



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

6th January 2023

Dear Parents and Friends,

Compliments of the season to you!

Known for recaps and resolutions, each new year often starts with retrospection and... ***the month of January***. January, as we know, is the first month of the year and contains 31 days. The term originated before the year 1000 from Middle English, ultimately deriving from the Latin noun use of *Jānuārius*, equivalent to ***Jānus***. In ancient Roman culture, *Jānus* was a god of doorways, beginnings, and the rising and setting of the sun. As the god of transitions, Janus is often depicted with two, bearded heads that face in opposite directions, looking to both the future and the past. After 153 BCE, *January* (*mensis Januarius* in Latin) became the first month of the Roman calendar (which we adopted), the figure of Janus a perfect symbol for new beginnings.

As we start this year, we also look forward to receiving our students and to start College on Monday, 9th of January 2023. As reminded a few days ago, please ensure that your child is ***ready for teaching & learning*** with the expected decorum and all gear brought to class. Further, blazers are to be worn on Mondays and special events which will be announced a few days in advance.

Equally important, it is expected that all ***school fees*** for this term have now been paid. If not yet paid, and no arrangements have been made with the principal then your child might not be allowed to return. To this end, parents are reminded to do their due diligence if they are lacking in this regard. If payment was made a few days ago or over the coming weekend, then please send a ***copy of the transaction record*** with your child to share with the College to avoid any misunderstandings.

In conclusion, Joel Osteen said of facing tough times, ***'You're going to go through tough times - that's life. But I say, 'Nothing happens to you, it happens for you.'*** See the ***positive in negative events.***'

Be safe until we meet again.

Yours truly
Abraham. P. Swart
Principal

REMINDERS

CO-CURRICULAR CHANGE for the 2023/24 Academic Year

As shared in the previous newsletter, the College continually strives to fine tune operations to improve the best outcomes for students and parents. As such, from the next academic year, September 2023, we intend to **add an additional afternoon of co-curricular activity**, in other words, instead of two days we will have **three days in the week**. The additional afternoon will include activities and clubs to enhance skills development of our students.

JHC ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

Please note that the **ASSESSMENT DATES for term 2** are, Continuous Assessment week – 6th to 10th of February 2023, and Second term examination – 20th – 24th of March 2023.

JHC ENTRANCE & ADMISSION Exams 2023/24 INTAKE

As a once off, the Board has granted *mid-stream admissions* for **Year 8 and 10 students only** for the September 2023 intake. Examinations will run on **11th & 18th of February 2023**. Please request an application form from the Registrar's office at admission@jameshopecollege.edu.ng

FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Event
9 th January 2023	School resumption and start of term 2
14 th January 2023	JHC Annual Lunch Event
21 st January 2023	2 nd JHC Open day for Year 7 prospective parents & students
28 th January 2023	1 st JHC Entrance Exams/ Admission 2022/23
4 th February 2023	2 nd JHC Entrance Exams/ Admission 2022/23
6 th – 10 th February 2023	Continuous Assessment week
17 th February 2023	Half-term break
1 st March 2023	Start of second half-term, term 2
20 th – 24 th March 2023	Second term examinations
25 th March 2023	JHC Careers Fair
6 th April 2023	End of term 2 and start of Easter break.
26 th April 2023	School resumption and start of term 3

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