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NEWSLETTER

END OF SECOND TERM, 2023/2024 SESSION

Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity now and forever, Amen!

INTRODUCTION:

Esteemed Parents, we are grateful to God who blesses our efforts with fruitfulness; we have come to the end of the second term, Glory to His holy name. I thank all of you for your collaboration, advice, insights and supports. We would not have come this far without your moral and financial support. I encourage you in your effort to raise responsible children, continue to partner with us to bring up responsible men that will become change agents for our already sick society.

Please do not read this newsletter in a rush. Pay attention to details and read in between the lines. See that you carry out the directives meticulously for the welfare of our boys.

SECOND TERM EXAM RESULTS:

The result of the second term exams will soon be available online. You will be informed on the WhatsApp groups once it is available. When the results are ready, check your son's result immediately and assess his performance in relation to the last term. If he is not doing well, have a heart-to-heart talk with him and take a decision on the path to follow to ensure a better academic performance.

END OF EASTER HOLIDAY AND RESUMPTION:

The Easter holidays begins today, the 23rd of March 2024 and ends on Saturday 20th of April 2024. All students are expected back in the school before 5pm. Note that henceforth, those who arrive later than 5pm without prior notice or very cogent reason will be refused entrance into the compound until the next working

day. On arrival on resumption day, ensure you are cleared at the check points in front of the gate by your son's housemasters. Submit the recommended items before going into the hostel. If any student is found to sneak into the hostel without paying school fees or meeting other requirements, it will be interpreted as bad will on the part of the parents and criminality on the part of the student concerned. If you need a concession, approach the principal earlier and not on the resumption day.

DURING THE HOLIDAY:

You need to encourage and help your son to develop a reading habit and overcome the fear of hard work. Many teenagers today are lazy; help them overcome it by creating a work schedule at home during holidays. Regulate what they do: time for bed and time to rise, morning prayer, Holy Mass, time for studies, time for play, etc. The spiritual life is as important as other dimensions of the children's development. Let them have access to God and religious activities while at home. Make your home a formation house. These are the most critical years of these children's lives.

THIRD TERM SCHOOL FEES:

The third term, school fees are as follows:

Tuition: 35,000

Boarding/feeding: 65,000

Total: # **100,000 (hundred thousand naira only). Pay into:**

Oluchukwu Microfinance Bank

Account name: CKC Onitsha

Account no.: 11102357904

CLINIC, DIESEL, AND HAIRCUTS

Esteemed parents, due to the difficulty we have in managing the clinic, even with the last policy requiring us to augment the pocket money of the boys, we still have challenges in healthcare provision in the school. Some students still come to the clinic without pocket money in their accounts. We cannot risk the life of our students for any reason. From next term, all students will be required to contribute the sum of **#4000** for healthcare. The nurses will no longer require the student patient to pay anything unless the bill exceeds #5000. In that case he will pay only what is in excess of #5000. For example, if the bill is #6,000, the student will pay only 1,000. This will ensure that we no longer have a list of debtors; we shall provide enough medications, pay the nurses and maintain the clinic. If the scheme works well, we can employ a part time doctor.

Secondly, **DIESEL** is now a major culprit in depleting our boarding fee. Leaving the students in darkness at night is not an option. Night studies and early morning activities like the Holy Mass must go on. We shall therefore borrow the practice in some of our sister schools of making a contribution of #5000 (five thousand naira) for diesel/fuel once a term.

HAIR CUTS: we have also simplified the process of getting haircuts for the boys. Many parents express displeasure when they see their sons looking like prisoners. On their advice, we have furnished a standard barber's shop in the school with all the facilities of a regular men's salon. Our boys will now have haircuts two times a term at the cost of #500 per hair cut. It is obligatory that students look decent at all times since this is part of their training. From next term, we shall be required to pay #1000 a term for haircuts. With this, every student can freely get a haircut, twice a term, without being asked to pay at the barber's.

SUMMARY: The above contributions amount to #10,000 (ten thousand naira) and shall be known as the **CDH contribution (Clinic, Diesel and Haircut)**. It is to be paid into: **Fidelity Bank; Student Welfare Account; Acct. no. 5700077218.**

STUDENTS' POCKET MONEY

The cashless policy of our college has helped to curb some problems associated with handling cash. Some parents however forget or neglect paying money into their son's pocket money account. This frustrates everybody especially the boy himself. Remember to deposit a minimum of ten thousand naira (10,000) in your son's pocket money account. If he has money remaining from the last term, all you need is to replenish it. For example, if he has #6000 remaining in his cash book, you need to add just 4,000.

The good news is that we have developed an electronic card that will take the place of the cash book. It is readable on cellular phones customized and programmed for it. They are like ATM cards with the picture of the student and his number. We started with those we admitted last year (JSS1 and SS1). Parents of JSS1 and SS1 will be required to come to school on resumption day to receive further instruction on the usage of the pocket money cards. Those who opened direct accounts with fidelity bank will collect their cards at the earliest PTD meeting. Hopefully, before the end of 2024, the cash book and its complexities will be totally eliminated, making the management of the pocket money a seamless process.

CONCLUSION


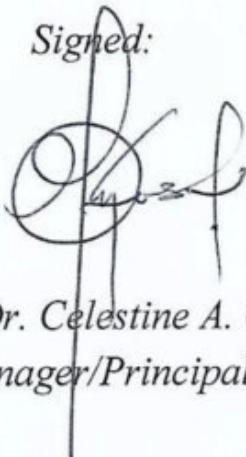
Esteemed parents, the country is hard now; we are struggling to breath. In your last meeting held without me, you all refused the option of bringing back provision. The children we handle are boys at the consuming age. Their health should not be sacrificed at the altar of our own comfort. We owe them a good preparation for life. We owe them proper care and education. To fail in this is to fail in our God-given assignment. We did not increase the fees because the market is unpredictable. The last one we did quickly became insignificant. So the best way is to begin with the #100,000 and see how far it takes us. My hope is that it takes us to the end. If at any point within the term the funds are depleted,

we will not hesitate to call you for a special one-off intervention to finish the term.
Once again thank you immensely for your dedication and commitment to the
formation of our sons. Thank you for your love for CKC.

To Christ the Prince of Peace and Son of the Most high we commend our plans
and purposes for the rest of the year.

May the fame of our college last forever!

Signed:



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Manager/Principal