days. This request can only be done once. This mean you can either request one day, 5 days or 10 days. These days have to be consecutive.

Once permission has been given, you will receive a letter from the school which is co-signed by the truancy officer.

If you request permission to leave the island for medical, this request has to be supported by a doctor's letter.

100% Graduation rate for SCS once again!

Saba Comprehensive School reached a 100% graduation once again. There are six graduates in the vocational stream (level 2), of which three for Back of the House and three for Technical Maintenance Assistant, with first time graduates for the courses Technical Drawing, Dutch and EDPM. Since two students had to re-sit a part of the assessment, the school was not able to share these results any sooner.

For the academic stream there are four graduates, of which two qualified for the "HAVO" trajectory.

Visit or Volunteer for a Hurricane Exercise!

In the week of October 17, a hurricane exercise week will be held on Saba. In this week, the local emergency services will work together with other safety partners such as the Dutch army. Big chance you will see army men and women on the island. The Navy Vessel, the "Pelikaan", will not moor at the harbour since it will be sent to Haiti to assist.

If you would like to participate in the Hurricane exercise (parents, guardians, students, teachers) you can sign up.

If you want to make use of the buses: be sure to **sign up** on the forms on the bulletin boards. Or send an email to:

disasterexercise@sabagov.nl

Upcoming Events

October

- 12 SHC Nurses in school (period 7+8)
- 14 Sports day (Triathlon)
- 17-21 Mid Term Break
- 31 Start Internships form 3V+4V+5V

November

- 2 Career and Study Fair (SXM) Form 4+5+6
- 7 Participation Council Meeting
- 21 International Day 'Rights of the Child'
- 25 End internships form 3V+4V+5V
- 28 Start end of term Exams

December

- 9 End of 'end of term Exams' End of term 1
- 12 Start of term 2
- 13 Report Card Meetings (school ends at 12.15 pm)
- 14 Community Service Day
- 16 Report Card Distribution (from noon till 2 pm)
- 19 Start Christmas Break

Students back in school on Monday January 9, 2017

Upcoming events

November 5, 2016

Graduation class 2016

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December 10

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Forgot your password for Presentis? Please contact the SCS administration



MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY.

General Information

In June 2016 a questionnaire was sent to all SCS parents and guardians to ask their opinion about different subjects concerning the education of their child/children. The Staff, the Student Body, the Parent Body and the Participation council have discussed or have yet to discuss the outcome of the questionnaire. The reflections will be used to improve the learning environment in the SCS.

The response from parents and guardians was 57% and of the responses from Lower Forms and Upper Forms were equally presented (49% vs. 47%). A questionnaire for students will be administered in October 2016.

Clean/Safe/Healthy Learning Environment



76.6% My child feels safe at school (21.3% is neutral)

66% Atmosphere in school is pleasant (27.7% is neutral)

83.7% School respects diversity in the school (14% neutral)

84.4% Teachers treat my child with respect (21.3% neutral)

85.1% School rules are clear (12.8% neutral)

83% of the parents are satisfied with the cleanliness & hygiene arrangements in the school (17% neutral)



The SCS will develop a 'Code of Conduct' for all and will continue to implement the Anti-Bullying Program in cooperation with all stakeholders to ensure a clean, healthy and safe learning environment for all.

87% of the parents feel welcome in the school (13% neutral)

70.2% feels that there is a variety of ways to support the school (23.4% neutral)

70.2% opinion of parents counts in the school (21.3% neutral)

The SCS will continue to reach to all parents and guardians to involve them in the learning process of their child/children

All Inclusive Education

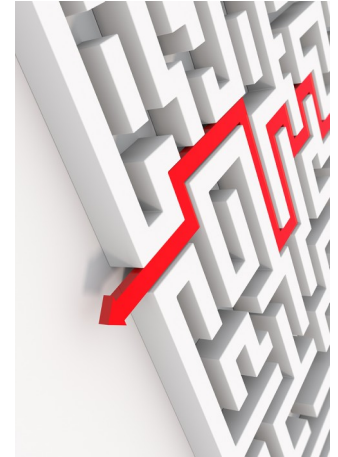
76.6% My child is challenged to develop to his/her abilities (14.9% neutral)

60%% Good guidance for making choices (Academic/Vocational) (33.3% neutral)

84.8% I am informed about pertinent school information (6.5% neutral)

65.2% school provides me with useful information on my child's progression (30.4% neutral)

65.2% School provides effective support when learning or behavioral problems occur (30.4% neutral)



The SCS will continue to work on the improvement of the Student Tracking System "Presentis" and to ensure that all students receive the necessary guidance and care in order for them to be successful.

General Questions

66% school has a good reputation (25.5% neutral)

65.2% SCS has skilled and able teachers (26.1% neutral)

60% School makes learning attractive to my child (37.7% neutral)

83% Is overall pleased with the school (17% neutral)

85.1% Staff members are easy to contact (10.6% neutral)

64% School promotes international thinking and understanding (33.3% neutral)



The SCS will keep on working on the professional development of staff within a global setting.

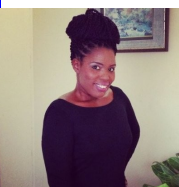
Youth Healthcare at the Saba Comprehensive School : Health Checks for Second and Fourth Form students.

Given the huge physical and psychosocial changes, students undergo between twelve and nineteen, the Public Health Nurse conducts preventive health checks and gives health education at the secondary school.

The aim of the check is awareness and detection; to promote self-reliance and timely deployment of effective interventions. The focus is on sexuality and relationships, alcohol and drugs abuse, healthy eating, obesity and social wellbeing. The check starts with **a health questionnaire** and **a guest lesson** in class. It is then followed by a **one-on-one consult** for which parents can join.



All information given by students is confidential and will only be discussed with school or others after permission of the student. Data from the questionnaire will be used anonymously to assess priorities for Public Health policies. The student can come alone or accompanied by their parent(s). For more information please contact Jetty Martens (jetty.martens@sabagov.nl)



Please meet Carol Irvine-Skinner

It is my goal as Care Coordinator that every student will acquire the academic, career, and personal skills to reach their fullest potential and successfully manage their lives as healthy responsible competent and productive citizens who respect themselves and others...I've always felt that we should try to live our lives so as to leave the world a better place and this philosophy guides both my professional life and my personal life and I try to seek out opportunities where I can leave a "dent in the universe". Contact e-mail : cirvineskinner@learningsaba.com

The WE CAN Young Campaign at Saba Comprehensive School

Last school year the WE CAN Young campaign was introduced at the Saba Comprehensive School. This campaign aims to teach Saba's adolescent youth about how respect and personal boundaries work. In the last school year a 10-workshop module was implemented with forms 3A, 4A and 5A. Following a series of workshops, role-plays and discussions the creative result by the students was the video "Don't Stand By when Boundaries are Crossed", which can be found on YouTube and Facebook. The video urges the viewer to open his/her eyes to situations that are not right and to step in when necessary.



These workshops and production of the video in the first half of 2016 made quite an impact. Here follow some quotes from participating students:

"I gained a lot from this program and I hope you can learn the same. During the making of this video, I learned that not everyone is brave enough to speak up. Not everyone knows how to speak up. I hope this video can teach you something about how to be brave, how to speak up for yourself, and how to speak up for others as well."

"It was fun to be a part of this video and I learned that you should get to know a girl and get to know what she likes and does not like. We should respect what girls are saying and notice when they don't want to be touched. I hope you all respect girls and get to know them better."

"Being a Change Maker is important for me, but it is also important for other people. By being a Change Maker you can prevent a lot of traumas and stress in someone's life. Notice. Interrupt. Make a change."

For the upcoming school year the partners of the campaign are ready to implement 10 workshops with the new form 3, as part of the Career and Guidance curriculum. Next to that workshops with themes "Self Esteem" and "Boundaries" are planned for form 1 and 2. Forms 4 and 5 may be asked to share their experiences and values with the younger forms as well.

The WE CAN Young campaign is an initiative that started in the Netherlands and was brought to the Caribbean Netherlands through the ministry of OCW and the Public Entities. It is executed on Saba as a cooperation between the Saba Comprehensive School, Body, Mind & Spirit, the Center for Youth and Family and the Public Health Department.



SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE MID TERM BREAK FROM OCTOBER 17-21

