

# VOL. 3 | APRIL 2021

# BARRANATION NEWS

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

## Message from the Principal



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The report cards for the third marking period were distributed on March 29, 2021. I strongly urge all parents to review the report card with your child to determine their current academic standing. This fourth marking period will move swiftly, and time is of the essence. I encourage you to reach out to our teachers, counselors, or administrators if more support is needed to guarantee your child's success. Thank you for your continued partnership in our educational journey. I wish you and your entire family circle an enjoyable Easter and Spring Break.

Rodney E. Moorehead  
Principal

## CALENDAR

4/1-4/5-Easter Break (Holiday)

4/6- Moot Court Competition

4/12- Smarter Balanced  
Testing Begins

4/21- National Math Honor Society  
Induction Ceremony

4/22 Earth Day

4/26-30- Spring Break



## SMARTER BALANCED TESTING SCHEDULE

### St. Croix Educational Complex High School

Test	Date	Time
English Language Arts Part One: Computer Adaptive	4/12/21	8:00 a.m.
English Language Arts Part Two: Performance Task	4/13/21	8:00 a.m.
Mathematics Part One: Computer Adaptive	4/14/21	8:00 a.m.
Mathematics Part Two: Performance Task	4/15/21	8:00 a.m.

# Counseling Corner



*Submission by the SCECHS  
Counseling Department*

## New Club Focuses on Caring

The counseling department has adopted a new club called, **B.I.O.N.I.C. (Believe It Or Not I Care)**.

**Why B.I.O.N.I.C.?** The high school years for students can be some of the greatest years of their lives, but they can also include tough times such as:

- Moving to a new school
- Extended illnesses / health conditions

- The death of a loved one
- School tragedies
- Bullying

We believe that some of the greatest people in the world walk through the halls of our school every day. We want to cheer them on in their successes and support those who might be experiencing challenging times. In short, **we care!**

The B.I.O.N.I.C. Team is an organization designed to help fellow students, students' families, and staff through challenging times. Our Goals:

- **To make new students feel welcome**
- **To reach out to hospitalized students**

- **To reach out to students with extended illnesses/health conditions**

- **To reach out to students and their families, and staff that experience the death of a family member**

- **To reach out to other schools that experience tragedies**

- **To prevent bullying**

In order for us to accomplish these goals, the B.I.O.N.I.C Team consists of five smaller teams — each with the purpose of reaching the first five goals. Each team has student leaders to organize the activities. The **B.I.O.N.I.C. Team** was started by Sandy Austin in 2004. We look forward to having this Team become active in our school.

## Barracuda Shines in Birmingham, Alabama

*Submission by Malique A. Smith  
St. Croix Track Club, Inc., President*



*Michelle Smith (right)*

Please congratulate Michelle Smith for a second and fourth place finish at the Southeast Showdown in Birmingham, Alabama on Monday February 15th . This was an indoor Track & Field meet for high school athletes who came from 18 states and the US Virgin Islands. Placing second in the 800m run with a personal best of 2:17 and fourth in the finals of the 60m hurdles is noteworthy since Michelle is a high school freshman. Many of her competitors were juniors and seniors. Among 9th graders according to Athletic.net, Michelle is ranked 4th in the nation based on her times in both events. She is hopeful to qualify for the Carifta Games to be held in Bermuda in early July later this year. The Virgin Islands will be sending a contingent of qualifying Track & Field athletes to Hamilton, Bermuda to what is considered the world's most outstanding under 20 and under 17 Track & Field competition.

For questions, please email me at [stcroixtrackclub@yahoo.com](mailto:stcroixtrackclub@yahoo.com) or call me at 340-422-4707.



## The St. Croix Educational Complex High School



### Foreign Language Department



highlights

## Foreign Language week

March 7-13, 2021

### Open your Mind to Language Panel Discussion Workshop



Photo: Sra. Ana Evans-Hernandez  
Foreign Language Teacher

**Presenters:** Ida Gharagozlou-Romero, Kirk Frank, Khalid Saleem, Akim Warner

**Description:** This workshop was designed with faculty, staff, and students in mind to celebrate Foreign Language Week. The presenters included two current teachers and two ex-military personnel. Notably, two of the panelists currently live internationally. Furthermore, this enlightening workshop expanded the audiences' understanding of embracing different cultures and languages. "Learning a language is not a destination, but a journey." -Jean Brunet

**Date:** March 9, 2021

**Time:** 2:05 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Target Audience:** Faculty, Staff, and Students

The Foreign Language Department thanks Assistant Principal Natasha Liburd, the distinguished panelists, students, and faculty for their participation and contribution to this successful event.

THANK  
YOU



## DR. RUTH BEAGLES National Honor Society



Students, do you need help in any subject area that's keeping you up at night? Well, sweat no more.

Good news!

The Dr. Ruth Beagles National Honor Society will be providing **FREE** tutoring service every Thursday from 2:30- 3:30, starting March 4, 2021. Contact your respective counselor to sign up.

DIANA GARCIA, NHS ADVISOR



## Introducing the Class of 2022 Class Officers

*"Leadership is not a position or title;  
it is an action and an example."*

Donald McGannon

On Tuesday, February 2, 2021 the Class of 2022 heard from a dynamic group of candidates vying for a seat as a class officer! Voting took place. Introducing the Class Officers of the CLASS OF 2022! They are geared up ready to lead their fellow students!



Yaira Ortiz  
President



Weena Woodrup  
Vice President



Aaliah Saret  
Secretary



Jenell Santos  
Treasurer



Amarjahan Joseph-DeCambra  
Historian



Anverly Jones  
Parliamentarian

# MATH FETE

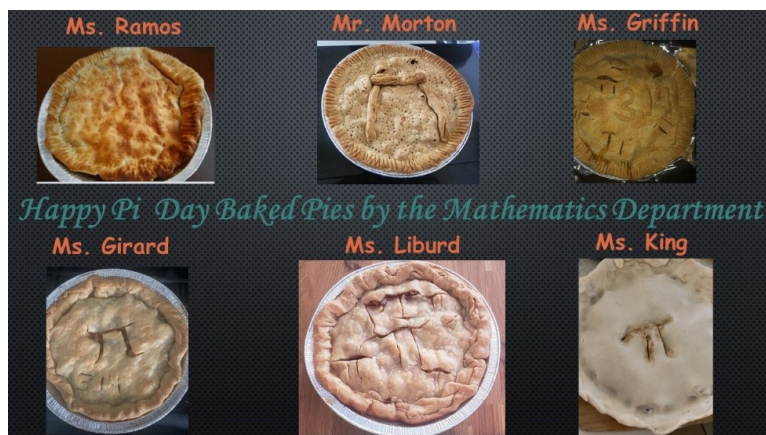
By Cassandra King, Chairperson



## Pi Day Celebration

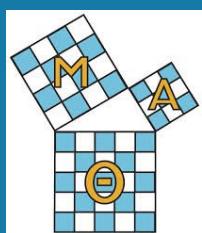
Pi Day was on Sunday, March 14; however, the Mathematics Department and the National Mathematics Honor Society members had an epic Pi Day celebration on Friday, March 12. This year, the St. Croix Educational Complex Mathematics Department collaborated with the other three public high schools in the territory to have a virtual celebration of Pi Day. It was a monumental event because Ivanna Eudora Kean High School, Charlotte Amalie High School, St. Croix Central High School, and the St. Croix Educational Complex High School celebrated Pi day in unity. The COVID-19 pandemic could not stop the celebration of Pi Day this year. At this celebration, students across the territory recited original poems about Pi, read Pi facts, and gave Pi jokes and riddles. In addition, each school gave a visual presentation on Pi Day past at their school.

To raise awareness of Pi Day, teachers in the Mathematics Department did several activities with their students. Students participated in activities such as estimating Pi, baked homemade pies and cakes, wrote original poems, and conducted research and presented facts of Pi in class. Additionally, the mathematics teachers baked apple pies together virtually. It truly was a tasty holiday!



## Congratulations To The National Mathematics Honor Society Inductees

It is with great pleasure that the Mathematics Department welcomes the following students into the St. Croix Educational Complex High School Chapter of the Mu Alpha Theta National Mathematics Honor Society. We started this chapter in 2014 to our recognize students who performed exceptionally well in mathematics. The students are eligible because they have completed at least three (3) college preparatory mathematics courses, each grade being at least 85%, and they have earned an average of at least 90% in all of the mathematics courses they completed. This is a great achievement and we are extremely proud of our inductees.



1. Axel Adams
2. Carlos Alexander
3. Nya Ashley
4. Nylani Bernier
5. Kristel Casey
6. D'Iani Charles
7. Kyarra de Chabert

8. Jayden Ferdinand
9. Karim Henry
10. Ariel Heyliger
11. Jada Joseph
12. Samara Lammy
13. Lisandra Mayapin
14. De'Mario Obeius

15. Nancy Parrilla
16. Nicolas Phillip
17. Jenell Santos
18. Aaliah Saret
19. Maliyah Sinanan
20. Michaela Taniajura
21. Makayla Todman



# PBIS February STAR Students of the Month Winners

By The PBIS Committee

The PBIS committee congratulates the February STAR Students of the Month. Teachers nominated one student from each class period who exemplified the values in the technology component of the SCECHS PBIS matrix. The students showed they were BARRAS by always having their cameras on, logging in on time, having a back up plan for technology issues, and staying logged in and engaged in the lessons. All names were entered into a pool per grade level to win prizes. Kudos to all the winners.



Gabriella Alexander, sophomore, PBIS STAR student of the month. She was nominated by Ms. King. (Pictured with Mrs. Girard, 10th grade assistant principal)



Nicholas Girard, junior, PBIS STAR student of the month. He was nominated by Mrs. Lake. (Pictured with Ms. Liburd, 11th grade assistant principal)



Maelen Hodge, senior, PBIS STAR student of the month. She was nominated by Mrs. Keels. (Pictured with Ms. George, 12th grade assistant principal)



Mariah Harris, freshman, PBIS STAR student of the month. She was nominated by Ms. Griffin. (Pictured with Mrs. Graham, 9th grade assistant principal)

## OVERVIEW:

This newsletter is a publication for the families and friends of the St. Croix Educational Complex High School (SCECHS) It is a way to keep you informed of past and upcoming activities.

Contributions are made by the administration, faculty, and staff of SCECHS. This publication is also a means to showcase the work of our students and various clubs and organizations.

St. Croix Educational Complex High School  
RR1 Box 10360  
Kingshill, U.S. Virgin Islands 00850  
Phone: (340) 778-2036

