

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Head Mistress Report

Introduction

As Head teacher of Central High School, I bring Greetings to CHAAG and the New York Chapters. We are delighted of the involvement of the Canadian and New York Chapters with Central High School. We also have gratitude for your sterling contribution to this institution. Our students continue to honour your CHAAG Bursary and are all looking forward for this opportunity once again in 2018 they have all committed themselves to work hard to satisfy these criteria.

This opportunity is indeed a competitive one and encourages our young minds to be in high spirit of dedication and determination.

**Curriculum**

The curriculum focused on the lower and upper school. At the lower school which is Grade 7 to 9 the students were exposed to 14 subjects these include:

1. English Language
2. English Literature
3. Mathematics
4. Social Studies
5. Caribbean History
6. Geography
7. Portuguese
8. Spanish
9. Agricultural Science
10. Integrated Science
11. Information technology
12. Food and Nutrition

13. Family and Resource Management

14. Health and Family Life Education

#### Enrollment

At present our enrollment is 168 boys and 233 girls. A total of 401 students

#### Staffing

The staff complement of thirty-three Teachers, of the lot twenty (20) were graduates, thirteen (13) Trained Teachers, TAM's one (1) TQM. Also four (4) Ancillary staff were employed of which three (3) were Sweepers and Cleaners and one (1) Office Assistant.

#### **Support From Non Governmental, Cooperate Boards and Other Friends**

Special thanks to all Governmental and non Governmental Organizations. Also mentioned must be made to neighbouring schools, canteen and the Security Guard Service that assisted us during the year under review. Special thank you to DSL and EGovernance network Association. Also all local and International Alumni Association who donated learning materials to our students. A big thank you to the New York and Canadian Chapters for their continued valuable contribution to Central High. The scholarship programme sponsored by Canadian chapter cannot be forgotten and also New York Chapter continued during 2018, to assist Central High School. Thank you for all the student's materials that the students benefited from especially Geometry Sets, calculators, books, pens etc. Appreciation must be extended also to the School's Board of Governors and also the Parent Teachers Association.

#### **The Bible Club**

The club is managed by Ms. Annette Majeed-Sobers and a fifth Form committee. Under the supervision of the IVCF (Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship Organization) students attended the Bible Club Meetings on a weekly basis every Thursday from 12:00 – 12:35 hrs. At these meetings students were involved in Bible reading, Bible Quizzes, Praise and Worship exhortation of the word, Prayers and discussion. An average of 30-35 students attended these sessions.

#### **Co-Curricular Activities**

##### **MASHRAMANI**

The School participated in the Children Mashramani Dance and Road March competitions, and National Choir, in February 2018. Our students were adjudged second and third place winners respectively in the Senior and Junior Mashramani Dance competitions.

Our students who are part of the National Choir were assisted with their singing through the use of the piano contributed by CHAAG. The school is currently seeking sponsorship to finance the acquisition of other instruments, the making of choir uniforms, and payment for professional voice training by Dr. Dewar, for some of our male choir members.

### **SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) CAMP**

A delegation of eight students represented the School at the STEM camp sponsored by EXXON Mobil in April 2018. The science project the students presented was "An effective fabric rust remover created from local fruit acids." The project was well received and commended.

### **QUEENS COLLEGE STUDENTS CONFERENCE**

The Central High School Dreamers and Shakers students group represented the School at the Annual Queens College Students' Conference in February 2018. The students benefitted from several workshops including leadership, entrepreneurship, journalism, and photography. The forum required students groups to present projects to be funded by investors. Our students' project was commended by the organizers and invested in by QC Alumnae Dr. Glenroy Archer, CEO Metallica Inc. Dr. Archer invested USD\$500 to get the project off the ground.

Our students' project addressed, developing the school through better interpersonal relationships among the school community. The social activities earmarked to achieve this goal include boat cruises, school balls, and overland tours. It is the students' view that through better interpersonal relationships school development projects will be easier tackled.

The students are currently working on having their annual school ball and first boat cruise in December and next April respectively. They covet your assistance in all forms including networking.

### **STUDENTS GOVERNMENT**

Students government elections were held last December and students elected their representatives. The council comprise thirty-five students, administered by an executive of six, and supported by class and level representatives. The council is still in its fledging stage and is currently working on planning and scheduling students' projects and activities. It is also in the process of strengthening its administrative arm. The current President of the Council is Mariah London, a Grade 10 Science student.

### **INDIAN ARRIVAL DAY**

The School commemorated Indian Arrival Day for the first time in its history. Students depicted Indian wear, customs, foods, religious observances, contributions to commerce, technology and agriculture. The Social Studies Department currently celebrates all ethnic groups during its "Culture Day" activities in February and May each year.

## **PROJECTIONS FOR THE SCHOOL**

**One of the main** aims of Central High School is to improve its performance at both internal and external examinations. In this regard the short term and long term goals are as follows:

1. To obtain a new location for the school, as well as a recreational ground.
2. To solicit funds and donor to provide scholarship for at least the school's top ten CSEC performers per year. Republic Bank, Smart Saving banking/scholarship.
3. To obtain and improve adequate facilities for the Home Economics department and the Science Laboratory.
4. To improve the complement of subjects currently offered by the Modern Language Department. In this regard the school hopes to add French with Portuguese and Spanish, and offer these subjects at all levels of the school.
5. To resuscitate and strengthen the drama, debating and public speaking clubs.
6. To reintroduce Fine Art as part of the curriculum.
7. To establish sports clubs in the areas of chess, martial arts, table tennis and volley ball.
8. To provide adequate facilities and equipment.
9. To re-introduce Technical Drawing on the curriculum.
10. To further strengthen relationship with the School's Alumni Chapters (local and international)
11. To improve the capacity of the Computer Laboratory.
12. To improve the social relationship amongst teachers and students: and strengthen and improve relationship between the school and others stakeholders in Education.
13. To influence the Government of Guyana through the Ministry of Education to have Central High School remain in existence.
14. Central High school has enough History in order to remain on the map. To justify this I take this opportunity to highlight the Institution's CSEC results from 2011 -2017

<b>Year</b>	<b>Overall percentage passed</b>
<b>2011</b>	89.61%
<b>2012</b>	86.48%
<b>2013</b>	80.9%
<b>2014</b>	92.17%
<b>2015</b>	85.76%
<b>2016</b>	83.61%
<b>2017</b>	86.8%

**Conclusion:**

In concluding I emphatically say that CHAAG and the New York Chapter have been valuable stakeholders of Central High School. We acknowledge your sterling contribution and are looking forward to create a better relationship with your organization in the future. A heartfelt thank you from the Parents Teachers Association, Board of Governors, Local Chapter of the Alumni and students of Central High School to CHAAG and New York Teams