



## PARENTS' BULLETIN: 16 DECEMBER, 2015

### Thought for the Week

Each of us must work for his own improvement, and at the same time, share a general responsibility for all humanity.

- Marie Curie

### Important Dates

**16/12/15:** Admin office and TIS closes at 2.00pm

**17/12/15:** Semester 1 Reports published

**7/1/16:** Staff recommences duty; Admin office opens; staff in-school workshop commences

**8/1/16:** Staff in-school workshop continues (Day 2)

**9/1/15:** Students return to school

**11/1/16:** Semester 2 commences

**16/1/16:** TIS Fun Fair

**23/1/16:** TIS Health Walk; SAT

**24/1/16:** Semester 2 Thanksgiving & Student Leaders' Induction service

### Appreciation

- Thank you to those parents and TIS supporters who joined us for a spectacular Christmas Fiesta last Sunday.
- Thank you to those parents who attended 3-Way Interviews yesterday.

### School Fees

School fees for second semester have been sent home with your son/daughter on Tuesday.

The Accounts Office will be open from 10.00am – 4.00pm on 7-8 January, and 10.00am – 3.00pm on 9 January.

### Semester 2

Students return from their Christmas vacation on Saturday, 9 January, from midday. If circumstances require an earlier arrival on 9/1/16, then please contact your hostel guardian. Please remember that gates close at 5.00pm so allow plenty of time for traffic and do not plan to arrive at the last minute.



## End of Semester 1 Reports

Student reports will be available tomorrow Thursday.

- G7-10 students: parents will receive an email with their son's/daughters report attached.
- G11-12 students: parents will receive an email with a link to ManageBac to access the reports.

## CAS Updates

### Students Initiated Projects

It is obvious in today's educational system that Universities are looking for much more than academic achievement. Students who are engaged in activities and events, and have grown and developed over time through the process are the ones who are the first to be admitted. This is why students, through CAS, are always encouraged and given the platform to initiate and carry out their own projects, either in their smaller communities or at the national and international level. I therefore entreat parents to encourage their wards to use this Christmas break to either initiate projects at home for the benefit of their immediate communities or plan one to be implemented when school resumes.

### Christmas Outreach

Following a fire outbreak at the boys section of the New Life orphanage - Nungua, which has left 33 boys in dire need of assistance, the IB Class of 2017 & Wings of Hope group, are on a mission to put smiles back on the faces of these boys this festive season. Donations will be made on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 to the orphanage, and I crave the indulgence of parents whose children are involved to kindly drop them at the orphanage which is just behind Junction Mall at 12noon on the said date. Kindly contact Mrs. King (CAS Coordinator) for more details.

We wish to inform you that, the total raised for the Christmas Outreach was GHc 3,000.00 (Three thousand Ghana cedis). They include donations from the front desk, Christmas Fiesta and donations from some parents. How wonderful is that!!! Those boys will get new mattresses and other items needed.

We have received clothes, toys, shoes, food items, and there is more to come. We are grateful and our students are very proud of themselves.

### The Comeback Festival

The quest to find support and sponsorship for two children who are in critical conditions and in need of urgent heart surgeries is still on. The fund-raiser, dubbed *The Comeback* Festival, which is aimed at helping these kids make a *comeback* of their own, is scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> of January, 2016. All parents, guardians and friends of TIS are encouraged to throw your support behind this worthy cause so that together, we can give these kids a future.

### Service Learning Trip to Akorlikope

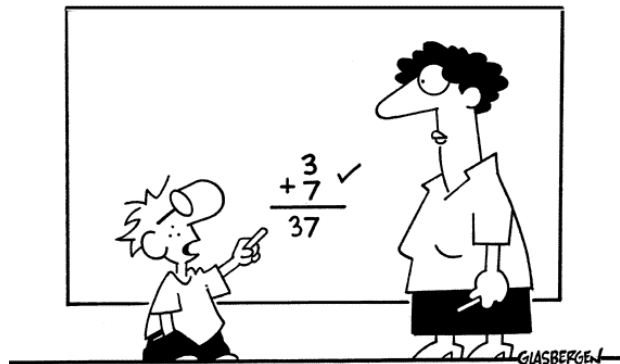
The IB class of 2017 (IB1) had their first experience of Service Learning at the beginning of the semester (20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2015) at Akorlikope where they continued with the construction of a

school for the Akorlikope Graceland Academy. From 29 -31 of January 2016, they will take another trip to the village to continue with the building, and to engage with the kids. The motive behind these Service Learning trips is to inculcate into our students the habit of taking action in service of others, expose them to the other parts of reality, and to help shape their perspectives on issues of global importance.

## Creative Arts Updates

### Encouraging a Creative mind

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**"In the corporate world they pay you big bucks for thinking outside of the box!"**

During this semester, the creative arts department has been engaged with activities that have focused on students' awareness of the fact that there are usually multiple paths that lead to understanding. By engaging with creative and performance oriented activities across all three disciplines, students have engaged with processes that seek out and experiment with new things or ideas. They have been taught to ask questions and investigate when things do not make sense. Some lessons also learnt by being part of productions. Performances have been to view mistakes as an opportunity for leaning rather than something that was unsuccessful. Students have followed their interests and thought *outside the box* whenever possible. There have always been the constant drive for students to be open to other's ideas so that they can learn how to develop, build upon and reconstruct their own conceptual knowledge. A child involved in the arts is set for greatness so let us keep encouraging a total development.

## Christmas Fiesta

Christmas came early to TIS this year with Santa paying us a visit with his elves and bringing along goodies for all who were present on Sunday. It was a wide range of gifts from Santa comprising of music, poetry, dance, drama, awards, a pool of colours and amazing talents. If you missed out on Santa this year, make sure you are on your best of behavior in 2016. Book a space and you will find him in TIS, December 2016 with a gift specially made for you. HO HO HO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

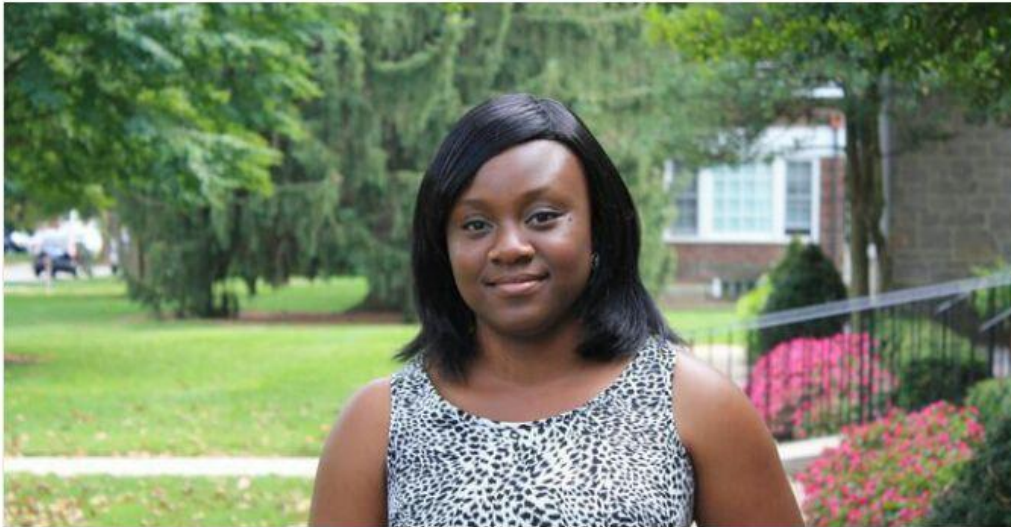
## Genesis Band of TIS @ Explosion of Joy 2015

Genesis Band of TIS will be featuring during this year's Explosion of Joy musical concert organized by Joyful Way Incorporated on the 26th of December, 2015 at the National Theater at 6:30pm It will be a collaborative platform for past and present members of the band to minister in songs. Tickets are



available at Airport Shell, Baatsonaa Total or call 0500005350. You may buy advance tickets at 50 cedis or at the gate for 60 cedis.

## Meet our Alumna of the week - Marie-Noelle Nwokolo IB Class of 2012



**Sustainability Champions | Dickinson College**  
Sustainability Champions - Marie-Noelle Nwokolo...  
[dickinson.edu](http://dickinson.edu)

The benefits of every positive venture has never succeeded in hiding anywhere under the ever-gazing eyes of the sun.

The benefits and values TIS inculcates into students WHO are lucky enough to come through her gates are always evident in their lives long after they have left the four corners of the school. Students become synonymous with excellence and positive achievement.

Today, we celebrate one of the products of Tema International School, **Marie-Noelle Nwokolo** (TIS IB Class of 2012), for being named as one of the two 2015 Campus Sustainability Champions by The Pennsylvania Environmental Resource Consortium (PERC) during the organization's fall conference.

"She was recognized for organizing a series of on-campus screenings and discussions of Poverty Inc., a documentary on global-aid systems. An international business & management major and service trip volunteer, **Marie-Noelle Nwokolo** had viewed the documentary while attending Harvard Business School's Africa Business Conference, and she presented the screenings and panel at Dickinson to spark a campus wide conversation around global social justice and the economic and environmental dimensions of sustainability."



Congratulations, proud alumna of a Great School.

We celebrate you for drawing attention to your alma mater for the positive reasons and we share in your joy. Continue to reach for greatness for that is the quest you have been groomed to embark on.

## Season's Greetings

I wish all members of the TIS family - students, parents, staff, alumni, supporters and friends – a merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and successful new year. I appreciate your support for TIS and look forward to a busy, exciting and brilliant 2016

Dr Ken Darvall

Principal







## Tema International School



### IB Class of 2017 & Wings of Hope Ghana

# Christmas Outreach

## at the Nungua New Life Orphanage

The New Life Orphanage suffered from a disastrous fire with 33 boys losing all their belongings.

Join us, **the IB Class of 2017 & Wings of Hope Ghana**, to make this Christmas a very special one for these children.

**We urgently need**: student mattresses, pillows, towels, bed sheets, boys clothing, toiletries, sponges, buckets, toys, and footwear, both old and new. Drinks, food and toys will be shared with the kids during our Christmas party. See details below.

**For donations or participation in this Christmas Outreach, please contact:** the student leaders: David Quampah, Nubuke Gadzekpo & Louisa Awuku-Aboagye, or the CAS team on 024 461 5255

**NB: A donation stand will be set up during the TIS Christmas Fiesta. Let's work together to put a smile on these children's faces.** 🎅



# 28

December

1:00 pm

New Life Orphanage-Nungua  
-Behind the Junction Mall-









# TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

















## SRC off campus meeting







MEET THE GENESIS BAND (TIS) AT *Explosion of Joy* 2015



**26TH DEC 2015** NATIONAL THEATRE  
 GET YOUR TICKET BEFORE 26TH @ GH¢50  
 AFTERNOON - 2:00-5:00 PM EVENING - 6:30-9:30 PM

JOYFUL WAY INCORPORATED

GH¢ 60

JOYFUL WAY INCORPORATED PRESENTS

*Explosion of Joy* 2015

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## Tema Art Festival

