

SEPTEMBER 2016.

## Calendar

**28/8/16:** Thanksgiving service (11.00am); Parents Visiting (12.30-3.30pm); swimming club (4.00pm)

**3/9/16:** Health Walk (6.00am); Parent/Teacher Information sessions (8.00am-9.30am)

**4/9/16:** Annual play auditions; swimming club (4.00pm)

## Thanksgiving Service

At the start of each semester, a thanksgiving service is held. Parents are invited to attend. The service will commence at 11.00am in the MPH and will conclude by 12.30pm.

## Parents Visiting

For those parents whom are attending the Thanksgiving Service, you are welcome to stay on until 3.30pm and share lunch with son/daughter(s). Students enjoy anytime there is a chance for takeaway. I am sure many parents have had requests for certain supplies that were overlooked on their return to school. Parents who are unable to attend the service,

but would like to visit, please do so between 1.00-3.30pm. There will be no entry after 3.00pm.

## Akorlikope

Service learning (and action) is a key pillar at TIS. Students become involved at various levels from Grade 7. With the introduction of MYP, as a Candidate School, along with MB and Naviance from G7, students will be encouraged to detail their service learning opportunities at TIS, as these will form a critical component of any future university/college application.

TIS has many ongoing service learning projects, all of which have been student-initiated. You will read about many of these, as well as new ones over the course of this academic year. Akorlikope is a very special project for CAS as our students have established a school at this remote village to ensure children have the opportunity of schooling. Offsetting school fees, the provision of resources, the Derek Bonsu water pump initiative and lighting have been powerful opportunities to help change lives. Importantly, changing lives is not restricted to the recipients. It also

changes the lives of our students who realize the power of service learning and action.

Our G11 students have been at Akorlikope yesterday and today as part of their CAS program and conclude their orientation to the IB Diploma Program. Look forward to next week's bulletin that will include details about this week's program.

My congratulations go to our new G11 students who have settled in so well for their first year of the IB Diploma Program. In fact, I have been impressed with all of our new students who joined the TIS family this year. Along with our new staff, their energy and enthusiasm have added value to TIS.

### **Health Walk**

On Saturday, 3 September, our first semester health walk will commence at 6.00am from the hostel gates. It's a great walk and, as usual, parents are welcome to join us. Those parents who share peak fitness like the Principal will finish by 7.30am. Of course, those with superior fitness will finish from 6.40am onwards. There are recuperative refreshments following the walk.

### **Parent Information Session**

Following the health walk on 3 September, a parent information session will be held in the MPH from 8.00am-9.30am. There will be a general Q&A session followed by the opportunity to find out further information about the MYP, IG and DP programs, as well as our Hostel Parents. For those unable to make it, we will include information and forward it to all parents.

### **IB Recognition**

The IB Diploma is the gold passport in terms of school exit credentials that are preferred by the world's leading universities. Most leading universities offer all DP graduates with HL subjects to commence courses at a second year level.

After years of requesting for a definitive recognition policy from the National Accreditation Board (NAB), a formal recognition statement has been released acknowledging that the NAB recognizes the full Diploma (now Diploma of the International

Baccalaureate) and certificates (now Diploma Programme Courses).

On another positive note, Professor Adamafio of the International Programmes Office at the University of Ghana has put in a proposal to the university for DP students who obtain 32 points and above to be admitted to level 200.

### **Birthday Cakes**

Birthdays are always special occasions and many parents like to ensure that their son/daughter is not forgotten on their special day. Birthday cakes are allowed to be sent to the school. However, contact must be made with Mr Alex Taye prior to the occasion. Cakes will be taken to the MPH kitchen to be stored appropriately until it is distributed according to family/student wishes. No cakes will be allowed into the hostels.

### **ManageBac (MB)**

ManageBac (MB) is our learning management system that is used by teachers for planning assessment, reporting and attendance. Students use it to access assignment tasks, resources, and assessment results, including semester reports. Parents will access MB for reports, announcements and tracking their child's academic performance. From September, almost all messages will be sent through MB to parents. Parents will receive an invitation to set their password and log into MB next Thursday. If there are any issues about connecting, please email Ken ([principal@tis.edu.gh](mailto:principal@tis.edu.gh)) or see him at the Parent Information session on Saturday week.

### **Naviance**

Naviance is a college guidance and life career skills software program that students will commence using from G7-12. It will be the platform from which university and college applications will be sent. Students and parents will be able to access this program to ensure transparency throughout the university application process min G12. Within the next week, parents will be sent an email invitation and code to register their account. If there are any issues about connecting, please email Ken ([principal@tis.edu.gh](mailto:principal@tis.edu.gh)) or see him at the Parent Information session on Saturday week.

### Hostel Leadership

- Mr Alex Tay is the Boarding Liaison Officer for hostels. General inquiries and communication about hostels should be directed through Alex.
- Mr Richmond Dzungor is the Head Hostel Parent for the Boys' Hostels. Specific matters about the Boys' Hostels should be directed to Richmond.
- Mrs Elizabeth Osei Poku is the Head Hostel Parent for the Girls' Hostels. Specific matters about the Girls' Hostels should be directed to Elizabeth.
- Individual matters should be directed to your son's/daughter's hostel parent.

### ESS/Geography Overseas Excursion (November)

Parents are kindly reminded of the Grade 11 and 12 Environmental Systems and Societies (ESS), Biology and Geography educational field trip to the UK. It is planned for 30 October to 5 November, 2016. The deadline for payment is 4 September 2016.

Appropriate returning students in the targeted classes received details about this proposed excursion in May. New students (and their parents) will be provided the relevant information by the organisers, Michael Odame and Richmond Dzungor. Please contact Mr. Richmond Dzungor (0246704152) or Mr. Michael Odame (0264607552) for further clarifications. Both will be happy to discuss the proposed trip at the Parent Information Session.



### France Trip

In June this year, 16 students accompanied by 2 adults embarked on a 2-weeks educational trip to France. We

lived in the south of France (Antibes) with host parents who were very friendly and accommodating. The purpose of the trip was to enable students (especially those preparing for their IGCSE) to learn a lot about the French culture and improve on their fluency in the language.

We interacted a lot with other nationalities such as students from Spain, Italy, South Africa, Russia, USA, Ireland etc. We had lessons in French and visited places like Monaco, Marineland, Ile Marguerite, Fragonard Perfumer, etc.

We returned after 2 weeks, very much fulfilled and impressed with the progress our students had made in speaking the French language. We wish to entreat our dear parents and students to participate in this trip next year.



### Genesis Band -TIS

The Genesis Band of TIS has been invited to feature in a musical concert on Sunday, 28 August, 2016 at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Accra. The Concert is being organized by the Gadzekpo family to raise money for the Widow's Fellowship of Accra Ridge Church. The Widows Fellowship supports widows both in and outside Accra Ridge Church who are in need of emotional and financial support. Once again Genesis Ministry is delighted to be part of this concert. About 20 students and 2 members of staff will be attending the program. Departure is at 1:45pm and the team is expected to be back by 5:30pm.

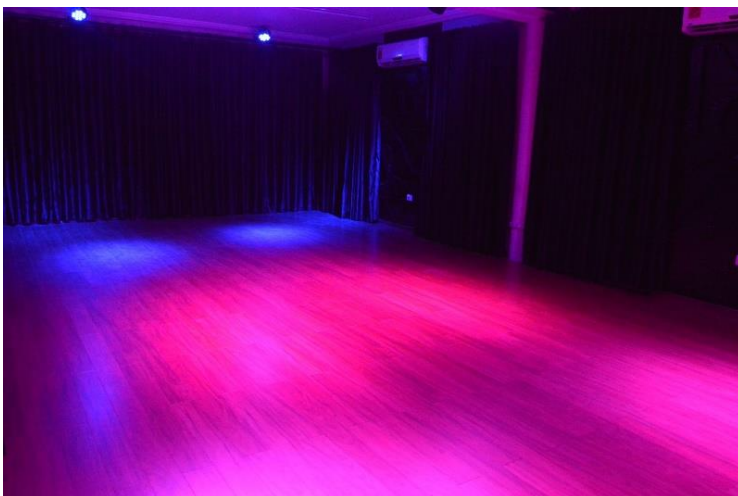
### Creative Arts Updates



The Creative Arts has kicked off its campaign this academic year with great enthusiasm, energy and a positive outlook of possibilities. Please watch this space as creativity is about to happen where you are. The students are poised, the teachers are eager and the space is anxious for the budding talents to be unearthed this academic year. It is our desire and mission to create a fertile ground for our students and staff to access their creative abilities and potential.

### BBS

We will like to officially announce the introduction of our Black Box Studio (BBS) for the Performance classes and mini concerts. This facility will go a long way in fostering students' ability to explore and create in a serene atmosphere.



### ABRSM Results

Congratulations is in order for all our adventurous troupers who sat and took the ABRSM exams. We are happy to announce that out of the 13 students presented, 9 brought home certificates with the 4 narrowly missing it. We are looking forward to this year's registrations and an eventful process. Our target is 100% success.

### ANNUAL SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Creativity + Drama + Music

+ Devising - Impossibilities X All

inclusive =

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Keep checking this space for progress on happenings in the world of spectacular, spectacular as the journey to this year's annual school play kicks off with auditions on 4 September 2016.

## Our Alumni of the week!

### Kwabena Agyare-DP Class of 2014



#### Roles Played at TIS

Drama: Supporting role in Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat(2011), Lead role in Dormitory C-The Inspection(2012), Student Director of the Lion King Production(2013)

#### Debate

Legislator-in-Chief of the TIS Debate Society, Represented Ghana at the International Public Speaking Competition in London, May 2013, having won the local, regional and national competitions.

#### Model UN

Represented TIS regionally, nationally and internationally in the Netherlands. Secretary-General of the TIS @10 Model United Nations Conference. Won 7 awards across my MUN career at national, regional and international conferences including Best Delegate, Best Opening Speech and Best Rebuttal.

#### SRC

Class Representative for Grade 8, Public Relations Officer(2012) and President (2013/2014)

#### Miscellaneous:

Lead 2nd violinist of the TIS Chamber Orchestra

Co-Editor of TIS "X" File Magazine(2013)

President of Genesis Christian Group

Vice President of Akorlikope Support Program.

Head of Anthony Hostel Choir

**Colour group:** Yellow Outeniqua

**Hostel:** Anthony

#### Achievements- Academic/ School Awards

Grade 9- Geography, Music, Biology and ICT

Grade 10-ICT, Geography

Grade 11-TOK, Geography SL

Grade 12-Geography SL

Principal's Award for Best Behaved Boy(2011-2012),

Most Engaged CAS Student(2012-2013), Plaque of

Honour(2012/2013), TIS IB Learner Profile

Award(2013/2014)

**Current University:** Northeastern University, studying Political Communications, and a minor in African Studies.

**University Awards-** Winner of Northeastern's Public Speaking Excellence Competition. Completed 6-month coop at Mayor of Boston's Office of Constituent Services (Boston 311)

**Advice:** Try to soak up the opportunities that come your way in TIS. Get involved as much as you can. Even if there is one thing that you are passionate about, pursue it to the best of your ability. Putting yourself out there allows you to become a vital contributor to the TIS community.

## CAS Updates



The enthusiasm on campus is contagious! Let's encourage our students to challenge themselves and be engaged. This semester there is a variety of sports, Clubs and activities are available so you can't miss out. Sign up

will be open on Wednesday, 31 August, 2016. Time table for CAS/Co-Curricular will be send via ManageBac. Stay tuned.

*I will do something nice  
for others, today*

*Everyone can use a helping hand now  
and then. Today I will see others' needs  
and lift them up.*

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### DP CAS Orientation/Service Learning Trip to

**Akorlikope:** What a good way to start the IB journey by engaging with the children of the Graceland School. A number of projects have been initiated by our Alumni. Since 2011 the TIS DP classes have been engaged with issues concerning the Akorlikope community. Watch out for awesome pictures and meaningful reflections from our DP1s. #positivechange



### Open Heart Surgery:

*Emmanuel Selassie* heart surgery was successful. He is out of the intensive care at the *Cardio thoracic Center at the*

*Korle-Bu teaching Hospital* and under monitoring at the moment in the children's ward. His parents and family expressed their appreciation to the entire TIS family and could not hide how impressed they were that students raised the money for their son's surgery. Selassie keep on asking his mummy – *'when are we going back to see the people who helped save my life'*. We have invited him to be part of our 13 Anniversary celebration in October. We look forward to spending time with him. A big thank you to each and every one who supported in saving Selassie's life. God bless YOU!



### Helping Hands Presentation At Assin Ochiso:

The TIS Helping Hands Team took a trip to Assin Ochiso in the Central Region on 24<sup>th</sup> June. It was spearheaded by their patron Ms Clara Burgess. They visited the Heritage Academy to make a formal presentation of books collected over the months and an amount of GHC 1000 to support their Reading Club and Library Project in their School. The headmaster, Mr. Gustav Osei, expressed his appreciation to the Helping Hands of TIS and encouraged the team to continue to be part of the ongoing project in their school. The trip was an insightful experience and the team is looking forward to lending a helping hand in other projects.

**Mandela Day:** The **Helping Hands Initiative** group took their summer holidays to another level as they experienced the essence

of sacrifice and lending a hand. After their trip from Assin Ochiso, the group put together another project on Mandela day 15 June. Mandela Day is a day set aside by the UN to celebrate the late Nelson



Mandela and his achievements. Individuals who wish to observe this day are to spend 67 minutes doing some form of community Service or Humanitarian activity and that is exactly what **Helping Hands** did on the said day. (67 signify the number of years Nelson Mandela spent in making the world a better place.)

Together members of the group organized 67 packs of Food and drove around the streets of Nima and Kanda and donated food to hawkers, beggars and the physically challenged on the street. Some comments from the group follow;

**Rinnah Krobo-Edusei (grade 12)** - *I never understood what people meant by giving is better than receiving, but through this amazing experience I finally realized the joy which one gets when they do something for the greater good. The smiles and the gratitude received when we gave out the food was worth more than a box filled with gold. It was a fulfilling experience.*

**Alexander Odartey- Wellington (grade 12)** - *It was amazing to put smiles on so many people's faces. I saw how many people cherish what we don't even realize as a privilege. I just want to encourage everyone to engage in more community service actions because it goes a long way to make the world a better place as we become better people.*

**Salim Yakubu (grade 12)** - *Distributing food to the underprivileged was a very humbling experience. It taught me how to appreciate all the things I already have, and also to share with those that are in need. This act of love and kindness made me realize it is much better to give than to receive. Remember, it does not take away anything to make someone smile.*

**CureAidGhana** together with **Helping |Hands** group collaborated with the **United Nations Information Center** for an outreach in **Ayetepah**, a community in the **Greater Accra region**.



**Kelvin Williams (IB 2)** - *Overall, it was a magnificent experience as we were able to*

*educate members of the community on the importance of hand washing, and teach them how to make soap as this will benefit them health wise and can also be a part time profession. It is always great to make a positive impact in our society and we as a group are doing our bit to make our community a cleaner place and reducing the spread of diseases through hand washing.*

**By Salim Roland & Yehowahi Sekan (IB1)**

**PEN IN A BOX** – is a student run organization



operating globally to provide school supplies such as pencils, pens, rulers, erasers, etc., to students who lack of such resources. This non-profit

organization is headed by *Davin Byun*, student based in *Kazakhstan*, and has branch leaders from all over the world including *Brazil, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, USA* amongst many others. TIS Students *Salim Roland* and *Yehowahi Sekan* serve as the branch leaders and chief operators of all of *Pen in a Box's* work across Ghana. Alongside the help of their cohorts they aim to provide over 1000 stationary items to people in need all over the city of *Accra* by June, 2017.



**Akorlikope Support program - Educom project** –



Thousands of children cannot afford to go to school. They lack cloths, books, food and most of the time money to pay the little fees some of the schools require so they can pay their teachers. Educom is back, now under the leadership of **Naa Momoh (Leader), Mifa, Marie-Noelle, Tsui, Yehowahi, Adwoa, Joel, Tori, Audrey, Dede Nicole,**

**Rachel, Seyilayo & Anna-Maria (IB1).** They aim to provide funds to pay GhC 30.00 per term for a child in Akorlikope to go to school. We are happy to inform you that this term school fees will be paid. Let's continue to support this noble cause. ☺



### **MYP - Action in Service Project session**

*Our first A&S class was very fun and exciting; seeing how the different groups used the IB Learner Profiles they had chosen and try to put it in a picture form. Honestly, my favorite was group 5 which had chosen **Thinkers** and **Knowledgeable**. The other groups were really funny and very interesting to watch. **Gwen Agbeshi - Grade 8***

*I learnt a lot about the IB Learner Profile; I learnt to relate to my everyday life as a learner. My favorite IB Learner Profile is **CARING**. **Jalal [Muniru Zakari](#) - Grade 8***

*I really enjoyed the A&S class because it was really fun, especially when we were tasked to draw an IB Learner Profile attribute and link it to the IB Learner Profile. My group members faced challenges because one of us was not willing to collaborate. But at the end we changed our perception and worked together. All our work came out very successful. My favorite IB Learner Profile is **Inquirer**. **Nutsuakor Cynthia (Grade 7)***

*The class was awesome. We had to work together to plan a photo-shoot, and working together was fun. My favorite IB Learner Profile is **Risk-Taker**. **Emmanuella Nana Ekuia [Boateng](#) -Grade 8***



*I learned a lot about the IB Learner Profile while having fun. My favourite IB Learner Profile is **Principled**. **Nina-Abbie Omatsola - Grade 7***

*I liked the fact that we worked together as a team. To work with your friends is really good. I like the **Knowledgeable** attribute of the IB Learner Profile, because I want to be smart and explore ideas. **Nadia Bawumia - Grade 7***



### **Alumni Home Day**

The Alumni Home Day was well organized. Many of the Alumni showed-up and their presence ignited confidence in the students, especially the new students. We appreciate the efforts of all alumni who made this happen. **Alumni Home Day Committee**

*The Alumni Home Day was very interesting. It was amazing to know that TIS has a lot of old students, who are very passionate about the school. **Awurabena Amoesiwa Ahenkorah - Grade 7***



*As a new student, I anxiously looked forward to the Alumni Home Day. Not that I knew any of the alumni, but I was in anticipation for what a day it was going to be. And it turned out to be a great day. The Alumni who came were very excited to be back and they readily shared their TIS experiences with us. Nutsuakor Cynthia - Grade 7*



*It was nice having the alumni sharing their TIS experiences with us. As a final year student, the day helped me to forecast into the near future and thought of what legacy I could possibly leave behind. - Nubuke Gadzekpo - Grade 12 (CAS Prefect)*

### **Feedback from some Alumni**

I was happy to get back to TIS after a long time and to see the school still amazing as it is. Seeing the young blood coming into the school with mixed feelings reminded me of my first steps in the school. All in all it was good to see a happy family at TIS and the cheers from the students to alumni was just amazing, knowing we got their support.....*Nana Kwame Mensah-'11*

Asked to summarize, I would say I felt like a 'big girl'.

I had been away for about 3 months and it felt a lot longer than that. The hugs, the smiles, teachers, friends... it was just beautiful!

It was wonderful meeting older alumni and being informed of the great things they were doing out there. It gave me more courage to face the world.

Speaking to the new students, I felt nostalgic. I was once like some of them; nervous, anxious, clueless of what the future held (except the next visiting date). 2010 TO 2016???

I didn't think I could do that.

But I did and they shall too, with determination. "vouloir c'est pouvoir".

I must admit that it was weird knowing I was there as an alumna and not as a student.

I had a funny feeling in my tummy, a good funny feeling. Overall, I felt a sense of accomplishment.

I came. I saw. I conquered.

VENI. VIDI. VICI.

### ***Akua Ofeibea Sakyi Addo-'16***

Last Sunday was superb, the atmosphere was great, the people are blessed. It was a great meeting. TIS is blessed.

### ***William Owusu-'10***

**IBDP Orientation - Grade 11 (IB Class of 2018)**

*The IBDP orientation was extremely helpful. Meeting with the TIS Alumni made it seem as if I can actually go through the programme as they (Alumni) have done. I am sure the DP journey will be rigorous, but taking the advice from the various teachers and coordinators who engaged us, I hope to sail through successfully.* **Ayeyi Ohene-Adu - Grade 11**

*I really learnt a lot from the orientation. I never really made up my mind on the subjects I was picking until the orientation. It really helped me to understand the DP and its elements. It has been really inspiring.*

**Jared Quampah - Grade 11**



*The three-day orientation was very educative. It helped me to understand the IBDP into full depth and also have prepared me for what I'm to expect.* - **Leslie Kofi Amegbor - Grade 11**

**Prampram Trip**

*It is always a wonderful experience working with students to prepare food when we go out on such occasions. The students who were on the food committee (IB 1 & IB2) worked with enthusiasm and we made sure all others students had enough to eat. It was heartwarming to see all students' seniors and juniors (Newbies) engaged and happy.* **Sylvester Wellington - Art Teacher/Francis Hostel Parent**

*PramPram was full of fun and excitement. During the football match, we had tons of laughs. The new students made a lot of friends with the Prefects, and I also bonded more with many of my friends. I had a blast and I would love to go again.* **McKelvin Novis-Zukowski - Grade 9**

**College Guides Update**

**ACT Test Registration Deadline-** Wednesday August 31, 2016.

Payment is U.S. \$100 (dollar payments only)

**Early Deadlines:** Wednesday, August 31

Notify counselors if you are applying to a U.S. university early action or early decision (EA/ED) or you are applying to Oxford, Cambridge, or a program for Medicine, Dentistry, or Veterinary Science in the U.K.

**DP1 Orientation-** Students made an IB 'pledge' to enrich themselves in academics, extra-curricular activities, and leadership during their time in TIS.

**Naviance-** A new platform was introduced for grades 7-12 to assist the guidance team by providing career surveys, college and scholarship search services, and a platform for uploading documents and applying to universities.

**College Visits:** Monday September 5 @ HPEH (Handel Picasso Exam Hall)

11 a.m. – Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Princeton (United States)

1:45 p.m. – University of Toronto, UBC (Canada)

\*Parents feel free to join us for any of the university visits

To view SAT test dates for 2016/2016, please go to: <https://d.pr/16xQY>

To view ACT test dates for 2016/2017, please go to: <https://d.pr/13e0t>

Information about the PSAT October test date can be found here: <https://d.pr/Q4VX>

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**RECOGNITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME AND DIPLOMA COURSE RESULTS**

We write to inform you that the National Accreditation Board (NAB) grants approval for the recognition of the **Diploma of the International Baccalaureate** and the **Diploma Programme (DP) course results** as satisfactory requirements for entry into tertiary education institutions in Ghana.

Regarding students with DP course results who wish to be considered for matriculation by universities in Ghana, the NAB considers the following combinations as acceptable:

The list of subjects should include any one of these proposed combinations:

- **5 subjects at SL (Standard Level)**
- **5 subjects – 3 (Higher Level) and 2 (Standard level)**
- **5 subjects – 3 (Standard Level) and 2 (Higher Level)**
- **4 subjects – 2 (Standard Level) and 2 (Higher Level)**

Kindly note that:

1. All these subjects should have **pass grades of 4, 5, 6, or 7** except for one subject for which a grade of **3** is required.
2. The list of subjects should include **English and Mathematics**, at any Standard Level.

We must emphasize that it is the prerogative of each individual university to decide if a student meets the necessary course requirements or minimum entry requirements for specific faculties.

**KWAME DATTEY**  
**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

### Alumni Home Day in a thousand words



**Bonding time at Prampram Beach! #Newbies**



### IB Learner Profile Class



IBDP Orientation..... #ExperienceIsTheBestTeacher #2015 Alumni

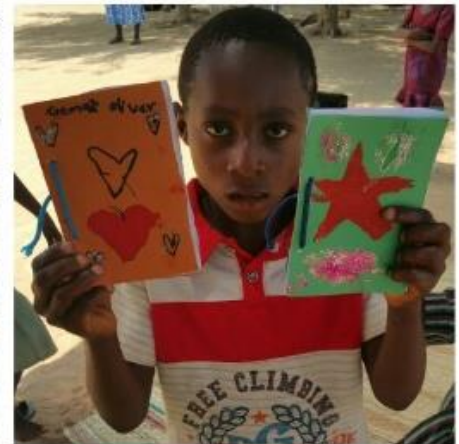


## School Assembly & Staff Meeting





### Service Learning Trip to Akorlikope



**#Teamwork #Commitment #Passion #Service #WeLoveToGiveToTheNeedy**

