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15th December 2023.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

NEWS LETTER

Greetings of joy and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have successfully completed our first-term examination and sent your children/ward(s) home on this 15th day of December, 2023 for their Christmas break. Consequently, we have put together this Newsletter to intimate you on our goals for them concerning their security during the festive periods and their welfare at resumption in January, 2024.

A. NOTABLE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN 2024

S/N	DATE	EVENT(S)
1.	6-7/01/2024	School Reopens
2.	11 – 12/01/2024	First Test
3.	27/01/2024	First Visiting Day/Remittance of bank tellers for late payments
4.	6 - 7/02/2024	Second Test
5.	14/02/2024	Ash Wednesday
6.	24/02/2024	Second Visiting Day/P.T.A. meeting.
7.	29th Feb. & 1 st March, 2024	Third Test
8.	31/03/2024	Easter Sunday
9.	01/04/2024	Easter Break

B. IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- 1. We strongly advise parents/guardians to ensure that the students are brought back to school at resumption during weekend, Saturday and Sunday, between 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. No student will be checked in on working days and working hours. Consequently, the students who fail to report on the designated days for the **first test** highlighted above will surely miss the test. In the event of any cogent reason that your child may not resume on the said dates, please do well to reach the Management before the slated days of resumption as no discussions shall be held concerning late resumption, thereafter.
- 2. I crave your indulgence to beat down some negligible family costs, especially during this Christmas and New Year seasons to enable you cope with the fees of your children/wards at resumption.

- 3. "A teacher's job becomes a little easier when the kids are disciplined at home". Therefore, we advise that you watch the kind of friends, people and places your children/wards keep and visit while at home, especially this yuletide season, since they are susceptible to different forms of abuse and bad influence. Help us advise and encourage them on matters of hygiene pertaining to the girl child and the use of mosquito net to prevent malaria both in school and at home and how to safeguard their belongings. Also encourage them to be studious while in school.
- 4. Endeavour to **check the personal belongings** your children/wards bring home to ascertain whether they are complete or not, or the items they bring home are theirs or not. This act could give them a sense of responsibility toward their belongings and discourage those with the tendencies to steal.
- 5. The students shall have their Easter ceremonies in school. Therefore, new students (particularly Catholics) are expected to bring and submit the original copy of their Baptism Cards to the Chaplain for signing at Easter.
- 6. There shall be extension classes for SSS II and Basic 9 (JSS III) students next term, to prepare them adequately for the MOCK and BECE examinations. A summary of the financial implication to this is captured on their statement of school fees.
- 7. Students of Creative Arts in the basic classes are required to come back with the following items:
 - a. **BASIC SEVEN:** Big Drawing Book, Pencil/Eraser, Dye stuff/Dye chemicals and white plain handkerchief.
 - b. **BASIC EIGHT:** Poster colour, small sized artist brush, 30cm ruler, Pencil/Eraser, Big drawing book and Masking tape.
 - c. **BASIC NINE:** Big drawing book, Pencil/Eraser, 30cm ruler, Poster Colour/Artist Brush, White Plain handkerchief and Sewing Needle with three (3) threads of different colours.
- 8. **POS** for both **First Bank** and **UBA** are available in the school. Parents/Guardians are hereby advised to pay the school fees of their children/wards using the ATM or the school POS or pay directly to the bank before or at resumption to enable the management plan ahead of resumption. Be reminded that cash payments are **NOT** permitted in the school. Parents are strongly advised **NOT** to pay the fees of their children/ward(s) into the private account of any member of staff.
- 9. While appreciating you for the support we received from you in the past term, we wish you a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year in advance.



Fr. Isaac Terungwa SHALEGH

Principal.