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KICS IS DEDICATED TO...

It is the vision of KICS to impact the world for Christ by preparing servant leaders who choose character before career, wisdom beyond scholarship, service above self, and lifestyle of participation over apathy.

EXPECTED STUDENT OUTCOMES

Culturally sensitive

- a. Students who are able to respect and adjust to other cultures
- b. Students who respect the culture of Rwanda

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KICS CALENDAR

20 January - No School - Staff Accreditation Day

1 February - No School - Staff Accreditation Day

10 February - No School - Staff Accreditation Day

* **PLANNING AHEAD:** The first day of school for the 2012-2013 school year will be **Tuesday, 14 August**. As you make your summer plans, please remember to take the revised Attendance Policy (above) into consideration.

REVISED ATTENDANCE POLICY

There have been significant changes to the attendance policy, especially in regards to extended absences. Please read through this carefully so that you can be properly advised.

POLICY TITLE: Attendance

Attendance

Regular attendance is important. While some missed assignments may be made up, the dynamics of classroom interaction are valuable to the learning experience. Therefore, KICS has established a maximum number of absences allowed in order to receive full credit and full grades for a class. A maximum number of nine (9) excused and/or unexcused school days may be missed during a year. Students will have a one-step reduction in grades (B+ to a B, for example) for each unexcused absence beyond nine(9). Students exceeding the 9 days are at risk for retention in their respective grade level or of being denied credit for the semester. Attendance requirements begin and end with the school calendar.

Excused Absences

An absence is considered excused when the absence is the result of student illness, death in the family, medical appointment or emergency. Communication to the front office is required to verify the reason, prior to the absence whenever possible. Written communication is also required. A doctor's note may be required.

Secondary students and parents of primary students are responsible to get assignments from teachers, preferably prior to the absence. Students will have one day to make up the work for each day absent. In extreme circumstances a written request may be made for an extension.

Unexcused Absences

Any work assigned for - or quizzes or tests given during - an unexcused absence may be completed for a maximum of 60% credit at a later date.

Extended and Planned Absences

Extended absences will only be permitted for reasons of sickness, missionary home assignment/furlough, missionary conference or pre-approved essential travel need (e.g. student's mother returning home for the birth of a baby, international travel related to a death in the immediate family). All other extended absences will be considered unexcused.

Extended (more than 5 school days) absences must be approved a minimum of four weeks in advance by the Principal/Headmaster unless the extended absence is due to an illness or emergency situation. In the event of an illness or emergency the school should be notified as soon as possible.

Extended absences shall not exceed 10% (18 days) of the total school days. If a student misses more than 10% of scheduled classes, credit may not be given for the course. In cases of injury or long-term illness, the school may provide or approve home tutoring and/or other arrangements to satisfy attendance requirements while the student is in the country.

Mission agencies - or the home church in the case of tentmakers - must confirm approval of home assignment dates in writing to the school. This applies to pre-approved mission agencies. The dates of missionary conferences need to be confirmed by the mission agency in writing to the school, and such an absence must fit within the total annual 18-day limit.

If an extended absence is approved, parents must then agree on an alternative education plan with their child's teacher(s).

Effective date: 1 January 2012

LIBRARY NEWS

Current library hours are as follows:

Mondays 12:00 - 3:30

Wednesdays 1:00 - 3:15

Thursdays 9:45 - 1:15

Homeschooling families interested in using the KICS library may stop by the front office for information and to fill out an application.

Thanks, Amy Miller

KICS T-SHIRTS

The new KICS T-shirts are here and will be for sale at a cost of **8,000 RwF**. The t-shirts will be an expected part of the PE uniform when school resumes in January. Students will need to wear black shorts and a KICS shirt, available in the following colors:

Kids: Grey, Red, Yellow, and Blue

Adults: Grey, White, Navy, Papaya

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

In an ongoing effort to comply with Rwandan Immigration and Emigration law and following a request at the start of the 2011/2012 school year, numerous student files remain incomplete. This poses a liability to the school.

Legal requirements to stay in Rwanda include:

1. Rwandan passport or other proof of citizenship
2. Visa page from passport showing a valid Rwandan visa

Please submit the necessary documents, as listed above, to the school office before 10 January 2012. Failure to do so will result in your child not being allowed on campus.

Respectfully, The KICS Administration

LUNCH AT KICS

The **January** lunch menu is available to view and to print by [clicking here](#). Please remember to 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.

SAT TEST DATES

Test Date	Register By
October 1, 2011	September 9, 2011
November 5, 2011	October 7, 2011
December 3, 2011	November 8, 2011
January 28, 2012	December 30, 2011
May 5, 2012	April 6, 2012
June 2, 2012	May 8, 2012

<http://sat.collegeboard.org/home>

ACT TEST DATES

October 11, 2011
 December 10, 2011
 February 1, 2012

April 14, 2012

<http://www.act.org/aap/>

SCHOOL START and END TIMES

SPECIAL NOTE: With the numerous After School Activity options available this year, siblings of participants often wait after school until their sibling has completed their activity. The school does not have the facility to accommodate this, and asks Elementary students (K-6) be collected by 3:20, and Middle and High School (grades 7-12) students be collected by 3:30. A fine of 1,000Rwf per child, per minute, is charged for late collection.

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.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

1. **NEW Worship at KICS** – All those who are interested in being a part of renewed Worship at KICS are encouraged to join the new worship band. We will rehearse weekly on **Mondays in the bandroom 3:40 – 4:30**. Needed – guitar, bass, drums, keyboards, vocals. This is primarily for High School students, but will accept 7th and 8th graders if position is still open. Students must be committed to rehearsal times, committed to Christ, and willing to lead the student body in focused worship to our Lord. Please contact Mr. Gaskill to express interest or for any questions <gaskillfamily5@gmail.com> **First start up meeting next Monday, 16th.**
2. **KICS Jazz Band (grades 7 -12)** “Kics” things up a notch as rehearsals resume next Tuesday, 17th. New jammin’ music. Openings available. Please contact Mr. Gaskill with interest or questions.
3. **Recorder Karate Club (grades 3-4)** Starting this Friday, 13 January, we will meet on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 3:10 - 3:45. Come and practice your recorder and earn your blackbelt status. (Mrs. Bennett)
4. **Drama Club (grades 7 - 12)** Will resume on Wednesday, 18 January. New students are welcome to join. (Mrs. Finnerty)
5. **Primary Soccer Club (grades 3 - 6)** Begins on 18 January. Practices will be each Wednesday from 3:20 - 4:20 on the big field across from the upper gate. This is open to boys and girls. Please sign up at the front desk. (Mr. Shelton & Mr. Bryan)
6. **Tae Kwon Do (Elementary Beginner)** Monday (grades K-2); Tuesday (grades 3-5) 3:15-4:30 (Mr. Koonce)
7. **Tae Kwon Do (Middle and Senior Advanced)** Wednesday 3:15-4:30 (Mr. Koonce)
8. **Middle School Soccer (grades 7-9)** Monday 3:30 - 4:30 (Brandon Custer)
9. **American Football Club (grades 5-8) New Day:** Thursday 3:15 - 4:15 For more information contact Greg Urquhart at 0785278026 or greg@karisimbipartners.com.
10. **Girls Basketball (grades 7 - 12)** Begins on Tuesday, 17 January. Practice will be each Tuesday from 3:30 - 4:30 (Ms. Griggs and Mrs. Hanlon)
11. **Girl's Fit Club (grades 6 - 8)** Thursdays from 3:30-4:30. 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 or Mrs. Hanlon at knhanlon@gmail.com.

12. **Young Life (grades 7 -12)** Campaigners will resume on on Thursday, 19 January
13. **Wild Life (grades 6-8)** has changed to **Tuesdays**. First meeting will be on Tuesday, 17 January. Meet in the upper courtyard area. (Mr. Dan Janzen)
14. **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).
15. **Science Club** will be held on Wednesday, 25 January from 3:15 - 4:15 in Ms. Griggs classroom. Sign up for this fun activity at the front desk.

KICS CLASSIFIEDS

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