



SEMPER FLAGRANS!

NEWSLETTER OF THE GLENMUIR HIGH PAST STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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FROM THE DESK OF THE

President

Although the previous year was in many ways another very challenging year due to the continued impact of the global pandemic, it was also a year of resilience. We are grateful that as an Association, we have been able to continue, through different modalities, to support our alma mater by responding boldly to the changing circumstances. This issue of our newsletter celebrates our continued *Flagrans* zeal. We hope that our members will reflect on the achievements of our fellow past students as they continue to blaze a trail of excellence on the global stage despite the challenges.

The Past Students Association remains a valuable partner of the school. We were heartened by the spirit of altruism shown by many of you who served with the various chapters or who supported the varying events, although they were scaled back due to the pandemic. As the COVID-19 restrictions begin to

lessen and we are seeing the opening of sectors, we look forward to the return of many of our staple fundraising events so that we can fellowship and advance our projects.

As I close, I would like to express sincere thanks to our alumni and partners, who despite their own situations, were resolute and unfailing in their commitment to support the staff and the educational achievement of the present student body. Our partners were able to provide resources to enhance the teaching and learning process and foster co-curricular enrichment for our students. While the future remains uncertain, one thing remains unchanged; that is the *Flagrans* zeal burning within us to effect positive change on the local and global levels, no matter the circumstance.

Saundra Boreland-Bailey
President

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SEMPER FLAGRANS!



*Happy Independence,
Jamaica!*

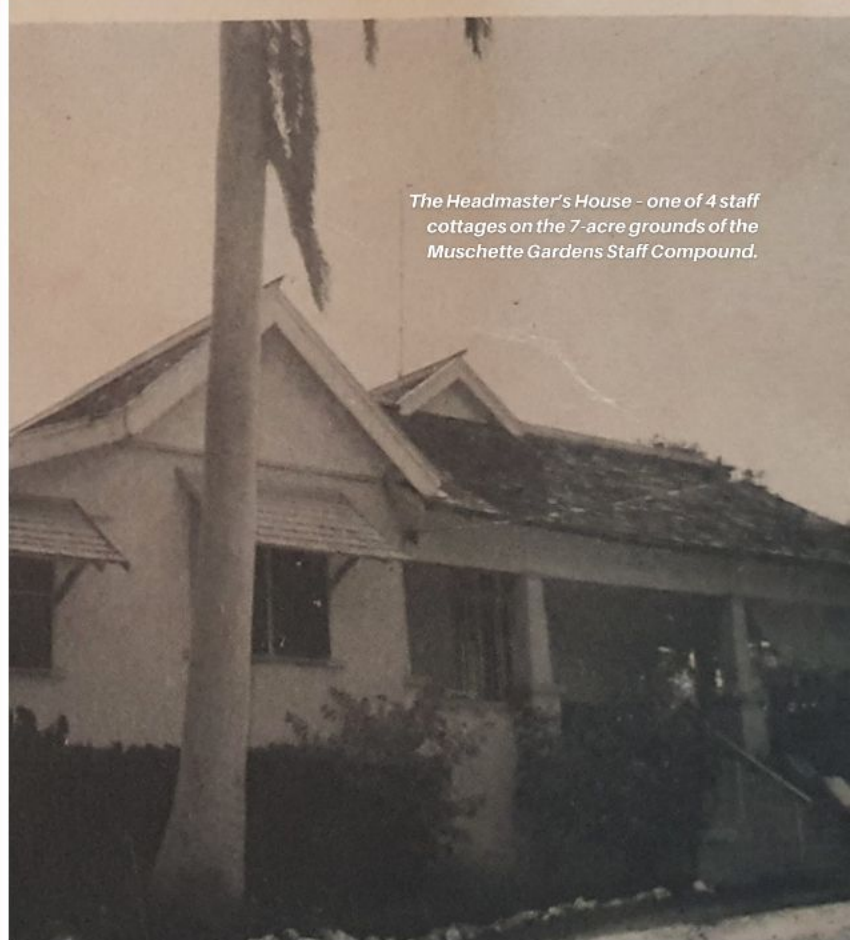


Students and teachers share a light moment.

T H R O W B A C K

GHS IN THE 60s

We've come a mighty long way!
How many of these images do
you recognize?



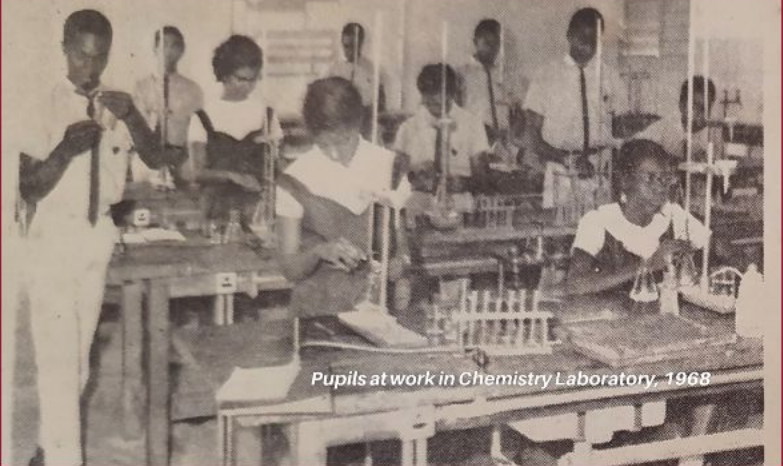
*The Headmaster's House - one of 4 staff
cottages on the 7-acre grounds of the
Muschette Gardens Staff Compound.*



Glenmuir House - formerly the official residence of the late Custos Muirhead of Clarendon and later that of Mr. & Mrs. Robert deRoux.



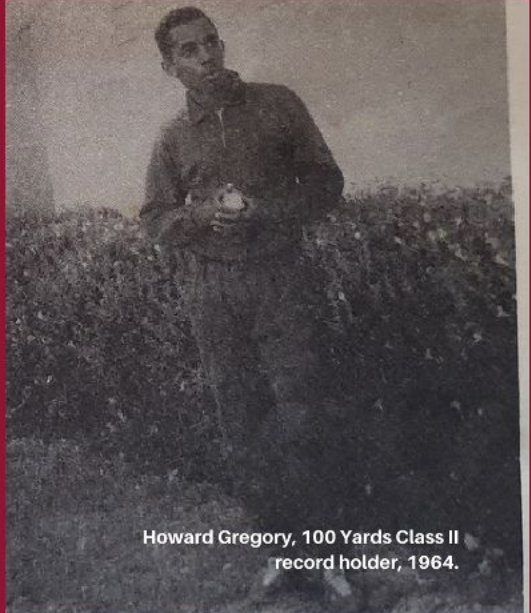
H. E. Sir Kenneth Blackburne formerly Governor of Jamaica, giving the address at the 2nd Prize-Giving function 1961.



Pupils at work in Chemistry Laboratory, 1968



The Choir, 1966



Howard Gregory, 100 Yards Class II record holder, 1964.



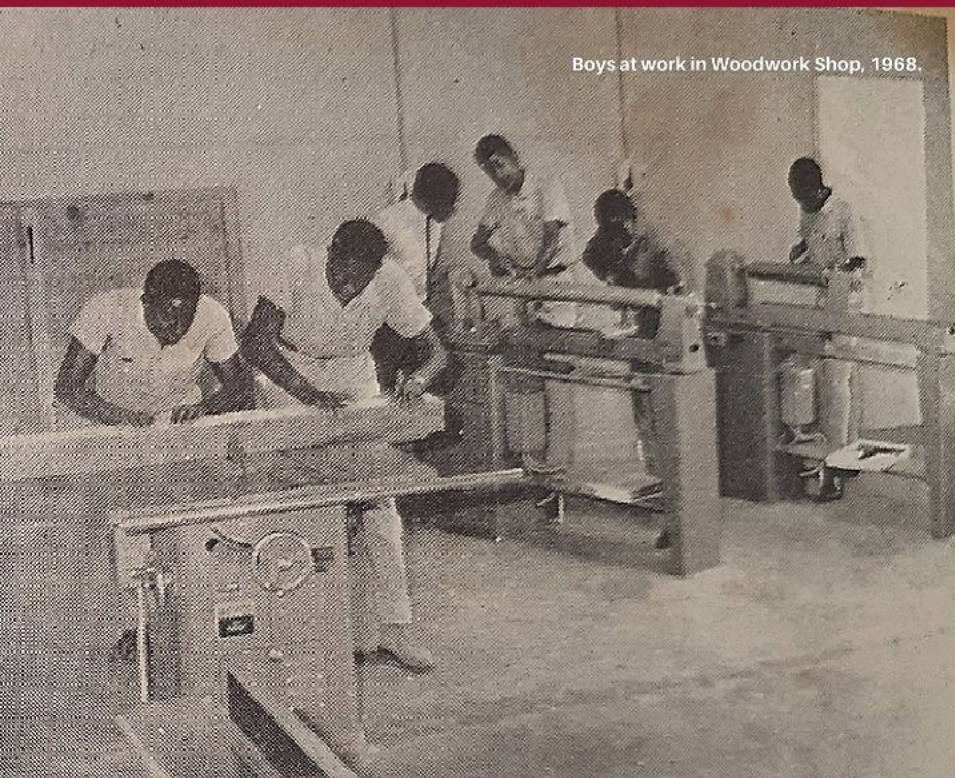
The Drama Group - 1963-64. From left: D. Cater, N. Hoillette, M. Lubsey, O. Davies, B. Magnus, J. Baker, Miss Valrie Bartlett - Drama Mistress



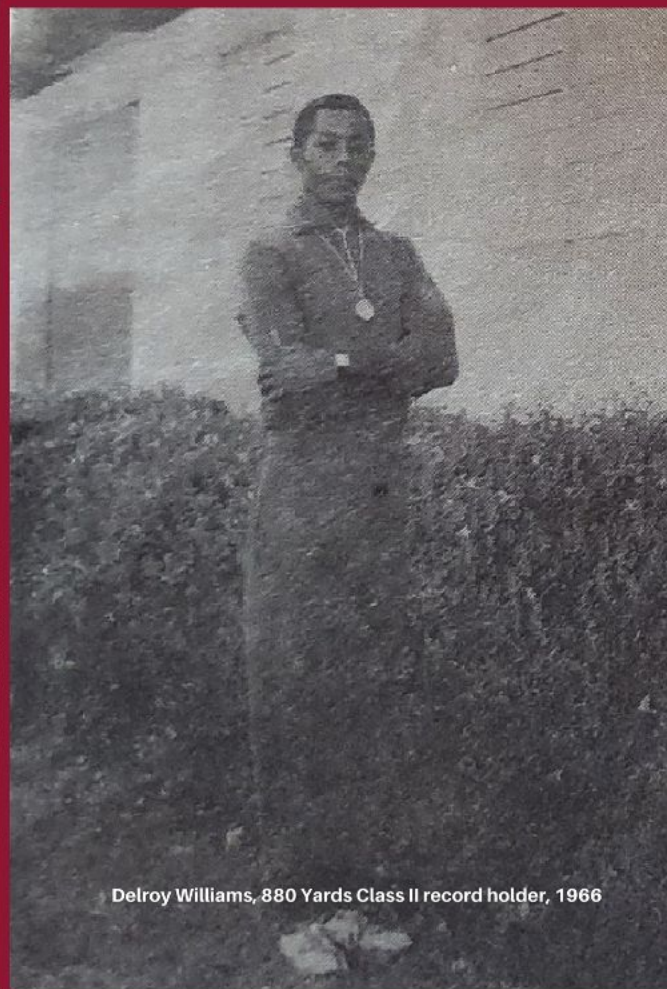
Lady Blackburne presenting a prize to Pauline Anderson, 1st Head Girl of Glenmuir in 1960. Mrs. D. V. Brown, Senior Mistress (centre) looks on.



Headmaster and Staff, 1968



Boys at work in Woodwork Shop, 1968.



Delroy Williams, 880 Yards Class II record holder, 1966



Congratulations GLENMUIR!...

...for being named as the

**top value-added
traditional secondary
in Jamaica**

based on the recent study conducted by the Jamaica Education Transformation Commission in the 2021 *Reform of Education in Jamaica Report*.

We recognize our hard-working board of management, teachers, administrative and ancillary staff, parents, students, and supporters who have been guided by principals:

*Dr. Sydney Howard Scott (Foundation Principal)
Mrs. Dorcas V. Brown (Acting)
Mr. Clement Radcliffe
Mr. Winston Willis (Acting)
Mrs. Monacia Williams
Mrs. Karen Radcliffe (Acting)
Dr. Marsha Smalling*



UPDATES

on the

GHSPSA

With the sustained impact of the global pandemic, the education sector has required significant assistance. For many institutions, alumni associations are instrumental in supporting the teaching-learning process. During the pandemic, the GHSPSA local and overseas chapters, like many other associations, have been able to offer support to our present and past students through scholarship and equipment donations, distributing care packages, infrastructure support, mentorship programmes and through professional development webinars.

Webinars

With the ongoing pandemic and restrictions, for a second year, the 2022 annual GHSPSA event Let's Do Brunch! was cancelled. The PSA like all other organizations had to do online activities. This PSA hosted three successful webinars addressing Estate Planning, Surviving & Thriving Online, and Financial Planning that featured past student presenters and panellists.



AGM

The GHSPSA held its AGM on September 11, 2021.

GHSPSA and the National Alumni Association

The Governor General of Jamaica declared the second Tuesday in October as National Alumni Day to recognize the efforts of alumni associations in supporting the national development agenda.

National Alumni Day was celebrated on Wednesday, October 13, 2021. The Flagrans Family, who are members of the Jamaica Alumni Association of High Schools participated in the virtual inaugural commemoration ceremony and wore its school colours in support of the event.

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

GHSPSA Chapters Collaborate on Covid-19 Response Efforts!

Despite the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, the alumni chapters continue to collaborate and support the school in cash and resource donations to support teaching and learning, wellness and safety.

The PSA extends appreciation to all its partners who selflessly mobilized their chapters to provide financial and other important well-needed support to the School. We salute all our hard-working chapter Presidents: Sandra Bailey, Jamaica; André Walls, NY; Sherine Robinson, Toronto; Kerry Ganna, UK; and Norman Archer, South Florida.

● **Alumni fetes staff**

The Associations joined efforts to recognize all levels of staff in appreciation for Glenmuir being named as the *top value-added traditional secondary in Jamaica* based on the recent study conducted by the Jamaica Education Transformation Commission in the 2021 Reform of Education in Jamaica Report.

● **Past Student dedicates school bench in honour of late Mother**

Class of '78 alumna Glenroy Josephs and the South Florida chapter dedicated lawn benches to Glenmuir High School in a dedication service held in February 2022. The dedication was in memory of Mrs. Eleanor Josephs, whose wish was to have her son Glenroy attend Glenmuir High. Although she was not an alumna, she loved Glenmuir and was a proud supporter.



- After a 2-year break due to the COVID-19 pandemic, The South Florida Chapter successfully hosted its **Fish-Fry fundraiser in July.**
- The School Challenge Quiz (SCQ) team of 1995 donated various resources to the quiz team.
- Distinguished alumnus Dr. Henry Godfrey, graciously contributed US\$10,000 towards the sport programmes at Glenmuir High School. Dr. Godfrey was one of the first two past students to graduate as a medical doctor in the 1960s.

CHAPTER UPDATES

- Prospect Outreach, chaired by alumna Mrs. Marjorie McCreary donated two laptops to fifth form students.



- The class of 1985 donated 4 laptops, 2 tablets, 70 face shields and a projector to the school and were welcomed donations.
- Alumna and gospel singer Jodian Pantry donated Amazon tablets to the primary school in her community of Chapelton to assist them with their schooling.



**We're getting back to
doing the things we
love.**



Staying safe still matters.



ALUMNI BLAZING DESPITE COVID

Despite the challenges and setbacks of the global pandemic, past students have been able to blaze the Flagrans fire of excellence abroad!



Ms. Michelle Wright Jupp was named 2021 New York Library Association's (NYLA) *School Librarian of the Year*. This prestigious award is given to a librarian who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership and service within the library community over the past 12–18 months. Ms. Jupp is the School Library Media Specialist at Horizons on the Hudson's elementary school.

Former Head Girl **Neysa Boothe-Fligor** was elected the first black mayor in the city Los Altos in its 68 year history.



Donald Clarke was inducted into the Secured Finance Network Hall of Fame. This annual honor recognizes individuals who have made unique, significant, or lasting contributions to the secured finance industry.

Former Head Boy **Stephen Rodriques** was appointed as the UNDP Resident Representative for Liberia in 2021. Prior to this appointment, he served as the UNDP Resident Representative in Rwanda.



Dr. Tashni-Ann Dubroy was named as the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Female President of the Year. Dr. Tashni-Ann Dubroy, (then President of Shaw University), was recently appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Howard University. She was awarded Female President of the Year by the HBCU Digest.



On July 2, 2022, **Nurse Sandra Lindsay** was recognized by United States President Joe Biden as an "Outstanding American by Choice," a US Citizenship and Immigration Services programme that recognizes citizens who have been naturalized. Nurse Lindsay is believed to be the first American to be vaccinated against COVID-19 outside of a clinical trial. She works as director of nursing for critical care at Northwell Health's Long Island Jewish Medical Center in Queens, New York.

SCHOOL UPDATES

Glenmuir High School Report 2022 (January 2021 – March 2022)

- Eighteen students earned top three placements in varying subjects in the CSEC and CAPE Examinations for 2021. The subjects were Electronic Document Preparation and Management (EDPM), Industrial Techniques: Building, Physical Education and Sport, Food and Nutrition, Entrepreneurship and Tourism.
- Upper sixth form student Jaleel Williams spearheaded the “Log onto Education Tech Drive” that raised funds to purchase tablets for students in need at Glenmuir. Twenty tablets were purchased and presented to the students.



- Glenmuir alumna and member of staff Mrs. Stephany Blair-Allen was named one of select Teachers of the Year by the Jamaica Teaching Council (JTC) for 2021 for Region 7.
- Glenmuir High school in partnership with the Ministry of Health, hosted two COVID-19 vaccination blitzes on the school compound.
- Upper sixth former Michael Crawford was recognized for participating in the First Global Challenge (FGC) National Robotics Team for 2020/2021. The team is supported by past students Mr. Joseph Williams and Mr. Lenford Spenser and the Class of 1981. The FIRST Global Challenge is an international robotics event, with more than 160 nations around the world participating this year.

SCHOOL UPDATES

- Glenmuir's School Challenge Quiz (SCQ) team won its opening match but was eliminated from the competition in the second round for the 2021 season.
- The GHS Choir held a concert "Fi Wi Island Christmas" during December 2021.
- First former Zoelee Duffus was selected as one of two Jamaican readers to participate in the Global Water Partnership (GWP) Caribbean Storytelling Project. The project involved several readers from different Caribbean territories and she was one of the readers for the Jamaican leg of the tour in December 2021.
- 6th formers Mikaelia Nesbeth and Neville-Anne Morgan were among the top three winners in the Food4Change Caribbean Story Writing Competition held under the University of the West Indies Food and Nutrition (FaN) Project, based at the Caribbean Institute for Health Research (CAIHR) in February 2022.



From left: Mikaelia Nesbeth, Professor Alafia Samuels, principal investigator with the Food and Nutrition (FaN) Project, Neville-Anne Morgan, competition judge Michael Reckord and Hayley Clarke at the Food4Change Caribbean Story Writing Competition ceremony recently held at The Jamaica Pegasus.

PAST STUDENTS'

Success



Alumna **Pier Ann Brown**, PT, CKTI, is a leading physiotherapy expert in the Caribbean region and is the first Jamaican and West Indian to be certified by the IOC (International Olympic Committee) for a graduate Diploma in Sports Physiotherapies. Pier Ann has been the team therapist for Team Jamaica at numerous local and international competitions, including several years at the Olympic Games.



Alumna **Rosheika Grant** was awarded one of the United Kingdom (UK) Government's Chevening Scholarships for Jamaica for 2021.



Alumnus and former Head Boy, **Glendon Taylor** was awarded as the *Most Outstanding Jamaican Engineering Student*, University of Technology at the Jamaica Institution of Engineers (JIE) Awards for Excellence 2021.

Do you or an alumnus that you know have news to share about how you have kept the Flagrans fire blazing? We would love to hear about it so that we can celebrate with you!

Drop us a line at glenmuiralumnija@gmail.com.

WAYS TO *Support*

There are many ways that alumni members can support the work of our beloved alma mater.



The Scholarship Fund

The GHSPSA Scholarship Fund offers grants to past students who are pursuing tertiary education. The scholarships are academic and needs based. We continue to encourage past students to give to this fund so that we can increase the number of students who are able to benefit.



The Welfare Fund

As students begin to return to face-to-face school, the high cost of living due to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic makes it difficult for many to return to school with all their required needs. The welfare fund seeks to assist needy students with tuition fees, cost of books and learning devices, uniforms and or transportation costs.



Property Renovations

After successfully improving and naming the Dr. Sydney Scott Auditorium, the PSA will be turning its attention to other projects at Glenmuir including renovating the main entrance and gate into the school.

We need your continued support to maintain our beloved alma mater as the high school of choice for generations to come.

DONATE/VOLUNTEER TODAY. ASK US HOW.



Remembering Our Loved Ones

"The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living". Cicero

The Glenmuir High School family lost four members of its current and past teaching staff.



Miss Lilleith "Señorita" Valeria
Lindsay
Spanish Department



Mr. Leslie James
Business Dept.
(Alumnus)



Mr. Christophe Myrie
Science Department



Mr. Ronald Walker
Industrial Arts Dept.
(Alumnus)

In Memoriam

The GHS Past Students' Association mourns the passing of members of our alumni, who left us during this period.

We pray that their souls will rest in eternal peace.



GLENMUIR HIGH SCHOOL PAST STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

5th Annual General Meeting



SUNDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2022
3:00 - 4:00 P.M. (JAMAICA)
GLENMUIR HIGH SCHOOL (10 GLENMUIR ROAD)

ZOOM DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED CLOSER TO THE EVENT



We're back!

GLENMUIR HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTS

LUNCH X ON THE X LAWN

| SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 |

VENUE: GLENMUIR HIGH SCHOOL

Save the date

GLENMUIR HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - FLORIDA CHAPTER
PRESENTS



END OF SUMMER

Weekend

SEPT
23-25
2022

FRIDAY
SEPT. 23
8PM TILL...

MEET & GREET BACKYARD NYAMMINS

1211 NW 50TH AVE, LAUDERHILL FLORIDA 33313

REFRESHMENTS ON SALE

SATURDAY
SEPT. 24
7PM TILL...

DINNER & DANCE GOLD COAST BALLROOM

LYONS PLAZA, 1415 LYONS RD
COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA 33063

CONTRIBUTION: \$85 + CASH BAR

SUNDAY
SEPT. 25
11:30AM TILL...

SUNDAY WIND DOWN C B SMITH PARK | SHELTER 6

900 N FLAMINGO RD
PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA 33028

CONTRIBUTION: \$20

TICKETS
AVAILABLE ON
EVENTBRITE

FOR MORE INFORMATION/ TICKETS CONTACT
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ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND



TORONTO
CHAPTER

FALL FISH FRY

SATURDAY: OCT 22, 2022



MENU:

- ESCOVITCH/BROWN STEW FISH

WITH CHOICE OF 2 SIDES

- RICE AND PEAS
- FESTIVALS
- COLESLAW

- PLACE YOUR ORDER AND PAY BY OCTOBER 12.

- PICK UP LOCATION:

95 QUARRY EDGE DRIVE,
BRAMPTON

2-7PM



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, September 18, 2022.

Hybrid format: Glenmuir High School, 10 Glenmuir Road and via Zoom

Jamaica

Save the Date: *Lunch on the Lawn*, September 18, 2022 at Glenmuir High School, 10 Glenmuir Road, May Pen.

South Florida

The '*End of Summer*' Weekend is scheduled for September 23-25, 2022 after being on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Toronto

The Fall Fish Fry is scheduled for October 22, 2022.

Thank You

To you, our Past Students who continue to support the various chapter Associations and activities of the school despite the challenges of COVID-19!

We could not do it without you!

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