



# HSC Bulletin

## Helmich Snijders H.C.S.

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School Theme 2023 – 2024:



**G**reetings to our students, parents, teachers and staff! Can you believe we are more than halfway through Term 1? Please continue to encourage your child/ren to take learning seriously.

Please take note of the following information:

### LATE ARRIVAL/ABSENTEEISM

School begins at 7:30 a.m.! We are monitoring those students who continue to arrive late or are absent from school without providing formal notification.



It is our duty to report students who are constantly late/absent without valid reasons to the Truancy Department.

### SCHOOL SAFETY PROCEDURES

After re-evaluating our school’s safety plan we hereby bring the following to your attention:

- Gates will be closed as of 7:35 a.m., daily. Parents must drop-off their child via the office after this time as visits to your child’s classroom will not be allowed. Please make an appointment to speak with your child’s teacher.

- Once gates are closed, parents/visitors are not allowed to open the gate to enter the school. Please ring the doorbell and enter through the main office.

#### *Opening of Gate at Dismissal Time:*

Groups 1 & 2 - 1:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m.  
 Cycle 2 - 1:30 p.m.

A member of staff will open the gate.

### Parental Contributions

Please, be reminded of the importance your contribution plays in your child’s educational experience. Kindly ensure that your contribution has been made as soon as possible.

Please remember the fees for students attending Early Childhood must be paid by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month.

The contribution for the Community School program also has to be paid by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### TEACHER APPRECIATION

We wish to acknowledge the hard work of our teachers and the dedication they show everyday at our school. Although teacher appreciation week is officially celebrated during the 1st week in October, we will continue to praise our teachers throughout the entire month. May God continue to bless all teachers as they work towards empowering our students to strive for success.



The staff of the Helmich Snijders Hillside Christian School extends a warm gratitude to Honorable Minister Angelique Roumou for the token received!

### Character Education

The **virtue** of the **month** of **October** is: **Connection** – to do all I can to connect with others and God in the right way.

Each week an aspect of the virtue is discussed. The following will be highlighted:

- Peacemaker– *Mathew 5:9*
- Faithful – *Proverbs 18:24a*
- Reform – *Ephesians 4:23*

### BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness month, pink ice pops (\$ 0.25) will be on sale. Part of the funds collected will be donated to a local organization’s continued effort in creating and encouraging breast cancer awareness.



*Cotton candy* will also be on sale on Thursday, October 26th - Cost \$1.

Students are allowed to rock something pink on October 26th for a fee; \$1 per pink item (check our facebook page/website for more information). Proceeds will be donated!



Monday - Friday  
 7:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.  
 Ms. Charles - Secretary  
 Ms. Anna - Uniform Sales

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TAAL DAG

Thursday, Oct. 26th, 2023

Students will learn more about the Dutch language in a fun and engaging way. This year's Taal Dag will focus on presentation skills. Each student will get a Dutch word which they will be required to give a short presentation on.

### LITERACY WEEK

October 16th - 20th, 2023

Theme: Lees, Groei, Inspireer!  
Read, Grow, Inspire!

Students and teachers will engage in various exciting activities throughout the week such as:

- Creating comic strip books
- D.E.A.R. Drop Everything and Read
- Create drawings based on books read
- Everything created will be on display in the Exhibition Room;



The Literacy classroom. Classes will have

designated times they will be able to visit the Exhibition Room.

### Reformation and Staff Enrichment Day

The staff of the Hillside Christian Schools will be participating in staff enrichment activities on Friday, October 27th, 2023. There will be no school for students on this day.



### Facebook Page/ Website

Check out our Facebook page and website for upcoming activities and also pictures of our students.

### Facebook Page

[www.facebook.com/helmichsnijdershcs/](http://www.facebook.com/helmichsnijdershcs/)

### Website

[www.helmichsnijderscampus.net](http://www.helmichsnijderscampus.net)

### Vacation Schedule 2023 – 2024

**St. Maarten Day: Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Break: Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> - Jan 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Mid-Term II Break: Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter Break: Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> - Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Carnival/King's Birthday/Labor**

**Day Break: Apr. 24<sup>th</sup> - May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Ascension Day: May 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Emancipation Day: July 1<sup>st</sup>**

Last Day of school year 2023 – 2024 is June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Birthday Greetings

#### October

Juf Patricia, Juf Milton, Dhr. Brandon, Juf Melisa, Dhr. Shawn & Juf S. Lake

Congratulations to all our boys and girls. May the Lord grant you many more years of life!



## SAFETY DRILLS 2023 - 2024

Over the course of the school year, several drills will be carried out to help ensure that students and staff are aware of what must be done in the event of an emergency. These drills include, but are not limited to, fire, earthquake and lockdown.



Sometimes these drills will be planned, while other times spontaneous drills are held to assess everyone's ability to respond quickly to the emergencies.

In the event of an actual emergency and there is no access to the school building, all students and staff will assemble at the Reunification Point (pick-up location) which is located at the St. Peters Basketball court. Please visit our school's website for more information on our Reunification Point procedures.

**The next Earthquake drill will be carried out during the week of October 23rd.**

**Please note that there will be an island-wide Earthquake drill that will be conducted on November 1st in all schools.**

## PARENTING TIPS!

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/peaceful-parents-happy-kids/202105/strengthen-parent-child-relationship-through-connection>

Five daily habits to increase connection with your child:

- 1. Welcome the emotion** - Children experience big emotions; don't let your child's anger trigger you, and welcome the tears and fears that always hide behind the anger.
- 2. Listen and Empathize** - use more phrases such as "Wow! ...I see ...Really? ... How was that for you? ... Tell me more."
- 3. Slow down and savor the moment**
- 4. Bed Time Snuggle and Chat** (Whenever possible) - time to listen and share!
- 5. Show Up - Be present!**