

ST CONSTANTINE'S INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 24, NOVEMBER 2, 2020

Karibu! Newsletter 24

I'm sure all parents are proud of the way their children are applying themselves and advancing with their schoolwork, especially with so many countries around the world unable to attend class during this Coronavirus pandemic.

From Reception and Nursery through to Year 13, our students are enjoying being back amongst friends as they increase their learning. Our environmentalism projects through Round Square are active, inter-school sports will resume this week (see message from Mr Nderitu and our Parents' Association annual general meeting will take place on November 11.

Special student awards are being designed as an extra incentive for our hardworking students and these will be awarded at the end of each year to those with the highest weekly marks awarded by teachers and recorded in iSams. They will also give students a chance to contribute to their house points as well.

The school itself has been recognized in print – so if you are flying Air Tanzania or taking the ferry across to Zanzibar, look out for their magazines and the stories on St Constantine's International School.

On the other side of the world, Ms Lee is organising an art exhibition of our students work for 2021. Contributed paintings, drawings and art pieces will be sold to raise funds for the new St Constantine's scholarship fund to be launched in the new year. This is a chance for your artistic children to exhibit in an international forum, while helping their fellow students achieve an education they may not have been able to without scholarship assistance. If your child's work is chosen by Mr Namulala, we would welcome your encouragement for them to participate.

Best wishes,
Tony Macfadyen
Headmaster



The AGM of The Parents' Association of SCIS will be held on Wednesday, November 11 at Town Campus from 4.30pm to 7.00pm. All parents of current students are automatically members and we would welcome your input in decision-making. We are looking for candidates as representatives for Primary, Secondary and Town Campuses, as well as new officers (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary).

A new face at the gate

We have changed security companies, so do not be surprised to see some new faces at the gate. INSIGHT, who work to the motto: **Give us your property, we will give you safety** have an enviable group of clients which St Constantine's has now joined.



Ms Beatrice's Reception and Nursery class are enjoying being back at school for a chance to socialise, learn to share things and have a fun-filled environment in their special safe pods, like this one below with Weena Gor, Samia Kimweri, Chloe Aondo and Jamila Mswaki.



Year 2 below, have been engaging in interactive whiteboard phonics games. They were looking at the pictures Ms Moshi pointed to on the board and having fun saying the initial sounds.

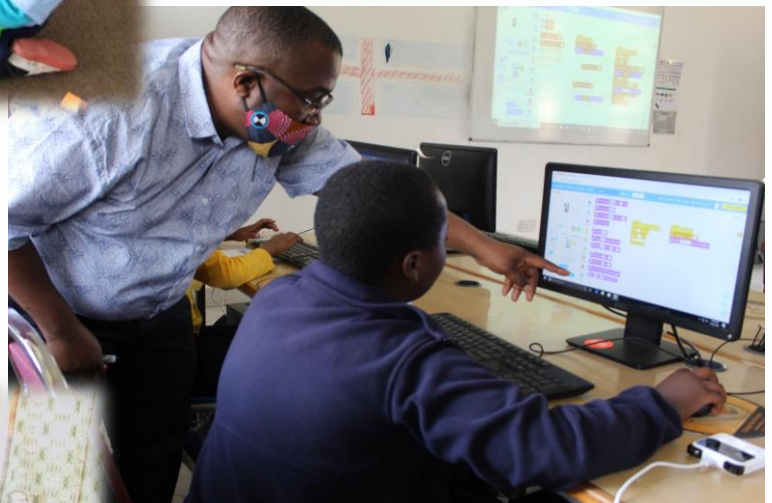


Our high-tech high school doesn't neglect the safety issues of the web!



Mrs Namulala teaches her class how to stay safe online, learning the meaning of age restriction symbols on digital media and devices, discussing why PEGI restrictions exist and where to turn to for help if they see inappropriate content, or have inappropriate contact from others.

PEGI = Pan European Game Information – a video game content rating system using age recommendations and content descriptors - established to help consumers make informed decisions when buying video games or Apps.



Mr Mapara and Bright Kerth Year 7- during computer programming electives.

Year 3 students are learning about 3D shapes in Ms Marandu's maths class, looking at the properties of shape, counting the faces, verticals and edges. Sara Omari (front page) used toothpicks and clay to create her shape.

INTRODUCING AWARDS

Aim: To create a reward system which encourages students to see merits as something they should be proud to receive and which enables them to see a 'return' on their hard work relatively quickly.

Miss Gillespie says that merits will be awarded in the same way as previously - for excellent classwork, homework, effort in Electives, displaying Round Square attributes, being helpful etc, but the merit totals will be collected at the end of each term. Tiered prizes will be awarded to students depending on how many merits they have earned during that term with certificates being awarded in assemblies every time a student reaches the Bronze, Silver or Gold threshold.

The Student Council will help to decide the prizes for Terms 2 and 3 - with a Tanzanite prize for students who reach Gold in all 3 terms. This will involve an even bigger reward, likely to be a full day trip in the summer. Awards will be earned as follows: Juniors (Year 7, 8, 9) Bronze - 20 merits, Silver - 35 merits, Gold - 50 merits. Seniors (Year 10,11,12,13) Bronze - 15 merits, Silver - 25 merits, Gold - 35 merits.

ARE YOU THINKING OF BOARDING?

The first boarders' newsletter – Boarding Nyumbani – has been released with an enthusiastic record of the students' time since they returned, as well as introducing all those assisting in the boarding house. Commenting on the happy boarders, Deputy Head of Primary, Miss Peacock, pointed out the advantages for students from small families having the opportunity to socialise safely with children their own age, and enjoy excellent facilities they might not have access to at home, such as supervised use of the school's swimming pool - including lifeguards - and the opportunity to join and practice with sports teams. Many boarders are involved with inter-school tournaments, while others are their most enthusiastic cheerleaders on the sidelines. All boarders get the chance to play both indoor (such as table tennis, pool, Lego and Scrabble) as well as outdoor games and sports.

"They have a good balance of free time and study time," Miss Peacock says, "and boarding boosts many skills that are required in life such as being able to communicate and cooperate with a diverse group of fellow students and staff; being able to adapt to a new environment/routine/challenge that occurs in daily life and, in preparation for adult life, being responsible for their belongings, behaviour and their own learning."

Boarding team

BY LUCY THIONGO,
DEPUTY BOARDING MASTER

A unique and different year indeed! We started at a slow pace but six weeks down the line of the new academic year, it is the opposite, all busy and vibrant for us.

The Boarding House has received many new students adding on to our diversity.

Our students have settled in well enjoying various opportunities offered by the school both on and off campus.

The variety of indoor and outdoor games for both primary and secondary students have always made them feel at home.

Primary students are really enjoying the new structure of their evenings which start with some organised play followed by prep when they receive support from the teachers on duty, progressively improving their academic performance.

Their weekends seem shorter with water polo, football, basketball and mountain biking around our beautiful campus.

An amazing Boarding staff has always offered support to inculcate proper morals and life skills that are key to moulding holistic children that would fit anywhere in the world.

The ability to practice leadership skills in the House through the Boarding Council is a priority to enhance responsibility, teamwork, sustainability and compassion which blends so well with the round square IDEALS which our school is guided by.

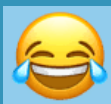
Students who come to the school speaking neither English nor Swahili are provided with a 'buddy' who can help them with their language outside of the classroom after formal lessons, this assisting them in picking up the conversational nuances needed for a highly performing global leader in the future.

Head of Boarding, Mr Mulima, said that the boarding house ensured both the students safety and good behaviour, with secure locks keeping the boys and girls separate and safe, boarding supervisors on each floor, CCTV cameras in the corridors and guards throughout the grounds. Mr Mulima says they provide entertainment, competitions and supervised weekend activities such as bike racing and nature walks – healthy pursuits that still adhere to the necessary precautions in this Coronavirus situation.



ON GUARD!

Our after-school clubs are keeping the students fit with Sa'bum (Master /sensi) David teaching his young Jeja (new young students) the essential L-stance, guarding block and the strong front snap kick. While some have a lot to learn, the progression of others is very impressive. Our new security company will be feeling nervous about the new force coming to replace them



FACE MASKS:

We have been open for the last two months with the new health and safety guidelines for our school community. One of our main jobs is to secure the safety of our school - your children - as much as we possibly can and, to that end, although the international guidance is still equivocal in parts, we feel it is time to review our approach.



Previously we have expected students to wear a facemask for computer

and music lessons. We now feel comfortable to relax that rule. Therefore, facemasks will not be compulsory in these lessons starting this week.

However, we will continue to emphasise temperature checks on arrival and washing hands, sanitising for each lesson and social distancing while in school. Those who want to wear a facemask at any time are allowed to.

PLEASE continue to check your child's health and temperature before they depart for school each day.

We have been in communication with the other leading International schools in Arusha who all have similar policies to us. We therefore feel able to have Inter-school competitions in non-contact sports with Kennedy House School and Braeburn. The competitions will be in Cross-country and Athletics for this half term. As ever, should your child be selected to represent the school, his / her participation is voluntary.

Clement Nderitu, Head of Secondary



The following Year 7 and 8 students will be representing the school in their first Cross Country event at Kennedy House today. We wish them all luck and look forward to welcoming them home triumphant this afternoon.

Elson	Olotu	Julieth	Mfinanga
Magdalena	Waitara	Mikael	Ferreira
Grigorios	Iatrou	Marilyn	Laswai
Eliana	Kileo	Prosper	Muzaga
Saidarshini	Pulikindla	Jamian	Mwangi
Line	Harstrup	Wamaka	Mlagha
Atuweni	Chalera	Leya	Dakik
Mirabelle	Lyatuu	Samarah	Kabangu
Elijah	Marandu	Motheba	Lerotholi
Owen	Marandu	Sherdan	Mofulu
Gillian	Mgonja	Waliko	Munthali
Ethan	Murray	Olivia	Murray
Rosemarie	Petro	Belvin	Sillas
Darice	Tindamanyire	Aarman	Ferreira
Daniel	Tozer	Joseph	Mangeni
Preston	Mbuya		





*The boarders got into the
spirit of Halloween with
some impressive
costumes and
some impressive*



*photography by Malcolm Kazimil
in Year 12!*

*Top: Aiden Tariq and with
Abdallah Amri above left, and right
Miley Mariki (yr 6) with Raniya
Alhabri (yr 3), and far right Doreen
Obeid.*





lamya Khamir (yr 3) and Upendo Silanga (yr4) left. Neema Silanga (yr 6) centre and Nureen Bindo (yr 7) right above



***Everyone
loves
Halloween***



***Mrs Mbugua and the
Student Council were
busy arranging a
competition to guess
how many sweets were
in the jar.***