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## NEWSLETTER

2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2013

Dear Parent,

### NEW YEAR MESSAGE

*He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*

*I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.*

*He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: truth shall be thy shield and buckler.*

*Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.*

*A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. **Psalm 91:1-7***

Welcome back to school. We are, as always, very excited to see your children looking healthier and more beautiful. They seem to grow taller by the day (thank God for the Grace).

We have never been so excited in any trimester than we are this trimester. It holds lots of new strides. We intend to reach new milestones with your children this trimester. In order to achieve these and the many other targets, we have put in place some restructuring in the administration and in the time-table to remodel our school to give parents better service and the children a more quality system of education and advantages to explore more opportunities, skills and privileges. The restructuring include the poaching of a young and intelligent Superintendent with in-depth experience in heading an international school that runs the Cambridge programme, modification of the time-table to make room for our children to train in other co-curricular activities etc.

From the Office of the  
Superintendent  
Mr. Michael Mensah  
Tel: 0244-484-409

It feels great to be part of this warm blue and white learning family of Angels Specialist School.

I am grateful to the parents, teachers and our sweet angels for the incredible reception given me and my family.

The overwhelming support I have enjoyed so far solidly convinces me that together our strong team will surmount all our challenges and emerge the best Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) centre.

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your warm welcome.

From the Office of the  
programmes co-ordinator  
Mr. Joel Duncan Idun  
Tel: 020-343-8123

### Trimester Theme:

#### **"New Stuff, New Style, New Angels"**

We are inspired to choose this theme because of the good **stuff** the Cambridge Programme introduces, the quality of its content and the effect of its rich substance the children will experience. The programme also applies the right attitude, the effective and efficient methodology and the resources in teaching.

This has inspired Management to adapt an innovative **style** of management, to be more professional, more child – centered, keep promises we make to parents, follow programmes through and be more responsible as a school.

We believe this can be possible with the support of parents, the dedication of teachers and the leadership of management, led by the new

Superintendent. When it is all done, we shall have a **New Angels**.

### Co-curricular Activities

#### The After-School Programme

We have particularly cut down the regular school hours to make room for those children whose future and destiny depend on not only the mental but also the artistic aptitude in music, art and creativity. Such children have the right to unearth and sharpen their talents and not sacrifice them on the altar of **reading** and **writing** only. And it's our duty as a school to give them the exposure. Any concerned parent cannot but support this course. The following are the various aspects or areas of training:

- Violin
- Drums
- Viola
- Trumpet
- Cello
- Trombone
- Guitar
- Flute
- Piano
- Voice Training

We would like the children in the programme to sit the examination for the Associated Board of Royal School of Music (ABRSM) – London, eventually.

The following are the structures and levels we have put in place, internally.

#### Skills levels

**Beginners** – Stage 1 and 2  
**Intermediate** – 1, 2 and 3  
**Advanced** – 1 and 2

The instructors will determine, in the course of time, which level your child will be placed.

#### Time, Days and Timetable

The after-school programme is so well designed that children will be grouped according to their ages and skills or ability to perform.

Time 2:30 – 4:00

Days: Monday to Friday. However each student will do three days of lessons in a week.

#### Timetable

We intend to draw a new time table as soon as practicable and will send copies to parents concerned but in the meantime parents should stick to the existing one.

#### Fees

Fees for each course is GH¢ 30.00 (thirty Ghana cedis) per child as has always been. Children from other schools will pay GH¢50 each considering that this is also opened to external learners.

#### Tutors/Instructor

The school has signed up more than seven very competent music instructors among whom are a former Winneba Youth Choir tenor Soloist, also regarded as Ghana's finest vocalist, masters with degrees in music and experienced tutors in various fields of music.

The programme starts today, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Being that it's the middle of the month, parents could pay 50% (i.e. GH¢15.00) for January, 2013.

#### Club Meeting

The following clubs have also started in earnest

- Chess Club
- Art & Creativity Club
- Reading Club

Parents who want their children to join these clubs can sign them on at a fee of GH¢20.00. These children will not be part of the music programme except when the time-table allows it.

#### Schedule for clubs

- Art and Chess Clubs – Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- Reading Club – Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

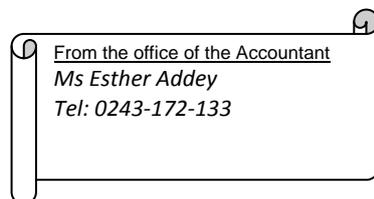
There are lots of interesting activities that will whip up the children's interest in reading. *The level of a child's thinking and imagination is dependent on the amount and type of exposure he/she is given. It is a competitive world. Let us give our children extra skills.*

#### Canteen

Management continues to invest a lot of effort to further improve the canteen service. More cooks and waiters have been employed and a team of very respectable members of management has been mandated to manage and monitor the preparation of food to ensure quality of food for our children. On the other hand, we prefer that children pay for the food weekly,

monthly or termly in advance instead of the daily buying of coupons, a thing that puts pressure on the office.

We are sure this will also relieve parents of the **daily** pressure from the children and also help reduce money losses that occur as a result of children handling money. Please note that the feeding fee still stands at GH¢ 2.0 daily for lower primary and GH¢2.5 for upper primary and Junior High.

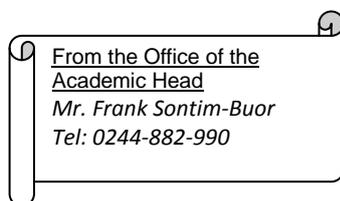


As per our letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2012, parents/guardians who have one or two wards in the school will have to MAKE FULL PAYMENT of their wards' fees without having the option of paying by installment. It must be noted that payment of school fees must be made by the first day of re-opening.

Parents/guardians with three or more wards in the school will however have the option of paying 2/3rd (75%) of their total bill by the day of re-opening and then pay the remainder by resumption of school after mid-term break.

This arrangement supersedes all previous arrangements and remains in force until a contrary notice is issued by the management of the school.

Wards of parents who have not adhered to the above policy could be asked to stay out of class any day from today.



#### Virtual School

We have given enough space for the children to submit their virtual school projects. Over the period, not all children have been submitting their project work. We urge parents to supervise their children's virtual school assignment and ensure that their wards submit the homework by the 18<sup>th</sup> of January, 2013.

#### Homework Schedule

In response to parents concerns at the recent Parent-Teacher Conference, the academic board has scheduled special days for homework. This is to reduce the pressure on children and parents and give them some space and time for

other equally important family and social responsibilities. The following are the days parents should expect homework: **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.** Parents should note that the homework schedule does not include 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades.

Additionally, teachers are instructed to supervise the copying of homework and to sign exercises copied as proof of supervision. Similarly we entreat parents to supervise the children's homework and sign accordingly. It is important to note that homework that is not signed will be considered not supervised.

The school is poised for our first attempt at the Cambridge International Examination Checkpoint.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers are going through rigorous preparation for the examination. Management intends to meet parents of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade for regular briefing.

It is expected that even though we have explained the Cambridge structure in our school to parents through letters, on-line and during meetings, a good number of parents will need more information and classification on where we are as a school with the Cambridge Programme. For this reason, Mr. Michael Mensah, the Superintendent, will give parents a weekly on-line update and information on the programme, starting next week, 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2013. Parents can likewise use this medium to ask questions and have complete discussions on issues concerning the Cambridge International Programme Examinations.

Thank you.