



GOLDEN GRACE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS
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NEWSLETTER

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From: The Principal's /Administrator's Desk

Another busy, interesting and eventful second term has come to an end. As the school is closing today 25th Wednesday, 2015 for the Second Term/Easter Holiday, our hearts are full of gratitude to God and you our dear parents and guardians for the wonderful support and assistance we received from you throughout the term. We wish to proudly inform you that we were able to improve on all our activities during the term, consolidate and equally improve on our achievements.

Golden Grace International Schools break off today for a three-week Easter Holiday and to resume for the Third Term on Monday 20th April, 2015. Students in the boarding house are to report in the school on Sunday 19th April, 2015.

As we anticipate a busy but rewarding third term, we feel it is very pertinent to discuss some issues relating to both the primary and secondary schools with you – our dear parents.

ACADEMICS

EXAMINATION

The planned academic programme for the term was exhaustively and successfully covered. The second term examinations were held in the various classes between Wednesday 18th and Wednesday 25th March, 2015, the result of which were quite impressive.

COLLECTION OF RESULTS

The pupils/students' Academic Reports would be ready for collection on Monday 13th April, 2015. I am happy to report that parents can now access their children's results on net via our Edu-Portal system.



HOLIDAY ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments for secondary school students should be downloaded from the school website. Log on to www.goldengraceinternationalschool.com, scroll down and click on *class assignments*. All assignments must be handed in to the respective teachers on resumption.

COMPETITIONS

DEBATE & QUIZ

During the term under review, the primary school organized quite a number of Inter-Class Debates and Quiz Competitions. The performance of the pupils was very encouraging. These activities were aimed at building self-confidence in them and making them compete favourably with their counterparts in the world.

AWARDS

The secondary school students took part in a competition organized by Alaba Lawson College. Our students performed excellently as they came first in Debate and spelling and took second position in Dictionary Drill out of the ten schools that participated in the event.

In addition, the primary and secondary students took part in a spelling competition organized by Spelling Bee Nigeria in which over fifty schools participated in Lagos. They all performed brilliantly and qualified for the National Level.

PARENTS' DAY

Our Parents' Day which was marked on Tuesday 17th February, 2015 was a most resounding, interesting and delightful experience as parents took turns to conduct the Morning Assembly, observe break duties and teach the students in their various classes while teachers enjoyed their temporary rest. We are grateful to all our parents who volunteered to be part of this exercise. This is an annual programme and we encourage all our parents to participate in subsequent ones.

PTA MEETING

The PTA Meeting held on Saturday 28th February, 2015 recorded a large turnout. We wish to commend our parents and guardians who turned up for the meeting. All



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issues raised have been noted and looked into. We enjoin parents to always endeavour to attend PTA Meetings as they are fora for parents and teachers to relate, interact and exchange views on matters affecting the students.

INTER-HOUSE SPORT

Our Inter-House Athletic Sports Competition billed to hold this term could not take place due to logistic reasons. It has been shifted to first term of 2015/2016 Academic session. Please note that special sports jerseys would be designed for the festival. The cost per student would be included in the bill when school closes for the session in July, 2015.

SCIENCE DAY

We are highly indebted to all parents who were at our Science Day held on Friday 6th March at the School Auditorium. This year's edition tagged: *Science and Humanity was quite interesting, thrilling, educative and rewarding*. Different exhibitions and experiments were carried out by Physics, Chemistry, Computer, Food and Nutrition, Biology, P.H.E and Agricultural students. Parents and other guests in attendance were impressed and commended the efforts of the School Management and teachers for their dynamism in academic and moral standard.

CULTURAL DAY

The 2015 edition of the Annual Cultural Day held on Friday 20th March, 2015 was another interesting event. It is aimed at projecting and propagating our rich cultural heritage which is fast disintegrating.

The children were very much excited and thrilled as they dressed in different traditional attires. The programme which featured cultural dances, poem recitations, fashion parade, cooking competition, exhibition of Nigerian dishes, dramas, etc was exciting and entertaining.

We are very much grateful to all parents who supported us in kind and cash; and those who were present at the occasion.

SCHOLARSHIP & ENTRANCE EXAMS



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Our Scholarship and Entrance Examinations for prospective students into JSS 1 for 2015/2016 Academic session came up on Saturday 21st March and Wednesday 1st April, 2015 respectively in which over four hundred candidates participated. The Scholarship Awardees and successful candidates in the Entrance Examination have been offered admission.

SCHOOL FEES

The bills for third term have been sent to all parents. We wish to implore parents to please pay up their children's fees latest by Monday 20th April, 2015. God Almighty will continue to bless you.

SEMINAR

It is the desire of the Administrator to ensure that the schools-both primary and secondary maintain their excellent standard they are noted for.

Hence, a one-day workshop was organized for all the teachers on Wednesday 18th February, 2015. As the man at the helms of affair, the Principal/Administrator is a trainer and an educational consultant; he has therefore ensured that the school is always at the forefront of staff development by involving teachers in various refresher courses.

BREAKFAST FOR STUDENTS

Many of our students do complain of pain in the stomach early in the morning especially the day students. We eventually, discovered that quite a number of them leave their various homes in the morning without taking breakfast.

We implore our dear parents and guardians to please ensure that their children take breakfast before bringing them to school. But if this cannot be accomplished as a result of time, please ensure that your child takes at least a glass cup of tea or milk every morning. This will definitely curb incessant stomach pain complaints. This is one of the reasons we decided to make lunch compulsory for all students.

JSS 3 & SSS 3 TUITION FEES

Following the meeting of the Board of Governors held on Friday 20th March, 2015, I have been instructed to ensure that all students in certificate classes (JSS 3 and SSS 3) pay up all their fees before the commencement of the examinations. Students whose fees are not fully paid would not be allowed to sit for the examinations. Therefore,



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I use this medium to appeal to parents whose children are in these classes to please settle all their bills on time.

EXTENSION CLASSES FOR JSS 3 & SSS 3 STUDENTS

The usual morning and afternoon extension classes which the school organizes for the students in certificate classes will continue until they start their final examinations. This becomes imperative to enable teachers carry out comprehensive revision exercise with them. The extension classes will run from Monday 30th March to Friday 17th April, 2015.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Citizenship and Leadership Training Programme scheduled for Easter Holiday at Sea School, Lagos has been postponed. This is due to the uncertainties and unforeseen circumstances that may characterize the forthcoming elections. The programme now holds in July after their third term examinations. This will no doubt avail other students who have not paid of the opportunity to partake in the programme. Parents who have not paid are hereby enjoined to do so latest by Mid-June.

YEAR BOOK

The first edition of our Year Book will be produced at the end of this session. The money paid for extra-curriculum this term has been earmarked to take care of this project.

INFRASTRUCTURE

During the term, a number of facilities were added to the existing ones. Introductory Technology Workshop, Business Studies Workshop and Typing pool were equipped. More Physics, Chemistry, Agric and Biology equipment and materials were acquired in addition to the ones in the laboratories.

WAEC & NECO ACCREDITATION

Our secondary school has been adjudged to be one of the best schools in Nigeria in terms of state-of-the-art facilities, purpose built structure and first hand human resources by the West African Examinations Council and National Examinations Council.



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On different accreditation visits to the school by the officials of these Examination bodies, they were satisfied with the standard of the school. Hence, the school was immediately approved as WAEC and NECO Examination Centres.

UPCOMING EVENTS

INTER-SCHOOL SPELLING COMPETITION

The school is organizing an Inter-School Spelling Competition among top private schools in Ogun State. The programme which is grouped into three: primary, junior secondary and senior secondary categories promises to be educative and interesting. Fantastic prizes will be carted away by the winners. It holds on Tuesday 19th May, 2015.

SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS INTO VARIOUS CLASSES

The Scholarship Examination into various classes for 2015/2016 Academic Session will hold on Saturday 23rd May, 2015. The examinations are open for pupils and students seeking placements into our primary 1 to SSS 3 on scholarship. Application forms are available at our administrative office at no cost at all (free).

SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION FOR INDIGENT STUDENTS

Another Scholarship Examination for indigent students will come up on Saturday 20th June, 2015. The exam is meant for children whose parents are extremely poor, who, for instance cannot afford three-square meals a day. It is designed for students, who will be completing their Junior Secondary School (JSS 1) in July, 2015.

Successful students will be admitted into our SSS 1 and will be awarded 100% scholarship for three years i.e. SSS 1 – SSS 3. Successful candidates will be investigated to confirm if they meet up with the requirements.

I want to seize this opportunity to thank the Director/Proprietor for giving his consent to this charitable programme. This is not unconnected to the passion he has for education and his determination to give qualitative education to children whose parents cannot afford it. God Almighty will continue to bless him.

DISCIPLINE

As we are all aware that sound character and good moral training along with academic excellence remain our focus, we have been leaving no stone unturned in order to make the tone of discipline very high. Late coming to school is not acceptable. Much



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attention should be paid to wearing correct school uniform, putting on the approved shoes and being morally upright always.

It is in the light of this that we are imploring our dear parents and guardians to please join hands with us in the task of inculcating discipline, in these children.

CONCLUSION

We implore parents and guardians to please continue to cooperate with the school, so that we can jointly achieve our goals and objectives of training these pupils and students to effectively inculcate in them academic and moral values that would make them valued, reliable, responsible and productive members of the society. Thanks and God bless.