



Dr. Sax - Boys Adrift

Dr. Sax, a family physician, acclaimed author and research psychologist is the founder and executive director of the National Association for Single Sex Public Education. He is an international speaker whose scholarly work has been published in a wide variety of prestigious journals. Dr. Sax has delivered numerous invited addresses to groups of educators around the world discussing the importance of gender differences in learning.



Dr. Leonard Sax, author of "Boys Adrift; The Five Factors Driving the Growing Epidemic of Unmotivated Boys and Underachieving Young Men." will be presenting here at Somersfield (for free) to the general public on **Monday, February 8th 2010 7:00-9:00pm.**

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to advancement@somersfield.bm

Dr. Sax will also be doing a full day workshop for Somersfield staff on gender differences. This is part of the teachers professional development over the midterm break on Tuesday, February 9th.

Educators who understand these gender differences can inspire every child to learn to the best of her or his ability. Leonard Sax

Support for Haiti

Students, parents and staff have been very upset about the earthquake in Haiti earlier this month. Please note that school will be doing something to help but are unsure of what we will opt to do at this point. As I'm sure you are aware there have been difficulties getting supplies in to Haiti. We have been in touch with The Red Cross and World Vision and are waiting to hear what the immediate needs are. We will be in touch to see how we can all help our friends in Haiti.

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MYP and P5 P6 Open House January 28th
M5 Personal Projects Fair January 29th
Read-a-thon February
MYP Science Fair February 19th
Grandparents Day May 7th <i>Start planning trips</i>



Art Madness

The M4's are almost finished a skateboard project. ShiVaughn Lee posted a picture of her skateboard on the popular social network Facebook. Now how many middle school students take pictures of their schoolwork AND post it online?! Way to go to teachers Summer Wood and Charlie Judd for being so creative!



The M2 students have finished a project repurposing shoes. They began by researching the manufacturing origins of the sneakers, chopped them up into little pieces, and then creatively

“repurposed” them or recycled them into a sculpture. The sculptures are on display in the library.

A number of our students at various ages entered art competition at the **Bermuda National Gallery**

Primary 3

1st place: Maxine Somers
2nd place: Sophia Papadopoulo

Primary 6

2nd place: Dominic O'Donnell
3rd place: Shane MacLellan

Middle School

3rd place: Heather Galloway

Brian Darling, Fae Sapsford and Daniel Maguire also had pictures of their artwork in the Royal Gazette from this competition.

A wide variety of primary art work displayed in the halls of the main school building.



M2 HUMANITIES

M2 Humanities have had a busy year up to now. We have focused on the unit question “Who makes the choices and who bears the consequences?” Students have researched a number of aspects of Chinese society, including human rights, child labour and the philosophy of religion. We used the lens of Health and Social education to focus on our unit. Though this we were able to identify ourselves in the wider society— including issues such as freedom, government health policies and Globalization. This area of interaction allowed us to:- study how societies have reacted to and dealt with health and social issues in the past, discuss moral issues regarding health and social education, and look at ways their own and other cultures deal with them.

Duke of Edinburgh

November saw a relaunch of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at Somersfield Academy. The Director of the Award in Bermuda, Tina Nash, met with parents and students and made a short presentation about the Award. Interest was immediate and some parents handing in completed application forms at the meeting! We now have 18 students in M3, M4 and M5 who have started to work towards either a bronze or silver award!



So what is the Award? According to the handbook, *“The Award concept is one of individual challenge. It presents to young people a balanced, non-competitive programme of voluntary activities which encourages personal discovery and growth, self-reliance, perseverance, responsibility to themselves and service to their community.”* Any student at Somersfield aged 14 or above may join the scheme. It involves extended participation in community and service, a skill and a form of physical recreation, all of the student’s choosing. As a group, the students will also undertake the adventurous journey, where they must plan a hike and overnight stay. At the bronze level, the time commitment is 6 months and at the silver level, 12 months. Besides the obvious benefits of leading our young people towards productive adulthood, more tangible results are seen in students’ applications for continued education and job opportunities. A further benefit is available at the gold level, where students must travel overseas to undertake the adventurous journey and a required residential project.

For more information, please refer to the website <http://www.theaward.bm> or speak to any of the Award leaders Ms. Smith, Ms. Williams, Mrs. Brewster or Ms Wood.

End of Term Football Games

The last day of term brought out our annual football match between staff and students. Chairperson of the event, Michael Simmons did a fantastic job including the parents and alumni for the first time in this very popular event. Thank you to everyone who came out in support of the school.

The well organized primary parents team took on what seemed to be a more confused middle years team. However, the middle year parents pulled it together and won the match thanks to the help of some of our alumni who jumped in during the second half.

Thanks to Mrs. Pimental for having the M3 students perform their men in black dance during the halftime of each game!

Oh and the staff fell to the students too....



Did You Know...

There are three optional school trips offered to students this year?

- The P6's are traveling to Space Camp in Florida
- The M2 and M3 students are traveling to Quebec over the midterm break to study french
- The M4 and M5 students are traveling to Peru to learn more about their culture



Dr. Christopher is running in the half marathon on Sunday, January 17th.

Good luck to all of our staff, parents and students that are competing in International Race Weekend!

Nathaniel Sussman built his own electric guitar for his personal project?



Classes across the levels have been studying Martin Luther King. A 6-9 student, Kyaida from Ms. Khan and Mrs. Coleman's has "a dream...that people stop being bad. People will not go too jail and that will make the world better."

Shanyce Morris won honourable mention in the Christmas Short Story Contest.



Jennifer Meacham continues to work tirelessly with student report cards? She has read all 440 reports more than a few times!

Mr. Brown's P6 class and volunteer parents and grandparents making lunch boxes for the Salvation Army as part of their Holiday Spirit Event



Our Core Values

We are a learning community. We practice peace. We inspire intellectual curiosity. We instil respect for self and others. We foster independence and responsibility. We embrace a sense of joy and wonder.

We honour the strength and courage to stand for truth.