

The Berkeley Institute "Weekly Times"

Week of 27th November, 2023

Our Mission Statement

"The mission of The Berkeley Institute, a diverse senior school with a rich heritage and tradition of excellence, is to ensure a stimulating learning environment that prepares all of its students to lead full and purposeful lives and to assume leadership roles in both the local and global communities." Revised April, 2019



Man of the Years to Come:
Deputy Head Boy and Youth Climate Ambassador, Isaiah Fraser, has been selected to represent Bermuda at the YOUNGA World Festival in Dubai

Principal's Corner:

Good morning Berkeley Family,

Happy Monday! It is my hope that all those that celebrated Thanksgiving with family and friends had an awesome time last Thursday and a relaxing weekend was had by all.

We celebrate Deputy Douglas and her Team for a splendid and impressive Prize Giving Ceremony 2023. It was truly an awe-inspiring event from beginning to end. The student speakers were outstanding. For example, Deputy Head Boy, Isaiah Fraser offered a heartfelt prayer, Head Girl, Chiaje Rudo received a standing ovation for her remarkable speech and Elias Baia, who announced our guest with a witty, first-class introduction was heartedly applauded for a job well done. We also experienced a spirited and exceptional speech from our guest speaker, Berkeleyite, Mrs. Meisha Medford Easton that surely resonated with all attendees! She was phenomenal and reminds us that 'Oft as they can, Berkeleyites will always come back again...', as our school song suggests, in order to give back and to continue to enrich our school body. We continue to be so very proud of our Berkeleyites near and far...happy tears! Lest we forget, that the occasion was earmarked to celebrate the achievements of our 180 prize winners and our school! Again, well done to our current and former students, staff, parents and supporters!

We are excited to share that we will be celebrating our Honour Roll students for the **Quarter 1** and **Quarter 4** (2022-2023) periods on the following dates:

- ❖ **S1- Monday, November 27, 2023 at 11:45 a.m. (Quarter 1 ONLY!)**
- ❖ **S2- Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 11:45 a.m.**
- ❖ **S3- Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 11:45 a.m.**
- ❖ **S4- Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 11:45 a.m.**

All Honour Roll Assemblies will be held in our Cafetorium. Participating students will receive an invitation to share with their family. The celebrations will be in person as there is no ZOOM option available.

As you are aware, **Parent Teacher Conferences** are scheduled for **Tuesday, November 28th (S1 & S4) and Wednesday, November 29th (S2 & S3) from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the school.** We will send detailed correspondence under separate cover with regards to the expectations for the Conferences.

Reminders...We will be having a **\$3.00 Grub Day-Friday, December 1, 2023.** There is no special theme; however, all Grub Day rules apply.

Also, students report in **WINTER UNIFORM (Blazers are Mandatory)**-Monday, December 4, 2023.

Looking Ahead...Our monthly **PTSA Meeting** is scheduled for **Monday, December 4, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.** in the **Cafetorium.** There will be four year-level specific breakout sessions. More detailed information is forthcoming.

Have a great day and a wonderful week ahead!

In The Spirit of Giving!



The Berkeley Institute presented \$2000 to PALS Bermuda
(Proceeds collected from The Berkeley Institute's Charity Walk 2022)



The Berkeley Institute presented \$2000 to Big Brothers, Big Sisters
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GIVING TUESDAY



HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!

\$12,600 126 HOURS!

DONATE IN AMOUNTS OF
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\$126
\$12.60

TO CELEBRATE OUR 126TH ANNIVERSARY

HOW TO DONATE

ONLINE → [HTTPS://WWW.BERKELEY.BM/ABOUT/DONATE-ONLINE.HTML](https://www.berkeley.bm/about/donate-online.html)

DIRECT DEPOSIT → **HSBC: 010353670001**

CHEQUE → **TO: THE BERKELEY INSTITUTE C/O BERKELEY INSTITUTE PTSA**

Giving Tuesday is a global campaign to encourage communities to support the non-profits, charities and educational institutions in their communities. This Giving Tuesday, we invite you to partner with The Berkeley Institute and donate in numbers of 1. 2. 6 (\$1,260, \$126 or \$12.60.). All proceeds raised will benefit our students in the form of scholarships and programming! Please donate today!

The Berkeley Institute

Hours of Operation

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Student Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Celebrating Women and Girls

S2 students, Nevaeh Barclay and Sahonna Dunkley, participated in the 'UN International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women' activities
Photo Credit: BDA Government

The Week at a Glance

- ❖ **Monday, 27th November, 2023**
 - Adjusted Schedule (Period 5- 10:04 a.m.- 10:48 a.m. & Period 3- 11:38 a.m.- 12:22 p.m.)
 - S1 Honor Roll Assembly-11:45 a.m.
 - Leadership Training- Prefects- 3:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Tuesday, 28th November, 2023**
 - S1 & S4 Parent-Teacher Conferences-2:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Wednesday, 29th November, 2023**
 - 'Tea with the Principal'- Year Level Prefects- 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
 - S2 & S3 Parent-Teacher Conferences- 2:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Thursday, 30th November, 2023**
 - S1/S2 Combined Assembly- 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
 - S3/S4 Combined Assembly- 12:20 p.m.- 1:15 p.m.
- ❖ **Friday, 01st December, 2023**
 - \$3 School Grub Day (No theme) ALL Grub Day rules apply
 - Career Fair- S3 & S4 Students (Gymnasium)

Looking Ahead

- ❖ **Monday, 4th December, 2023**
 - Students report in Winter Uniform (Blazer mandatory)
- ❖ **Wednesday, 13th December, 2023**
 - Mid-Quarter 2 Grading Deadline

Around Campus: Berkeley Pictures of the Week



From left to right:

1. Budding Entrepreneur- Woman of the future, A'Mya Harvey, will be officially launching her business- 'The Smash Space'
2. Global Entrepreneurship Week 2023- The Berkeley Institute's representatives emerged winners at the Youth Tech Conference
3. Cardboard Boat Challenge – Berkeley representatives collaborating during the Annual Cardboard Boat Challenge

Respite Finem! Keep the End In View!

Tanya V. Parris
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Editor