

# The BEACON

## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL WINS BEST IN CLASS PRIMARY SCHOOL QUIZ COMPETITION



Winning Team and Supporters

Basseterre, St. Kitts – The best of the best battled in the finals of SCASPA’s first ever *Best in Class* Primary School Quiz Competition on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2011 at the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank. After four intense semifinal competitions throughout November, 8<sup>th</sup> to November 29<sup>th</sup>, the zonal winners, the Beach Allen, Seventh-day Adventist, St. Pauls and Joshua Obadiah Williams Primary Schools came together to contend for the title, *SCASPA’s Best In Class Primary School Quiz Competition Champion!*

The students were quizzed individually, as a team and in speed rounds on the core subjects of the Grade Five curriculum (Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Stud-

ies and Science). Questions were also asked about SCASPA.



Moderator, Mrs. Rita Cable and students on the stage

The packed auditorium witnessed great excitement and an academically stimulating competition with all students, teachers, parents and well wishers cheering their school teams and applauding every correct answer. At the end of the evening, the Seventh-day Adventist and the Joshua Obadiah Williams Primary Schools tied at a score for the first place position and the St. Pauls and Beach Allen Primary Schools also tied for the second place position. During a tie breaker round where the buzzer system was used, the Seventh-day Adventist Primary School won the competition with the title, *SCASPA Best In Class Primary School Quiz Competition Champion*, followed by The Joshua Obadiah Williams Primary School in second place position.

The Beach Allen Primary School secured the position for third place and the St. Pauls Primary School came in the fourth place position. The top student at the end of the Competition came from the Beach Allen Primary School, Janai Bernard.

After the announcement of the winning school, energetic supporters of the Seventh-day Adventist Primary School were heard repeating their motto, “Nihil Nisi Optimum: Nothing But the Best.”

Team Leader of the winning team, April Burt, when asked how she felt about her team and school winning the competition, stated, “I feel very excited. Everyday in the afternoon we had extra classes with Mr. Blanchette. We worked very hard. I will keep on studying for more competitions and for my examinations.”

“It was indeed a final,” said Chief Executive Officer of SCASPA, Mr. Terrence Crossman, “the final competition was very keenly contested and at the end of the competition the two ties demonstrated that the level of competency of the students was of the same level. I want to say congratulations to the Seventh-day Adventist Primary School for their win and all of the teams that participated tonight because they demonstrated good sportsmanship and knowledge of the different subject areas.”

The Awards ceremony for the competition took place during the evening and the Seventh-day Adventist, Beach Allen, Joshua Obadiah Williams and the St.

Paul’s Primary Schools all received attractive cash prizes. The participating students of the final teams also received monetary prizes which were distributed by the Minister of Education and Information, the Honourable Nigel Carty. All participating students and schools of the competition received trophies.

The competition sponsored and organized by the St. Christopher Air and Sea Ports Authority increased SCASPA’s visibility, offered students and schools the opportunity to participate in a healthy academic competition and generated a greater understanding of and appreciation for SCASPA’s role in national development.

“The community can expect more of the same initiatives by SCASPA. We have demonstrated that there is a place for education and learning and what we want to do is make these events standard in our calendar of events,” said Chief Executive Officer of SCASPA, Mr. Terrence Crossman.



Second place team of the Joshua Obadiah Williams Primary School and supporters.

Officials included Moderator, Past Senior Education Officer and Principal of the Basseterre High School, Mrs. Rita Cable, a panel of three judges and four scorers.

The next **Best in Class** Primary School Quiz Competition is scheduled for the year 2012.

## SPORTS AND CULTURAL CLUB FUNDRAISER—A SUCCESS!

Dear Staff,

Our Sports and Cultural Club hosted a boat ride entitled, "Fun on the Sea" on the La Pinta vessel on Friday, 18th November, 2011. The primary purpose of this event was to raise funds for the Antigua Trip scheduled for 2012. The vessel departed the harbour shortly after 9:00 p.m., unfortunately many individuals were left behind because the vessel was only liable to take 230 passengers.

On board we were entertained by the Sugar Band, Nu Vybes International Band and Dj Wet Dutt. Downstairs the band had the vessel rocking non-stop with Soca music while upstairs DJ Wet Dutt entertained the crowd with a mixture of Soca, Hip Hop, and R & B.

The vessel returned to the mariner shortly after 1 a.m. with a very satisfied crowd. This event was deemed a success. I take the opportunity to thank our members for their assistance as well as the members of staff who supported this event. Stay in tuned to see what our club has planned for the year 2012.

Your President

Techell McLean - Warner

## SCASPA GIVES BACK TO SANDY POINT AND SADDLERS



President of SPIRIT, Ms. Treasa Wyatt

During the month of September, the decision was made by SCASPA's Management to build two bus stops in the villages of Saddlers and Sandy Point. "SCASPA wanted to partner with community groups to do pro-

jects and we couldn't have found better groups when we found Sandy Pointers Inspiring Real Improvement throughout (SPIRIT) and Saving Our Youths At Risk (SOYAR). We wanted to work with the community to build something that the community would be proud of." said Chairman of the Logisitics Committee, Mr. Rosevelt Trotman.

A Handing Over ceremony was held in each of these communities during the month of November. The ceremony at Sandy Point commenced at 4: 30 p.m. followed by the ceremony in Saddlers at 5: 30 p.m. During the ceremony held in Saddlers, President of S.O.Y.A.R, Ms. Alicia Collins stated that "The project turned out very well. The journey was a learning experience and I want to express our gratitude to SCASPA for giving us the opportunity to do greater works in our community.



President of SOYAR, Ms. Alicia Collins

Public Relations Officer of SPIRIT, Ms. Che-Raina Warner stated that “We (SPIRIT) were very pleased when we were approached by SCASPA to partner on this initiative. We believe one of the best ways to realize community development is to forge healthy relationships with businesses and other government agencies.”

Both bus stops are ideally situated on the main roads of each community and are easily accessible to community members. Maintenance of the new bus stops is the responsibility of the Community groups.



Bus stop in the community of Saddlers

## ENGLISH MATTERS



The year is ending and the reports are piling up! Memos, program proposals, budget reports...The absolute last thing you need in the midst of it all is writer’s block.

Unfortunately, writer’s block hits us all at one point or another. *The Beacon* has an easy method that can help you snap out of writer’s block!

### Shake up your environment!

We need to shake up our environments in order to shake up our minds.

Changing environments can help you crash through writer’s block. So...

- Clear your desk!
- Take a break to write someplace else!
- Get outside!
- Jot notes on a pad of paper instead of staring at your computer screen!

### Shake up your environment!

## SCASPA STAFF UPDATE

We say Congratulations to Ms. Elsie Harry, Mr. Kurt Caines and Mr. Shaquille Fredricks for their recent achievements!



Ms. Elsie Harry

**Name:** Elsie Harry

**Job Title at SCASPA:** Administrative Assistant.

**Degree/Award attained:** Associate Degree in General Studies (Summa Cum Laude). Runner-up State Scholar and best results in Law and Literatures in English CAPE Examinations 2011.

**Name of Institution:** Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College

**Motto you live your life by:** “As long as you're going to dream anyway, dream big!”

**Plans for the Future:** I aspire to be a Prosecutor one day, therefore, in the near future I will enroll in University to study Law. I also have a passion for writing so I hope that after or while pursuing my Law career that I will publish my first book. I plan to do my best at everything that I engage in and continue to strive for excellence.



Mr. Kurt Caines

**Name:** Kurt Caines

**Jobs Title at SCASPA:** Air Traffic Controller.

**Degree/Award attained:** BSc in Quantity Surveying(Hons).

**Name of Institution:**University of Technology (UTech), Jamaica.

**Motto you live your life by:** 1) “As long as you have life, do it” 2) “Why worry about the things you can't change”

**Plans for the Future:** My degree opened my eyes not only to Construction and Engineering, but also to the importance of proper management and costing of projects, etc. I also did additional courses in Project Management and Principles of Management which now enable me to make a more positive impact at SCASPA and the Federation. I plan to improve my skills and abilities in the future to become an asset to SCASPA and my country.



Shaquille Fredricks receiving his award

**Name:** Shaquille Fredricks

**Job Title at SCASPA:** Security Officer.

**Degree/Award attained:** Remarkable Teen Award for Exceptional Commitment to Community Service.

**Motto you live your life by:** “Keep trying until you achieve your goals in life.”

**Plans for the future:** I hope to be hired by the Fire Department next year.



# SCASPA CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!!!

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 16TH 2011!**

**2: 00 P.M. TO 8: 00 P.M.**

**FREE HAM AND TURKEY  
GIVEAWAY!**

