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Commitment, Dedication and Excellence

NEWSLETTER
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Please Read!

We have observed with concern how parents do not read the written documents we send to them. Due to this, many of them are ignorant about the important dates and activities on our calendar. Only few parents have responded positively to the written information we have sent across in the recent past. We have found writing to parents as the most effective way of giving them detailed information about the school and its programs. Please read through this newsletter to the end, so that you can be kept abreast with our future activities and plans, and capture the important dates in our calendar.

Preamble

The holy scriptures in Ecclesiastes 11 says, "Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days. Give a portion to seven, or even to eight, for you know not what disaster may happen on earth.

our investment in your child's education is a gainful venture. It will certainly pay off in due course. As it is always said, Education is the best gift a parent can ever give to a child, and we are glad to be the channel of that gift.

End of term

What a delight to end another term on a blissful note. The Lord's mercies have indeed been in so much in abundance. We have had a very successful term; we give thanks to the Almighty for seeing us through.

We thank the general student populace for their cooperation during this terms learning period

Continuous enrollment

Over the last 14 years, we have built a reputable name for our selves and have proved to be a credible and reliable institution of learning. We have established a clientele so broad it spreads across the nation and goes beyond our borders.

However, we still have room for further expansion.

We have school places from Baby class to grade seven at our Primary section, and from grade eight to grade twelve at

secondary section. Let your other children and dependents be educated with us, and advise your friends and relatives to bring their children to Chalo.

Academic Standards

One of our major aspirations on academics is to see learning reflected in both achievement and growth. Therefore, we have continued revising our teaching and learning policies to ably meet the standards of modern teaching and learning.

We have structured our termly assessments in a series of three standardized monthly tests across the subjects. The first and second tests are marked out of 20 marks each, while the end of term tests are scored out of 60 marks. This continuous assessment kind of grading persuades the pupils to aim at scoring highly in all the three tests.

Mock and Mid-year Exams

We have just concluded our mock and mid year exams in which all pupils took part. Teachers are now marking and writing progress reports. We appeal to you to come through on open day and collect you child's progress report card and talk to the teachers.

Open day/ Opening day

On Monday 4th September, we will have an open day starting at 08:00hrs to 16:30hrs. This event will be held in our main dining hall. We urge you to make every effort to come and talk to the teachers about your child's weaknesses and strengths.

The afore mentioned date will also be the day borders are expected to report back and the following day will, full time teaching and learning will start.

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Pupils school requirements

We wish to remind all our parents and guardians that as your child is being brought back next term, please see to it that they report with the appropriate requirements as stipulated on the requirement's list. Pupils with less requirements will not be checked in and those with more in number than what has been specified will have the excess items either sent back home or confiscated.

Library

The school has a fully functional library that complements and offers reference to what is taught in the classroom. We have a qualified full time librarian who gives handy guidance to the pupils and all other library users.

To provide our learners with latest information, we purchased 128 recently published text books for the O level and IGCSE syllabi. In addition, we also restocked the fiction shelf with new novels. We believe this will motivate the pupils to spend more time in the library.

We have experienced a spate of thefts of our school books in the recent past and as a result, we have installed CCTV cameras in the library to enhance security of the books.

In case you find your child in possession of a school book, please advise them to bring it back to the school as we do not lend out library books during recess.

We further request the parents who have books they may donate to the school to come through and make a donation.

DDADS

DDADS is an acronym coined from the phrase 'Demand Driven Academic Delivery System'. This is a policy we have formulated to create order and responsibility in the demands and delivery of services, by all stake holders in the school including parents. The order of demands begins with the least on the ladder of hierarchy; the students. Next, is the general teaching staff, then the school management and we have the directors. At the very top of the hierarchy order, is you the parents. This system has a band of demands each of the stake holders expect and are expected of from those above them and those below them. One has to fully exhaust all the higher authority before the demands are presented to the highest authorities, in this case who are the parents.

So, the next time your child presents concerns that can only be sorted out by the school management, inquire from them if at all they have presented their issue with the school management.

Phone calls to parents

Sometimes pupils find illegal means of communicating to their parents and they even end up passing information on behalf of the school. We would like to remind you that no one is authorized to contact parents apart from the Director of Administration, Mrs. Chileshe.

Her contact line is 0979480254.

Non-academic Book Reading Program

This term, we ran a compulsory reading program in which every student in school was expected to read not less than one book. This exercise was very successful in that it allowed first time readers to read and finish a novel within a week or two.

We continue to urge you to help us build a sustainable reading culture in our children by encouraging them to read a book while they are at home during this holiday

Athletics

Chalo Trust School has been fairing extremely well in the sports discipline. Even though many of the schools we compete against have been in existence way longer than we have, we win most of the competitions at ISAZ inter-schools level. Where we fail to get the first position, we emerge second.

Early this term, we had our local inter-house Athletics competition and we later participated in the ISAZ Midland Athletics competition at Olympic Development Centre (OYDC) in Lusaka. We rivalled against schools like American International School of Lusaka (AISL), Baobab College, International school of Lusaka (ISL), Mary Queen of Peace, Rhodes Park School, Ibex Hill School and Banani. Chalo Trust School came out second, thanks to our gallant boys and girls who really deserved an accolade for the colourful performance they always put up.

We also took part in the ISAZ National Sports competition at (OYDC) on 10th June 2017. Chengelo, Amano, Lechwe, Mpelembe, Simba, Trident College, Ndola Trust were among the schools that took part.

The Copperbelt region got the first position while the Lusaka schools were in second place. However, as Chalo Trust School our participants obtained (28) medals; (2)two Gold, (18)eighteen Silver and (8)eight Bronze.

We will keep on supporting our pupils in this faculty and continue to urge them to put in their best.

Pastoral care and Counselling

The Pastoral care in our school exists with the sole purpose of helping pupils with spiritual, personal and sometimes academic performance challenges. We have a full time, qualified School Chaplain who heads this program. Regardless of one's social background, teenagers usually grapple with various matters of challenge and we are glad that some of those are being addressed during this program. We get so many testimonies of how this program has been of great help to most of them.

Daily Devotions

One of the good habits we have always strived to inculcate in our pupils is to start and end their day with a prayer. We have morning devotions that are conducted under the supervision of house parents in the hostels before the students go for breakfast. We also have the evening devotions that are held just after the end of the evening prep. These spiritual meetings have impacted the students' lives greatly, such that they learn to say a prayer and share from the scriptures.

Sunday Chapel

Being a Christian boarding school, we conduct Sunday chapel services every Sunday morning for the students. These services are held in the dining hall at 09:00hrs. The services are inter-denominational in nature and therefore compulsory to all pupils. The School Chaplain is the main preacher, however, we invite a few other preachers who preach to the pupils the undiluted gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ, and help to grow their Christian faith.

Parents should make sure their children pack the appropriate Sunday attire to avoid being inconvenienced or even punished whenever they show up for fellowship in a wrong dress code; smart wear for boys and long and decent skirts for girls.

Primary Section Handwriting competition

The Primary Section undertook this program at the beginning of this term, on 12th May, 2017. This competition was aimed at building the learners' handwriting style and developing a long lasting good handwriting. We drew participants from Pre-school to Grade seven. Pupils were taught how to hold a pen or pencil, how to form and join letters, and how to do spacing in between words.

Those with the best handwriting were announced as winners and were awarded.

2017 Talent Show

Saturday July 15th was the day our talented boys and girls showcased their various talents before the parents and everyone present.

Vocal and instrumental music pieces from individuals and group performance were among the presented items that afternoon. Other showcased pieces of entertainment were dancing, rapping, modelling, cooking and gymnastics.

The group called leaders of tomorrow crowned the event with an immensely moving poem of an orphaned child crying for help. It was simply an eventful afternoon.

Pupils must always be encouraged to explore their talents and use such platforms to develop and perfect them. We will do our best to help them excel in non academically inclined virtues like talent.

Motivational Talk

After noticing bits of lethargy towards academics in our students, we organised a *Motivational Talk* on the topic **"The importance of Science and Mathematics in school."** This was held on 17th May 2017 in the school's main assembly hall. We had a group of four presenters from the Engineering Institute of Zambia led by Engineer Chama Chilomo. Engineer Mathews Saili the Vice President of the Engineering Institute of Zambia was also in attendance. They addressed the discovery and history of Science and Mathematics, and the importance of studying these subjects. They further discussed the associated careers like Mechanical, Electrical and Civil Engineering and the various formulas used in these disciplines. Pupils expressed a lot of interest in the subjects under discussion, especially when they learned that some engineers in the group of presenters were the ones that planned some of the beautiful buildings in Lusaka. They asked many questions which were ably answered by the presenters.

New computers for primary section

During the term we purchased ten (10) new flat screen computers for the primary section's ICT lab. We also purchased seventy five (75) story books to the section's library.

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BRAND NEW WEBSITE

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The new website will have all the information parents and students need and will enable the school to communicate with parents in a more timely and efficient manner.

The website will be hosted at chalotrustschool.com, so be sure to check out our brand new site on the 10th August, 2017.

CHALO SOCIAL MEDIA

We are also rump up our presence on social media. Living in a digital age, it is imperative that we as a school utilize social media as a tool for communicating with members of our community. We will post pictures, videos, memos and anything that would be important and useful. Our face book page is @chalotrustschool or you can find us using [facebook.com/chalotrustschool](https://www.facebook.com/chalotrustschool).

Grade Seven Intensive Lessons

The grade sevens only have a few more months before they sit for their finals. For adequate preparation of their Composite exams, we will continue to conduct extra tuitions for this class throughout the August holiday. The pupils will be exposed to a lot of examination standard assignments through a well structured revision program.

We are once again requesting the parents to these children to allow them to come and be part of this important academic exercise.

These tuitions will begin on Tuesday, 8th August and end on Friday, 2nd September 2017 and will be between the hours of 07:30 to 12:30 hours.

School fees

We immensely appreciate all the parents who faithfully fulfilled their financial obligations through the timely payments of their child's/ children's school fees. This provided us with adequate resources to effectively run the planned activities for the just ended term. We can only encourage you to keep it up.

However, to those who still have outstanding balances we advise you to settle them in the soonest possible time.

During the recess, the school Administration offices will remain open throughout. Parents can pass through and effect their payments for the next term between 8:00-16:00. Remember, early payment of school fees attracts a discount of 5%. If you pay by 15th August, you will get the discount.

Discipline

Discipline is the hallmark of success. This is a principle we endeavor to instill in every crop of children we have. Society has devised more sophisticated ways of moral destruction, but we can work together and shield them from these wrong vices. Let us not stop talking to the children about the right ways of life.

Furthermore, you as parents should keep on reminding them about the importance of adhering to the school rules.

This term, the common offences that were committed included; adjusting of the uniform trousers and skirts for boys and girls respectively, and having fancy hairstyles. The offenders were warned and punished accordingly.

PTA Chairman's remarks

Thank God for taking us through another term successfully. On behalf of the P.T.A executive I want to appreciate parents for the various contributions you made towards the running of the school this term.

I wish to let you know that we the PTA has the enormous responsibility of developing the school for our children's sake, therefore, we must show interest in this task. I want to encourage all parents to come up with and bring on board various ideas that can make the association move forward. God bless you and enjoy the holidays with your children.

PTA Fund Raising Activities.

Most of us did not bring the money for the tickets for the talent show. Please do bring it when the school reopens next term as you are bringing them.

PTA Bus project

May I on behalf of the PTA urge parents to start paying the agreed amount of K1200 towards the purchasing of a new school bus. Please treat this project with a sense of urgency. You can split it over the two terms.

For further clarification call the chairman on 0977523771.

Changed Details?

Has your address or phone number changed over the period your child has been at CTS? Please remember to update us at the office if there has been a change. It is important we have correct contact details in case of illness or emergency.

Most important dates for next term

- September 4th, Open day/ Borders return
- October 6th, Traditional, Awards giving and Prefects coronation day
- October 19th, Mid-term break
- October 29th, return from mid-term break
- November, 18th Graduation day
- November, 30 Closing day

Conclusion

We wish both the pupils and parents God's blessings this holiday. Pupils in examination grades should not go to complete rest but continue to study extra hard during this recess.

We urge parents to create quality time with their children so that they can offer counselling whenever it is needed.