



PARENTS' BULLETIN: 13 NOVEMBER, 2015

Thought for the Week

Failure is success if you learn from it.

- Anon

Important Dates

- 14/11/15: Interschool athletics carnival (Elwak Sports Stadium)
- 18/11/15: Geography field trip (Grade 10) @ 9:00am
- 20/11/15: Sarafina: Opening night
- 21/11/15: Sarafina: Finale
- 28/11/15: Interschool swimming carnival and volleyball competition (both @TIS)
- 30/11/15: End of semester exams commence (Grades 7-11)
- 4/12/15: Farmers' Day (Public holiday)
- 5/12/15: SAT testing session
- 9/12/15: Christmas lunch
- 10/12/15: Board meeting
- 12/12/15: ACT testing session
- 13/12/15: Christmas Fiesta
- 14/12/15: Joint Hostels Christmas Party
- 15/12/15: 3-Way Conferences (7.30am-1.00pm) Students leave for Christmas break
- 17/12/15: Semester 1 Reports published
- 7/1/16: Staff recommence duties; Admin office opens; staff in-school workshop commences
- 8/1/16: Staff in-school workshop continues (Day 2)
- 9/1/16: Students return to school
- 11/1/16: Semester 2 commences
- 16/1/16: TIS Fun Fair
- 17/1/16: Semester 2 Thanksgiving service

Interschool Athletics Carnival

We wish our athletics team the best of luck at Elwak tomorrow.



Mobile Phones

Students are not allowed to have mobile phones at TIS. Students found with a mobile phone will have it confiscated and the parent can collect it from the Head of Boarding when they are next at TIS.

Examination Sessions and Absences

If a student provides written evidence of illness, or other exceptional circumstances which prevented a student from attending an examination session, the teacher may extend the period of time for completion of the exam, after consultation with the Principal. The duration of the extension is at the discretion of the teacher, with the approval of the head of Department and the relevant Curriculum Coordinator. However, the exam must be conducted on the designated date, as scheduled.

- The student may be given some time to recover and write the exam later, provided the student is isolated from other students who have taken the exam earlier in the day.
- The student may be approved to use a scribe, if there is an injury to the hand that is used in writing.

For approved absences, the teacher will use continuous assessment marks for the reporting period to project a grade for the examination session if the above two measures, are not applicable.

Unapproved absences in any exam session will result in no exam grade. This action will have a significant impact on the overall grade for the subjects for which there is no exam grade.

Sarafina

Have you booked your tickets? This great school production will premiere on Friday, 20 November with the finale performance will be held on the following night, 21 November.

Tickets are on sale now. Don't miss out. Freedom is coming!

IBDP update.

The following are the major updates for IBDP.

1. Grade 12 students have been registered for the May 2016 exams and the registration list has been emailed to all parents.
2. Grade 12 students will have their regular monthly tests (portions currently taught and a topic covered in Grade 11) happening in the week (23-11-15 to 27-11-15). You should receive the syllabi by this weekend.
3. Grade 11 students looking for a subject change should effect the change(s) at the earliest to have adequate time to prepare for the end of semester examination.

Please feel free to contact the DP office for any clarifications.



ASCUUS Update

Careers' Day

It was an excellent event. We witnessed the flying of drones right here on our basketball court! Students were so engaged with the professionals: truly pursuing their dream in today's competitive world. Our sincere appreciation goes to all parents who volunteered to be part of this programme. We can't wait for next year!

SAT & ACT Tips/ Brush Up

ASCC US is happy to share tips and test strategies with our students taking the **December and January SAT & ACT**.

This is just to ensure that our students feel comfortable and more familiar with the test. We still encourage them to practise independently. All the best to our future test takers.

College visits

Lyndsay Sprado, Relationship Manager from Brock University (Canada) met with our students last Monday. It was an eye opener into education in Canada and the scholarship opportunities available for Ghanaian and international students.

Brock Highlights

- **Flexibility, Wide variety:** Canadian schools have a wide variety of programs and students are free to change majors at any time
- **Perfect location:** Brock is farthest south near Niagara Falls, residences are connected by tunnels to avoid colder winters, but the winters are mild – same area as Spain.
- **Big but small:** Brock is a medium school with 19,000; however $\frac{3}{4}$ of class is done seminar style to allow closer student-faculty interaction.
- **Cheaper:** Canada is a cheaper option for undergraduate studies and the average tuition is about **16,000 USD** (minus living cost)
- **College credit:** IB scores of 5 earn students college credit which can shorten undergraduate duration to 3 years (you can also save a whole year's fees)

Upcoming College Visits:

This Friday: 13 November, 2015. 1:45pm -2:45pm. Old Exam Hall

Columbia & Cornell University: **1:45pm**

Vassar, Grinnell and Colby Colleges: **@2:30pm!**

Next Friday: 20th November, 2015. 1:45pm -2:45pm. Old Exam Hall

Drexel University: **1:45pm**

ALU: **2:40pm**



European University: **3:15pm**

Think on your feet

Intelligence depends on environmental factors not genetic factors.

Last Monday, it was “uproar” and an admirable intellectual one when this topic “dropped” during Grade 8 discussion session. We want our young students to learn the art of thinking on their feet and embrace different perspectives. After all, that’s what being a global citizen is about. You can think about it too.

CAS Update



TIS Annual School Play

Sarafina comes off on 21st & 22nd November, 2015. As explained in last week’s bulletin, parents are invited to attend the Saturday, 21st of November show, as the Friday show is for invited schools only. However if you can only attend Friday show, please do contact Angela Sermackor.

Tickets: Adults-GH¢50.00, Students-GH¢25.00. To reserve or buy your ticket contact: Ms. Angela Sermackor +233-242303588

Since the aim of the performance is to raise funds to support TIS Community Service Projects, all parents and guardians who would like to donate towards this worthy cause should kindly contact Bijoux Hukportie (Principal’s PA) on Bijoux.h@tis.edu.gh / 0249637762 (School Mobile Nos.)

It’s been an annual tradition that after such amazing but tiring performances, the school, with the support of parents, refresh the cast and crew (students only) in what is termed an ‘after-



party'. Parents who would therefore wish to sponsor the **'after-party'** can do so through the same contact given above.

NB: There is usually heavy traffic, on weekends, on the Tema-Akosombo road which is the route to TIS campus. Parents who intend to attend the show are therefore reminded to set out earlier to avoid being late as you cannot afford to miss any scene of the act. The show starts at 7:00 prompt.

The following are our social media handles:

Facebook – TIS Sarafina

Twitter – @TISGhana / IB-CAS@TIS

Instagram – #TIS Sarafina2015

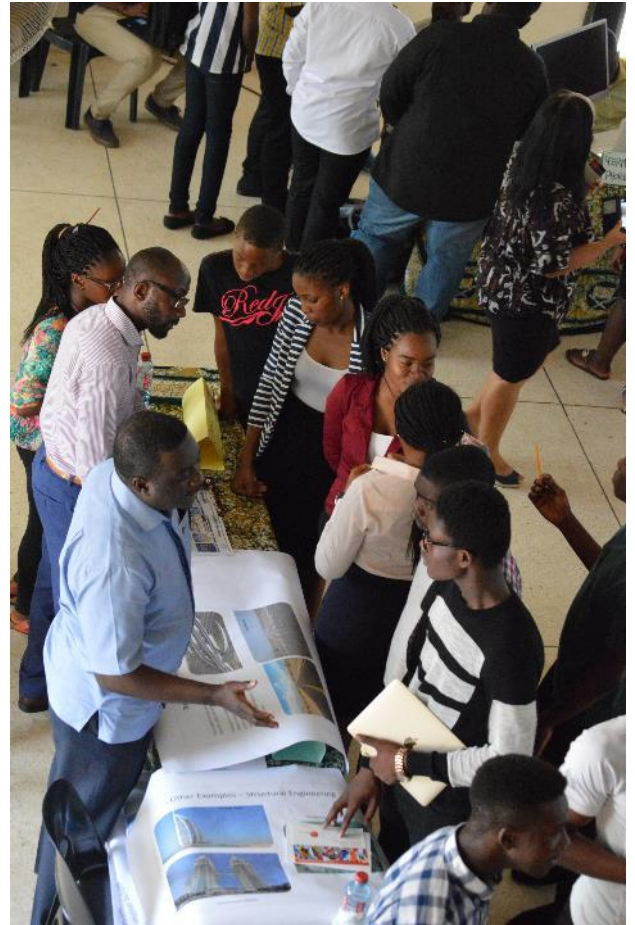
I appreciate your support.

Dr Ken Darvall
Principal

Chess Club



Career Fair



Confirmation



School play rehearsals

