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Dear Editor / Head of Department,

20 Schools vie for National Schools Panorama Title 2023

The Ministry of Education's National Schools Panorama 2023 kicked off on Wednesday January 11, 2023 to melodious sounds with hundreds of students at the primary and secondary school level matching skills on the pan, and other musical instruments in the preliminary round of the competition. The competition is hosted in collaboration with the Pan in Schools Coordinating Council and Pan Trinbago. After two weeks of intense competition, twenty (20) schools will progress to the finals which takes place Sunday January 22, 2023 at the Queen's Park Savannah from 9:00am.

Education Minister, Dr. Nyan Gadsby-Dolly, had the opportunity to visit one of the schools during the preliminary round and commented, *"the future of our national instrument is alive and well, the passion and enthusiasm of these young people is infectious."* The finalists vying for top honours are:

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

1. Success Laventille RC
2. Couva Anglican
3. St. Gabriel's Girls RC
4. Guaico Presbyterian
5. Tamana RC
6. Santa Maria RC
7. Febeau Government
8. St. Mary's Government
9. Vance River RC
10. Carenage Boys' Government



SECONDARY SCHOOLS

1. Bishop Anstey POS
2. Bishop Anstey College/Trinity College East
3. Naparima Combined
4. South East POS
5. St. Francois College
6. St Joseph's Convent, St. Joseph
7. QRC Providence
8. El Dorado East Gov't Secondary
9. Pleasantville Secondary
10. Holy Cross College

Every year, the Visual and Performing Arts Unit (VAPA) of the Curriculum Planning and Development Division of the Ministry of Education, plans, manages and successfully executes this landmark event in the school's calendar. The goal is to provide a national platform to show off the best of our students' musical and artistic talents on the national instrument of Trinidad and Tobago.

Judging commenced for the secondary school preliminaries in the South Zone, with Pleasantville Senior Comprehensive, Marabella South Secondary, Naparima College (Boys) and Naparima Girls' High School combined participating. Performing before the judges in the North Zone, (Port of Spain) were; St. Francois College, Queen's Royal College and Providence Girls (combined), Bishop Anstey High (POS,) St. Mary's College and South East Port of Spain Secondary.

In the East Zone, five (5) schools faced the judges on January 13, 2023. They were Holy Cross College Arima, Bishop Anstey College/Trinity College East, El Dorado East Secondary, Tunapuna Secondary and St. Joseph's Convent (St. Joseph). And in the Tobago Zone, Signal Hill Secondary faced the judges on January 16, 2023. Judging consisted of four categories; general performance, arrangement, tone and rhythm.

In the Primary Schools category, all ten (10) schools registered have moved to the finals of the competition. The music curriculum officer visited schools by request to render feedback in preparation for the finals.

The details of the 2023 Schools' Carnival programme can be found on <https://www.moe.gov.tt/school-carnival-events-2023/> and includes:

- Intellectual Carnival National Schools' Chutney Soca Competition,
- Schools' Carnival Tassarama Competition,
- Junior Calypso Monarch,
- Junior Extempo Monarch,
- Junior Soca competition,
- Traditional Carnival Characters Parade
- Red Cross Junior Parade.

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