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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER TO ALL PARENTS/ GUARDIANS

1. Introduction

Management writes to express profound appreciation to all parents, guardians other stakeholders for your support throughout this term. We have had wonderful experiences this first term and we thank God for the grace of good health and general well-being.

2. Some Activities in the Course of the Term

The 14 week term started on Monday 10th of January, 2022 and is ending today Wednesday 13th of April, 2022. Some activities that took place in the term are:

- counseling sessions for both academically challenged and academically endowed students,
- remedial classes in all WASSCE subjects for those who performed below C5 grade,
- maiden participation in World Championship Robofest *Unknown Mission Challenge*,
- weekly house meetings where students are taught daily life skills such as public speaking,
- Friday after School Skill Training programme,
- PTA meeting,
- Excursion of about 15 students, three staff and five parents to the world's largest Floating Book Fair Ship (Logos Hope) at Tema harbour, (Sponsorship, courtesy Mr. & Mrs. Bando),
- Ecological trip of Form Three Biology students to Kakum National Park, Iture Estuary, Mangrove Swamp sites, the Elmina Beach and Elmina Castle
- weekly Catechism classes, and
- staff excursion to Buabeng Fiema Monkey Sanctuary and Kintampo Water Falls and Canopy Walk.

3. OLAG Feast Day celebration

The Annual Feast Day celebration of OLAG SHS falls on 25th March every year, and it marks the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. This day is celebrated annually with the visit of the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Konongo-Mampong who is the father of the school. This year the Bishop was represented by the newly appointed Vicar General of the Diocese, Msgr. Matthew Edusei. The feast day celebration was preceded with a nine Day Prayer programme (Novena). The sacraments of initiation were also celebrated with 15 students baptized, 31 confirmed and 19 given First Holy Communion. Inter-house sports competitions were also held and the winners are listed in the table below:

Competition	Winners Boys	Winners Girls
Football	St. Paul House	St. Joseph House
Volley Ball	St. Mary House	St. Mary House
Handball	St. Thomas House	St. Joseph House
Basket Ball	St. Thomas House	St. Joseph House

4. Launching of Adom Mma Endowment Fund

A day after the celebration of the OLAG feast Day, the OLAG fund dubbed *Adom Mma Endowment Fund* was launched. The fundraising is intended to help prepare secured future for this wonderful school which is a gift from our benefactors, Warren and Mary Lynn Staley, American philanthropists whose love and sacrifice surpass all things. Considering the relentless sacrifice and commitment of these donors and the Our Lady of Grace Catholic church community in Edina, Minnesota, USA as well as all the many who contribute to the Annual Rise and Shine Scholarship Fund in the USA, which pays for the fees of about 45% of OLAG students, the Board and Management set up this fund to solicit for funds from you our beloved parents and benevolent people in Ghana to help prepare a sustainable future for the school. Management will like to thank the parents who have contributed so far. We would like to remind you that our target was for each parent to contribute a minimum of GHc100 per student per annum. The Saturday 26th March programme was the launch and therefore only the beginning, and so contributions can be made any time in the course of the year.

Details of the Accounts to contribute to are as follows:

Account Name: Our Lady of Grcae Senior High School

Bank: CBG

Account Number: 1372843100001

Branch: Afful Nkwanta, Kumasi.

5. Celebration of International Mathematics Day

Our Lady of Grace Senior High School joined the world in celebrating this year's Mathematics Day which fell on Monday 14th of March 2022. Activities included recount of the history of Mathematics, life story of some world renowned mathematicians, and the relevance of Mathematics to human life. There was an inter-house Mathematics competitions in the form of *pick and solve, it takes two* (which was used to help test students ability to identify mathematical symbols), and *Mathematics rap*. This competition was won by the St. Mary House, followed by St. Joseph House, St. Thomas House and St. Paul respectively.

6. Form One Admissions

In 2022, the school set out to admit 290 students to fill the 8 classes for the first year. As at today, 271 students have been admitted. All the three Science and three General Arts classes have been filled up.

There are, however, few vacancies in Home Economics, Business and Visual Arts Classes. Prospective applicants can go to apply.olagshs.edu.gh.

7. WASSCE 2021

The results of the 2021 WASSCE were received this term with candidates of OLAG SHS registration very improved performance in their results. 176 candidates out of 193, representing 91% had passes in all their eight (8) subjects. More than one third of the students made A1 in critical core subjects like Mathematics and Integrated Science. Our students got 100% pass in 13 out of the 22 subjects written, with the rest ranging from 82% to 99.5%. Management and staff are poised for more action in the coming years to position the school on the nation's map of academic excellence, for which your unflinching support as key stakeholders is very much anticipated.

8. SAT Classes and Examinations

The first batch of SAT students wrote their international examinations on March 12th, 2022. 19 out of the 22 students qualified for consideration for placement in universities across the globe. The new batch of 17 students have started their classes.

9. Actualization of Plans for the 2022 Academic Year and Beyond

New Mode of IT Training: As citadel of excellence, OLAG SHS endeavors to take the lead in quality education delivery in Ghana. In order to prepare students adequately for the 21st century and beyond, the school has put IT training at the centre of all her activities. The Core IT curriculum has been redesigned to provide students with the most relevant IT competencies to suit the changing world. To make this a reality, students in second year offer practical IT training in the form of Computer Programming, Networking, Hardware, as well as Media Studies and CCTV and Satellite Dish Installations.

School Clinic and Students Healthcare: The new school clinic with a physiotherapy centre has been completed and is in use. Aware that a sound mind lives in a sound body, the school has put up this place to ensure that students healthcare needs are well catered for to enhance their studies. In the light of this, parents are reminded to ensure that the National Health Insurance status of their wards is always active.

10. Fees, Payment Plans and Scholarships

Your wards in second year are sending home bills for the second term only and those in third year are sending bills for both second and third term. This is to help parents whose wards are in final year to plan the payment of their final bills so as to prevent any indebtedness in the last days of their stay in the school.

It is proposed that parents who have financial difficulties make the effort to pay in tranches starting with at least a quarter on the reopening date so as to be able to complete payment in time.

11. Vacation and Expectations

Second and final year students of OLAG SHS are taking a vacation from school starting Wednesday 13th of April, 2022 to return to school on Monday 9th of May 2022. It is also our expectations that students will be assisted to make the best use of their time at home, especially for studying. All students are urged to return to school on the date of reopening for academic work to resume in earnest. Arrival should be latest by 4pm.

12. Appreciation and Conclusion

Management would like to thank all parents for the maximum support and cooperation. We look forward to more fruitful, rewarding and refreshing times ahead. God bless you all!

Fr. Sylvester Fimpong

Headmaster