

# ST. GEORGE'S GIRLS' SECONDARY SCHOOL, NAIROBI

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

## **RE: END OF TERM 3 – 2018 NEWSLETTER**

Cordial greetings from the family of St. George's Girls'. We have come to the end of 2018 and we thank God for His Grace that has been sufficient to us throughout the year.

Please take note of the following:-

### **1. Academics**

#### **Academic meetings**

This term we held internal academic meetings with all the forms. The objective of these meetings was to find out from the students reasons for their poor academic performance, as teachers we are seriously concerned about the massive failure in exams. They gave the reasons freely and I would like to share them with you.

- **Social Media** - specifically instagram. During the holidays they spend time on phone on social media and when they open school throughout the term they are discussing their followers at the expense of their studies.
- **Lack of commitment** to their studies once teachers have taught and left class they do not revise.
- **Negative attitude towards some subjects and teachers** - they do not like teachers who demand for home work to be done and if they do it they actually copy just to impress the teachers that they did the work.
- **Peer Pressure** - they do what their peers tell them to do e.g if your friend is not studying then you also do not read so that you do not offend her.

- **Social Economic Background** - some students feel that their parents are rich so they are waiting to inherit the wealth. Instead of reading/studying they spend time telling stories of their parents' wealth. Those who are not wealthy spend time mourning their situation, so they do not study.
- **Disfunctional Families** - in their own words some students said they are burdened by the issues at home, so they cannot concentrate on their studies.
- **Wrong Company** - some students have teamed up to do the wrong things in school like being chronic noise makers, sleeping in class when teachers are teaching and generally the don't care attitude.
- **Procrastination** – in all the classes this came up. They will read/study in form 4. They do not have to struggle now.
- **Poor Time Management** – The only time they do academic work is when there is a teacher in class or when there is a CAT or exam.

These are just but a few of the many reasons they gave. We took time to guide them on each and every point they raised. I am calling upon you parents to do the same particularly during this long holiday that you will be with your daughter/ward at home.

After listening and discussing with the students they came up with the way forward.

Students of Form 1 to 3 resolved that any student getting grade D+ and below be retained in school on closing day and the school administration to decide the period they will be retained.

### **Holiday Home Work**

All students have been given holiday home work. This will be checked on opening day and it is the source of CAT one of January 2019. Ensure it is done.

### **Report Forms**

All students have been issued with report forms. Kindly go through it and advice your daughter accordingly. We have developed an sms system to send results to parents. Only one parent can receive since it only takes one number per student.

## **2. 2019 Term Dates**

Opening day – Thursday 03/01/2019. Students to report as follows:-

**Form 2 at 8.30 am**  
**Form 3 at 12.00 noon**  
**Form 4 at 2.30 p.m**

Each student to keep strictly to their form reporting time and any student reporting late will be gated during the mid-term holiday. This is to avoid overcrowding due to the limited space in the school compound and traffic jam on the surrounding roads.

- Form 4 parents meeting - Friday 11/01/2019 from 9.00 a.m
- Form 3 parents meeting - Tuesday 15/01/2019 from 2.00 p.m.
- Form 2 parents meeting - Thursday 17/01/2019 from 9.00 a.m.
- Mid-Term Break - 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2019

### **3. School Fees**

The Board of management has prepared the 2019 budget. Fees payable by every student is Kshs. 53,554/= . Any other levies will be discussed during the Parents Annual General Meeting in 1<sup>st</sup> term 2019. We are reminding you that 1<sup>st</sup> instalment is payable on or before opening day. Kindly take note that no student will be allowed in school without paying the 1<sup>st</sup> term fees. Those with arrears should clear them and pay 1<sup>st</sup> term fees also.

#### **Return of text books**

All lost books must be returned on or before **30<sup>th</sup> November, 2018**. Any lost book that will not have been returned on this day will attract a penalty of an extra book. We need to do stock taking in preparation for next term and we get very inconvenienced when some students fail to return books that were issued to them. Kindly find out from your daughter if she has lost any book so that you replace it at the appropriate time to avoid surcharge.

### **4. School Uniforms**

Should you wish to re-new your daughter's uniform, you can purchase them from our suppliers in school. They are cheaper than other school uniform suppliers.

#### **Cleaning Materials**

Each and every student is to bring heavy duty gloves, a floor rug (white), table rug and a wooden handle brush (medium) for cleaning. These will be checked by the boarding department on opening day.

## 5. School Bus Transport From Kencom

Please refer to the schedule given below for picking students from Kencom and ensure your daughter/ward sticks to her form session. Please note that if your daughter/ward is late for her schedule, you will need to find own means to school for her. Your co-operation will be highly appreciated.

<b>Form 2 students –</b>	<b>8.00 a.m bus leaves Kencom</b>
<b>Form 3 students –</b>	<b>11.30 a.m bus leaves Kencom</b>
<b>Form 4 students –</b>	<b>2.00 p.m bus leaves Kencom</b>

## 6. International Youth Sports Camp – Vineyard Camp, North Carolina USA

This year our students were invited to the above captioned camp in the USA. A total of 11 students attended the camp and had a life time experience.

The school has been invited to the same camp next year in August. The cost of each participant is Kshs. 360,000/= which includes accommodation, air tickets, insurance, visa, local travel and tours in New York and Washington DC. If you are interested in your daughter attending kindly contact Mr. Ng'ang'a our games teacher on mobile **No. 0722-609214** for further clarification. We are allowed to take between 10 - 20 to students. So the slots will be given on 1<sup>st</sup> come first served basis.

**NO MONEY SHOULD BE PAID TO MR. NG'ANG'A OR ANY OTHER TEACHER. ALL MONIES TO BE PAID IN THE ACCOUNTS OFFICE.**

## 7. Appreciation

We wish to appreciate you parents for the support you have given us throughout the year. Thank you for your prayers, may our good Lord keep and protect you till we meet again next year.

We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year 2019.

Yours faithfully,

**LUCY M. RUKUNGA (MRS)**  
**CHIEF PRINCIPAL**