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Our Mission Statement: To provide a Christ Centered, U.S. accredited primary and secondary education to children of missionary families - and other international and national children - that challenges to excel academically and live out a biblical worldview.

Upcoming Events

1 September- Parent Teacher Organization meeting at 2:00 in CCR

7 September- Open House 6:00-7:00 p.m. (see schedule below)

15 and 16 September- Staff Development- No School

LUNCH @ KICS - Please plan accordingly and order school lunches ahead. We cannot serve your child a school lunch if you have not pre-ordered and prepaid, preferably at the beginning of the month. We appreciate your help and thoughtfulness in this matter. The September lunch menu is available at the front office.

Required Documents:

- **Proof of legal requirements to live in Rwanda due in office 31 August (see note below)**

In accordance with a new Rwandan law on Immigration and Emigration (Law No 04/2011 of 21/03/2011, Article 19) , KICS is required to have proof that each student has met the legal requirements to stay in Rwanda. Each student must submit a copy of either:

1) (Rwandan Citizens) The student's Rwandan Passport or other proof of citizenship

OR

2) The visa page from the student's passport showing a valid Rwandan resident visa

This document must be in each student's file within the first two weeks of attending class for the 2011-2012 school year. Students not eligible to study in Rwanda KICS pose a liability to the school and will be given a limited time to provide the necessary documentation.

ACT and SAT TEST DATES:

ACT

22 October 11
10 December 11
11 February 12
14 April 12

SAT

1 October 11
5 November 11
3 December 11
28 January 12
5 May 12
2 June 12

Open House Information and Schedule:

DATE: 7 September 2011

TIME: 6:00-7:15

FOR: Kindergarten - Grade 12 Parents and Caregivers only (no student please)

Elementary (KG-Grade 6)

In an effort to familiarize parents with classroom protocols, elementary teachers (KG through Grade 6) will make three, 15 minute presentations (as per the schedule below) in their classrooms to parents, consisting of a presentation and brief discussion forum. School bells will sound, noting the beginning and end of sessions between 6:00 and 6:55.

6:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. - Session 1 (elementary classrooms)

6:20 p.m. - 6:35 p.m. - Session 2 (elementary classrooms)

6:40 p.m. - 6:55 p.m. - Session 3 (elementary classrooms)

Middle and High School (Grade 7-12)

Middle and High School staff will be available in the CCR (church adjacent to school) lobby to provide class specific information and dialogue on an individual basis from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.- Individual Sessions (CCR lobby)

School Start and End Times

Grades KG-Grade 6 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Grades 7-12 8:00 a.m. - 3:12 p.m.

Drop off and Pick Up Times

Drop off at lower KICS gate 7:40 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Pickup at 3:00 p.m. - 3:20 p.m. for Elementary Students

Pickup at 3:12 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. for Middle and High School Students

Please note: Students collected after the afternoon pickup times will incur a 1,000 RwF per minute administrative fee.

IT'S TIME FOR KICS AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES!!

CHOOSE YOURS NOW!

- 1. Drama (ages 12-15) on Wednesdays from 3:15-5:00 (Mrs. Finnerty)**
Christmas is just around the corner! Don't miss out on your chance to audition for the KICS play "Nativity Mayhem" Wednesday, 7 September.
You can pick up an audition sheet at the front desk before Wednesday.
- 2. Soccer (grades 7-9) Thursday/Friday 3:15-4:30 (Joel Finnerty)**
First practice on Thursday, 1 September
- 3. Soccer (grades 10-12) Wednesday/Friday 3:15-4:30 (Mr. Nash)**
First practice on Thursday, 1 September
- 4. Tae Kwon Do (Elementary Beginner) Tuesday 3:15-4:30 (Mr. Koonce)**
First class on Tuesday, 6 September
- 5. Tae Kwon Do (Middle and Senior Advanced) Wednesday 3:15-4:30 (Mr. Koonce)**
First class on Wednesday, 1 September
- 6. Tae Kwon Do (Middle and Senior Beginner) (if interest exists)**
Thursday 3:15-4:30 Sign up at the reception if interested. (Mr.

Koonce)

7. KICS Start –Up Band (grades 7-12) [Wed. 3:15 – 4:30, plus additional individual work shop time to be filled in by students according to personal individual schedule.] The Start-Up Band is for anyone interested in learning how to play a traditional band instrument (flute, clarinet, saxophone, French horn, trumpet, trombone, baritone, tuba, percussion). This is a great opportunity! Students in this after school class will learn the basics on their instrument in preparation to enter the regular band classes that are offered at KICS now during the regular daily schedule. It is not required that you own your own instrument. KICS has instruments that can be signed out. If you missed starting last year, or had a schedule conflict, it's not too late - Now's the time! You may contact Mr. Gaskill at the following address with any questions . Begins on Wednesday, 7 September.

8. Jazz Band/Activity Band (grades 7 -12) [Tues. 3:15 – 4:30] For the instrumentalists that are looking for additional opportunities to stretch themselves, learn to improvise, add to school spirit, have fun and jam. The band will incorporate a rhythm section (keyboard, bass, drums, and guitar) in addition to saxophones, trumpets and trombones, and will learn the fundamentals of jazz and improvisation. Send Mr. Gaskill an email with any questions . Begins on Tuesday, 6 September.

9. American Football Club (grades 5-8) The "American (style) Football" Club is for boys in grades 5 - 8 to learn the basics of American style football. Sessions will include conditioning, position skills, strategy and the opportunity to enjoy the sport through scrimmage games. The format will be no-contact flag football rules. Join us on Mondays, 3:15 - 4:15. For more information contact Greg Urquhart at 0785278026 or greg@karisimbipartners.com.

10. Young Life (grades 7 -12) “Campaigners” (Bible Study) will begin on Wednesday, September 7th. “Club” will begin soon – we’ll let you know the date. (Ms. Seger)

11. Student Council (grades 7-12) Would you like to help plan and implement fun and exciting events at KICS? Student council is looking for motivated students who want to serve the KICS community by providing fun things for the students and families of KICS to do. We will plan dress-up days, Fall Festival games, the talent show, and hopefully several other exciting events. Fresh new ideas are always welcome! We will meet every other Monday afternoon in Ms. Simpson's room (Room 201).

12. GIRLS FIT CLUB will be held on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30. Come to Ms. Griggs' room (4th grade) next Tuesday at 3:30 for an interest meeting. FIT club is open to girls in grades 6- 12. The purpose of this club is to empower

girls at KICS to lead a healthy lifestyle, and have a healthy self-image. It will be a positive exercise club that will incorporate running, stretching, cardio and ab workouts, kenpo karate, yoga, some sports, and much more! If you are interested or have more questions, see Ms. Griggs, or email at emilygriggs.kics@gmail.com

13. SCIENCE CLUB The first Science club of the year will be held on Thursday, September 29 from 3:15-4:15 in Ms. Griggs' room. (4th grade) There will be a sign-up sheet in the office for kids to sign up!

LIBRARY - As we catalogue and apply bar codes to library books, the school is looking for volunteers who are meticulous, and willing to help. Please contact the school office or Amy Miller if interested.

LOCKERS - The school would like to extend a HUGE measure of gratitude to the PTO for purchasing 72 student lockers for students in grades 6 - 9. Thanks for teaming with us!

Parents, if any of you would like to impart any of your photography or writing skills to the Journalism/Yearbook class please email Mrs. Brose at: rachelvinton@gmail.com. We were thinking 1-5 classes at the end of the day (2:20-3:12). The class has 5 students--9th and 10th graders, with a lower level of experience. Think about it!

*Last...but not least....***BIRTHDAY CAKES FOR TEACHERS**

During the last week of each month, the KICS staff celebrates those who have had birthdays that particular month. Parents are asked to join in the celebration by providing the cake. Please email or call Jessica Brubaker at jessicalbrubaker@gmail.com (0788755417) if you would like to contribute in this way. Home-made or store-bought cakes are equally enjoyable - it's just nice to have something to put the candles in! (For convenience some months are combined...i.e. July/August and May/June, so we really only need 10 cakes).

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