

# MILTON HIGH SCHOOL

## *End of Term 3 News Letter*



*Quit Ye like Man, Be Strong*

**Andri zeste**

**2017**

Dear Parent/Guardian

Festive season to you all as we bid farewell to 2017 and welcome 2018. We thank you for entrusting the education of your child with us. Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 2018.

### **ENROLMENT**

<b>Form</b>	<b>Enrolment</b>
1	117
2	155
3	218
4	230
5	105
6	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>902</b>

### **FEES**

Payment is still a challenge to most parents but we continue engaging them so that a common and working solution can be found. The SDC Executive committee has resolved that no student will be allowed into the premises without a receipt showing payment of fees. No stories will be entertained on that issue. So it is advisable that parents seek to pay their children's fees during the holiday. Members of the committee will be here on the opening day and the entire opening week to work with school authorities in enforcing that. It must be noted that all those who owe the school will eventually have to pay up their dues whether through an agreed formula or through legal channels. Failure to pay hurts the children's chances of doing well and therefore is not desirable. To assist the parents ease the burden of long queues at the bank, parents can now pay via Ecocash.

### **DISCIPLINE**

Several students who were excluded from Milton and some who are still current have organised themselves into cliques and spend their time in and around Centenary Park or in Games Arcades in town notably at Haddon and Sly and at Mership House. These delinquents harangue our students and those of sister schools around for money and spread a bad name for the school. The police have been notified and parents are urged to report any such cases to the police.

### **VISION BOOK**

During both the Milton Address and the Speech and Prize Giving ceremony we indicated that we are rebranding the school. As part of that effort the school came up with a vision booklet that contains the Vision and Values we espouse. The booklet was unveiled at the Parents General Assembly held on 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2017. It was agreed that every Milton learner and teacher should have a copy of the booklet. Several parents purchased personal copies of the booklet on the day of the meeting. The booklet costs a nominal fee of \$5.00 much of which goes to cover cost of printing the book. Ensure that you purchase a copy for your son.

## **EXAMINATIONS**

Form 4 and Upper 6 learners sat for their Zimsec November Examinations. Those who owe the school will have to clear their accounts before they can access their results. The rest of the learners wrote the Internal End of Year Examinations and their reports should reflect their performance in these.

## **SPEECH AND PRIZE GIVING/MILTON ADDRESS**

This year's Milton Address will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2018 on a Wednesday. This is because the Friday following the 25<sup>th</sup> has been designated as BSPZ Provincial Awards day and takes precedence over the school event. The Speech and Prize Giving day has been set for the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2018.

## **PUNCTUALITY**

This still continues to be a cause for concern. Please note that Assembly is at 7:15am while lessons start at 7:20am. Parents are encouraged to ensure their children leave home early enough to be able to arrive at school on time, given the problems encountered with transport in the morning rush hour.

## **SPORTS**

Milton is a sporting school and as such the amount of money needed to run all the sporting codes we are engaged in has increased exponentially with changes in the economy we have all observed in the past few months. As such we call on parents to assist by giving packed lunches to their children who are in the various competing sports teams. The exchange of uniforms has been declared unhealthy hence each learner is expected to buy his own sports kit which he will keep and put on during competitions.

## **BOARDERS**

Payment of boarding fees is treated differently from tuition fees and levies. While students are allowed to continue attending lessons while the school authorities work with the parents to ensure fees are paid, boarders cannot remain at the hostels if they have not paid. The food and services they consume have to be paid for in advance. We cannot have other students subsidise for others because when the boarding money runs out it will affect even those who have paid. If parents are finding it difficult to pay boarding fees they should let their children attend as day scholars.

Boarder parents should desist from constantly dropping in at the school to see their children as this disrupts boarding culture and creates room for indiscipline. Parents will only be allowed in extreme cases like death in the immediate family and even then documentary evidence will be sought before the student is released. Parents should only visit on designated visiting days. First Term's visiting days are the last Saturday of January (27<sup>th</sup>) and last Saturday of February (24<sup>th</sup>).

Because the electric geysers in the hostels are old, outdated and not serviceable, the school has acquired and is installing solar geysers for the boarders.

## **NON FORMAL EDUCATION**

The school is introducing non formal education from 2pm to 5pm. This informs all students who in the past failed to get the requisite 5 O' Levels and those who intend to further their education outside mainstream schooling to come and apply.

## **CHALLENGES**

The rate of fees payment is still very low, making it very difficult for the school to achieve its entire mandate, academic, sporting, cultural and otherwise.

The old infrastructure needs constant maintenance (bursting water mains) and therefore drains a lot from the already strained coffers.

The updated Curriculum requires a lot of materials e.g. bond paper and ink for tasks and projects. These also need research outside the school which involves a lot of travelling. Because of the amount of work required most students don't undertake them and have as a result not yet submitted their tasks for marking and moderation. Unfortunately if they fail to submit, it means they will not be able to register for their final examinations. Please encourage them to undertake these tasks and projects for their own benefit.

## **BANKING DETAILS**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Bank</b>	<b>Account Number</b>
SDA LEVY	\$90.00	Standard Chartered Bank	8700242660000
BOARDING LEVY	\$50.00	Standard Chartered Bank	8700242660000
BOARDING FEE	\$450.00	Standard Chartered Bank	8700241259700
SSF & GPF	\$50.00	Standard Chartered Bank	8700241259700

*Fees to be paid on or before schools open*

Yours faithfully

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