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The Hon. Andrew Michael Holness Prime Minister of Jamaica *visits South Florida*



In his first visit to South Florida as Prime Minister of Jamaica, the youngest Prime Minister in the Caribbean region, the Hon. Andrew Michael Holness will be addressing the concerns of the Jamaican Diaspora and his vision for a new and better Jamaica.

Saturday, December 3, 2011

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

**ChristWay Baptist Church
3800 S. Douglas Rd, Miramar FL 33025**

**Hosted by Broward County Commissioner
Dale Holness**

**(This event is free to the public)
(Accommodations are limited, so please arrive early)**

For More Information contact Sherman Calneck (954) 549-5675 or visit G2KFL.com

Transforming the Economy - Transformation of the Education System

**Prime Minister of Jamaica
Hon. Andrew Holness**

Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Andrew Holness said part of the transformation of the economy has to be done through transforming the education system. He noted that the transformation by his Administration will involve making the education system more efficient and equitable in the coming year. The Prime Minister was speaking at November 15, 2011 sitting of Parliament at the Jamaica Conference Centre and responding to a private member's motion from Central Kingston Member of Parliament, Ronald Thwaites on the adequacy and affordability of loan financing for students in the tertiary education system.

"I understand that students may very well feel nervous about this. But I want to assure them that there is an alignment of views in the Parliament as it relates to how tertiary education should be reformed. No reform will be done to make any student worse off. The reform will be gradual and any reform will have a period of notice," PM Holness explained.

The Prime Minister said there has been a significant increase of loan applications to the Students Loan Bureau (SLB), between 2000 -2010 and also an increase in loans approved by the SLB from \$4 billion in 2000 to \$9.8 billion in 2010. He said in 2000, the SLB received 6, 115 applications of which 4, 047 were approved; 1, 165 declined and 371 cancelled. In 2010, 973 applications were received by the SLB with 9, 899 loans being approved and 34 being declined.

Prime Minister Holness said this reinforces that more students are qualifying for tertiary education and seeking loan financing. He added the demand is increasing and the budget for tertiary education has not been increased. However, he said the Government is trying to source additional funding to increase the pool of funds at the SLB.

Mr. Holness used the opportunity to inform the House of Representatives that 67 percent of the Jamaican employed labor force is untrained while 19 percent has tertiary level degrees and the remaining 14 percent have technical vocational certification. "This is something we must consider carefully because if you look at other developed countries it is the reverse. The majority of their labor force would have technical vocational but in our situation it is reversed. Reforming the tertiary funding system is not just to increase the admissions to universities but it is also to expand access to applicants who wish to pursue technical and vocational education" Mr. Holness explained. He added that the Education Ministry will be coming to the Parliament with a comprehensive policy as was promised but it has to be integrated in all the reform measures that will be taken in the coming year.

News Release, Office of the Prime Minister

Holy Trinity High School Alumni Association, Florida Chapter

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History of the School

Holy Trinity High School is a Roman Catholic institution located at 18 George Headley Drive (formerly Emerald Road) in Kingston Jamaica, next door to the world famous Sabina Park. The school believes in the total development of the child in his/her academic, spiritual, physical, mental, emotional and social development.

The school was started by the Franciscan Sisters in the late 1940's under the name of Saint Anthony's Senior School on West Street in Kingston. Later it moved to Orange Street and the Sisters of Mercy took over leadership of the school. In 1953 the school was relocated to properties owned by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Kingston at 18 Emerald Road (now George Headley Drive) and renamed after the Holy Trinity Cathedral on North Street in Kingston. The Ministry of Education which jointly administers the school along with the Catholic Church constructed what was then one of the most modern schools in Jamaica to accommodate the expanding population which was 750 students. Between 1953 and 2000 the school experienced a number of name changes. Its former name, Saint Anthony's later changed to Holy Trinity Senior School saw children graduating at age 15 years old. As the population of the school continued to grow, in 1974 under the leadership of its second and by far the most famous principal, Sister Mary Philomena, the church acquired additional lands and the Ministry of Education added three new classroom blocks at which time the grade 10 and 11 programs were introduced.

In keeping with the educational shift in the society at the time eleven (11) vocational subjects were added to the curriculum and the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) Examination became the school leaving examination. The school was awarded “secondary” status and was renamed Holy Trinity Secondary School. By the end of the 1970's the school population grew to over two thousand. As a result of the rapid expansion of the school's population a dual shift system was introduced to alleviate overcrowding.

In 1995, in keeping with the Ministry of Education's school rationalization program the school was upgraded to a Comprehensive High school and renamed Holy Trinity Comprehensive High School. This year the first batch of Common Entrance students was admitted. The school was once again upgraded again in 2000 in keeping with the Ministry of Education policy to upgrade all Comprehensive High Schools to High Schools and renamed Holy Trinity High School under then principal Mrs. Monica Schroeter.

Throughout its lengthy and rich history the school has so far had eight principals and thousands of pupils going through its gates. These former students can be found in every industry around the world contributing positively to the human race. The school is known for its strong athletic program and serves as a feeder school to most of the traditional high schools.

Alumni Association

Two years ago the Florida chapter of Holy Trinity High School Alumni Association was formed as the first registered alumni in the school's history. The official inaugural “Link Up” and launch was on October 8, 2011 at The Reggae Village, in downtown Fort Lauderdale.

Membership is open to all former students of the school who attended for at least one term. Associate membership is also available to former and present teachers and benefactors of the school. For membership information you may contact any Executive Committee member, send an email to htaa1014@hotmail.com or join the Facebook group at Holy Trinity High (Secondary). The group email is holytrintypsa@facebook.groups.com.



Montego Bay High School Alumnae Association South Florida Chapter



Please Save The Date

Pre-Holiday Blast!!

Saturday December 3rd, 2011

8:00pm- 2:30am

St. Mary Armenian Banquet Hall

4040 NW 11th Ave Hollywood, FL 33024

For More Information Please Contact

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The Excelsior Alumni Association of Florida



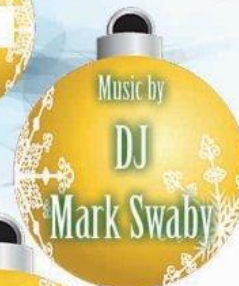
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December 10th 2011

From 9PM- 4AM

Caribbean Cultural Center
AKA The Warehouse

3500 NW 15th Street, Lauderhill, FL 33311



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Live music
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CHRISTMAS DINNER

Saturday, December 17, 2011 at 7:00pm

Genesis Restaurant, Lounge and Banquet Center
6455 W Commercial Boulevard, Tamarac, Florida

\$40.00 Adlts /\$30.00 Chn now

\$50.00 after Nov 30

Limited seating

Another CTCAAi event
Proceeds to benefit Church Teachers' College

Dress: Semi-Formal

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Holy Trinity Alumni Florida Chapter Boat Ride 2011

Come Enjoy an Evening of Sight-Seeing with Family & Friends

- Take a Scenic Tour Along The Intercoastal
- View Your Future Zip Code
- Relax on a Private Island & Be Entertained While You Enjoy a Sumptuous All you Can Eat Buffet

Saturday, December 17, 2011

Boarding 5pm Sharp, Depart at 6pm

801 Sea Breeze Blvd (A1A) Ft. Lauderdale

Duration: 6 HRS

Cost: Adult \$50 - Kids \$30 (Under 12 Free)

(Add \$5 after December 10 – No Dockside Ticket Sale)

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