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BARRANATION NEWS



ST. CROIX EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX

Updates for the families of the St. Croix Educational Complex High School

UPCOMING
EVENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



GO FOR IT NOW. THE FUTURE IS PROMISED
TO NO ONE.' – WAYNE DYER

CALENDAR

- April 4: School Librarian's Day
- April 5: JROTC Drill Competition
- April 6: Cultural King & Queen (AVID)
- April 11: Progress Reports
- April 7-11: Assistant Principal's Week
- April 7-11: Spring Senior Week
- April 12: Class Night, 6pm- SCEC Auditorium (Cloud 9)
- April 17-21: Easter Break
- April 28- May 2: Spring Break

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are moving along smoothly in the fourth marking period. With a few holidays coming up, this month will go by quickly. We will be celebrating both Easter and Spring Break, which are great times for families to enjoy traditions and spend time together.

The final progress report of the school year will be sent out on April 11th. This is a good time to check your child's progress and see how things are going. As we get closer to final exams in May, we encourage open communication between home and school. Please don't hesitate to contact teachers with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the school year. Your partnership makes a big difference in your child's success. As we approach the final stretch, let's continue working together to keep students motivated, focused, and on track. Together, we can help every student finish the year Barra strong and reach their full potential!

Rodney E. Moorehead Principal

DON'T FORGET

To Join the SCEC
N.O.S.E.Y Parents
Crew!!! Together our
students future shines
bright!!! Email our PTA
to get involved.



email us at: ptabarras@gmail.com

@Nosey Parents- St. Croix
Educational Complex PTA



APRIL

is

Autism Awareness Month
Easter Celebration
VI Carnival Celebration

MISSION STATEMENT: The St. Croix Educational Complex High School is committed to providing educational experiences that are Student centered, Technologically competitive, Academically rigorous and Relevant, so that they can become Successful members of the local and global communities, SCECHS STARS

Guiding You in the Right Direction



American Counseling Association of the Virgin Islands
Professional Development at UVI 3/21/2025

Feeder School Presentation March 4, 2025



UVI Summer Bridge + Admissions Participation for Seniors
2/28/2025

Universal Technical Institute (UTI) Presentation -
March 24, 2025 - 9th-12th grade (Presented
by Albert Padilla)



Financial Literacy
Presentation at UVI 3/11/25



UPCOMING EVENTS

"The month of March Theme is "National Volunteer Month"

TO FOCUS ON GIVING BACK AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE. ALSO, IT IS "STRESS AWARENESS MONTH: TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT STRESS AND PROMOTE HEALTHY COPING MECHANISMS."

- ASVAB Assessment: April 3rd
- Monroe College Visit: April 2nd
- Credit Recovery - Continues through April 16, 2025, Mon.-Thurs
2:45pm -4:15pm



Seniors are encouraged to complete scholarship applications before the due date. Scholarships are posted in Teams and a bulletin board outside the counselors' suite.

Reminders:

- All students must have 100 community service hours to graduate. A community service bulletin-board is displayed outside of the counselors' suite.
- All students from 9th - 12th grade is required to set up a College Board account (one can be set up at collegeboard.org)
- Microsoft Teams is used by ALL counselors to communicate with students.

Guiding You in the Right Direction

Tennessee State Visit to SCEC Campus - 3/4/25
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Counselor's Career Post-Secondary Goal

The goal is for every student to have a post-secondary career plan by the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

OBAP ACE ACADEMY (Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals) (Aerospace Career Education) Visitation.
March 26, 2025



Future Female Leaders 2025 Luncheon, March 27, 2025



Juan F. Luis Hospital 2025 Student Convention, March 28, 2025



The SAT ASSESSMENT - March 11, 14 & 26 - 11th & seniors





Language Arts Showcase Lights Up the Stage **March 27, 2025 | 5:00 PM | SCEC Auditorium**

The 2025 Language Arts Showcase, led by English Department Chairperson Mrs. Florence Marsh-Ventura, brought the St. Croix Educational Complex Auditorium to life with powerful performances that celebrated student voice, creativity, and expression.

The evening began with a warm welcome from Assistant Principal Dr. Erick Willie and was hosted by emcees Solé Rogers and Iyana Gittens. From the spirited opening by the SCEC Cheerleaders to the closing song performed by Linroy Forde III, the showcase delivered an unforgettable experience.

Standout original poetry was performed by Ahniyah Mason and Demetri Flemming who impressed the audience with their heartfelt and creative work. Students including Aisha Mondesir, Jayden Hall, Brianna Arjune, Knala Hendrickson, Leah-Joy Slocombe, Alarie Davis and Adaina Smith delivered non-original poetry, offering powerful recitations of published pieces. These performances featured dramatic works such as "Grief," "Sea Weed," "Beautiful Wreckage," and "Declaration."

The choral speaking segments were a highlight of the night. Ms. Mercado's AVID class performed "We Sued the School System," while Mrs. Marsh-Ventura's 2nd, 3rd, and 4th period classes delivered original group pieces: "We Just Challenged the System," "The AI Takeover," and "The Curse."

The monologues left a strong impression with Keemar Croskey performing "The Ghost of Tea Cake" and Juliya Laurent portraying "The Ghost of Hamlet"

Angelica Fede delivered a dramatic interpretation of *How Anansi Spun Madras*, a powerful story written by author Torhera Durand.

Special thanks to Mrs. Alicia Walters-Ramos and Ms. Shermira Mercado for assisting in coordinating the event, and to Assistant Principal Mrs. Verne Graham, the administrative team, counselors, Ms. Maakeru and the students of all participating teachers: Mrs. Walters-Ramos, Ms. Mercado, Mrs. Jagrup-Clarke, Mrs. Quiando, Mrs. Jacob, Mr. Commey and Mrs. Keels.

The showcase was a true celebration of talent, courage, and the power of language.

Engage With the English Department

English Department Highlights

Scenes from our Language Arts Showcase held on March 27th, featuring powerful poetry, storytelling, monologues, and choral speaking. Thank you to all students and teachers who made the event a success! The evening concluded with a book drive, promoting literacy and sharing the joy of reading across our campus.



Congratulations to our March Students of the Month for excellence in academics, attitude, and engagement. We're proud of you!



Curtis Chalery
Speech
Mrs. Marsh-Ventura



Makayla Maillard
English 11
Mrs. Quiando



Ahniyah Mason
AP Language
Mrs. Walters-Ramos



Ahzeira Serranno
Drama II
Ms. Carter



A Month of Inspiration, History, and Growth!



Dear Students, Faculty, and Community,
March was a vibrant and inspiring month as we celebrated Women's History Month and Virgin Islands History Month, fostering learning, reflection, and community engagement.

Women's History Month: Moving Forward Together
We highlighted influential women like Mary McLeod Bethune and Michelle Obama through:

- Daily morning announcements
- Student presentations on trailblazing women
- Classroom discussions on gender equality and women's roles in society

Virgin Islands History Month: Grow, Build, and Teach
We explored the Virgin Islands' rich heritage through:

- Research projects and student presentations
- Field trips to historical sites
- Interactive workshops on historical preservation and culture
- Guest speakers sharing insights on the islands' economy, ecology, and education

Naturalization Ceremony at District Court of the Virgin Islands
U.S. History and AP U.S. History students attended a Transfer Day naturalization ceremony, witnessing 23 individuals from countries like Germany, Denmark, St. Lucia, and the Philippines become U.S. citizens, an emotional and educational experience.



Crucian Breakfast Celebration

In collaboration with the Foreign Language Department, we hosted a Crucian Breakfast featuring:

- Traditional dishes like Saltfish Salad, Bakes, Banana Fritters, Breadfruit, Butter Bread, and Chop Chop
- Local juices, coffee, and porridge
- A beautiful celebration of Virgin Islands and Hispanic cultures

Virgin Islands Culture Day – “Virgin Islands Style!”

Our month-long celebration ended with an unforgettable event showcasing:

- Hands-on activities like sugar cake making, benye preparation, and candy making
- Traditional foods including Gooseberry stew, Ital stew, Johnny cakes, Vienna cake, and more
- Quelbe music, Moko Jumbies, cultural fashion displays, and historian presentations
- A local favorite treat: Fraco
- A successful day of learning and cultural pride shared by all

Looking Ahead

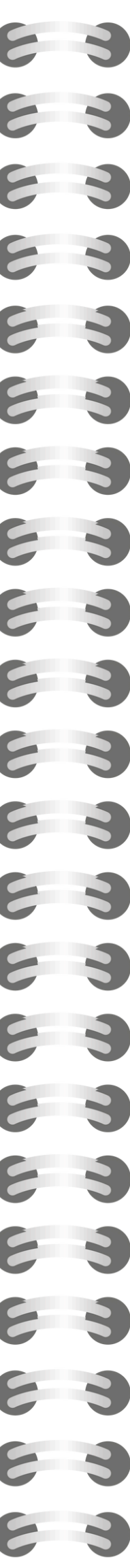
Thank you to all students, faculty, vendors, and community members for your support. We look forward to more meaningful events and opportunities to celebrate history and culture together.



VIRGIN ISLANDS
MADRAS

ST. CROIX EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX HIGH SCHOOL
SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Crucian Breakfast and Madras Day





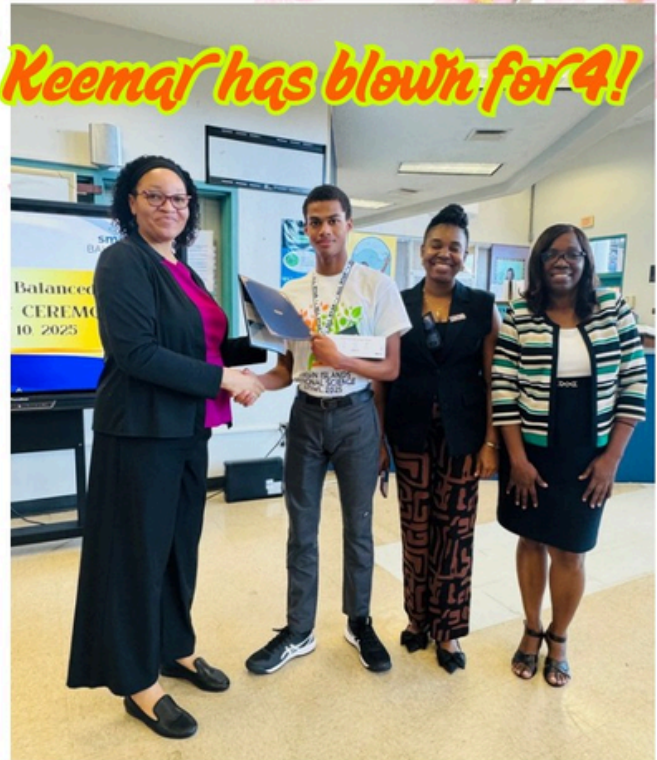
Pi in the Petals: Spring's Mathematical Bloom

Spring's arrival mirrors the beautiful intellectual growth I've seen in our students. Pi-Week ignited creativity, and the Smarter Balanced Assessment showcased their dedication and problem-solving skills.

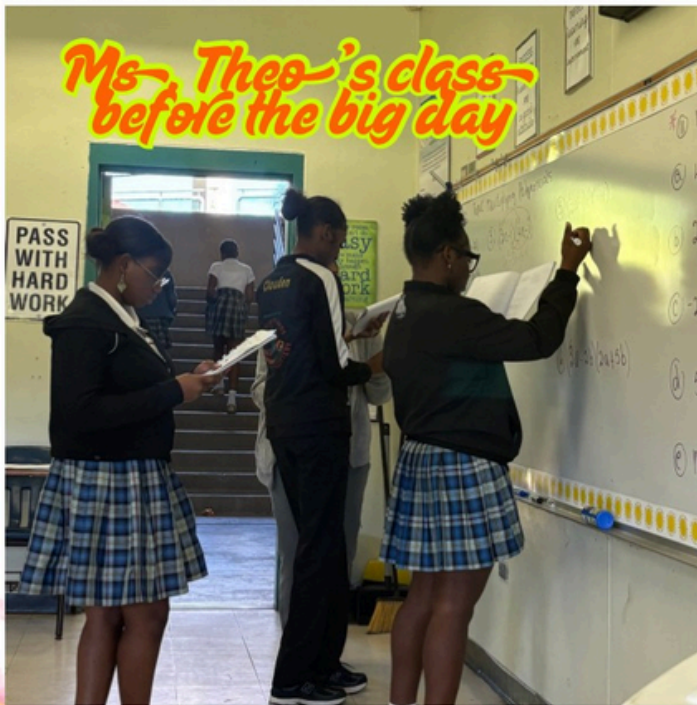
Think of our classroom as a blooming garden. Just as spring nurtures growth, we've seen students blossom with new understanding. Their effort was like seeds sprouting, revealing their potential.

I hope this growth continues. May our students, like spring flowers, keep reaching for knowledge and adding their unique brilliance to the world.

Keemar has blown for 4!



Ms. Theo's class before the big day



During a tech issue, Daryl comes to rescue!



Assessment Day!





NATIONAL MATH HONOR SOCIETY

PI - WEEK



On the week of March 10th, the National Math Honor Society (NMHS) at St. Croix Educational Complex hosted an exciting and engaging Pi Week, filled with math-inspired activities that brought students and teachers together.



A WEEK OF PI-TASTIC FUN!

The festivities kicked off on **Monday** with a **Paint and Sip** activity in the breezeway. Students unleashed their artistic side by painting the Pi symbol on mini canvases, which were later combined into one creative masterpiece.

On **Tuesday**, the competition heated up with the highly anticipated **Pi Eating Contest**. Teachers and students went head-to-head, racing to finish an entire pie—hands-free! With enthusiastic cheers from the crowd, the winner earned a special **pie trophy** and prize for their efforts.



By **Wednesday**, it was time for some athletics, as students and teachers faced off in a **3-Point Shootout Contest** in the gym. With only **31.4 seconds** on the clock (a nod to Pi's decimal form), participants took their best shots, aiming to make as many three-pointers as possible before time ran out.

Thursday, students joined forces to form a **human Pi symbol**, symbolizing unity and mathematical brilliance. Later that day, the breezeway transformed into a playful arena for **Pi Limbo**, students answered pi-themed questions, where if they got it wrong, they had to twist and bend under the limbo as it got lower.

PI WEEK WRAPPED UP ON **FRIDAY** WITH A GRAND FINALE FEATURING **INTERACTIVE STATIONS** LIKE PI-THEMED TRIVIA, A DIGIT-ROLLING RACE, PI KU POETRY, MATH CHALLENGES, HULA HOOPING, FUN FACTS, AND A HANDS-ON PI ESTIMATION ACTIVITY. STUDENTS ENJOYED FREE PIE, ENGAGED IN CREATIVE AND COMPETITIVE GAMES, AND EVEN HAD THE CHANCE TO LEARN FROM UVI MATHEMATICS & PHYSICS PROFESSORS.

PI WEEK WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING STUDENTS AND TEACHERS TOGETHER THROUGH CREATIVE COMPETITION. WHETHER IT WAS PAINTING, SOLVING MATH CHALLENGES, OR EATING PIE, THIS WEEK SHOWCASED HOW FUN AND ENGAGING MATHEMATICS CAN BE. WITH SUCH AN INCREDIBLE TURNOUT AND ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPATION, **PI WEEK 2025** WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS. IT GOT GREAT FEEDBACK, AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT NEXT YEAR'S PI CELEBRATION HAS IN STORE!



Foreign Language Week

Languages Take You Places! Foreign Language Week Highlights

Submitted by: Ms. Chaselle McConnell
Foreign Language Department Chairperson



Foreign Language Department

Foreign Language Week

Languages Take You Places! Foreign Language Week Highlights

Our recent Foreign Language Week, themed "Languages Take You Places," was a vibrant celebration of global cultures and communication. Students explored the power of languages to connect us across borders, fostering a deeper appreciation for the world's rich linguistic tapestry. Activities included international food tastings, cultural presentations, language-themed games, and collaborative painting of a large world map, highlighting the many places languages can take us. From learning basic phrases to experiencing authentic cultural expressions, the week truly showcased how languages can open doors to new perspectives and adventures.



☀ Monday
"Global Trivia Quest"



🌐 Tuesday
"Passport to Culture"



Wednesday - "Mural of the World"



Thursday - "Taste of the World"



Friday
"Fashion and Art Around the World"



Foreign Language Department



Chant Museum Youth Art Month

COLOR A STICKER



The "Stick With a Smile" team was thrilled to participate in the opening night of the Chant Museum's Youth Art Exhibit! We engaged visitors with our unique coloring stickers, encouraging creativity and spreading smiles throughout the evening.





SCECHS FUTURE SUCCEEDERS

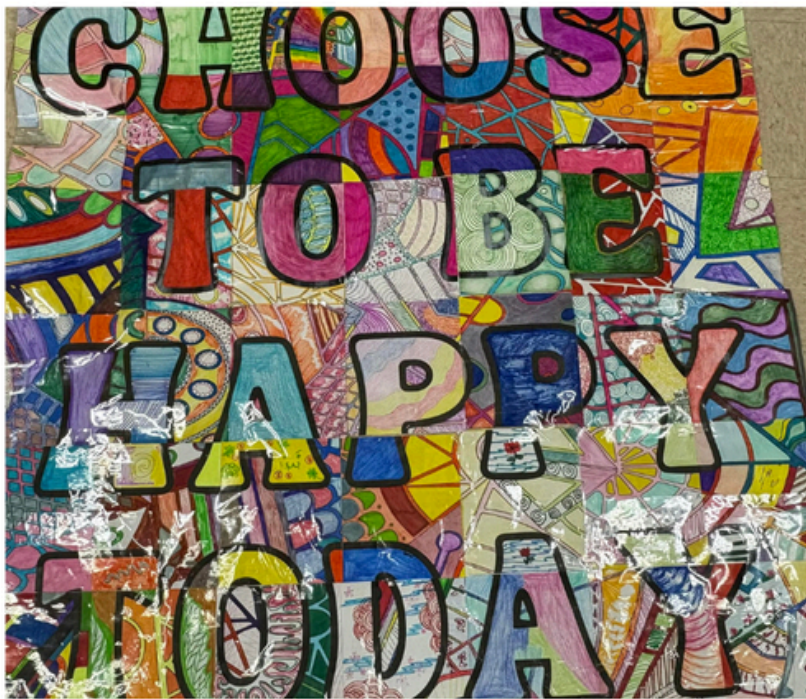
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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF

HAPPINESS

March 20, 2025





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Invites Elementary and Junior High Teachers

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

A Day of Fun, Learning, and Smiles for Your Students!



Guest Presenter

Alayah Watley
Ms. Junior Miss STX 23/24

Book us!
Available Dates:
February 27
March 27
April 10
Complete this form:



Chaselle McConnell
SCECHS Future Succeeders Advisor
USVI State Teacher of the Year
2024-2025



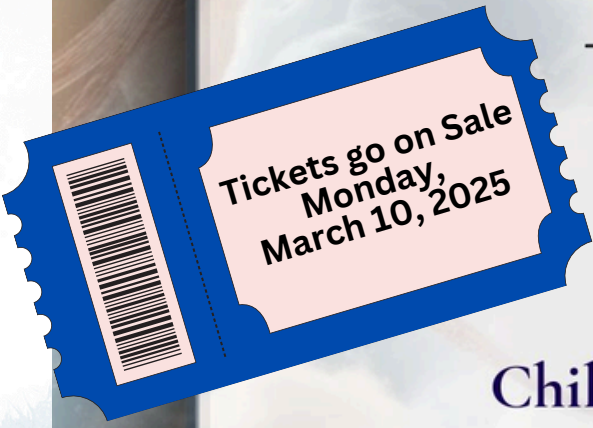
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FLOATING ON CLOUD 9: REMEMBERING THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES

THE E.X.O.T.I.C. CLASS OF 2025 PRESENTS

CLOUD 9

CLASS NIGHT



Tickets go on Sale
Monday,
March 10, 2025

Tickets

Early Birds - \$10

At the door - \$15

Children under 5 years old - \$5

Start Time

6 PM

Location

St. Croix Educational Complex

Auditorium

Date

April 12, 2025

ST. CROIX EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX HIGH SCHOOL

CULTURAL KING AND QUEEN

April 6, 2025

At 4 p.m.

In The Complex Auditorium

Linroy

Azheira

Melanie

Kayda

General Admission : \$20
(\$25 at the door)

Children 11 and under: \$15
(Tickets available at the door)

Dancing with a Purpose!

Submitted by Essi Gaston-Edwards, Dance Instructor and Health Teacher



SCECHS MODERN DANCE CLASS was invited by Juanita Gardine K-8 School to perform for their VI History Program.

They performed 2 dances, African inspired Dance to Luxury Afro Percussion beat and an Afro-Caribbean Dance to Fling It Up. Both dances are choreographed by Dance Teacher Mrs. Gaston-Edwards.

This performance served as a performance task where students showcased their skills, expressed emotions, and connected with the audience, fostering both artistic expression and a sense of community.

Seniors and Parents Graduation 2025

Graduation on me will soon be here. As you are aware the Department of Health requires a complete immunization schedule. Vaccinations let us enjoy a healthier life. Some of the diseases we thought were in the past are now coming back. For example, the cases of Measles are on the rise in America. Florida has an alarming number of cases. When we leave St. Croix, most of us end up in Florida. I am concerned with the health of our island. I'm proud of the way our population handled Covid-19, and I am certain we will be as vigilant with future challenges. Feel free to come by my office, phone, or e-mail me. Below I will provide some recourses for you to take advantage of. Exemptions **MUST** be filed with the DOH. I must have proof of immunizations and or exemptions by March 14th, 2025.

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516 STRAND STREET

FREDERIKSTED, ST CROIX 00840 | 340.772.0260

DEPT. OF HEALTH: CHARLES HARWOOD COMPLEX

3500 EST., EAST ST CHRISTIANSTED, ST CROIX 00820
| 340.718.1311

MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH

35 CASTLE COAKLEY, CHRISTIANSTED, ST CROIX 00820
340.712.0132 | MAP AND NO INSURANCE ONLY

Thank you, Timothy Buck R.N.
St Croix Educational Complex
10360 Grove Place Kingshill, VI 00850-9957
340.778.2036 ext. 580



PUMPED-UP with Physical Education

Submitted by: William Cofiell -PE Department Chairperson



Greetings once again from the Physical Education, Health and Dance Department. This month we are making the transition from Winter Sports to Spring Sports. Basketball season has come to an end with our Varsity Boys' Team playing in a tournament in Orlando, Florida. Our Track and Field Team season has come to an end. They have been competing in several events which took place at the SCEC Track Complex. Our JV Girls Softball team has begun their league schedule and our Varsity team is preparing for a tournament on St. Thomas. Soccer season has also started and our Varsity team is playing well. Our after school Dance Ensemble program has been preparing for a trip to Los Angeles, California during the Easter school break where they will be the featured entertainment at Disney World and Universal Studios.

Our PE classes have covered units on Soccer, Tennis, Team Handball and Ultimate Frisbee. We are utilizing our newly paved Tennis courts that are equipped with new

nets and poles. We also had a presenter, Ms. Saudi Jones, from UVI speaking to our students about Healthy Snacks and preparing Smoothies. Our Health Classes are covering Mental Health including dealing with stress and Healthy Relationships. The Health classes will also take part in 2 Field trips with the Department of Health on April 1st and 3rd. Our Level 2, 3 and 4 Modern Dance classes have been working on Afro-Caribbean Dance and preparing for their Spring Dance Recital scheduled for April 9th. This performance does count towards their final grade.



"HOW BARRAS HANDLE CONFLICTS"

There is a zero Tolerance for Fighting. Instead, Let us help you solve your conflicts!

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2. TAKE A BREATH

3. FIND AN ADULT



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