

# NEWSLETTER

St Patrick's International Academy



## Message from the Board

### *Dear Parents & Guardians,*

The excitement of students returning to campus has breathed life into our school, and we are thrilled to welcome everyone back to St. Patrick's International School. Our boarding school is now at full capacity, and we look forward to an enriching year ahead.

#### **Leadership Transition**

Mr. Sanford's contract has ended, and we're grateful for his contributions.

A warm welcome to our new Head, Mr. Tendayi Chitongo, who will officially join our school on September 18, 2023, bringing with him a wealth of experience and dedication to education.

Mr. Chitongo is a highly accomplished educator with over 35 years of service in the field of education. He holds a Master of Education in Curriculum Studies and another in Educational Administration, Planning, and Policy Studies from the University of Zimbabwe.

Prior to his appointment as Principal, Mr. Chitongo has held various leadership roles, including Education Officer, School Head, Head of the Geography Department, Senior Master in a boarding school, Sports Director, and Advanced Level Geography teacher. Furthermore, he has served as a Cluster Manager for the Zimbabwe School Examination Council and has been an examiner since 1989, currently holding the esteemed position of Belt Marking Supervisor.

With Mr. Chitongo's expertise and vision, we are excited about the positive direction our school is headed in.

## Welcoming New Staff

Join us in extending a warm welcome to our new staff members who have joined our St. Patrick's family.

Name	Qualification	Position
Gertrude Nyalugwe	Bachelor's Degree in ICT	ICT/IT Teacher
Hancy G Siliya	Bachelor of Education (Mathematical Sciences)	Mathematics & Biology Teacher
Joseph Kawale	Bachelor of Education (Geography and Social Development Studies)	Geography Teacher
Lenson Mkwala	Diploma in Industrial Laboratory Technology	Lab Assistant
Chikondi Van Makossah	Bachelor's Degree in Education and Social Studies with a major in Geography and a minor in History.	Geology Teacher & Marketing
Ruth Kanje	Certificate in Nursing and Midwifery from Trinity School of Nursing (plus 16 years of experience as Matron)	Boarding Matron

## Campus Upgrades

We're excited to share that the boys' hostels have been newly tiled, and additional bunk beds have been added, giving our students a refreshed and comfortable living space. Our tuck shop has new management and an updated menu to cater to your children's needs. We've also introduced a Head of Boarding, Mr. Lipenga, who will bring exciting activities to our boarding community.

## Meet and Greet

Join us for a meet and greet event in two weeks' time. We will provide the date and time shortly. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet our new Head, teachers, and fellow parents.



**School Bus Service**

We are pleased to announce that the school bus service will resume on Monday, September 11, 2023. Pickup points are Shoprite Puma Filling Station at 06:30 AM and Nyambadwe Puma Filling Station at 06:45 AM, both heading to St. Patrick's. Afternoon drop-off times are Shoprite Puma Filling Station at 3:15 PM and Nyambadwe Puma Filling Station at 3:30 PM. There will be a fee of 100,000 MWK per term. To secure a seat, please ensure payment is made by Monday, September 11th.

**Young Life Club**

At St. Patrick's, we believe in providing an all-round education that nurtures mental, physical, and moral growth. To foster moral growth, we have established a Young Life Club, a registered NGO in Malawi with a global presence. The club engages adolescents from diverse backgrounds in spiritual conversations and aims to help learners grow in faith. Student participation is voluntary, and we ask parents to sign a consent form if they wish their child or legal ward to participate in club activities. The Young Life Area Director is Zack Brady, reachable at +256 995 90 64 24.

**Fee Reminders and Uniform Orders**

A friendly reminder that school fees are due to be paid promptly. We apologize for the delay in uniform orders, which we expect to arrive in the next two weeks due to forex issues. In the meantime, students can wear sports uniforms if their sizes are unavailable.

Thank you for being part of our school community. We look forward to a successful and fulfilling academic year with your children.

Warmly,  
The Board of Directors





## **TERM DATES 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

### **TERM 1: 14 WEEKS**

Tuesday, September 5th 2023 – Friday December 8, 2023

Half-Term Holiday - October 16th – Friday October 20th 2023

### **TERM 2: 12 WEEKS**

Tuesday, January 9th 2024 – Thursday March 28th 2024

Public holiday: John Chilembwe – Monday January 15th 2024

Half-Term Holiday- Monday February 19th to Friday February 23rd

Public holiday - Marty's Day – Monday March 4th 2024

### **TERM 3: 11 WEEKS**

Tuesday, April 16 2024 – Friday July 5th 2024

Public holiday - Labor Day - Wednesday May 1st 2024

Public holiday -Kamuzu Day – Tuesday May 14th 2024

Half Term Holiday - Thursday May 30th 2024 – Friday May 31st 2024

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