



JANUARY 2016,

### Happy New Year

Welcome to 2016 and the start of second semester. I trust you all enjoyed quality family time over the festive season. May 2016 be what you hope it to be.

We look forward to students returning tomorrow, 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.

- Mrs Yvonne Tagoe has joined the TIS family and is a member the mathematics department. We

look forward to her contribution to TIS.

### Making TIS Proud

Congratulations go to:

- The Sarafina cast members who performed at the African Regent Hotel on Boxing Day;
- CAS students who participated in the Christmas Outreach Appeal for Nungua orphanage; and
- Genesis for their outstanding performance at the National Performing Centre on Boxing Day.

You make us proud. Thank you and well done for your brilliant efforts.

### School Fees

School fees for second semester were sent home with your son/daughter at the end of last semester. Fees for this semester are now due. Please note that any installment requests must ensure that final payment is made by 31 March.

- The Accounts Office will be open tomorrow (Saturday) from 10.00am – 3.00pm.

### Calendar

It was disappointing that not all students remained until the end of the first semester. Similarly, not all students commenced the school year on time. All students are

expected to be in attendance during school terms. Students not in attendance will be regarded as absent for attendance record purposes. Please note that the mid-semester break for students commences from 1.00pm on 23 March with students returning to school on 2 April. Semester 2 will conclude after the Achievers' Day event on 11 June.

- As advised earlier, the 2016/2017 academic year classes will commence on 15 August 2016 with new students returning on 10 August and returning students returning on 13 August.

### Summer Schools

TIS receives many invitations for our students to participate in various summer schools. These range from university visits, creative arts workshops, football tournaments, study skills and subject specific programs.

Please advise Bijoux if you are interested in receiving further information about specific summer schools and we will forward further information to you.

### **IMPORTANT: Residence Permit for Non-Ghanaian students**

All non-Ghanaian students require a residence permit to be able to

attend TIS legally, as per the immigration laws of Ghana.

Parents must advise the school if you require the school's assistance in this regard.

### **Please find below the requirements for this process:**

1. A letter to the Principal electing TIS as guardian of the student.
2. Copy of Birth Certificate
3. Valid Passport
4. Valid Republic of Ghana – Non Citizen Card
5. Permit fees plus admin. charges
6. Completion of residence permit form (see below for info needed for this form)
  - 6.1. Overseas address including telephone number
  - 6.2. Name and address of close relation in Ghana
  - 6.3. Two Passport size photos
  - 6.4. Dates of first and latest arrivals in Ghana

### **CAS UPDATES**

A big thank you to our parents for the great support during the Christmas Outreach and Sarafina Appearance at African Regent Hotel. A great number of Alumni from IB Classes of 2012 to 2015 were present at our outreach. What a delight to engage with you guys in such a noble course! We can testify that your experiences in

CAS while in TIS have developed you into caring people who take action to make the world a better place. Thank you!

A new semester is a great time to draw from our past experiences, evaluate what we have done last semester and improve. We look forward to further engagements with you. Our IB 2 students will prepare their final biographies about their journey in TIS through IBDP, CAS and their social life. We look forward to their exhibitions, IB trip and graduation. IB1 students will be taking further steps in their projects: School Magazine; Red Cross workshops; and self-initiated projects, not to mention our 3 day Service Learning trip to Akorlikope to continue our long term project with this community. Our after school program this semester offers so many opportunities for growth, discoveries, and collaboration. Look out for the **Inter-Colour Sporty Family Day** and a variety of **Inter-Colour competitions**. **Expression Day** this year goes beyond Creative Arts and CAS and the Science department is working on a very engaging and educational Science Fair. There will be a number of excursions and very innovative projects on Campus. Watch out for the new edition of the TIS Magazine: I can't wait to see what our IB1 students are up to.



**\*Below are updates on our student's ongoing projects, and School events: "Mosquito Free Zone" – "Anyone can**

complain but it takes a committed group of people with wisdom to turn those complaints into solutions". The first phase of the project will commence the first week of school. We are looking forward to an environment with NO mosquitoes. How great that will be! Feel free to donate to this project. See below materials needed.

**\*Brown Sugar, Yeast, black tape, used mineral water bottles.**

**Christmas outreach** – Our Grade 11 students, in collaboration with Wings of Hope (an organization founded by our Alumni Elikem Tamaklo (IB Class of 2012) reached out to the Nungua New Life home on the 28<sup>th</sup> of December. A great number of Alumni students were involved. Jonh Dumelo graced the occasion and spoke to the audience about the importance

of giving and making a difference in our communities. Well done to all students involved, especially our Grade 11 students for such a well-organized event. 100 bags of cement were donated to continue with the new building for the boys' dormitory. The kind donations were overwhelming. Clothes, shoes, books, toys, food and special Christmas packs were given to all the children at the Nungua home. We look forward to more opportunities to be able to extend a helping hand to those who are in need.

#### **Inter-color events coming up**

- Handball
- Sport Family 2016
- Spelling Bee Contest
- Dance Battle
- Current Affairs Quiz

#### **Birthdays**

Finally, TIS would like to wish our dear students, staff, parents and guardians whose birthdays fall in the month of January Happy Birthday!

#### **Feedback**

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

We welcome your comments and suggestions on how to make this

newsletter more relevant to you. Do not hesitate to contact us via [info@tis.edu.gh](mailto:info@tis.edu.gh) if you have any queries or concerns.

Warm Regards,  
Dr. Ken Darvall  
Principal











Disney-themed Family Day with the cast of Sarafina at African Regent Hotel







TIS Genesis at Explosion of Joy 2015



January staff development





