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Welcome to the Manning's School SPIRIT Interhouse Body. Here we will showcase what the S.P.I.R.I.T. brand is all about and take you on a journey through our S.P.I.R.I.T. world.



1 Interhouse Coordinator Mr. Hughes

S.P.I.R.I.T. is an acronym formulated by our very own Mr. Courtney Hughes which means:

Socially
Participating
Inspiring
Recognizing
Improving
Talent

The aim of this body as the name suggest is to get everyone socially involved in activities that are fun, entertaining and at the same time rewarding . These are interhouse activities that they would otherwise be reluctant to participate in; this gives us the spirit of improving every individual that we encounter.

Our vision created by Ms. Taylor McKenzie who is a former president of the S.P.I.R.I.T. committee ***is to create a supportive social environment aimed at bringing innovation inspiration and sportsman ship to every student.***

Motto: *Not to try is to fail but to try is the start of winning, with the motto we enable everyone to at least try to participate in all competition offered by the S.P.I.R.I.T. committee.*

Mission Statement: *To promote the development of talent in this institution ensuring each Manning's student has equal opportunity to display their skills at the highest competitive level and as a leader in terms of participation, performance and profile.*

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The activities are coordinated by the interhouse coordinator and his S.P.I.R.I.T. Committee and are executed at different phases of the school year. Other members of the S.P.I.R.I.T. Committee includes the presidents of the different sporting houses that you will hear about later, along with sixth formers (upper and lower) whether they are able to participate in the competition or they are able to display their management skills. These students work together with the various leaders from the eight(8) houses and they help to coordinate all the activities that the S.P.I.R.I.T. interhouse committee would put on exhibition climaxing with the grand sports day at the end of the year.

The committee has an organization structure with different members:

- ***Coordinator and teacher in charge***
- ***Male and Female President***
- ***First and second vice president***
- ***PRO team***
- ***Sports coordinator***
- ***Treasurer***
- ***Secretary***

The members of the committee are selected in a strategic manner where we have the students from lower six being the assistant to the student from upper sixth, so for example, the president will be an upper sixth former and his/her understudy or vice president will be a lower sixth form student, the sports coordinator is a upper sixth former and the assistant a lower sixth former. There is also a former. The IT team ensures that letters and documents written by secretary are printed and disseminated accordingly. This chain of command allows the senior students in the school to play an integral part in the running of the S.P.I.R.I.T. Interhouse competitions.

We have eight houses that are named off Past principals and have their respective colours.

<i>Name of house and symbol</i>	<i>House Colour/Shade</i>	<i>Meeting place</i>
Clarke house	Orange	
Dickenson House	Purple	Auditorium
Neita House	Red	Lower School staff room
Jackson	Yellow	Infront of the auditorium
Fiddler	Blue	Infront of S1 & S2 classrooms
Prescod House	Green	General Science lab
Levy	White and Pink	At Tree beside P.E. Department
Nicholson	Black	P Block

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Each house has a house mother and a father that ensures that all activities are coordinated and ran accordingly and in a timely manner. The activities that are done by the S.P.I.R.I.T. Team are run over a full two term period.

In the first term, there is a Spanish competition that is coordinated by the committee along with the Spanish department who ensures that the questions are formulated. Each house would send a representative (s) to the competition.



S.P.I.R.I.T. Past president Sai participating in competition

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There is also a football and netball competition which completes the activities for the first term. For all competitions a teacher is allowed to participate on the team with the student.



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In the second term, there is Volleyball, Mathematics, Dominoes, Table Tennis, Chest, and Cricket competitions. All sports team consists of both males and females including at least teacher. We believe that this creates a nice bond and bridge the gap between students and teachers in the school.



The culture yard was designed as a fundraiser for all houses to generate monies for the final day which is Sports day. On culture day each house will provide different cultural items that is displayed on a booth to include but not limited to the following:- ground provisions, curried goat, ackee and salt fish, fried fish and bammy, blue draws, drops, pudding, dukunoo, snow cone, candies other Jamaican ornaments such as bracelets, hang bags and a variety of other baked products. The different houses would set up their banners around the library area and sell and the proceeds will assist their athletes and participants are well catered for on sports day. Some houses would even do a games room as a fundraiser. Each house tries to create fun filled ways to raise funds for the big day. The music speech and dance competitions are held in the auditorium. All winners/champions of the respective SPIRIT competitions based on the points allotted are awarded with medals, trophies and a cake on sports day when the presentations are made. They are also awarded with the title of Culture Day house of the year, Football Champion of the year and so forth.



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The other significant activities to complete the S.P.I.R.I.T. competitions are the Cheerleading competition and Sports day. The Cheer leading competition is done during the first break for sports day and will be judged by the members in the school who were not associated with any house namely the Principal, Vice Principal, Guidance Counselor Department and the Physical Education Department , occasionally, there will also be an invited judge from outside of the school. This has generated excitement for the students on sports day.

Sports day is normally done in two phases, pre sports day and the day of. On pre sports day there is the preliminary and finals for the fields events such as the high jump, long jump, discuss for all classes. This takes place one week before the actual sports day. There is also the 1500m and 3000m race on pre sports day for boys and girls. On the day slated to be sports day, there are the sprints events like 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m, 4x100m relays and climaxing with the 4x400m relays competition. A champion boy and girl will be announced for sports day. All points obtained from previous competitions lie the culture day and dominoes competition and all other competition leading up to sports day will give grand total points to decide the winners. At the end of the competitions and sports day we will have a sports day champion house and an overall champion house.

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Table showing track and field class classification of athletes

<i>1st Form</i>	<i>Class 4 athlete</i>
<i>2nd Form</i>	<i>Class 3 athlete</i>
<i>3rd and 4th Form</i>	<i>Class 2 athlete</i>
<i>5th and 6th Form</i>	<i>Class 1 athlete</i>

The Fiddler house has been dominating the football event for the past five (5) years, that is, they have won the most of the football competitions and sports day championships. They have done relatively well at volley ball and netball. Their house father is Mr. Jermaine Williams and house mother Mrs. Sharna-Gaye Brown-Davis.

All the houses have contributed tremendously to a spectacular S.P.I.R.I.T. competition, the students especially look forward to having these events annually and they come decked out in their house colours ready to engage with the motto inculcated in their minds.

The S.P.I.R.I.T. committee always has a launch which involves the teachers and students participating in competitions outside of the regularly schedules event. Since the last two years the female football competition have been introduced where you have female teachers competing against female students, and males teachers with male students - this venture has created a must watch competition as persons watch and enjoy.

The S.P.I.R.I.T. committee also has an award ceremony for the teachers who have been instrumental in keeping their house active over the years where they'd receive certificates of appreciate from the S.P.I.R.I.T. Committee. Students also hosts a concert for their teachers on Teachers day to show their appreciation, however, the prevalent concert of all was when the teachers themselves performed for the students. It was crowd filled auditorium; a concert with a contribution of only fifty dollars upon entry which generated over ninety five thousand dollars. Students crammed the auditorium to see their teachers perform.



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The S.P.I.R.I.T. committee continues to strive for excellence and want you to know that S.P.I.R.I.T. activities create a well-rounded individual. The S.P.I.R.I.T. committee will continue to create activities that will allow teachers, students, auxiliary staff and other workers on the compound to enjoy their time at Manning's releasing the distress. This committee will always strive from strength to strength with the help of the head master, the willingness of all the students and teachers to ensure that the experience at Manning's is one to remember. As our vision statement suggests, we will continue to create a supportive social environment aimed at bringing innovation inspiration and sportsmanship to every student.

Table showing points allocation for all events under the S.P.I.R.I.T. competitions

PLACING	NUMBER OF ALLOTTED POINTS
1 ST PLACE	12 points
2 ND PLACE	9 points
3 RD PLACE	8 points
4 TH PLACE	7 point s
5 TH PLACE	6 points
6 TH PLACE	5 points
7 TH PLACE	4 points
8 TH PLACE	3 points

