

# The Berkeley Institute "Weekly Times"

## Week of January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### 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

### Holiday Door Decorating Competition



### Principal's Corner:

Good day Berkeley Family, happy Monday! It is my hope that you all had a relaxing and wonderful weekend. We thankfully enter our second week of the year rearing and ready to go! We have one full week remaining for instruction ahead of our Mid-Year Examinations. Please take time to read the correspondence sent out by Deputy Douglas as it relates to the details and expectations for the examination period. Most importantly, if students are sick, they must provide medical certification (doctor's note) in order to be considered for an assessed grade or otherwise. Any student that absents themselves from school during the Mid-year examination period outside of the parameter of medical

certification will receive **zeros** for any examinations missed. We look forward to seeing all stakeholders at our monthly **PTSA Meeting** this evening- **Monday, January 8, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Cafetorium. Our keynote speaker is our very own Ms. Keisha Allen-Smith, who will be facilitating a session on 'Study Skills', which is meant to support students as they continue to prepare for their Mid-year examinations. We will have our 'Just for Coming Raffles' and all staff and students in attendance at the PTSA Meeting will enjoy a **FREE Grub Day on Tuesday, January 9, 2024.** We continue to urge our

students to uphold all school rules and expectations as we purposefully prepare them for next steps beyond the walls of The Berkeley Institute. **Looking Ahead:** \$3.00 School Grub Day (**Fri. Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>**) and End of Term Charity Walk pledge sheet funds are **DUE (Fri. Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>)**. This is it for now...have a great day and week ahead!

### Goodchild Racing to Inspire Female Motocross Riders

Nyla Goodchild, S2 student at The Berkeley Institute, swept the 85cc women's class at the Southside Motorsports Park in St. David's over the Christmas holiday. She hopes to inspire more women to compete in motocross on the island. Considering that motocross in Bermuda is predominately a male dominated sport, Nyla is on a mission to break down the gender barrier of the sport. Nyla conveyed to The Royal Gazette in an interview, "Being a female in a male sport does not really affect me or what I believe I can do. I believe I can still be a trailblazer and create paths for people to follow because nothing is stopping me." Nyla's motivation has been driven by the support she receives from her family and friends. She shared with The Royal Gazette, "My parents have also helped me through a lot and especially my dad. He has worked on my bike a lot and fixed it whenever it had a problem." Nyla enjoys racing and thinks the track at Southside is quite good when it has been properly manicured.



Goodchild Racing for Women – Nyla finishes first on the podium in the women's 85cc class.



# Tis the Season for Ugly Sweaters & Pajamas



ADVISORY PJ FUN & GRUB DAY THURSDAY DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

SIPPING HOT COCOA,  
IN COZY PAJAMAS,  
WATCHING MOVIES,  
NO DRAMA

PROD. NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
SCENE TAKE ROLL  
LUNCH (1:09 p.m. - 1:56 p.m.)  
P3 (ADVISORY) (1:58 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

**Amended Schedule**

P4 (8:30 a.m. - 10:01 a.m.)  
P2 (10:04 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.)  
P1 (11:38 a.m. - 1:09 p.m.)  
LUNCH (1:09 p.m. - 1:56 p.m.)  
P3 (ADVISORY) (1:58 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

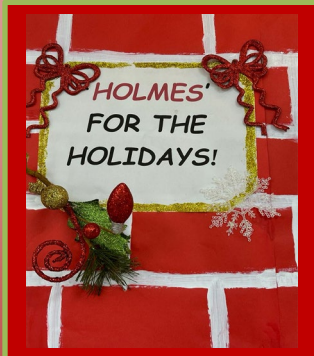
Pajamas  
Free  
Grub Day

ADVISORIES  
CAN BEGIN  
CELEBRATIONS  
DURING LUNCH!  
(OPTIONAL)





## Tis the Season to be Door Decorating



*Holiday*

*Door*

*Decorating*

*Competition*



On Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, The Berkeley Institute's Student Council hosted an advisory Holiday Door Decorating Competition. This year a new category was added permitting teachers/faculty with no advisory to participate. The winning door decorating advisory from S1 went to Ms. Key Holmes' advisory group for their 3D chimney. Ms. Wynter and Mrs. Elamin-Steede's advisories received honorable mentions for their door decorations. A battle to determine a winner heated up in the S2 year group with Mr. Robinson's advisory becoming the eventual winners. Receiving honorable mention was Mrs. Grant-Edwards and Ms. Smith's advisories. The S3 door decorating advisory winner went to Mr. Reid's advisory. Mr. Taylor and Ms. Wade's advisories received honorable mentions. The S4 advisory Holiday Door Competition was won by Ms. Grant/Walker's advisory while Mr. Ball and Mr. Cole's advisories placed second and third respectively. On behalf of The Berkeley Institute family, I wish to extend tokens of appreciation to the competition judges; **Isabella Swan and Keimani Trott**. Also, I wish to thank the Student Council and all of the participating advisories for making our classroom doors festive.



# Around Campus: Advisory Door Competition





# Berkeley Family Steps into the New Year



#LegendaryHikers



#Threes Company



#Barnes&Noble



#InstaCold



#Naturelovers



#Peace and Love



On Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, staff and students of The Berkeley Institute participated in an Annual Charity Walk from two different locations on the island. Staff and students who dwell in the eastern zone of the island met at the Aquarium and Museum to commence a walk through the railway trails untoward the school. At the polar opposite western zone of the island, staff and students met at the Rubber Tree in Warwick to commence a walk through the railway trails to the school. After the walk students engaged in fun afternoon activities on the school field.





# The Berkeley Institute

## Hours of Operation

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

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## The Week at a Glance

- ❖ Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - Staff Meeting @ 3:45 p.m.
  - P.T.S.A. Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - ITL Grade Check
- ❖ Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - Mid-Year Examinations
- ❖ Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - S1-S4 Community Service & Co-curricular Checkpoint #1

## Berkeley Board Member Takes Chief Executive Role at BHB



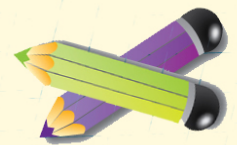
The Berkeley Institute Board of Governors member, Mr. Scott Pearman, is the new chief executive of the Bermuda Hospitals Board. Mr. Pearman joined the BHB in 1996, as an employee labour relations manager. In 2000, he worked his way up the ranks to become a director of human resources. Six years later, Mr. Pearman earned the role of vice-president of physician relations in December of 2006. After a promotion to chief of business development in 2010, he was appointed as chief operating officer at K.E.M.H a year later. Mr. Pearman's COO role was expanded to include the Mid-Atlantic Wellness Institute in February of 2017. Three years later he was appointed deputy chief executive in 2020. On behalf of the entire Berkeley family, I wish to congratulate Mr. Scott Pearman on his appointment as the new chief executive of the Bermuda Hospitals Board.

## Berkeley Pictures of the Week



From left to right:

1. The Berkeley Institute's choir takes a group photograph during the school caroling competition at the L.F. Wade International Airport.
2. Congratulations to Berkeleyite, Shonte Campbell, on the successful completion of her U.S. CPA final exams.
3. "Boys are booked" in the library during the lunch period enjoying reading material.



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