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Principal's Newsletter March 6th, 2009

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to **Joshua Malpas** and **Sarah Maybury** for taking and passing a life saving course. This is a challenging course but very worthwhile and I encourage more students to go for the training. I know that some of our Year 12 students have just started.

After less than co-operative weather on Thursday we did manage to hold our annual Track and Field meeting today under grey skies. I know that some parents were upset that we did not stay with the original rain date of March 12th. However we had just heard that all names have to be submitted for Inter-School Track & Field events by Thursday the 12th and this necessitated the change. I will have the results for next week's email.

Dates to add to your calendars are Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th of March when the Warwick Music Department holds their Spring Concerts. The concert each evening will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. and you can buy tickets at the door. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this event. The Modern Languages Department at Warwick Academy is having a Car Boot Sale and Bake Sale on Saturday, 14th March from 10 a.m. til 3 p.m. \$25 per table email mdunn@warwickacd.bm to book your table. All profits go towards the Year 9 & 10 Trip to France.

In assembly this morning we had visitors from universities in the UK who spoke to the students about the benefits of debating and how this enhances not only confidence and ability to put forward a sustained argument but also how it is something that university admissions personnel look at favourably. My thanks to Mrs. Mathias for organizing their visit to Warwick. They made a comment to me that they had never seen students so well behaved and attentive in an assembly. I was very proud.

Have a great weekend – hope the sun comes back.

Maggie McCorkell
Principal

Merit Winners

Week of Feb. 22nd

1st place - **Husna Farooqui** Y7, Rhodes - 15 merits

2nd place - **Zariah Tucci** Y7, Rhodes - 12 merits

3rd place - **Dante Raynor** Y7, Rhodes - 11 merits

Week of Mar. 1st

1st place – **Katie Page** Y7, Rhodes -10 merits

2nd place – **Kamryn Minors** Y9, Morgan - 8 merits

3rd place – **Teresa Lee** Y8, Patton & **Sonia Ooi** Y9, Rhodes - 7 Merits

Raffle Sales - Winners

The 3 top sellers for this week in Secondary are:

Kyle Trott Y8S

Cocy-Lynne Simmons Y7M

Khaleb Tota Y7N

“Dollars for Hours” – sponsored by Partner Re

Over the last six weeks, mostly at weekends, Mr. Smith our Art teacher, Mrs. Vickers and a number of Warwick art students have been painting and creating a mural on the new Skink House at Windreach Recreational Village. Partner Re sponsors this event annually where in return for a community project each of the secondary schools on the island are presented with \$30,000. Last year, for example, we cleared a part of the Gladys Morrell Nature Reserve of invasive plants. This is a very generous exercise by Partner Re but also one which teaches the importance of giving back, doing work to earn a reward and the students also learn about many different aspects of Bermuda life. My thanks go to Jamie Masters at Partner Re and to all the staff and students who contributed their time.

International Baccalaureate Visual Arts

The Year 13 I.B. students have been working very hard this week to put together their exhibition and exam preparation and if you would like to see their work, please come along to the Drama studio today from 5 until 7p.m. To-morrow they will face the I.B. art examiner who will not only assess their finished product but also interview each student and listen to their presentations as they outline the inspiration and thought processes behind their art.

Warwick Academy Middle School Rugby

The Warwick Academy M1/M2 rugby ended their season on Thursday with another victory - this time against Somersfield. Warwick tries were scored by **Jaret Simmons** and **Micah Perozzi**, and according to the coaches all WA players had outstanding games.

Somersfield were unbeaten so far this year, so the match was never going to be easy. WA were definitely up for the game though, and they proved they were the better team on the day, winning

the game 25 to 15. Some ferocious tackling from virtually every WA player stopped the Somersfield players in their tracks time and time again and allowed the WA backs to use their speed outside.

Mr. White noted that the boys played extremely well as a team, and that the improvement from the beginning of the season was remarkable. The players are all to be congratulated on a tremendous - and victorious - season. WA will be the team to beat next year!

Some of the boys that play rugby on Sunday with the BRFU will be playing a round robin tournament on the Saturday, March 14th with some teams from Cayman Islands. Of all those boys, there were some selected to represent Bermuda in Under 10, Under 12 and Under 14 against Cayman Islands. The Bermuda vs Cayman games are to be held on Sunday March 15th at National Stadium. In the Under 14's Warwick Academy has 5 representatives, **Matthew Blee, Samuel Bennett, Graham Cooke, Jaret Simmons** and **Jared Whitecross**.