



SOS - HGIC

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is so hard to believe that this semester is coming to an end! As we conclude 2022, let's take a few minutes to celebrate our work and many accomplishments together.

First of all I would like to congratulate the students. We are very proud of the academic progress and personal growth that each and every one of our students has made this semester. Student learning and growth has been visible all across the school through posters, performances, personal projects, exhibitions, artwork and conversations. Students have been actively engaged in reflecting on and assessing their own learning and work.

Second, I would like to congratulate our staff on another incredible semester. Our talented and dedicated staff work collaboratively each day to provide the best learning opportunities for our students. Every staff member plays a role in making sure SOS - HGIC provides a safe and caring environment where we all feel comfortable challenging ourselves.

Third, I would like to celebrate our parents, guardians and families. You are truly our partners in learning, and students are most successful when families and school staff work together to achieve high academic and behavioral expectations. We appreciate your commitment to supporting all of the new processes and expectations. THANK YOU for your support!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Vikings celebrating after winning the Kutin Cup

Kutin Cup

The final Inter-Hostel football match, Kutin Cup, was played between the Vikings and the Trojans in an electrifying environment. Both the teams tried to outshine each other on the field to show their mettle. The Vikings emerged victorious. The team could be seen jubilantly celebrating its victory after the match. Well done Vikings!!!!!!

Inter Hostel Swimming Competition

The much anticipated inter-hostel swimming competition kicked off on the 4th of November, 2022. The competition started with the individual races of freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and the 4x 25 freestyle relay. Students represented their hostel groupings in each race. Members of staff aligned with their respective hostel teams to urge their students to victory and boost their morale with their presence and cheers.

Titans won the overall event, the Vikings secured the second position, Trojans were third and Spartans in the fourth position. The best swimmer awards were handed to Ivan Snowden and Eno Afia Acheampong. The spirit of the competition was truly a testimony to the extraordinary talent of our students. Every student was an inspiration and displayed exemplary sportsmanship.



Titans after receiving medals for swimming competition



Ivan Snowden being carried by the Vikings during swimming competition



SOS HGIC football team

ISAAG Football Tournament

The ISSAG football tournament took place on the 21st and 22nd of October, 2022 at the Achimota school in Accra. We witnessed teenagers represent their schools for the ultimate title; 2022 Champions of ISSAG football tournament. Schools represented were Faith Montessori, Ghana International School (GIS), International Community School, East Airport International School, Christian High, Morgan International Community school, Galaxy International School, SOS-HGIC, Akosombo International School, The Roman Ridge School and DPS International. SOS-HGIC presented 40 players for both the boys and girls football teams. Both teams managed to qualify for the knockout stages with the boys' team beating East Airport by 4-0 and the girls' beating Akosombo 2-1. The girls were able to make it to the semi finals but lost 1-0 to GIS and the boys also lost 2-0 to Akosombo.



Students playing soccer during ISAAG competitions

ISAAG Swimming and Volleyball Competition

The Inter-School Swimming and Volleyball Competition was held on November 12, 2022 at the SOS - HGIC hostels. An array of events was conducted which catered to almost 141 swimmers from various high schools in Ghana. The event included 200 m individual medley, 50m breaststroke, 50m butterfly, 50m backstroke, 50m freestyle, 4x50 m freestyle relay.

During the competition, Ivan Snowden, an MYP5 student considered to be the best male swimmer at SOS - HGIC, set 3 new school records for 25m breaststroke, 50m breaststroke and 50m freestyle making him the most valuable player of the event. For the volleyball tournament, both our boys and girls teams made it to the finals. Unfortunately our girls lost to Morgan International school making them second place and silver award winners. The boys emerged as the volleyball tournament champions after winning against GIS. Despite the cancellation of the competition and training sessions last year due to the pandemic, our students' persistence and resilience, as well as the support from teachers, coaches, parents, and friends of the school, have all contributed to the encouraging rewards reaped at the ISAAG event.



Students during swimming competition



Staff of The Quarter

Each quarter, SOS - HGIC honors two staff members (Academic and Non academic) who contribute to our mission through their exceptional dedication, initiative, motivation, positive attitude and passion for their work. This year, Mrs Gloria Maccarthy, the school's facilities manager and alumna, was awarded this prestigious title of non academic staff of the month.

While some people spend their entire lives in one trade, she and her fellow facilities team members are experts in several fields at once!

We are all proud of Mrs. Maccarthy for her immense efforts that have allowed the school and the hostels to continue to operate as effectively and efficiently as possible.



Mr Sahlu Kidane is the Academic staff of the quarter. As TOK, ATL coordinator and lead form tutor, Mr Kidane is not only diligent and efficient at his job, he is also very proactive on being able to see what students need to be addressed and not afraid to dive right in. He is always willing to help wherever needed and his commitment and leadership is commendable. No matter how much he has on his plate he will always assist in other areas without complaint. Congratulations to him!

Staff Appreciation Dinner

SOS - HGIC recently held a Long Service Awards Ceremony for 88 employees to thank them for their dedicated service to the college. Employees who had served between 5 to 31 years were acknowledged for their contributions to the development of the school and enhancing its leading position in the education sector.

On this special occasion the school's Board Chair, Mrs Margaret Nkrumah and senior leadership team paid tribute to the efforts of the recognised employees for their valuable contribution to SOS - HGIC. In her opening remarks, the Principal, Mrs Dadson stated "The Long Service Awards Ceremony is a demonstration of SOS - HGIC's great commitment to its workforce. While this event is an expression of the school's appreciation for our employees, who have spent many years here, it also represents a positive message and an incentive for the new generation of employees to continue the commitment and dedication and to take the school's vision and mission to broader and higher horizons.". SOS - HGIC is extremely grateful to have staff members whose many years of dedication have earned our respect.



Staff during long service awards dinner



Student of the Quarter

Students at SOS-HGIC learn critical skills that will help them handle real-world challenges and give back to the community. Abdul-Hakim Aremeyaw, an IB DP1 student, was nominated as student of the month for developing a timetable app that enabled students to be monitored on campus depending on their current location and next lessons. The software was later modified and is now used to check available classrooms as well as teachers and students' timetables.

Hakim never stops demonstrating his distinct caring IB learner profile; he not only uses his computer science knowledge to assist students with technical issues on their laptops or devices, but he also enjoys assisting his juniors with their hostel tasks.

Mr. Veliano Tembo, his Hostel Tutor, mentioned that he admires Hakim's enthusiasm to contribute to life at the hostel by participating in the Kutin Cup, singing competition and taking initiative particularly in clearing around the compound. The school principal acknowledged and exhibited her tremendous delight and gratitude for Hakim's hard work and passion for the community by awarding him student of the quarter in front of the entire school body on November 25th, 2022.

Written by Francine Ngabiye (DP1)

École Arc-en-Ciel Exchange Program

At SOS – HGIC we engage in an array of exchange programs to emphasize collaboration, community involvement, and a sense of intercultural awareness. Toward achieving this goal, on the 26th to the 30th October 2022, we hosted 18 students and 2 chaperones from École Arc-en-Ciel of Lomé, Togo . The visit formed part of a long-standing language immersion program between the two schools in a bid to give our students the opportunity of immersing themselves in an environment where their practice and experience of both the target language and culture will be enhanced and enriched.

During their stay, they attended lessons, engaged in class discussions and other extracurricular activities. Together with their SOS - HGIC student- and teacher-chaperones, they toured parts of the City of Accra to give them a feel of life in the city. Before they left the students gave positive feedback concerning their stay and wished it were a bit longer. And it was on this positive note that they set off back to Lome on Sunday 30th October 2022. Our students will be going to Lomé in the second phase of the program from 25th to 29th January 2023 to experience Togolese culture, practice their language skills while developing new friendships.





Mathleticus Math Tournament

The Academic Talent Development Program (ATDP) through the Ghana Olympiad Academy launched its latest initiative - Mathleticus Math Tournament (MMT), for lovers of Maths who are 16 years or below. The major purposes of the contest are to stimulate interest in mathematics by encouraging more students to include mathematics in their programs of study and, thereby, to raise the level of mathematics competence in Ghana; and to honor those students who are outstanding in their knowledge of mathematics through appropriate public recognition in their schools and their communities. The contest is conducted as an academic festival where students represent their school in competition with others. These specially selected school representatives compete with others for preeminence in their region.

The Mathleticus Tournament was held on Saturday, November 26, at the Ghana Olympiad Academy. About 200 students from 20 schools competed in the high-energy event. In the end, 50 students from 12 schools were able to make it to the finals. David Blankson Hermans, Mathlete 33, from SOS - HGIC emerged as the overall champion of this tournament. Conrad Nunyuie Atsu Akaba, another student from SOS - HGIC, was second place. Congratulations to all the students that took part in the competition, and a big thank you to our math department for providing the necessary support and guidance for this competition!

National Day Celebration

The diversity of cultures represented and cherished within the community is what distinguishes SOS-HGIC. Every semester, the school celebrates National Day; a fantastic opportunity for international students to celebrate their home nations. Burundi, China, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Rwanda, and Uganda were acknowledged in November under the theme "My culture, my identity". Students from these countries with their peers prepared different delicacies from their home countries and also shared their culture with the entire school through presentations after intensive rehearsals.

On National Day, students enjoy a variety of activities from the presenting countries during the noon meal with staff members. Our Chinese students shared their language, an aspect of their culture, with the entire school community by preparing slides and delivering a tremendously interactive presentation in which Chinese language was taught. Representatives from Nigeria, on the other hand, produced a play in which they portrayed their identity across time by comparing pre-colonial Nigeria to modern-day Nigeria. They concluded their presentation with a cultural dance that everyone in the school enjoyed. Liberia, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, and Burundi all performed exquisite cultural dances that were loved by all.

In the words of Geoffrey Chaucer, "All good things must come to an end," and unfortunately, National Day November 2022 came to a close after all the scrumptious meals, fantastic performances, and bonding experiences amongst students and staff. The spectacular matching of the jubilant countries, as well as the smiles on everyone's faces as they learned new cultures will undoubtedly be remembered.

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Mrs. Essuman with students during National day celebrations



Christmas Concert

What a befitting end to 2022! The annual SOS-HGIC Christmas concert was a resounding success. After countless hours and days of practice, students performed their hearts out. The MYP 4 class dominated the occasion with a myriad of performances from Ethel's Krakani's rendition of Chris Brown's "This Christmas" to Keila Onyekwereh's version of Mariah Carey's "All I want for Christmas is you." There were also performances from Aaron Prempeh and the quartet, the Rookies: Africa Sakyi Addo – Violin, Aaron Prempeh – Saxophone, Conrad Akaba – Piano and Nuniye Akaba – Synthesizer.

Before intermission, the DP 1 class launched their class project dubbed Nebula which would focus on improving classroom infrastructure for students in a public school in Tema. Two choirs were on stage with the school choir singing more traditional songs and the mass choir performing more contemporary versions of Christmas classics. The show ended with the DP2 trio, Maimuna Iddrissu, Darlene Barth and Danielle Darku inviting audience participation with a closing song of "Feliz Navidad."

