



Naparima College

Blue Circle Supplement

The Return of The Blue Circle Network: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future



For decades, The Blue Circle Network defined Naparima College's student journalism and broadcasting, giving students a voice and platform for discussion. Established in 1957 by Mr. James Lee Wah, it empowered students to engage with current events, express perspectives, and develop skills in writing and broadcasting.

Notably, The Blue Circle Network inspired young minds to pursue media careers. Among its alumni were Sir Trevor McDonald, Bobby Thomas, and Ashton Chambers, who became prominent figures in broadcasting. Their success proves how a school broadcast could lay the foundation for lifelong careers in media. It was not just about reading news it was about shaping perspectives, fostering debate, and giving young voices the confidence to be heard beyond the walls of Naparima College.



Ms. Lynette Bramadath

Operating as a weekly 10-minute broadcast via the school's PA system, The Blue Circle Network became a student life staple. Accompanying it was The Blue Circle Supplement, a student-led newspaper reporting on school activities, achievements, and contemporary issues.



Mr. Lee Wah

Together, these platforms fostered journalistic excellence, sharpening students' analytical and storytelling abilities skills many later carried into their professional lives. Beyond training journalists, The Blue Circle Network embodied Naparima College's spirit championing student initiative, critical thinking, and knowledge. It connected the school community, keeping students informed, engaged, and celebrating achievements together

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It also created a sense of belonging, fostering camaraderie among students passionate about storytelling, research, and media production. The ability to analyze current events, ask important questions, and present ideas with clarity became an integral part of the Naparima experience.

Now, after decades of silence, The Blue Circle Network and The Blue Circle Supplement return. More than a tribute to the past, this revival renews a commitment to student expression, intellectual curiosity, and truth.

The Blue Circle Network will once again serve as a school-wide radio platform, while The Blue Circle Supplement will continue its legacy in print, ensuring student voices are heard. Just as Mr. Lee Wah and longtime school secretary and librarian Lynette Bramadath (later Ramkerrysingh) laid the foundation in 1957, today's Naparima students will build upon that legacy with fresh perspectives and engaging storytelling.

This revival is not just about tradition it's about innovation. In an era dominated by digital media, The Blue Circle Network will embrace new technologies, incorporating podcasting, video segments, and social media engagement to reach an even wider audience. The goal is to blend the best of the past with the limitless possibilities of the future. Students will have opportunities to explore journalism, broadcasting, digital media, and public speaking in ways that were once unimaginable.

This is an invitation to all students: to write, speak, share, and make their voices heard. Whether through investigative pieces, interviews, or creative storytelling, The Blue Circle Network and The Blue Circle Supplement are here to celebrate the power of student expression.

The return of these platforms marks the beginning of a new era one where knowledge, passion, and excellence drive student journalism forward. So stay tuned for exciting stories, thought-provoking discussions, and a renewed commitment to truth, because The Blue Circle Network and The Blue Circle Supplement are back stronger than ever!

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Naparima Combined

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NAPS Combined Delivers Spectacular Performance in Panorama 2025

The NAPS Combined Steel Orchestra has once again proven its dominance in the steelpan arena, delivering a breathtaking performance at the National Schools' Panorama 2025.

Under the expert guidance of Arranger Ms. Desree Seecharan, the band's stellar rendition of Buss Head by Ian "Bunji Garlin" Alvarez and Machel Montano earned them a well-deserved second-place finish, missing out on the championship by just one point. This outstanding achievement cements their legacy as a powerhouse in the school panorama circuit.

Since its inception, NAPS Combined has consistently been a top performer, securing podium finishes year after year. Their performance record speaks volumes about their talent, dedication, and unyielding passion for the national instrument:

- 2018 – Fallin' (Kes) – 2nd Place
- 2019 – No Weapon (LFS Music) – 1st Place
- 2020 – Back to Basics (Aaron Duncan) – 3rd Place
- 2023 – Big Bad Soca (Bunji Garlin) – 1st Place
- 2024 – Call My Name (Destra Garcia) – 2nd Place
- 2025 – Buss Head (Bunji Garlin & Machel Montano) – 2nd Place

Pan 25' Continued...

This six-time podium finish is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the students, instructors, and managers who have ensured that Naparima College and Naparima Girls High School continues to shine on the national stage.

The 2025 NAPS Combined Players thrived under a dynamic leadership team committed to pushing the band to greater heights. Their unwavering efforts ensured another memorable and high-quality performance.

Arranger: Ms. Desree Seecharan

Drill Masters: Mr. Shaquille Vincent & Mr. Kevon Duncan

Band Leader & Co-Manager: Ms. Amanda Ramjohn

Co-Manager: Ms. Abiola Haneiph-Branch

Their collective experience and dedication provided the players with the motivation and technical expertise to deliver a powerful, synchronized, and musically rich performance.

The success of the NAPS Combined Players would not be possible without the exceptionally talented students. This year's team included:



Tenor Section:

- Kyle Ramdial (Final Year)
- Samir Birju
- Kaden Sukram
- Joshua Eversley
- Matthew Khan
- Jaden Ramrattan
- Justin Gilbert
- Khalil Heeralal
- Ross Ramkissoon
- Avedis Ali
- Zachary George (Section Leader)

Cello:

- Josiah Rajack (Final Year, Section Leader)
- Jeremy Jagessar

G-Seconds:

- Jeremy Singh

Low Bass:

- Nirad Maharaj
- Israel Cox

Double Tenor:

- Nathan Mohammed
- Nathan Greenidge

Double Seconds:

- Mikaeel Ali (Final Year, Section Leader)
- Caleb Fortune

Percussion & Rhythm Section:

- Kadeer Mohammed (Percussionist & Drummer)
- Zachary Persad (Congas)
- Justin Ramnarace (Iron Player)
- Sohail Heeralal (Big Drum)

This talented group of musicians demonstrated unparalleled passion, discipline, and unity, performing with the heart and soul of true champions.

Despite falling short of the championship by just one point, NAPS Combined has once again solidified its reputation as one of the best school-based steel orchestras in the country. The experience and skill developed by these young musicians will undoubtedly shape their futures, whether it be in music or other endeavors.

A special acknowledgement goes out to the final-year members—Kyle Ramdial, Mikaeel Ali, and Josiah Rajack—whose contributions have helped shape the band's excellence. Their legacy will continue to inspire future generations of Naps Combined Players.

With their eyes set on Panorama 2026, the NAPS Combined Players are already preparing for an even greater performance next year. Their dedication, resilience, and musical brilliance promise that the next chapter in their journey will be just as spectacular!

Congratulations, NAPS Combined Steel Orchestra 2025—you have made Naparima College proud once again!

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Founders' Day 2025

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On Wednesday, 5th February 2025, Naparima College proudly celebrated its 131st Founder's Day, marking yet another milestone in the institution's rich legacy. This special occasion, steeped in reverence and tradition, served as a poignant reminder of the values upon which our esteemed college was built. The event brought together staff and students, both past and present, in a heartfelt tribute to the visionaries who laid the foundation for our beloved institution.

The day's celebrations featured several notable moments that captured the spirit of the occasion. To commence, the Principal, Mr. Ali, delivered an inspiring address reaffirming Naparima College's unwavering commitment to excellence and holistic development. As part of the tribute to the school's journey, past staff members were honored with tokens of appreciation, recognizing their years of dedication and support. The ceremony reached an emotional high point with a mesmerizing performance by the Naparima Steel Orchestra, who captivated the audience with their rendition of 'My Tribute.'

A highlight of the event was the speech delivered by our esteemed past Vice Principal, Mr. David Sammy. As the son of Mr. James Sammy, the namesake of the esteemed Sammy House, Mr. Sammy held the audience in rapt attention with his powerful and informative address. Through eloquent reflections on the school's history and evolution, he inspired the students to embrace their roles as torchbearers of the Naparima legacy, urging them to shape a brighter future.

Following the formal proceedings in the auditorium, students and teachers stepped outside to be greeted by the harmonious sounds of trumpets and drums, skillfully played by the Naparima College Sea Scouts. In a time-honored tradition, the procession paid tribute to the college's founder, the late Dr. Rev. Grant, by placing evergreen leaves in a basket, symbolizing continuity and remembrance. The ceremony concluded with all attendees proudly singing the College hymn, reinforcing the deep sense of unity and pride that binds the Naparima College community.

Founders' Day 2025 – Continued

As the celebrations drew to a close, the festivities continued with the much-anticipated cricket match between students and teachers. Held in the school courtyard, this friendly competition saw both current and past staff members join in the excitement. Laughter and cheers filled the air as students gathered on balconies and corridors to watch the spirited match. By the end of the game, half a dozen balls had been lost, but the smiles on everyone's faces were proof of the camaraderie and joy that defined the day.

Founder's Day 2025 was truly a memorable occasion, serving as a reminder of the enduring legacy of Naparima College and the values it upholds. As we look toward the future, we remain committed to preserving the traditions that make our institution great, ensuring that the Naparima spirit continues to shine for generations to come.



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NAPS Combined Steel Orchestra



Mr. Roger Ali, Principal



Mr. David Sammy

This Month's Events

I.T. + LADS Debate
February 11th, 2025

NAPSAC Movie Night
February 15th, 2025

Interact + LADS Debate
February 17th, 2025

Elocution
February 26th, 2025

I.T. + L.A.D.S. COLLABORATIVE DEBATE

Be it resolved that internet access should be recognized as a basic human right for all citizens of Trinidad and Tobago, as the absence of such access risks widening social and economic inequalities.

Tuesday 11th February 2025
Open to Form 5 & 6 members of both clubs

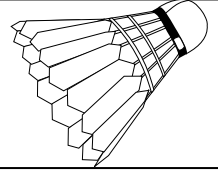
Interact + L.A.D.S. COLLABORATIVE DEBATE

Be it resolved that the appointment of the Commissioner of Police in Trinidad and Tobago should be overseen by an independent, transparent review board to ensure the conservation of public trust and Rotary International's first area of focus; promoting peace.

Monday 17th February 2025
Open to members of both clubs



Naparima Sports



NAPS Shines at National Secondary Schools' Badminton Tournament

Naparima College delivered a stellar performance at the National Secondary Schools' Badminton Tournament, held on January 21st, 22nd, 28th, and 29th. A total of 21 students represented the school, securing multiple medals across different age categories.

In Tier A, standout performances included Liam Persad, who dominated the Under-13 division, winning gold in both singles and doubles alongside Joshua Campbelle. Nicholi Jebod Singh also impressed, clinching gold in Under-15 Singles and teaming up with Andrew Babwah to win gold in doubles. Babwah added to the tally with a silver in Under-15 Singles. In the Under-21 category, Josh Jebod Singh and Sachin Phagoo both earned bronze in singles, while Alex Persad and Joshua Eversley took bronze in doubles.

In Tier B, Shalom Noyan secured a bronze in Under-15 Singles, while Kayleb Maharajh also took bronze in the Under-17 Singles category.

With their outstanding achievements, Naparima College continues to make its mark in school badminton, showcasing the talent and dedication of its young athletes.

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Naparima College Cricket Team Continues Strong Run SSCL

The Naparima College cricket team has been in top form in the National Secondary Schools' Cricket Tournament, securing impressive victories as they push for championship success.

In a thrilling match against Presentation College San Fernando, our players showed resilience, winning by 4 runs in a tense finish. Unfortunately, our fixture against St. Mary's College (CIC) was abandoned due to unforeseen circumstances.

Against Toco Secondary, Naps delivered a dominant performance, securing a massive 198-run victory, with both batsmen and bowlers excelling. The momentum continued with a 121-run win over St. Benedict's College, further cementing our strong position in the competition.

With key matches still ahead, the team remains focused and determined. The support from students, staff, and alumni has been invaluable, and we look forward to continuing our winning streak. Stay tuned for more updates as Naparima College pushes for national glory!

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