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**From The Principal's Desk**  
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**Dear Members of the Marian Academy Family,**

A warm welcome back to school for the Calendar year 2023/ 2024. We extend special welcome to our new students and families and our new members of staff. We wish to thank all those who have left us, for their invaluable service, and a fruitful journey onwards. This school year is a very special one as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary – our Silver Jubilee. We hope to have a year - long celebration. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have 25 events!

I hope that you had adequate rest during the summer vacation. Some students were at school for a part of the vacation, as their committed teachers were making efforts to prepare them for academic year ahead. Unfortunately many children who could have benefited from the extra help did not take advantage of these opportunities. Our students did well at the NGSA and the CSEC and CAPE Examinations. Of course there are those who are telling themselves, "if I had only studied a little harder". Congratulations to all of you! Be encouraged.

Our highest Grade in the **NGSA** was 99% while the lowest was 89.7% and we averaged 94.35%. Our ten top students at the NGSA are, Javy Archibald, Jada Fox, Tavish Budhai, Anya Manickchand, Narayan Goodridge, Egan Bulkan, Raymond Hall, Faraa Gaskin, Mia Chang, and Joseph Prendergast. They scored from 99% to 97.5%

**At the CSEC level, we had a 92 % grade 1 – 3. Our top ten students are:**

<b>STUDENT</b>	<b># OF SUBJECTS</b>	<b>GRADE ATTAINED</b>
Kayla Persaud	<b>15</b>	14 Grade 1 (with 13 A profile) and 1 Grade 2
Ronan Lee	<b>12</b>	11 Grade 1 (with 10 A profile) and 1 Grade 2
Matthew Singh	<b>13</b>	8 Grade 1 (with 2 A profile); 4 Grade 2 and 1 Grade 3
Maria Daby	<b>12</b>	6 Grade 1 (with 4 A profile); and 6 Grade 2
Arianna Sam	<b>11</b>	8 Grade 1 (with 6 A profile); and 3 Grade 2
Francesca Khan	<b>10</b>	8 Grade 1 ( with 5 A profile); and 2 Grade 2
William Escarraga	<b>10</b>	7 Grade 1 (with 6 A profile); and 3 Grade 2
Adia Alphonso	<b>10</b>	7 Grade 1 (with 5 A profile); and 3 Grade 2
Rayden Persaud	<b>10</b>	8 Grade 1 (with 4 A profile); 1 Grade 2 and 1 Grade 3
Sumaya Singh	<b>11</b>	4 Grade 1 (with 1 A profile); 6 Grade 2 and 1 Grade 3
Bradley Walton	<b>10</b>	5 Grade 1 (with 3 A profile); 4 Grade 2 and 1 Grade 3

**CAPE:** Anjali Maharaj gained 8 subjects and topped the class, Renika Anand 7 subjects,

Monisha Persaud 7 subjects; Damon Dolly 5 subjects, Jadya Jagoo 6 subjects, Amaya Khan 5 subjects

Anish Sharma gained 3 subjects with all A profile, Nathan Rodrigues 5 subjects, Vikash Mootoo 4 subjects and Alexander Alli 3 subjects.

Just remember the grades do not define you, it is what you do with the years ahead of you.

To those who worked hard, yet it did not reflect in good results, continue to persevere, it will pay off eventually. Every teacher is concerned that each child realizes his/ her full potential. We believe that if home and school work together with the same goal we will have happy, successful students. Unfortunately some students chose to waste valuable time and do poorly. Students will receive at the end of the day what they put in. It is imperative that parents be involved in all aspects of your child's life and monitor what your child does.

I encourage you parents not to neglect your role. You are the first teachers of your children.

Soon we will be launching our 15th edition of our Annual Yearbook. This edition is very special as we tried to include the Covid years, as we had no publication during that period.

Please pay attention to the Term Calendar, so you can be involved in what is taking place.

I wish you a happy and fruitful term. May God continue to bless you and your family with divine light, love and power that will bring much love, joy peace and inner strength. May you walk in the light of wisdom. Happy 25th Anniversary!