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Commitment, Dedication and Excellency.

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NEWSLETTER

Please Read this!

Parents and guardians, please take time to read through this document. It contains very vital information like; important dates on the School Calendar, mini-reports on various school accomplishments and other essential specifics we would like you to know about.

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Principal's Desk

We are so delighted to have successfully completed the first term of 2018. We give the Almighty God all the glory for what he enables us to do through his abundant grace.

This term has been an irregular academic period in that, we opened and closed schools later than what we have been accustomed to.

As you may be aware, Lusaka City and part of the nation were hit with a severe Cholera outbreak early this year. Public and private learning institutions were advised to keep closed during the heat of the pandemic, until at the reopening directive of the government.

It was under this background that we saw the adjustment in the timings of our National Schools' Calendar.

In spite of this, the Chalo Trust School management and team of staff did not allow the disturbance to cloud their ambitions to record another successful academic term. We are glad to announce that our set goals for the term were fully achieved.

In this regard, the School Management wishes to thank our hardworking teachers and the support staff fraternity, for the competence and highly professional work culture they exhibited throughout this term.

In addition, we would like to appreciate our student body for the cooperation and good conduct observed this term. Most of them, expressed urgency in desiring to obtain maximum academic gains this term and we commend them for that.

Opening Day is on

14th May, 2018.

NEW SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

The C.T.S School Chairman wishes to bring to your attention the stepping aside of **Mr. Timothy Dego MacBrown** as School Principal. His leaving of office came as a result of the newly introduced Teaching Council of Zambia (T.C.Z) regulations which conflicted with his current status.

In his place, we have brought in **Mr. Paul John Chimba** to serve as **Acting Principal**. It is our hope that this newly appointed Principal will, just like his predecessor, serve the school and our parents with utmost diligence.

AVAILABLE SCHOOL PLACES

Chalo Trust School conducts continuous enrolments which run throughout the year. We have available school places from Reception to Grade Seven (7) at our Primary Section, and from Grade Eight (8) to Grade Twelve (12) at our Secondary Section.

Partner with us in growing your favorite school by spreading the word to neighbors and friends and convince them to educate their children with us.

OPENING DATE for 2nd TERM

Chalo Trust school has closed for recess today Thursday 19th April and will open for Term Two on **Monday, 14th May**. All boarders are expected to be in school on Monday 14th May between 08:00 hours to 16:00 hours.

ACADEMICS AFFAIRS

We have recorded so much academic progress this term and we hope to see these efforts maintained. Our staff spent countless hours of hard work to make sure every one of our students gets quality and highly beneficial learning time. Besides the deliberately programmed classroom lesson time the teachers and pupils have, most teachers put in extra and assisted their learners to catch up on selected topics of concern.

Our policy as regards the pupils' assessment, is to administer two Monthly Tests and one End of Term Exam every term. This term, these assessments were implemented as planned and we are proud to inform you that the results were remarkably good. The results for the two monthly tests were stuck on the school notice boards and marked Answer Scripts were given back to the children. Results for the end of term exams will be given out on Opening day next term.

We are reminding you as parents of the partnership you have entered into with the school. You and the school are allies who have joined forces to ensure your child's educational life ranks amongst the best.

We therefore encourage you to complete your end of the bargain which does not only end at paying school fees. It also requires you to devise ways of ensuring that your child develops undivided commitment towards academics.

As they come home this holiday, we request that you closely monitor how they are studying, and if possible help them come up with a study timetable.

Grade 12 GCE "O" Level , 9 and 7 Examinations 2017

This term, we received our results for the 2017 academic year; the Cambridge and E.C.Z External Exams for grades 12, 9 and 7. We are delighted to announce to you that the results were impressive.

We recorded a 100% pass at Grade 7 with a mean score of 721 out of the possible 900 marks, 99% pass rate at Grade 9 with an average score of 410 out of the possible 600 marks. We also recorded a 99% pass rate in our 2017 grade 12 exam class. Our grade 9 results overall, were ranked 3rd in the province.

We offer our loudest congratulations to our diligent team of Staff and all pupils from the Grade 7, 9 and 12 Classes of 2017, for these praise worthy results. Deepest gratitude too, to our Parent body for your support and faith us.

Open Day

Our Open Day for this term was held on 17th February, which was a visiting weekend. It is sad to report that we recorded a low turn out from parents.

Please be mindful of this fact that the parent, the teacher and the child are the three key players responsible for the child's academic success. If any of the three players are not fully committed to their role, the desired quality of results for the child may not be achieved.

We have mentioned to you several times how we deeply fancy sharing with you information about your child's academic progress. Your non-availability on such events would somehow limit the kind of results we are likely to get from your child. In addition, we believe that it is through such activities that parents get to appreciate our efforts as a school.

We fully understand some of the excuses you have given for not attending our Open day, but it has not worried us any less as this apathy appears to have become a habit for most of you.

We are once again appealing to you to attend our next Open day on the first day of school; **14th May**, next term.

SCHOOL FEES

We are so thankful to all the parents and guardians whose

children's school fees for Term 1 were paid on time. You contributed greatly to the effective implementation of school projects and helped us to meet our various obligations.

However, some parents have not been very helpful. We had to make several phone calls just to remind them. Please bear with us. The economy is not favorable for all but we plead with you to make your children's school fees a priority. We will carry out hard measures for non payment of school fees this coming term.

Our rules regarding the payment of school fees are very clear; 70% must be paid upon entry and 30% when returning from mid-term break.

This term has been particularly hard to run as some parents had struggled to pay. Please understand that we require finances for us to meet all the school's obligations.

Please be reminded that during the holiday, the Accounts office will be open from Monday to Saturday from 08:00 to 16:30. You are encouraged to come through during this recess and make payments for next term.

HOLIDAY TUITIONS FOR GRADE 9 AND 12 CLASSES

We will for the first time conduct holiday tuitions for our grade nines and twelves this April holiday. The tuitions will be conducted during the first one week and the last one week of the holiday. All parents and guardians whose pupils are in examination classes and would like to get more details about this exercise can get in touch with the School Director.

DISCIPLINE

We always aim at providing our students with the assurance of a safe environment while they are in school. For this reason, we strive to maintain the high levels of discipline among the students body. We deal with all cases of indiscipline for the purpose of, not only making the perpetrators better and responsible children, but also to safe guard the best interests of those around them.

We are calling on all parents and guardians to closely monitor their children's behavior during this recess and ensure that it is at its best. We further request that you continue talking to them about the need to follow the school rules.

Unauthorized adjustments of school uniforms

Adjusting of school uniforms by pupils has become common, a practice we have forbidden. The pupils are very much aware of this rule, however, sometimes they willfully decide to breach the school regulations. Boys tend to adjust their trousers to make them slim fit, while the girls cut their skirts to make them shorter. All our uniforms have been tailored according to the standard we have set for ourselves. We therefore wish to strongly state that we will not condone these fashion trends and every pupil found to have altered the school uniform will be severely punished and compelled to instantly buy another pair of uniform.

Parent Teacher Association (P.T.A) Annual General Meeting

We would like to appreciate all the parents who availed themselves for this years P.T.A Annual General Meeting (A.G.M). The P.T.A held it's A.G.M on 17th February 2018. All parents and guardians were invited to come and attend but unfortunately, only a handful showed up.

The members present proceeded with the meeting regardless of the few numbers and a new Executive Committee was voted into office. Kindly refer to the P. T. A letter for more details about the meeting.

We humbly appeal to you all to avail your selves next time you are called upon.

Music and Poetry Night

On the 7th of April, the Languages Department in conjunction with the Communication Forum and Performing Arts clubs,

staged a Music and Poetry night. Our students put up a very spectacular show that evening, it started at 18:45 and ended at 20:30. All the students in attendance were entertained by various performances from their fellow students. The highlights of the night included; Singing, poetry, dancing, drama and instrumentation. One of the notable and arguably most spectacular performance, was a song done by Mapalo Mwangi who once again left the audience craving for more. To enhance the music piece Nyasha Nzara was on the drums and Kaingu Silumesi on the keyboard.

Additionally, Kaingu Silumesi's keyboard beats sent everyone to the dance floor as they joyfully cheered and danced to his tune. This was a night to remember and the department hopes to host a similar event next term.

Extensive Reading Program

'He who reads much, knows much,' and they say 'leaders are readers.' These expressions are perhaps coined to motivate some of the non-readers to decide to start reading.

It is a commonly held thought that many people especially here in Africa, do not like reading. As a school, we are alive to that fact and we would not wish to see any of our students being counted among bad or non-readers.

For this reason, we have put up a deliberate policy that compels teachers of languages to conduct effective reading programs every week. We are happy to state that many of our pupils who were exposed to these reading programs have benefited greatly. We are imploring you to take an interest in this program and find appropriate non academic story books and novels for your child to read while on holiday.

Additionally, we would like to appeal to all parents and guardians who share our passion to build young readers, to generously donate **Novels** and other Story Books to our school library.

Performance Variables

We have a newly introduced academic policy in the school. In this policy, we have outlined twelve (12) performance variables for the teachers and another twelve (12) variables for the pupils. These parameters include the most significant toll needed for effective teaching and learning. We would like to introduce some of these to you so can be more familiar with our current standards.

The performance variables for the teachers include; Syllabus, Schemes of work, lesson plan, homework records and teachers lesson notes. The Variables for the pupils include attending lessons, knowing their syllabus and handing in their homework and exercise.

The implementation process of these variables kicked off mid last year and we can attest to this fact that this exercise has yielded tremendous outcomes. We can confidently state that most of the bottle necks that were affecting our delivery of excellent results have been profoundly dealt with.

Sports

Our sports faculty is dedicated to continuously enhance the pupils athletic abilities and skills. By subjecting all students to a variety of athletic disciplines, we help them discover their inert athletic talents and take up new sport disciplines.

Working with the pupils in the field of sports is not always as easy as one may think. Many tend to find all manner of excuses to justify their staying away from the given sporting tasks. We therefore, request parents of children with medical condi-

tions that do not allow them to participate in sports, to bring the reports.

This term, we were not as proactive in sports as we have been in the past, mostly due to the disturbance in our programing during the Cholera outbreak. However, our sports coordinator with the help of house masters made sure the momentum was kept alive.

ISAZ Inter-schools cross country

The Inter-schools Cross-Country competition was held on 23rd February 2018, with a group of 13 independent schools participating. Chalo Trust School came out second best. The following pupils won medals in their respective categories.

1. Gift Kashweka, Gold Medal for under 19 Boys
2. Joseph Kasuku, Gold Medal for under 16 Boys
3. Tina Siyambuli, Gold Medal for under 14 Girls
4. Phillip Mtamira, Silver Medal for under 19 Boys
5. Francine Balsi, Silver Medal for under 19 Girls
6. Theresa Phiri, Bronze Medal for under 19 Girls

We would like to thank all our teachers and sports coordinators for preparing the pupils well for this competition. We also thank our dear children for putting up a spirited performance despite not having enough time to prepare.

Mathematics and I.C.T Interactive Quiz

The Mathematics and I. C. T Department held an interactive quiz on 24th March, 2018. The quiz consisted of Mathematics and I.C.T. problems. Pupils were put in their respective sports houses which are Cheetah, Lechwe and Rhirino. They were asked to compete through their representatives.

The Winning team overall was Rhino with 44 points, seconded by Cheetah with 37 points and Lechwe trailed behind with 35 point. Generally, the Interactive Quiz was very successful as most of the learners very active and enjoyed all the activities that were presented.

Humanities and Social Sciences Quiz

The Humanities and Social Sciences Department organised a quiz on the 7th of February 2018. The objective of the Quiz was to help the learners to develop a habit of studying their learned materials and to help them compete among themselves.

The three main houses competing in the quiz were Cheetah, Lechwe and Rhino. The winning house was Rhino with 180 points followed by Lechwe with 165 points and Cheetah with 135 points. It was interesting to note that the new grades participated effectively in the quiz

Science Department Quiz

Sciences are not among the most favorite subjects for a majority of learners. We have deliberately programmed interactive activities aimed at stimulating scientific interest in the children.

On 6th April, we put together a Science interactive quiz. Five groups were selected from grade 8 to 12, with participants drawn from each class. The students were tested in five categories; Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Integrated Science and Agriculture Science. The questions in each subject were structured in a manner that challenged our pupils academically. The event was a success and the students participated actively. The winners had 66 points while the last group scored 56 points.

School requirements list

May I take this opportunity to remind all parents and guardians that as your child is being brought back next term you pack the correct number of clothing and other items as stipulated on the list we have enclosed.

PRIMARY SCHOOL SECTION

CAREERS DAY

Amongst the activities we undertook at the primary section was the Careers Day which took place on the 23rd of March, 2018. Pupils exhibited their aspirations through a colourful display of their dream careers attires. These were so elated to see future pilots, teachers, chefs, doctors, miners etc.

We also invited two young graduates as guest speakers – Ms Ivy Tinasha Daka, a lawyer, and Mr. Brian Phiri a Journalist. They took turns to give presentations on career guidance and counselling. They also advised the parents who were present, against imposing their career choices on the children. They were told to only provide guidance and support regardless of their children's career choice.

TRIP TO EMBASSY PARK POSTPONED TO NEXT TERM

The primary section planned for trip to Embassy park for this term. Unfortunately it couldn't take place as most of the pupils could not meet the payments deadline. However, the trip has been rescheduled for next term.

We apologize to those parents who were ready to send their children on this trip for the inconvenience caused.

The aim of this trip is to expose learners to practical knowledge of what they learn in class and to enhance their about the history of Zambia. We therefore appeal to all parents involved in this activity to respond promptly when we call on you next time.

HOLIDAY TUITIONS FOR GRADE 7

Holiday Tuitions for the grade 7s will continue during this vacation. Those who paid for the mid-term break need not to pay again. Lessons will begin on Monday, 23rd April to Friday, 27th April and then resume on Monday, 7th May 2018.

Spellathon and readathon

The Primary Section conducted a Spell-a-thon and Read-a-thon program from 16th to 19th April 2018. The main purpose of this activity is to improve learners spelling abilities and reading skills.

Enjoy the holiday

On behalf of all Staff, may I wish you a peaceful and relaxing April break and may you enjoy quality family time together. As you do that, please remember that the pupils have been given holiday assignments, they should create time and attend to these tasks as they will be required when schools open.

God bless you.

DATE	ACTIVITY
Mon 7th May	Teachers Return
Mon 14th May	Opening Day/ Open Day
Fri 15th May	Classes Commence
Fri 25th May	Africa Freedom Day
Wed 6th June	Test One
Fri 26th May	Visiting Day
Wed 25th May	Africa Freedom Day
Thurs 21st June	Mid-Term Break Starts
Tue 3rd July	Mid-Term Ends & Boarders Return
Wed 4th July	Classes Commence
Wed 11th July	Test 2
Sat 14th July	Talent Show
Wed 18th July	Mock Exams Begin
Thurs 26th July	Mock Exams End/ School closes
Monday 3rd Sept	Open day/Boarders Return
Tues 4th Sept	Full time lessons begin

TERM 2 TENTATIVE CALENDAR KEY EVENTS

***Parents are advised to be guided by the above calendar. Any request to visit or take away any student for family functions during the school session without prior arrangement will not be allowed.**

Communication

The following are the existing phone numbers that may be used to make contact with school administration:

Principal:	260 977 893 183 260 955 893 183
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