

# **END-TERM 2 2024 JSS NEWSLETTER**

### Dear Parent/Guardian.

Receive warm greetings from the JSPS fraternity. We thank God for you and your support which has enabled us to forge forward this far.

Kindly take note of the following highlights;



#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Opening date: Boarders – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024 (Dropped in School Between 2.00 – 4.00pm)
- Opening date:

   Day Scholars –
   27<sup>th</sup> August
   2024(Dropped in school between
   7.30 9.00am)
- KPSEA dates: 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024
- December holidays: 28<sup>th</sup> October – 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025

#### WHY JSPS?

- Excellent academic programmes.
- State of the art facilities.
- Strong Christian background.
- Talent development through clubs and sports.
- Regional, National and International competitions.
- Memorable educational school trips.
- Character and leadership skills development.
- Homely and welcoming boarding facilities.
- Sports and Clubs;
  - ✓ Chess.
  - ✓ Football.
  - ✓ Swimming.
  - ✓ Scouts.
  - ✓ American football.
  - ✓ Badminton.
  - ✓ Skating.
  - ✓ Ballet.
  - ✓ Music and dance.
  - ✓ Martial arts.
  - ✓ Basketball.
  - ✓ Handball.
  - ✓ Netball.
  - ✓ Coding

✓ And others ...

#### **JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS**

The Ball Games teams were engaged, for the first time, in the Ministry of Education Ball Games Competitions. The teams competed in the several levels before being bested at the County Games. The teams played hard, against teams that had been competing for long. The competitions have sharpened their resolve to get readier for the competitions with the uneven terrain they found themselves in. They quickly learned that good sportsmanship is at times sacrificed at the altar of the must win at all costs attitude that defined some of the teams. The boys and girls will keep training in order to compete at the National Level in the next competitions.

### JSPS Football Tournament.

The school hosted an invitational Football Tournament in July. The teams invited were drawn from Nyeri Good Shepherd, Lily Academy, Blest Hands School, Carta Oak School and Tahillah. Our teams emerged the winners in all age categories that we fielded. The competitions involved players U-7, U-11,U-13 and U-15 both boys and girls.



### **Interclasses competitions**

The End of Term 2 competitions pitted classes against each other based on House Colours. The results were as follows:

Grade House Colour

Grade 8 Orange Grade 7 Blue

We congratulate the winning teams and houses. The effort and skill put forward was not in vain.

#### **School Trips**

The successful Mombasa Trip for the Pioneer CBC class came to a close on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024. The team travelled to the Coastal towns on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August. They were hosted at the famed Reef Hotel in Nyali. The team toured various sites of interest, going as far as Malindi in Kilifi County.

The Grade 7 pupils will travel to Nanyuki on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024. The team will tour Ol Pejeta, Mount Kenya as well as other tourist sites during their stay. They will come back on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

### **Coding**

The school has partnered with Smart Brains to deliver coding instructions to all our pupils. At the present, the pupils are being instructed in HTML, CSS, and javaScript. They are being trained on web development. They have online projects and accounts that they should be able to access from any online enabled device.

### **Boarding**

The school has plans to adopt a Bi- weekly Boarding programme beginning next term. In this arrangement, the parent/guardian will be required to pick a pupil in boarding twice a month, and not weekly as has been the case. All those pupils who would like to convert to boarding are required to get all the relevant requirements from school. They will be required to report on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

### **E-Learning**

The school is actively seeking ways to fully integrate ICT in our day-to-day activities. We shall keep you engaged in all the plans that lay ahead, to make this dream possible. The relevant infrastructure has been put into place, including provision of the first batch of laptop desks for some of the classes.

### **Grade 9 2025**

The school has continued to prepare for the first cohort of the Grade 9 pupils next year. We also plan to tailor our programmes to cater for the first Candidate Class under CBC. This will be aimed at getting readier for the first ever KJSEA assessments at the end of the year.

# **Tree Planting**

The pupils in this section were involved in a tree planting drive to restore the trees that were felled at the edge of the field. This was done since the trees had become a hazard. Due to the heavy rains experienced earlier this term, the trees had to be cleared before a disaster could strike.

### **Grade 8 Parents Meeting**

We take this opportunity to thank all the parents who were able to meet virtually late last month for a parents meeting. The highlights to this meeting were shared in the class groups. Should you require a copy, do not hesitate to reach out to the school for the same.

# **Holiday Assignments**

All pupils were issued Holiday Assignments. They should be printed and done with supervision. The pupil will be required to submit that work on the reporting Day. Please, note that it will be treated as an indiscipline case in case the work is not presented on the material day.

### **KNEC School Based Assessments**

Beginning October, the pupils in this section will be taken through KNEC School Based Assessments. These are written Tests that are done, marked and results uploaded on the Knec Website. The school requires that all pupils are made to attend school without fail. These assessments have a bearing on the final outcome at the End of Junior School instruction.

# **Calendar of Events**

The coming term is the shortest in the academic calendar. The term is basically 9 weeks from the date we open. We shall share the updated calendar of events for proper planning.

#### **Career Pathways Placement**

The school is exploring ways in which the Grade 8 pupils will be assessed using the relevant aptitude tests for purposes of career placement. This will inform the strengths of the individual pupil with regard to the career path they are likely to follow in Senior Secondary School in Grades 10, 11 and 12. The school will communicate the steps to take before this can be achieved. We also appeal to all professionals among our parents/guardians who can volunteer career choice based talks to contact the school. Those who work with organizations which support the said programmes are welcome to support us deliver this important feat.

# **Progress Reports**

We would like to inform you that the Progress Reports for all pupils have been emailed to the email that receives the fees invoice, unless contrary communicated.

The parent/guardian is required to sit down with the pupil and interrogate the results. The Key to interpreting the Performance Rubrics is as follows

80-100 – The pupil exceeds the set expectations. The pupil shows originality, creativity and skill.

70-79 – The pupil Meets the set expectations. The pupil shows originality, creativity and skill to an expected level.

60-69 – The pupil is Approaching Expectations. The pupil shows originality, creativity and skill but with difficulty.

59 and below- The pupil is below expectations. The pupil struggles to show originality, creativity and skill. The pupil urgently requires intervention.

### **Interviews**

The school will conduct school-wide interviews in the month of November. We appeal to all parents who have candidates to join various classes to apply online in readiness for interviews. PP1 -Grade 8.

### **Academic Clinics**

The school academic clinics held in the course of this term were instrumental in laying the academic and discipline ground work for all pupils. Kindly note that we require support for the pupil to succeed in the areas discussed. Parents/Guardians are invited for follow up meetings throughout the term, with proper planning from the class teachers. These meetings are not limited to physical meetings. Should one require a virtual meeting, due to conflicting schedules, this can be arranged as well.

# **Discipline**

At the core of every JSPS Pupil is a discipline aspect. The school has a very stern policy on indiscipline. The lapse in discipline among select few has been dealt with effectively. We wish to advise one and all that proper discipline measures will be taken on any pupil who breaks school rules. These measures are not limited to regular discipline techniques, they extend to suspension and expulsion for the aggravated cases. The parent/guardian is required to set boundaries of what is expected from each pupil.

# **Important Dates**

# **Opening Dates**

Boarders – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024 (Dropped in School Between 2.00 – 4.00pm) Day Scholars – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024(Dropped in school between 7.30 – 9.00am)

# **KPSEA Dates**

28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024

# **December Holidays**

28<sup>th</sup> October – 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025

#### **FEES**

All the pupils will be required to clear fees on or before the opening date. Kindly make arrangements to clear fees this holiday to avoid inconveniences.

NOTE: PERSONAL CHEQUES AND CASH PAYMENTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE

EQUITY JUJA BRANCH 1520262917290

ABSA JUJA BRANCH 2025746522

COOPERATIVE BANK JUJA BRANCH 01129659557201

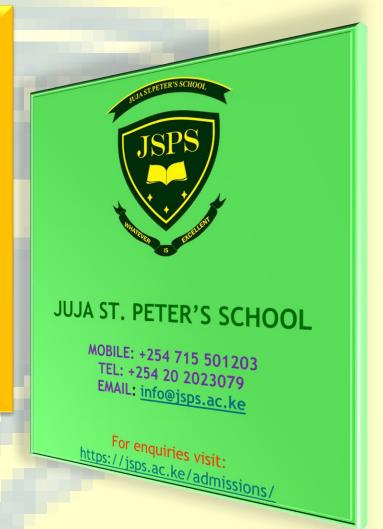
STANDARD CHARTERED MUTHAIGA BRANCH 0102018629700

KCB JKUAT BRANCH 1288575874

MPESA PAYBILL

**PAYBILL NUMBER: 749838** 

ACCOUNT NUMBER: CHILD'S ADM NUMBER



Thanks and God bless you all



PRINCIPAL