



THREE RIVERS ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

END OF SECOND TERM YEAR 2023/2024



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HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

Dear Beloved Parents and Guardians,

As we reflect upon the blessings bestowed upon us throughout this term, we are filled with gratitude for the multitude of academic and extracurricular activities that have enriched the lives of our students. In the spirit of faith and fellowship, we are delighted to present to you the latest edition of our newsletter. Within these pages, you will find not only updates on the various events and achievements of our school community but also important communications that we earnestly encourage you to peruse. May this newsletter serve as a beacon of guidance and inspiration as we continue our journey together in the pursuit of knowledge and virtue.



Joseph Lopeyok,
CEO/ Principal,
Three Rivers Academy.

Student stationaries

As we prepare for the upcoming academic term, we request your assistance in ensuring that your sons/daughters is well-equipped with the necessary stationary supplies. To facilitate his/her learning and organization, we ask that you purchase enough stationary items such as pens, pencils, erasers, rulers, and other essential writing materials. Additionally, we highly recommend the purchase of exercise book covers and three box files for the filing of examination papers. These items play a crucial role in maintaining the neatness and organization of students' work, facilitating efficient studying and revision processes.

PRINTING PAPERS

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parents and guardians for their unwavering support and collaboration in nurturing the educational journey of our students. Your dedication to your children's academic endeavours and your partnership with the school community are truly invaluable. We are deeply appreciative of the various forms of support you provide. As we strive to meet the demands of our curriculum and enhance the educational experience for our students, we kindly request your understanding and cooperation in a new initiative. Beginning next term, each child will be required to report back to school with a rim of duplicating papers, specifically A4, a one multipurpose printing paper. Your assistance in this matter will greatly contribute to the smooth operation of our printing activities and ultimately benefit the educational journey of every student.

FEES PAYMENT

As a school, we express our heartfelt appreciation for supporting your child education through paying school fees, we rely heavily on the financial contributions made by parents to maintain the high standards of education and support the various activities that enrich the learning experience of our students.

We kindly request that you settle this balance over the holiday period to ensure seamless continuation of their education. Payment details are as follows:

School Account

Fees can be paid:

Acc Name: Three Rivers Academy Registered Trustees

Acc No: **0102 879 902 200**

Bank Name: Standard Chartered Bank

Swift Code: SCBLKENXXXX

BANK CODE: 02

BRANCH: NANYUKI

Or through,

paybill: **329 329**

Acc No: **0102 879 902 200**

Please send the confirmation to 0713192598 or to the admin line 0715019042.

Purchase of Pacesetter

As part of our efforts to enrich the English department, we will be incorporating novels into our school library collection. We believe that reading novels plays a crucial role in expanding your child's imagination, vocabulary, and understanding of the world around them. Therefore, each child will be required to bring at least one novel to school next term. Kindly Purchase a novel of your choice for your son/daughter. These books will not only support the English department in improving reading skills but also prepare students for other creative works.

STUDENT COMMUNICATION

SUPPLY OF THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please note that students are permitted to make phone calls during designated times over the weekend, public holidays, and midterm breaks between 2:00 – 4:00PM.

Girls House Tel No:

+254 719 675588

+254 769 948897

+254 713 868825

Boys House Tel No:

+254 741 153720

+254 714 805754

+254 716 582686

These phone numbers have been provided to facilitate communication with your children during the specified hours. We kindly ask for your understanding and cooperation in adhering to these time slots to ensure a smooth communication process for all students and families.

In an effort to streamline the uniform acquisition process and make it more convenient for everyone involved, we have decided to transition to a new system. Going forward, parents will be responsible for purchasing school uniforms directly from our supplier, Knit Stitch Apparel, located in Nanyuki.

Please find below the contact details of Knit Stitch Apparel:

Supplier: Knit Stitch Apparel

Location: Nanyuki

Contact Numbers: 0731865854 / 0721350183

By purchasing directly from the supplier, we aim to simplify the process and provide you with greater flexibility in choosing the right sizes and quantities for your children.

IMPORTANT CHANGE

We would like to inform you of an important change. Starting this term, Starting next term the school will no longer be purchasing any of the required items on behalf of parents. Instead, we kindly request that parents personally courier any missing items directly to the school. Kindly ensure, as students return to school, that they have everything they need. We understand that change may require some adjustments, but we believe it will foster a stronger sense of responsibility and engagement among our students.

POCKET MONEY & TRANSPORT FEES

YEAR 10 MUSIC STUDENTS

We would like to inform you that Year 10 music students will be required to return for Term 3 equipped with headphones as part of their preparation for their final music composition project. These headphones will play an integral role in facilitating their creative process and ensuring an optimal learning environment. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child comes prepared with the necessary equipment to fully engage in this project.

SPORTS REQUISITIONS

As measures of safety for all students taking Physical Education (P.E.) and sports activities, we would like to emphasize the importance of ensuring your child's safety during these sessions. Therefore, as a school we strongly recommend that your child return to school equipped with the following items:

- Mouth guard
- Leggings (sports tights)
- Body armor (stretcher)
- Black Rugby socks
- Boots (Spikes)
- Black rugby t-shirt and shorts (polyester fabric)
- Sports shoes (trainers) NB: NOT rubber bullets
- Headgear

These items are essential for the safety and well-being of your child during physical activities. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that your child is adequately prepared with the necessary gear.

As part of ensuring smooth operation of our school, we kindly request that all pocket money and transport fees for your children be sent through the school administration line at 0715019042. This centralized approach not only simplifies the process for both parents and the school but also allows for better tracking and management of funds. However, it's important to note that when sending money, please ensure that the amount sent factors in any associated transaction charges. When you send money kindly forward a text to the same number, specifying who the money is intended for and provide details about its use and distribution, especially if you have more than one child in school.



As we come to the close of this term, we reflect on the abundance of academic and extracurricular activities that have filled our school calendar. It has been a term brimming with opportunities for our students to explore and excel in various areas of their education and personal development. We are immensely grateful for the victories and successes we have achieved as a school in the multitude of activities we participated in. These triumphs are a testament to the hard work, dedication, and talent of our students, teachers, and staff. Above all, we give thanks to God for His guidance and blessings throughout this term, enabling us to achieve such remarkable outcomes. The recap is as follows:

Special Guest Visits

We were honoured to welcome the esteemed Board Chairman to our school, accompanied by special guests from Australia, whose visit left a lasting impact and provided invaluable insights to our community. Throughout their time with us, these distinguished guests graciously engaged with our students and staff, fostering meaningful connections and sharing invaluable educational practices and sportsmanship. Their presence was pivotal in enriching our educational environment, offering unique perspectives and fostering a culture of excellence and camaraderie. We are deeply grateful for their visit and the knowledge and experiences they shared, which will undoubtedly inspire and motivate our school community for years to come.

In addition to the visit from our esteemed Board Chairman, we were privileged to host other esteemed board members, including Dr. Brian, Mr. Nathan, Dick Smith, and our esteemed President, Ms. Barbara. Their presence further enriched our school environment as they spent quality time engaging with both students and staff. Their interactions were invaluable, fostering meaningful connections and providing additional insights into educational practices and leadership. We are deeply grateful for their visit and the positive impact they had on our school community.



PIPPSA Soccer Tournament

Our participation in the PIPPSA Soccer Tournament held at St. Christopher's School in Nanyuki on February 3rd and 4th, 2024 was a resounding success, with our school fielding six teams that delivered exemplary performances, securing five out of seven available trophies along with 50 gold medals and 10 silver medals. Our students' commendable sportsmanship and good character were also recognized during the tournament, highlighting their commitment to excellence both on and off the field.



Mathematics Olympiad

Three Rivers Academy demonstrated exceptional prowess in mathematics at the 2nd Annual Maths Olympiad held at WoodCreek School on January 26, 2024. Despite fierce competition from various schools, Three Rivers Academy emerged triumphant, securing three medals and showcasing their mathematical brilliance. Their standout achievement was in the Best Year 10 Individual Category, where a student clinched the gold medal, reflecting not only individual talent but also the academy's rigorous academic training. Additionally, the academy dominated the Best IQ Test Category, securing the gold medal and affirming exceptional analytical skills. This success not only reflects the academy's commitment to nurturing mathematical talent but also establishes them as a formidable force in academic competitions, serving as inspiration for future generations of mathematicians.



French Day

The year 10 French students embarked on a memorable trip to Potters House Academy, Nairobi, on March 9, 2024, joining 30 schools and approximately 1000 students to celebrate French heritage, culture, and language. The highlight of the day was the Francophone World Board game competition, in which our 8 students emerged victorious. Additionally, our students showcased their talents in poetry, dance, singing, and drama, with two students awarded as the best poets, one among the top three dancers, and another praised for her angelic voice. Notably, the French accent of the main actors in the skit received appreciation. The trip provided an opportunity for our learners to interact with representatives from various organizations promoting French learning in Kenya, and they returned home with several souvenirs received as awards, marking a memorable and successful event for Three Rivers Academy.



Drama club trip

We are thrilled to share the enriching experience our drama club members had at the Laikipia County Drama Festivals, hosted at Thingithu Secondary School in Nanyuki on February 28, 2024. The event served as a valuable opportunity for our students to immerse themselves in theater, learn from fellow performers, and cultivate their passion for the dramatic arts. Captivated by the diverse range of performances showcased by schools from across the county, our students actively engaged as spectators, analyzing techniques and discerning the intricacies of character development and storytelling. Moreover, the festival facilitated connections with fellow drama enthusiasts, fostering friendships and collaborations beyond our school campus. It was a celebration of unity, creativity, and the transformative power of the arts, marking a memorable experience for our Drama Club.

Kenya Wildlife Day

The TRA school band got an opportunity to lead the Kenya Wildlife Service troops in a marching parade to commemorate the Wildlife day which was held at the KANU grounds in Nanyuki. The band led a road show of over 100 troops around the town in sensitization about the importance of wildlife in our ecosystem. The band also got the privilege to entertain guests who were in attendance. The band received a certificate of participation and appreciation after the event.



East Africa Model United Nations Conference

At the recent 42nd East Africa Model United Nations (EAMUN) Conference held at the United Nations Office in Gigiri, Nairobi, our students demonstrated exemplary dedication and passion, embodying qualities of future leaders. Participating for the first time, our students navigated the intricacies of the conference with poise and enthusiasm. Through simulations of the United Nations General Assembly and various committees addressing pressing global issues such as Technology, Health, Human Rights, Ecology, and Politics, our students adeptly represented delegates from the 192 member countries. This experience not only provided invaluable insight into international diplomacy but also fostered invaluable skills in negotiation, public speaking, and critical thinking. We commend our students for their outstanding performance and commend their commitment to global citizenship and diplomacy.



Scout and Girl guides trip to Mount Kenya



The trip to Mount Kenya National Park was an enriching experience characterized by stunning scenery and eager anticipation among the students. Guided by knowledgeable tour guides and faculty members, students explored the park's diverse vegetation, from the forested lower regions to the shrublands and moorlands at higher altitudes. At Old Moses, guided hikes allowed students to delve into the park's flora and fauna, learning about conservation efforts and the importance of preserving natural habitats. Additionally, a group of students proceeded to the Meteorological station, interacting with modern weather equipment and enjoying panoramic views of the mountain peaks. Throughout the trip, students exhibited enthusiasm and curiosity, actively participating in learning opportunities and displaying a keen interest in environmental conservation.

Microsoft International School Chess Tournament

During the midterm break, we took our students to Brookhouse school - Runda for a Chess tournament organized by Microsoft & Chess Kenya. 60 International schools participated in the tournament bringing the total number of participants to 250 students. Three Rivers schools was represented by 4 Students. Our students exhibited exceptional resolve throughout their game, employing a range of skills and tactics to outwit their opponents. We are happy to report that we produced the 1st Runners up in the Boys category, who was awarded a beautiful trophy.



Class Trips

Peponi School Music Festival



TRA brass band and choir teams took part in the International schools annual music festival held at Peponi school in Kiambu county. The festivals involved orchestras, choirs and brass bands that showcased different talents to a wide student audience. TRA choir received accolades for having an energetic performance on stage. The TRA brass band kept the audience engaged through their arrangement of Kenyan gospel tunes. Our students left the festival having learnt the importance of collaboration with fellow students and musicians from other schools. The Choir and band each received a certificate of appreciation and participation for the event. Additionally, the TRA school band had a remarkable opportunity to showcase their talent at the annual Mt. Kenya Waldorf Music Festival on February 3rd, where they entertained guests with performances of "Believer" and a medley of Kenyan songs, aligning with the festival's celebration of Kenyan culture. This experience not only allowed our students to shine musically but also provided them with the chance to network and interact with participants from various schools, enriching their overall experience. We extend our gratitude for your support and eagerly anticipate future opportunities for our students to excel and showcase their

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CLOSING REMARKS

As the head of Three Rivers Academy, I extend warm Easter blessings to all our dear parents and families. As we celebrate this sacred time of renewal and rebirth, may the spirit of Easter fill your hearts with joy, hope, and love. Over this holiday season, I encourage our students to diligently complete any assignments or tasks given, ensuring a smooth transition back to school for the final academic term. We eagerly anticipate welcoming our students back to Three Rivers Academy, ready to embark on a journey of continued learning, growth, and success. May this Easter holiday be a time of reflection, rejuvenation, and cherished moments spent with loved ones. Wishing you all a blessed and joyous Easter.

N/B Please find inside the envelope along with the newsletter, the students report card, receipts and a note with the school fee balance for the Calendar year 2024.

TRA year 10 students embarked on an enriching excursion to Ngare Ndare Trust Conservancy in Laikipia County, where they delved into the wonders of nature and conservation. The highlight of the trip was a captivating 6km nature walk through the ancient forest, where students marvelled at the towering indigenous trees and caught glimpses of majestic elephants. They also had the exhilarating opportunity to swim in the renowned pool with a waterfall and traverse a 450m, 30-feet-high suspended bridge during the tree canopy walk, offering them an exciting bird's eye view of the forest. Meanwhile, our Year 7 and 9 students embarked on an equally thrilling adventure at Ol Pejeta Conservancy, immersing themselves in the beauty of nature while encountering a diverse array of wildlife. Accompanied by dedicated teachers and knowledgeable guides, they were treated to unforgettable sightings of elephants, giraffes, warthogs, chimpanzees, and more. Through educational activities focused on environmental conservation, they gained valuable insights into preserving natural habitats and promoting sustainability. These trips not only provided memorable experiences but also fostered a deeper connection with nature and a sense of responsibility towards conservation among our students.

As we look forward to the next term, we carry with us the lessons learned and the memories made, ready to embrace new challenges and accomplishments on our journey of growth and excellence.



Important Dates to note for Term Two
Term 3 . 2023 - 2024

Opening date: 23rd April, 2024
Midterm break: 27th -31st May 2024
Closing date: 5th July, 2024

