



MONTHLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2011

Dear Parents,

Wasn't the School Play on 12th November, 2011 amazing? Of course it was.

To all parents who were able to make it, may I extend our warmest regards and thanks to you.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

DATE	GRADE	SUBMISSION OF DRAFT
Tuesday 6 th December, 2011	12	2 nd draft of Mathematics HL/SL/St. portfolios
Thursday 8 th December, 2011	12	2 nd draft of World Literature 1
Tuesday 13 th December, 2011	12	1 st draft of CAS portfolios and reflection forms
Thursday 15 th December, 2011	12	2 nd draft of Geography fieldwork

Students are required to submit their drafts on these dates to the subject teachers for their review.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

1. **SAT & ACT** Examinations will be held on Saturday 3rd & 10th December, 2011 in the school campus and Ghana International School (GIS) at 8:45am and 8.00am respectively. We wish all our IB students all the best in these exams.
2. The Ghana Red Cross is celebrating its 153rd Anniversary this month. As part of the celebrations, 24 IB students who are members of the society will celebrate World HIV/AIDS day on 3rd December, 2011 at 7:00am. They would embark on a walk through the streets of Accra to interact with the public and educate them on HIV/AIDS and other STI's. The students' involvement in this worthy cause is to raise money to support Red Cross activities in Ghana.
3. The **CAS Community Service trip for IB students** is scheduled for the 12th December, 2011 at 6:45am to rural villages, Wokumagbe and Lekpongunor near Sege. As part of the Christmas festivities, the students will seek to feed up to 1000 children, play with them, share toys to them, sing and tell them stories. We **are currently seeking** donations such as clothes, shoes, food items, beverages, water, toys and cash to provide to these communities.

Join us to make this Christmas a memorable one for the children living in those villages. To many, what we do for them will be their only hope of celebrating Christmas. Together we can make those children receive food, drinks, toys and love!

We are also happy to have parents who are interested in joining us on the day. If you are interested in contributing towards this noble cause, please contact Mrs. King, CAS coordinator on **0244615255**, Miss Angela Sermackor (Assistant Coordinator) or Bijoux (Front Desk/Hostel Guardian) on **0303-305134** or **0303-308737**.

4. There will be an Introduction to **IB Group 4 projects** for all IB1 students. The group 4 project is a multi disciplinary exercise comprising of the science subjects namely Physics, Chemistry and Biology. Students are required to work together to complete a project. Teachers act as facilitators and observe how students engage and develop key skills such as team building, communication, collaboration and negotiation, and most importantly research skills which would be widely used in universities.
5. Parents are cordially invited to a **Science and Technology Fair** organized by the Science department scheduled to take place on Friday 9th December, 2011 at 1:30p.m. The students will have the opportunity to showcase their various experiments and projects and explain various scientific principles governing their work. It promises to be a splendid day for our students. We look forward to having you there.
6. The Grade 10 students will embark on a **Class trip** to Kakum National Park in the Central Region on Friday 2nd December, 2011 at 6:00am.
7. An **Extended Essay** (EE) workshop will be organized for IB1 students and their supervisors on Wednesday 7th December, 2011 at 8:00am at the Handel-Picasso Exam Hall.

The objective of the Workshop is to introduce EE to the IB1 students and build collaboration between supervisors and students to overcome some of the challenges encountered in the EE writing process.

Extended essay (EE) is a 4,000 word well researched essay written by the student with the support of a supervisor on any topic in any of the subjects that the student studies. EE is compulsory for all Diploma students and students are expected to devote a maximum of 40 hours in working on the EE towards their extended essay. Some of the benefits of writing such an essay include the development of research skills and project writing.

School Talks

There will be a number of presentations to students between the 6th to 8th of December 2011.

6th December 2011 – Leah Darrow, an international motivational speaker from the US. She will talk about values and integrity for young people.

7th December 2011 – Mrs. Ruth Kwakwa will be speaking about Travel and Learning. How to increase your learning through exploratory travel.

8th December 2011 – Prof. Reginald Ocansey will give a presentation on the benefits of physical fitness activity.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

1. **Inter-colours Handball** is from 5th-6th December, 2011 at 3:30pm.
2. **Karate Competition** is on 7th December, 2011 at 4:00pm.
3. **Inter-colours Basketball competition** is on the 12th-13th December, 2011 at 3:30pm.

VISITING SUNDAY

DATE	GRADE	TIME
Sunday 4 th December, 2011	10-12	2:00pm – 5:00pm

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

- There will be Hostels parties for all students in their various hostels on Wednesday 14th December, 2011 at 6:30p.m.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE

- All **grade 7-9** parents are to attend the 2011 **Parent-Teacher Conference** on Friday 16th December, 2011 from 8:00a.m to 12:30p.m in the school. The Conference is an opportunity for parents to meet informally with subject teachers of their wards. Parents are requested pick up their wards academic reports from the M.P.H before meeting with the teachers. Further details on how to meet with teachers will be communicated on the day. Students are free to go home after the Parent-Teacher Conference.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

1. **Staff Meeting** will be held on Wednesday 14th December, 2011 at 4:00pm.
2. **Staff Christmas Party** is scheduled to take place Friday 16th December, 2011 at 6:00pm at the Sports Complex

SPECIAL INVITATION TO PARENTS

All parents are cordially invited to our annual **Christmas Fiesta** on Sunday 11th December, 2011 at the M.P.H at 6:00pm

MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE (SRC)

Greetings dear parents, the Student Representative Committee (SRC) is set up in order to help create a friendly environment for students and staff alike to flourish. This committee is working tirelessly to ensure that we view T.I.S at a home away from home. The introduction of new flat-screen televisions, DSTV service and new fridges in both the male and female hostel common rooms have gone a long way to increase students comfort in the hostels.

Currently we are working on increasing hygiene levels by introducing certain facilities such as paper towel and soap dispensers in all washrooms outside the hostels. In addition, we are working towards the introduction of a non-uniform Friday wear which will bring a twist of excitement to the conventions of the school week.

NEW TIS PHONE NUMBER

Please note that the old phone number **0303-910106** has been replaced with a new number **0303-308737**.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Please note that the **Admin Office** will break for the Christmas holidays from Wednesday 21st December, 2011 to Wednesday 4th January, 2012.

Highlights for January 2012

School reopens on **Saturday 7th January 2012**. All students are required to be back in school by this time. Classes will commence on Monday 9th January 2012.

14th January 2012 - Sponsored walk with parents. Time: 6.am

Finally, TIS would like to wish **Happy Birthday** to our dear students and staff whose birthdays will be celebrated in December.

Please note that our January newsletter will be emailed to parents by **20th December 2011**. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

We do welcome your comments and suggestions on how to make this Newsletter more relevant to you. Do not hesitate to contact me on uzo.agyarekumi@tis.edu.gh if you have any queries or concerns.

⇒ ON BEHALF OF THE TIS FOUNDERS AND STAFF, WE WISH ALL PARENTS AND OUR BELOVED STUDENTS A MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!

Warm Regards

Uzo Agyare-Kumi (Mrs.)
Principal