



SENIOR SCHOOL CLOSING TERM I 2023 NEWSLETTER

1. Introduction

Dear Parents and Guardians

Greetings to you all.

We thank God for taking us this far as we have come to the end of term 1 2023 well. We would like to thank all parents and guardians for your support in our endeavor to groom and nurture the child's talents, abilities and interests in-order to produce holistic, Great, God fearing Global Leaders.

2. Teaching and learning

Teaching and learning went on well. The teachers worked well towards ZIMSEC, Cambridge, HEXCO, DELF and HSK syllabi coverage and gap- filling for any missed concepts in the previous levels due to different reasons.

3. The school timetable

The set timetable was successfully implemented. The learners were starting school at 0715 hours and finishing at 1500 hours from Monday to Friday. Monthly achievers' assemblies were done to motivate the learners so that they remain focused. Learners not doing well and lagging behind are given remedial work and in some cases parents are called for discussions, mapping a way forward.

4. Winter uniform

When Schools open on 8 May 2023, we will be in winter season. All learners are expected to put on the correct, complete and clean Mother Touch Senior School (MTSS) winter uniform. Boys should wear navy blue trousers with white long sleeved shirts and blazers while girls wear navy blue slacks and long sleeved white blouses. The blazer is compulsory with the slacks and should be put on at assembly every Monday and Friday.

5. Continuous Assessment of Learner Activities. (CALA)

Zimsec introduced Continuous Assessment of Learner Activities (CALA) which started in 2021 for 'O' and 'A' Level candidates. Candidates are to be assessed from the school and the CALA mark weighs 30% of the final Zimsec result for every subject. Zimsec will add 70% from the summative mark when the learner sits for the 'O' and 'A' level examination. Teachers have already started working on Continuous Assessment of Learner Activity (CALA.). Parents are encouraged to support the learners when doing CALA as it requires a lot of materials and research.

6. End of term assessment

Learners wrote the end of term examinations. The term mark was obtained by averaging term marks on the covered concepts. The reports showing progress of the learners will be send to you through the school adminstrtror e-mail. Please alert the school administrator on 0772318890 if by any chance you do not receive the reports by 5 April 2023.

7. Vacation School.

The school intends to complete all the syllabii by June 2023. We have vacation lessons for the form 4 and 6 learners from 17/04/2023 to 28/04/2023. This is meant for revision for all the covered concepts. Learners are requested to pay USD50 for the 2 weeks for all the subjects. The boarders will pay USD180. We urge all parents to co-operate and ensure every learner attends this very important coaching lessons to prepare and ensure learners do well in the public examinations.

8. Events and Activities

8.1.Meet the Teacher

We had a very successful meet the teacher program where 90% of parents and guardians attended the event. The turnout was impressive and indicated how much parents value the school and the education of our learners.

8.2. Career Expo 2023

The planned Zimbabwe Career Guidance Expo 2023 organised by SIRDC which was supposed to be held on 23 March 2023 was postponed to a date to be advised due to circumstances beyond the organizers' control.

9. Co-curricular Activities

8.1. National Institute of Allied Arts Competitions.

MTSS participated in a talent showcase of the National Institute of Allied Arts –Eisteddfod. This is a vocal and instrumental showcase where the individuals are awarded merits according to their performance and talent in Arts. Our learners participated well and the information is tabulated below: -

| Category | Name of the learner | Award |
|--------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Instrumental Mbira | Rungano Mashiri | 1 st Class |
| Solo Vocalist | Makanaka Gwadanwa | Honors |
| | Loveall Machisa and Leane Makuvire | 1 st Class Plus |
| | Ilona Mapuweni, Nokutenda Chambwera, Natalie Dunduru and Tadiwa Gundu. | 1 st Class |
| Duet | Natalie Dunduru, and Bradley Manoah | |
| Acapella Trios | Loveall Machisa ,Ilona Mapuweni and Guidance Tobius | 2 nd Class |
| Marimba | Senior group | |
| | Junior group | 1 st Class |
| Choir | Senior | 1 st Class |
| | Junior | |

The Music Club has come up with an interesting program where learners are going to get individual coaching sessions for various instruments and vocal perfection.



Acapella Trios. From the left Loveall Machisa, Guidance Tobius and Ilona Mapuweni.



Instrumental Mbira. Rungano Mashiri.



Choir



Duet Natalie Dunduru and Bradley Manoah



**Marimba Junior. From the left Prince Mapfumo
Randall Ngundu , drum Leon Emmanuel,
Tinashe Size and Keane Mutangamira**



**Marimba Senior Rungano Mashiri
Lean Makunike, Tadiwa Gundu
Tanatswa Gapare, Munashe Chiringa
and Emmanuel Muyedzwa**

8.2. Chinese Club

On 10 March 2023, Chinese learners went to the University of Zimbabwe for the 15th Confucius Institute Anniversary. Six learners namely: Calvin Manyani, Valiant Mugona, Beverly Karimazondo, Kean Mutamangira, Randal Ngundu and Samantha Mavhunga got certificates and money prizes. Our learners also participated in Chinese speech and singing competitions on 15 March 2023 at the same venue.



Beverly Karimazondo receiving a Chinese certificate at the University of Zimbabwe



Celebrations at the 15th Confucius Anniversary

8.3. Toastmaster club

The club has been very vibrant this term. The interact club participated in a number of notable projects which include the following: -

- On 28 January 2023 the Interact officers Shammaah Charumbira, Bradley Manoah, Tadiswa Chataika, Wayne Johnson and Denzel Muchenga attended a training workshop at Arundel School aimed at orienting them of their roles as rotary officers.
- On 10 February 2023 the interact club facilitated a donation of ladies clothes from Mrs Mangwiro and channeled them to Dzikwa Trust an educational organization that caters for underprivileged children in Dzivaresekwa.
- On 17 February 2023, the interact club members secured club badges and T-shirts for those members who were willing to pay. This sought to give an identity and self-esteem to the club.
- On 22 February 2023 the club invited Mubatirapamwe Trust an organization that rehabilitates people who have become addicted to drugs for an awareness campaign on drug and substance abuse. The session was quite informative as learners were advised on the negative effects of engaging in drugs.
- MTSS interact club was invited on 24 February to Dzikwa Trust for their 30th anniversary. The Minister of Youth, Sports, Arts and Recreation, Kirsty Coventry, was in attendance. The invitation was in recognition of the relationship that the club has established with Dzikwa Trust.
- On 1 March the interact club invited two Brazilian Students who are in the country on an educational exchange program to come and interact with club members.
- On 17 March 2023 5 lower six learners Munashe nyamazana, Kimberly Kasuso, Chelsy Munyika, Charlot Munyika and Ashley Musodza were short listed for further interview to qualify as Junior Council members
- On 18 March the club hosted a Colour Run at Aspindale Park. This was a fundraising activity to donate to Chikurubi Maximum Prison and USD103 was raised.
- On 20 March 2023 the interact club patrons, the Head and 4 officers were invited to the Rotary Center in town to receive a certificate from Rotary International. This was in recognition of the club being a very active one. The Msasa Rotary Club which is our parent club gave MTSS a donation to forward to Chikurubi Maximum Prison.

- On 28 March 2023 the interact Club went to Chikurubi Maximum Prison (Female Section) and made a donation worthy USD1164.98.
- The Toastmasters will be going to Amai Mugabe School for a National Level SECTA Debate Tournament from 31 March to 3 April 2023.



Mubatirapamwe facilitating at MTSS



Brazilian Exchange students interacting with MTSS members
From the left Denzel Muchenga, Tadiswa Chataika ,
Nyasha Shekede, Shammah Charumbira,
Bradley Manoah, Wayne Johnson and Divine Manzisano



MTSS receiving a certificate from Rotary International donations. From the left Bradley Manoah, Tadiswa Chataika, Denzel Muchenga and Wayn Johnson.



MTSS Fundraising event for Chikurubi

8.4. French club

Learners who sat for the November 2022 DELF examination were awarded diplomas at the Alliance Française in Harare on 21 March 2023.

On 24 March 2023 the French Club went to Alliance Française for the Francophone week celebrations.



Learners showcasing the French Diplomas
From the left Tafadzwa Madabu, Munashe Machingauta,
Stella Maenzanise, Vimbainashe Sasa,
Tanaka Mangwana and Tadiswa Chataika.



French Club at Alliance Française celebration week.

8.5. Girl Rangers Club

The rangers will be travelling to South Africa from 01 April 2023 to 06 April 2023 together with the Junior school guides and brownies.

The rangers are going to be trained at Parks from 19 March 2023 to 21 March 2023. This training serves to equip learners with essential life and leadership skills.

8.6 Environmental Club

On 29 March 2023, the environmental club carried a research on waste management and pollution, a problem which is affecting Tynwald South. As part of the solution, the club members carried out a campaign concertizing the community on waste disposal practices. The learners interacted with the community and demonstrated how waste materials can be burnt using diesel.



MTSS learners on environmental awareness day



MTSS demonstration of burning litter

8.7 Sports

8.7.1 Athletics

The Sports Department had a packed sporting season starting from athletics to the introduction of new sport codes like Baseball 5. Inter house Competitions were held at the Junior School with three houses (Falcon, Turtledove and Eagle) competing for honors. Falcon emerged as victors, Turtledove came second and Eagle third. The event was also used to select a school team to participate in the 17 schools district competitions.

8.7.2. District Competitions

The school team participated in the District Competitions on 22 February 2022 at the National Sports Stadium. The following achievements were recorded: -

- Two athletes namely: Tawana Majahanjani and Leona Potsekai won gold medals.
- 6 athletes scooped silver medals and these are: Chantelle Chisuko (2 medals), Dionah Mupereka, Chido Chivaura, Brooklyn Bhiza and Tafadzwa Chizema.
- Tawana Majahanjani, Chantelle Chisuko, Shalom Kamwaza, Tizivemwari Geyi and Keane Mutamangira walked away with bronze medals.

8.7.3. Provincial Competitions

5 athletes, Tawana Majahanjani, Leona Potsekai, Chantelle Chisuko, Tizivemwari Geyi and Brooklyn Bhiza who were selected into the District Team, participated in the Provincial Competitions which were held on Friday 3 March 2023 at Eaglesvale.. The team managed to scoop 2 silver medals courtesy of Tawana Majahanjani and Leona Potsekai. 3 bronze medals were secured by Chantelle Chisuko, Tawana Majahanjani and Tizivemwari Geyi.

The school has started preparing for the ball games such as cricket, basketball, soccer and many more. The department has introduced baseball with the hope of having learners qualifying for the national team to travel to Ghana in May.



Learners who reached the Provincial level

From the left Leona Potsekai, Chantelle

Chisuko, Tizivemwari Geyi and Tawana Majahanjani



Tawana Majahanjani receiving a Gold Medal

8.7.4 Harare Boarders outing.

Harare Senior School Boarders went on an outing to our Senior School Boarding School in Selous. The learners had lots of fun in games and sports



Harare Boarders swimming at our Selous Senior Boarding School.

10. Examinations fees.

9.1 Cambridge registration

- 'O' level Cambridge is USD80
- 'A' level Cambridge is USD120
- Deadline for exam fees payment is 30 June 2023.

9.2 ZIMSEC registration

- 'O' level ZIMSEC is USD\$ 24 per subject.
- 'A' level is USD\$48 per subject
- Registration will be done from 4 April to 14 April at the prevailing rate that will be communicated to us by Zimsec.

9.3 DELF registration

- DELF A1 registration fee is USD35.
- DELF B1 is USD40.
- Deadline is 30 April 2023.

9.4 HEXCO registration

HEXCO registration is 40 USD and the Deadline has not yet been announced.

9.5 HSK registration

HSK registration is USD25 for November examinations. Deadline is yet to be communicated.

11. Educational tours

United Kingdom (UK) tour

Registration for the UK tour is still on. MTGS learners will have yet another chance to travel to Wales for the annual musical festival and will have the opportunity to tour Wales and London. They will compete with seasoned performers in the world. Registration is already in progress. Tour tentative dates are 4 July to 14 July 2023. The trip cost is estimated at USD 2 980 for 10 days.

This figure covers the following:

- Air fare
- Accommodation
- Visa application
- Insurance
- Food
- Transfers, road and rail transport
- Activities

- Tour kit

The following requirements are needed: -

- Valid Passport
- Passport size photos
- Proof of residence
- Certified birth certificate
- Parents' ID's
- State the person to sign the affidavit

12. Gadgets

Please be advised that learners are not allowed to bring **laptops** and **cellphones** to school except for the 'A' levels.\ who are allowed to bring laptops.

13. Communication

As MTSS, we believe in a 2-way communication which is key to our organizational growth. MTSS communication is through e-mails, website, newsletter and by the word of mouth through the learners during assemblies. Parents are therefore requested to acknowledge receiving newsletters and all other communication. All the school reports will be sent through the e-mail; hence parents should always provide the school with current communication details whenever there are changes.

14. 2024 form 1 Enrolment

2024 form 1 entrance for Senior School Boarding Selous and Harare Day School will be on 3 June 2023.

The following requirements are needed: -

- Registration fee of USD\$50
- Copy of birth certificate
- 1 passport size photo.
- Copy of latest report.
- Copy of parent/guardian(s) ID's.
- Copy of proof of residence.

In conclusion, I would like to encourage all parents and guardians to work together and monitor the behavior of our learners at home, academic progress, use of electronic gadgets and the time the learners get at home. A disciplined child is easy to teach.

We keep thanking God for His guidance and protection.

Schools are opening on 8 May 2023.

For further clarification and enquiries call our Administrator/ bursar on 0772 318 890, Head 0783 589 776.

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Head

For and on behalf of Mother Touch SENIOR SCHOOL