



*We are a **S.U.P.E.R** School – Staff and Students Understanding and Preparing for Exceptional Results*

One Team! One Goal! No Limits!

June 30, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your patience as we've worked on solidifying what next year will look like. As promised, I am sharing out the following pertinent information that you need to know re the 2019-2020 school year and beyond:

WIMS School Vision:

- To unlock the potential in every student

WIMS School Mission Statement:

- The Whitney Institute Middle School will provide a safe, disciplined environment where all students can experience academic success, social maturity and become responsible, caring, global citizens.

WIMS Academic Focus:

- Continued focus on researched best practices and student achievement
- Teacher participation in Cambridge PD courses (ie. 2 yr PD schedule)
- Standards Based Grading as per the MOED (ie. on-going)
- Advocacy for academic options (ie. not a one size fits all approach)
- IGCSE Program (ie. identified students in September)
- Cambridge Curriculum Program (ie. the Bermuda National Program)
- City & Guilds Program (ie. another academic option to the Cambridge Program, identified students in September)
- Intervention Learning Program (ie. Will be replacing the Functional Academics Program as we know it)
- Enhanced Functional Skills Program
- Provide academic options that propel and prepare students for respective career pathways (ie. work experience opportunities off campus and on campus)

WIMS Athletic Focus:

- Continue to provide athletic options for all students (ie. beyond Bermuda's national sports)
- Continue opportunities to be showcased in front of overseas coaches (ie. on island and off island)
- Opportunities to participate at a high level in a variety of sports (ie. on island and off island)
- Utilizing WIMS alumni and community partners (ie. as coaches and as consultants)

WIMS Social Focus:

- More events to foster community amongst the WIMS Family (ie. building camaraderie and enhancing school spirit)
- More student led activities (ie. having more students develop and facilitate on campus initiatives)
- Solidify and expand already established social programs and events (ie. WIMS Essential 20, Year Level Celebrations, Grief Groups, Parent Help Sessions, Respecting Diversity and Differences)
- Liaise with WIMS alumni and community members regarding resources for students in need (ie. Items of clothing, footwear, food)



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WIMS Fundraising Focus:

- IT needs for the classroom and the teachers (ie. working laptops, computers, LCD projectors)
- Subject texts, novels, new library books, teacher and student subject resources (ie. for each classroom and each department)

WIMS Community Service Focus:

- Continue established annual school community service initiatives (ie. Annual KBB Clean Up, Annual Seniors' Tea)

WIMS Academic Courses

- All students study: English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education
- Electives: Spanish/French, Business Studies, Family Studies, Visual Art, Music, Design & Technology, Reading

WIMS Interventions

- Identified students
- Program resources using best practices, to strengthen students' areas of challenges
- To be infused in students' schedules

WIMS Enrichment

- Not a one size fits all
- Program resources using best practices, catering to students' strengths and abilities
- To be infused in students' schedules

WIMS Athletic Study Hall

- Mandatory for members of the schools' teams as per the schools' athletic coaches
- Opportunity for students to better balance academics and sport as this has been challenging for some
- Alignment with opportunities for overseas placements

WIMS School Resources

- WIMS office will be open all summer
- PE uniform can be purchased from the WIMS office \$40 (\$20 shirt, \$20 shorts) – an additional overseas order to be placed this summer
- WIMS subject books \$4 each – an overseas order to be placed this summer
- Long-term objective to be more self-sufficient – sell our own supplies

WIMS Upcoming Events

- WIMS Social Passport Experience 9am-12noon – August 28th (M1's), 29th (M2's), 30th (M3's). A flyer will be sent out.
- WIMS Parent Meeting – September 5th at 5:45pm in the Outerbridge Hall
- WIMS S.U.P.E.R. Conference – September 10th-11th (ie. first days of school for the students)
- WIMS M1 and M2 Prize-Giving Ceremony for 2018-2019 – September 16th at 8:35am in the Outerbridge Hall