

**2018-2019**



## **St. Croix Prep Marine Biology Informational Meeting**

Do you like adventure? Do you get along well with other people and work well in groups? Well we have the opportunity of a lifetime for you!

Next summer 16 Upper School students will live aboard a sailboat for 6 days in the Bahamas. Students will have the opportunity to make 3-4 SCUBA dives a day; in addition to learning how to sail; fish; and learn about marine biology and conservation first hand. Students will depart Friday July 5 and return the following Friday July 12. Estimated cost for the trip will be \$3400 - \$3500 and includes round trip airfare and ground transfers in the Bahamas; food and board on the sailboat (Saturday to Thursday); SCUBA equipment and tanks (except wetsuits, masks, and fins); SCUBA certification before departure (via St. Croix SCUBA in Hudson); Hotel and dinner Friday July 5; and group T- shirt and educational materials.

This opportunity is open to students currently in grades 9-12 . Students participating in this grand adventure will receive .50 credit in Marine Biology. Students must satisfactorily complete all online, pool, and open water requirements to obtain their PADI SCUBA certification before departure. Students will also be required to participate in before/after/online Marine Biology classes before and during the trip. A post trip paper will also be required.

**Interested in applying? Students AND parents should attend the informational meeting TONIGHT...Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in room 206. At the meeting, you will have the opportunity to meet Terry from St. Croix Scuba who can answer questions about SCUBA certification; Ms. Bagne who is planning the trip and teaching the Marine Biology curriculum; and Ms. Ruhberg who is one of the dive masters and chaperones for the trip.**