



# OCEAN ACADEMY

OCTOBER 2014

## PARENT NEWSLETTER

### World-Class Aquatic Tourism P.E. Programs

*Beyond Sport* is an international organization that promotes, develops and supports the use of sport to drive positive social change across the world.

Organizers of the *Beyond Sport Summit* in South Africa invited us to share our student success stories as part of their international panel: "How education can develop youth leaders through sport". We will get to network with change makers and learn about innovative global youth projects.

#### Beyond Sport Awards: Education

350 Entries \* 70 Countries \* 3 Finalists  
... Ocean Academy is a Top Finalist!

Winners will get global recognition, business support, funding, and access to more opportunities for students.



*Since Johnny was a little boy he has loved fishing. That's one of the reasons I put him here at this high school. Ocean Academy has classes in fly fishing, scuba, kayak, marine biology. It's what the island needs.*

*I would tell every parent to send their kids here. Johnny loves fishing, and he also wants to be an architect. This is the best school for me to send my son so that he learns skills that will benefit himself, his future, and also the island.*

- Johnny Cantun Sr. (parent)

### Thank You Caye Caulker Tour Operators and International Sponsors!

Aquatic sport training and marine education for Ocean Academy students is possible thanks to partnerships with island tour operators who generously volunteer their time, expertise & resources to mentor local youth. Thank you for being great teachers Allie Ifield (kayak), Pablo Bo, Ilya Rosado, Walter Williams, Lexee Marin (scuba diving), Haywood Curry (fly fishing), Ellen McRae and Tony Aguilar (mangrove ecology).



Toucan Canoe & Kayaks



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## ***I don't have any homework is not the real answer***

We are seeing that many students need to spend more time on homework (reading, studying, preparing projects, completing assignments).

How much time? Minimum of:

Form I: 70 minutes

Form II: 80 minutes

Form III: 90 minutes

Form IV: 100 minutes

Students need good study habits (quiet space, good time management) and work ethic to do well in high school, and Sixth Form or the work place.

Read, read, read! There is no better way to improve English language skills and increase vocabulary. If your child does not have a specific assignment to complete, then they should be reading, and reviewing notes.

## **How can you help your child?**

1. Discuss your child's Personal Education Plan (PEP) and goals.
2. Support his/her attendance at after-school tutoring.
3. Encourage your child to study at home and turn in all assignments on time.
4. Visit with teachers at 2:00 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month.

The computer lab is open 3:00-4:30 p.m. daily for students to get assistance, do their assignments and complete projects.



Mrs. Elizabeth Usher is the Tutoring Centre Coordinator. Tutors and peer tutors are available to assist with homework, test preparation and remedial work. The Tutoring Centre is open:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays 3:15-4:15 p.m

## **IMPORTANT DATES & OPPORTUNITIES**



### **Parent Workshop with School Counselor Dr. Lewis**

Last month's session introduced theory for *Negotiation and Problem Solving with your Teen*. October's workshop is a continuation of this theme, with a focus on applications and discussion. October 23, 4:00-5:00 pm. Please call 226-0321 to reserve your seat.



### **Ocean Academy Student Government**

This is a great opportunity to get involved in order to represent student voices, create positive change and develop leadership skills. Speak with faculty advisor Mr. Blanco for more information.

Parent-Teacher Open House Oct.7

Holiday Oct. 13

Parent Workshop Oct. 23

Costume competition & campus activities Oct. 30

**FORM IV ONLY:**  
Mock ATLIB Oct. 31

\*Form IV Students should be at school at 8 a.m. with pencils, pens and calculator. Be well rested, have a good breakfast and bring water and a snack for break.