

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****Consecration Service**

Friday September 7, 2018 will be consecration service at the school at 8:00a.m. This will begin our anniversary activities for the month.

**Anniversary and Thanks Giving Service**

The Alumni and Current students are invited to our Anniversary Month Sabbath Celebration on September 8, 2018 at the Balata SDA Church – 9:00am.

*54 years is one we must be grateful for.*

**Form 5 Retreat**

On Wednesday – 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 Fifth Form students for the academic year 2018/2019, met at the GAMA Learning Institute in Sans Souci for an Empowerment Retreat. Ms. Jacinta Berthier – school’s principal – explained that she continues to inspire children as it is a means of empowering them to excel academically.

The students began the retreat with worship and main devotional by Youth Ministries Director of the St Lucia Mission of Seventh Day Adventist Pastor Quidley Morris. Pastor Roger Stephen – President of the St. Lucia Mission – was the first speaker and presented on Finding One’s Identity (*who they are*) as children of God. Mr. Daryl Montrope, the Permanent Secretary of Parastatal Monitoring Unit in the Office of the Prime Minister, followed with his segment on how decisions made today affects and shapes one’s future.



Mr. Venton Charles (Missionary Evangelist) continued and focused on the importance of a Positive Mentality and used the bible as his basis. The programming then moved on smoothly with the theme “*Tips to Achieving Your Goals*” presented by two alumni - Ms. Angelique and Ms. Annielia Jn Francois; the slogan – “*From D’s to A’s*” was used.

Dr. Cletus Bertin, Director of Caribbean Electric Utility Services Corp. (CARILEC), did the final presentation, “*Embracing Opportunities to be an Ambassador*”. He reminded students of the importance of being self-aware and emotionally intelligent. The retreat closed with a consecration prayer for the 5<sup>th</sup> Form students by Mrs. Angelina Jn Francois – Co-Founder of GAMA Learning Institute.

The principal was delighted with the success of this retreat and hopes to keep the empowerment radiating throughout the year by means of conducting monthly talks. The students are in their final year and it is important that they see the urgency of being prepared and ready for CSEC and cultivate a culture of academic rigor and give competent service to God and man in preparation for eternity.

Parents, teachers nor pastor can do it for them, the students are the only ones that can make the decision to push themselves and to make the necessary changes. As the theme for the retreat states, “*Empowerment Begins with You!*”.

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**Orientation**

Student Orientation was held Thursday August 30, 2018 – from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Staff moved around as they warmly welcomed parents and students to the Academy Family. The main speaker was Dr. Felix Jaria – Agricultural Engineer – who used his personal experience to guide the new students of understanding the importance of one’s will power to make a change.



The School clubs were displayed and the staff of the were presented. The school rules were also elaborated.

We are pleased to report that 46 new students have registered for this academic year (2018/2019); 33 of whom entered Form One. We are grateful to God for his blessing on the S.D.A academy this year.

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