



25th November 2016

Dear Parents,

In the last five weeks, the Senior School community has been engaged in various activities across academic, enrichment, sports, service and residential programmes. As we near the end of 2016, we would like to share the outcome of some of them.

Today was a unique non-uniform day where students and teachers chose a partner with whom to dress the same in what was referred to as 'twinning'. It was a wonderful sight around the campus.



Other times, our students have been engaged in completing assessments, DP2 Swahili B final examination, internal assessments, presentations, university applications, joint session between year 10 and DP1 to discuss portfolio of achievement among others, marking a very busy part of the semester. We appreciate your support in ensuring that the students are able to cope and go through all these activities.

We would like to extend a special invitation to you for our annual Zawadi Bazaar which is taking place on Saturday 3rd December. Kindly come with your family members and friends to enjoy the day and witness our year 10 students being social entrepreneurs. Apart from the fun experienced, the funds raised will go to the citizenship fund which helps to implement the various service projects undertaken by our students. A poster is attached to this newsletter which you can send to your friends.

We are also inviting you for a Charity concert hosted by Safaricom as they celebrate their 16th anniversary on Sunday 4th December in the afternoon in the Multi-Purpose Hall. Safaricom choir in conjunction with AKAM Voices for Change and our staff choir will be performing and entry is free.

AKAM Voices for Change has organized a food drive that is targeted at collecting food to respond to the drought situation affecting communities in Kilifi County. We appeal for your support. Kindly send your donation either through your children or directly to the school attention to AKAM Voices for change. Please find as one of the attachments, a poster 'Jaza Lorry flyer' for more information.



Kindly note we will close school for December break on the Friday 9th December 2016 at the end of school day i.e. 2:45pm. Residential students can leave immediately after school but latest by Saturday 10th at 12noon. Residential students are expected to return on the Wednesday 4th January 2017 and not earlier for there will be no one to attend to them. Classes begin on Thursday the 5th January 2017.

Student Life

In the last few weeks, several school events have taken place, where our students have shown leadership, sportsmanship, community responsibility and collaboration. The events include inter-house athletic which was a testament of the amazing talents we have in our students. Eagle house emerged the winner of the event. Please find as one of the attachments, a summary of sports activities which have taken place so far. Then there was Ubuntu Football Festival (UFF) event organized by 'Stand Up, Shout Out' (SUSO) enrichment group to reach out to the youth in Mombasa. The event was graced by the Governor of Mombasa, Mr. Hassan Joho. Our MYP residential students, as part of their community service, have been involved in the painting of classrooms in Utange Primary school. The community service project is expected to continue for the next two Saturdays.

Other events include: Garba night held on 11th November to celebrate Hindu culture especially following Diwali celebrations. Internal MUN conference took place on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th November where they showcased their debating skills. Then there was the Maths and science house competition on Friday 18th November 2016 where Ravens house emerged winners.

For the first time, we had nominees to the Pwani Celebrities awards: AKAM Voices for Change for PCA Outstanding Young Star award and Sydney Ochieng for Sports person of the year award. The AKAM community and friends went on to vote for the nominees. We are proud to announce that Sydney was named the Sports Person of the Year for 2016. Sydney is seen in the picture on the right receiving the award.



Middle Years Programme

The Year 10 Mock Personal Project Exhibition took place on 3rd November and the Year 10 students successfully shared their projects with the other students and faculty. It was delightful to see the students doing their best to present their ideas. The feedback they received helped them to start finalizing their personal project by submitting their draft 1 report. In the meantime, there are busy preparing for Zawadi Bazaar. This is a culmination of their entrepreneurship unit where in their mentor groups, they will be social entrepreneurs who through their business venture, they will focus on what is the impact on people, planet and how they will use the profit they make serve the society.

The first of the planned year level trips during this academic year took place on 16th to 18th November involving year 7 students going to Watamu for 2 nights where they visited various tourist sites and spent time bonding as a year group.

Diploma Programme

DP2 students had their Final Theory of Knowledge (TOK) presentations on Saturday 19th November. That is one third of their IB TOK assessment done and over. This essentially frees up a lot of quality time for them to invest in the TOK Essay, and other subject areas. It was a delight to see the intellectual growth of the students in the 18 months they have been a part of the Diploma Program – especially in the nuanced and layered arena of wrestling with the nature of knowledge and its impact, which is what TOK is all about. They are also on the verge of completing and tying up all the loose ends of their CAS Portfolios. Now they are in preparation mode for their Pre-Mock examinations which will commence on 28th November 2016. The Weekly Cycle Tests are also came to an end. This has been a great way to keep them invested in revising and revisiting all they have learned – albeit in compartmental doses. This conclusion also accords them time and opportunity to prioritize exam prep.

The DP1 students are sitting for their first formal DP exams from 28th November to 2nd December 2016 and are therefore immersed in academia, at the moment. We expect them to fare well, for that is the trend we want to inculcate. As they say, - ‘Well begun is half done’.

Please note during the examination period for both DP1 and DP2, students will be allowed to come in only when they have papers. Once in school, they will only be allowed to leave once at the end of school day or examination paper.

But the moment DP1 examinations conclude, they will be ready for a very different kind of challenge. They have come to a consensus about the play they are going to perform on the evening of 22nd February 2017

Upcoming events

26th – 27th November – Positive Teenage National Basketball tournament

28th November – Residential Cultural night

1st December – Science beyond classroom exhibition by Year 9

1st – 4th December - Africa Dream Basketball tournament

3rd December – Zawadi Bazaar

4th December – Safaricom Charity Concert

8th December – Lip Sync competition & SRC football league finals

9th December – School closes at 2:45pm for December break

Have an enjoyable weekend!



Kind regards,
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