



HSC Bulletin

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School Theme 2023 – 2024:



*Happy St. Martin Day
to our Hillside Families!*

Please take note of the following:

St. Martin Day Celebration 2023



On Thursday, November 9th, we will be celebrating St. Martin Day under the theme: *Honoring Our Icons - Give Them Their Flowers While They Are Alive!*

A short assembly will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in the gym hall.

Dress code for our students: Red, White and Blue (any combination) or a St. Martin cultural wear (floral print).

All clothing must be suitable and in accordance with our school's dress code.

Celebrations will also take place in the respective classrooms: A SXM traditional lunch will be served while students learn more about St. Martin's history)

Please Note: There will be **NO SCHOOL** on **Monday, November 13th, 2023** due to a Well-Being Conference organized for teachers by the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sports in collaboration with Student Support Services Division. School will resume on **Tuesday, November 14th, 2023.**



END-OF-TERM 1 ASSESSMENT Groups 3 - 8

Date: Nov. 15th - 17th & 20th - 22nd

We urge you to encourage our children to prepare well for Test Week. Sit with them and discuss the tests schedule they will receive and set aside a special time for reviewing daily.



First Report Card 2023-2024

The end of the First Term for this school year is quickly approaching. Students are encouraged to remain focused, be diligent and work hard!



Cycle 1—Groups 1-4

Date: December 6th, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cycle 2—Groups 5-8

Date: December 7th, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Character Education

The **virtue** of the **month** of **November** is: **Citizenship** – Respectful devotion (dedication) or allegiance to one's country and or school.

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

Loyal – *John 15:13*

Thankful – *1 Thessalonians 5:18*

Dependable - *Psalms 55:22*

Contentment - *Hebrews 13:5a*

Food Drive

Christmas Baskets

Through this initiative, students learn how to share with other students and their families who are less fortunate than them by bringing canned foods and other goodies to school. We are kindly asking students to bring a **canned or non-perishable food item** (Eg. rice, macaroni, spaghetti, ketchup, cooking oil, cookies, juices etc.) to school starting Monday, November 20th, 2023. Each group has been given a list of possible items to choose from (please refer to school letter).

This year's food drive will end on Friday, December 8th, 2023.

We thank you in advance for your contributions and cooperation!



**Big D Photo
Christmas Package**

Parents who desire to purchase the **Big D's Photo Christmas package** for their child(ren) are hereby informed that the deadline for payments has been extended to **November 17th, 2023. Price: \$25**

Picture Day will be on November 28th, 2023 in school.

Please note: Students taking photos must come to school dressed in their Christmas outfit. Once photos are taken students will then change into their uniform.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness month, pink ice pops and cotton candy were sold. A total of \$360.00 will be presented to a representative of **The Still Beautiful Foundation** to assist in creating and promoting Breast Cancer awareness. This presentation will take place during the St. Martin's Day assembly at our school. Thank you students, parents and teachers for your support!



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/

Website
www.helmichsnijderscampus.net

**Vacation Schedule
2023 – 2024**

- St. Maarten Day: Nov. 11th**
- Christmas Break: Dec. 18th - Jan 1st**
- Mid-Term II Break: Feb. 12th – 13th**
- Easter Break: Mar. 28th - Apr. 1st**
- Carnival/King's Birthday/Labor Day Break: Apr. *27th - May 3rd**
- Ascension Day: May 9th - 10th**
- Emancipation Day: July 1st**

Last Day of school year 2023 – 2024 is June *26th, 2024

**Adjustments made to dates by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports as per Oct. 27th, 2023*

Birthday Greetings

November

Mrs. Sprott (Superintendent)

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



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 5th of each month.

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

**DATES TO LOOKOUT FOR IN
DECEMBER**

December 1st

**CHRISTMAS T-SHIRT CROCS AND OR
CHRISTMAS SOCKS**

Students are allowed to come dressed in a Christmas T-shirt, crocs and or Christmas-themed socks or Christmas-colored socks and their uniform bottom.



Fundraising cost: \$1. - per item worn (maximum \$3.). Please note this is not mandatory.



December 5th

CREATE A CHRISTMAS CARD

Students will create Christmas cards, in their respective classes, which will then be collected and given to families in our community, the Sint Martin's Home and the St. Maarten Medical Center (SMMC) as a means of spreading warm Hillside Christmas greetings.