The St. Andrew High School Flag

The St. Andrew High School Flag will be hoisted for the first time on June 5, 2015 at a Special Flag Raising Ceremony heralding the school's 90th Anniversary Celebrations that will take place during the Academic year 2015-2016. The flag is a symbol of respect and true devotion. It reminds us of the great achievements of this noble institution and inspires all members of the School Family to resolve to build on this rich legacy that we have inherited.

Design
The Flag was designed by Kathryn Lawrence, Deputy Head Girl 2014-2015. The Dubonnet flag features the Crest of St. Andrew High School for Girls in the centre encircled by seven grey stars trimmed with white for effect. Dubonnet, Grey and Navy Blue are the School colours.

Symbolism
The Crest features on the left, a white cross on a blue background which is the flag of our Patron Saint St. Andrew. To the right is the flag of St. George(England) with five pineapples, this being taken from the first Coat of Arms given to Jamaica in 1661. The three stars at the top of the crest serve to encourage our students to aim for the highest. This strong symbolism of loyalty to God, loyalty to school and loyalty to country which results in a victorious life ,is borne out in the school's motto “life More Abundant” which is taken from the New Testament book of St. John Ch.10 vs. 10”… I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly”.

The choice of seven as the number of stars to encircle the crest was made firstly because the number seven (7) is biblically symbolic of perfection. Seven also represents the number of Grade levels in which students operate at the institution. The use of the seven stars is therefore significant as although we are not perfect there is a conscious striving for perfection on the part of all members of the school family. This perfection is not relative to the world's standards of perfection but instead to the standards of St. Andrew High School for Girls as embodied in our school's Vision, Mission and Core values.

Code for use of the St. Andrew High School Flag

The SAHS Flag should be regarded as a sacred symbol of our beloved institution.

The SAHS Flag should never be allowed to touch the ground or floor. It should not be flown or used only for decorative purposes on anything that is for temporary use and is likely to be discarded except on special occasions and with permission from the Board of Management.

The dimensions of the flag are guided by two considerations:

The SAHS Flag must never be bigger than the National flag
All flags should be of the ratio 2 (horizontal):1 (vertical) that is, if the horizontal(bottom and top) of the flag is 72” long the vertical (running parallel with the pole) must be 36”.

The standard size of the SAHS Flag is 34”x 68”. The standard size of the Jamaican Flag is 36”x 72”.

The SAHS flag should never be flown above the National Flag which should always be to the right of all other flags. However , apart from the National Flag or the flags of other Nations no other flag should be flown to the right of the SAHS Flag.

When the flag becomes worn and must be replaced it should be burnt privately and not used for any other purpose than that for which it was designated.

The Flag should not be draped over vehicles except on special school occasions and only with permission from the Board of Management.

The SAHS School Flag may be flown at half mast as a sign of mourning by the school community when so declared by the Board of Management.

The Flag when flown at half-mast should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered slowly to the half-mast position. It should again be raised to the peak before it is lowered.

Under normal circumstances, the National Flag and the SAHS flag should be hoisted at the start of each school day and lowered at the end of the school day or by sunset (unless they are clearly illuminated by a focused floodlight or spotlight after sunset).

It is recommended that there should be a special Flag raising Ceremony at the beginning and a lowering Ceremony at the end of each term. The Ceremony should be so organized that participation is regarded as a special privilege. At this ceremony, the Jamaican National Flag should be raised first followed by the SAHS flag. The National Pledge for Schools and The Mission and Statement of Purpose of St. Andrew High School for Girls are to be recited on these occasions.