

ICT LESSONS AT SHS

By Jet van Heijnsbergen



As soon as **Christina Pallotta** set foot on the island, she started looking for something useful to do. Shortly after, she was working for SHS as the **ICT Assistant**.

Tr. Christina teaches all students, from 4—12 years old, in the Computer Lab at the Innovations Bureau.

As **Tr. Christina** says: “It is one of the objectives of FBE to teach computer literacy, because we can’t escape modern technology. Even the children in Kindergarten learn about the parts of the computer and they learn to navigate through Math and Reading games. As of grade 3, students learn to use the keys and proper typing techniques. In grade 4 to 6 they learn to type with both hands and use the computer for valuable research skills.”

PROJECT MATERIALS

For Cycle II



The **project materials** for **cycle II** have arrived!!! The materials are meant for students to work with in small groups or in pairs in the centers, and learn through discovery.

Finally, our cycle II teachers can start setting up especially their **Science and Math centers** with wonderful and colorful items.

In the picture you can see: a globe, a bug study jar, scales and balances. There are Science techno kits, calculators, fraction games, microscopes, compasses, weather stations, magnets, measuring tapes, Math puzzles, etc. etc.



**TO ALL PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN THE
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Let's not forget the real meaning of Christmas

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NATIONAL QUALITY CARD

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We need to aim for the best and strive for quality education. Education is **the way** to progress. Economical and personal progress is often related to the quality of your education.

That's why in the schools we measure the quality of education as well as the success of the children. You receive report cards on your child and you discuss the progress with the teachers every term.

As of now, the **teachers** will also measure **their own** quality of work. They will do so by means of the new **National Quality Card FBE**.

This is a measuring instrument that the teachers fill out themselves.



Floor van der Zwan presenting the card to Commissioner Chris Johnson

The card was developed by Dr. **Floor van der Zwan**. All islands had input in making the card and all involved were instructed in the use of it.

Based on the outcome of this self-assessment it will be decided if further teacher training, assistance or materials are needed per school.



**WE WISH YOU ALL
A VERY
BLESSED CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

In 2008 we hope to continue working together with parents, teachers and boards in the best interest of educating the children of Saba.

INTRODUCING TR. CAMILLE BLACKMAN

My name is **Camille Blackman**. I am from Trinidad. I have been a teacher for the last twenty plus years because I enjoy interacting with children and emulated my aunt, who is now a principal.



I have been quite fortunate to have met my husband **Everard Blackman**, also a teacher, whom I have known for twenty years. We have a son, **Christon**, who is in Form One in SCS.

The **Christmas Season** is very close to our hearts because we have many cherished memories in this special month of December: our engagement was on Christmas Eve which happens to be Tr. Everard's birthday, and our wedding anniversary is on the twenty ninth of December.

In Trinidad, Christmas is a very festive time. In preparation for it, during the Advent Season, we thoroughly clean and re-paint our homes, share clothes, food stuffs and goodies with children and the aged in the community to celebrate the coming of Jesus' Birthday. We also dress in red, white and green and visit each home in our community singing carols and 'parang'.

Parang was passed on to us by our Spanish ancestors. It is a Spanish song telling the story of Nativity or the Birth of Jesus Christ.

We sing parang at church and also when we walk 'house to house' with all our musical instruments: cuatro, guitar, maracas, toc toc, steelpan, and many more.

Christmas is a lovely time for me and my family. We go to church and remember that **Jesus Christ** is really the reason we have the birthday celebration. We share and exchange gifts and look forward for a bright and prosperous **New Year**.



EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT

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Pieter Sloterdijk

You may have seen a familiar face back on Saba in the beginning of December: **Mr. Pieter Sloterdijk** -who used to live here- returned, to work with School Management and Boards of **all schools on Saba**.

Topic of the sessions was **Effective Education Management**. Managers came together and discussed topics as Laws & Regulations, Recruiting & Hiring, and Core Competencies. In addition, the Board Members studied the principle of Strategic Planning.

The sessions ended with a workshop for Managers and Board Members combined. During this last session, all groups were asked to make a **plan of action** for their school.

The island will soon have an **Education Policy**. Sacred Heart is working on the update of their **School Development Plan**. The teams were able to combine aspects of both in their new action plans.

Pieter Sloterdijk: "This time the Managers and Board Members were heard. It was clear that they appreciate support in their specific function, and are willing to take it one step further."

A possible follow-up to this activity could be the actual writing of a **Strategic Operational Plan**.



In doing this activity, all strengths could be combined. The Daycare Center, Primary as well as Secondary School: all worked together in a joint effort.