

AUNTIE MARIA SCHOOL

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Dear parents/Guardians

Compliments of the season and glory be to God for His mercies as we come to the end of the year 2017 and also the successful end of the First Term in the 2017/2018 academic year. During the term a lot of developments were recorded. Hence this newsletter gives you updates of the progress recorded this term as well as what you are to expect next term.



Auntie Maria sharing with Edo orphanage home

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

As a way of imbibing the spirit of national consciousness and patriotism in our pupils and students, our school organized a special independence with everybody adorned in our national colours of green and white. In addition, pupils and students took part in an essay competition and the followings won special prizes in their respective classes.

1. Master Philip Odogie – 3 Magenta
2. Master Eghosa Osa-Asia – 4 Sepia
3. Master Majesty Igbinovia – 5 Magenta
4. Miss Anointed Okoise – JS 1A
5. Miss Bella-Bliss Ayomanor – JS 2B
6. Master Osaretin Ekhaton – JS 3B
7. Miss Akpofure Joy – SS 1
8. Miss Chukwukereobi Esther – SS 2
9. Miss Nwoko Ogechi – SS 3

MATH COMBAT SEASON 3

Our Nursery mathematics competition for the year 2018 will be taking place next term. As our usual strategy in encouraging academic competition, special awards will be given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd position winners while consolation prizes will be given to all the participants of the competition.

SCHOOL HAIRSTYLE

For all female pupils/students; the use of hair beads, tiny rubber bands and other multi-coloured hair bands is not allowed. Only white ribbon is allowed for the pupils in the Nursery/Primary section. Our hairstyle for every first and second week of every school term is '**All Back**'. All other approved school hairstyle for each week should be strictly adhered to in order to promote uniformity and decency. All male pupils/students as well as female pupils with low cut must ensure they cut their hair neatly and decently as frequently as possible. Pupils/students with indecent haircuts will be sent home; they won't be allowed into the school premises. The boys must have low cut at all times.

IMPROPER DRESSING

An identifying characteristic of decent pupils/students is proper and decent dressing to school. Parents are hereby reminded once again that pupils/students who dress shabbily/inappropriately to school will not be allowed into the school premises.

The school will not hesitate to send home pupils/students who put on dirty and torn school uniforms and shoes or intentionally make or amend their uniforms outside the school. It should be noted that any uniform made outside the school is not regarded as school uniform.

Parents/Guardians are hereby advised to come to school to purchase new uniforms for their children/wards that need uniform replacement as well as new school shoes. Please co-operate with us to enable us serve you better.

BOOKS/INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

At the beginning of the session, the school stocked the bookshop with books and other instructional materials that would aid effective teaching and learning. At the end of the term we have found out that while some of the pupils and students bought some of the books, majority of them particularly those in the senior secondary (SS 2/3) refuse to buy their books. We want to use this opportunity to inform the parents who have not bought books for their children to do so next term as the teachers can only do as much. Thank you.

We want to also use this medium to inform our parents to always log on to the school website on a weekly basis to check for all weekly assignments and projects for their children as well as get update on general information about the school. www.auntiemaria.sch.ng.

2017 NECO RE-ACCREDITATION

A team of NECO officials from NECO national headquarters, Minna were in the school last month to check the school facilities with a view to finding out if the school is still keeping to the high academic and moral standard the school has been known for over the years. The team of officials were not disappointed at all as they found out that the school has not only kept to the excellent standard but has sustained and improved on it tremendously. They promptly gave the school a certificate of re-accreditation both for the Junior and Senior Secondary, for another 5 years.

RESULT CHECKER

As part of the measures of improving the high standard of the school and in line with global practice, the school with effect from this term concluded plans to upload terminal results especially for pupils and students in Primary, Junior Secondary and Senior Secondary. To this end, all the children in the affected classes have been issued with individual scratch cards to check results from the internet using the school website address: www.auntiemaria.sch.ng. All you need do is log into the site and click on 'check result'. Instructions are on the card given. Parents who are abroad can easily check the results of their wards by obtaining the PIN on the scratch card from their ward. You can also download our school app from Google Play Store directly to your phone.

THANKSGIVING MASS

As it is our culture of appreciating God for His mercies and a peaceful end of year, we had a thanksgiving Mass on the 24th of November, 2017. We use this medium to acknowledge the efforts of all parents, pupils/students and staff in ensuring that enough items were presented and shared for the following orphanage homes;

1. God'sown Orphanage
2. Iwinosa Orphanage
3. Edo Orphanage
4. Ascension Orphanage
5. St. Augustine Catholic Church

END OF YEAR PARTY

A get together party for pupils/students was held with pomp and pageantry to mark the yuletide celebration. We thank all the parents for their co-operation in making the day worthy of remembrance.

CHILDREN'S WEEK

Arrangements are in place to organize children's week for all our pupils/students next term. The week is expected to feature several events each as culture day, sports day, career day, amongst others. We will also keep you posted in due course.

SCHOOL EXCURSION

In line with our usual strive to promote and augment the effective learning/teaching process, educational tours are organized regularly as recommended in the curriculum.

To this cause, the school will be organizing excursion trips next term for the Nursery/Primary pupils as well as the Secondary students. Details of the approved places for the various group visitations will be announced in due course.

We thank all our parents/guardians for their usual support for their children/wards and the school.

EXTENSION CLASS

The school will organize extension class for all the SS 3 students after vacation to keep them busy as they intensify preparation for their

WAEC/NECO/JAMB examination. The exercise will commence on Monday 11th December – 20th December 2017 between 9am – 1pm daily. No extra fee is charged for this programme and it is compulsory for all the students in this class.

PLEASANT MEMORY

The 26th day of November 2017 marked the ninth year after the glorious exit of the founder, Auntie Maria Schools; Late **Dame M.A. Osunde**. While we appreciate God for the great legacy she left behind, it is our prayer that the soul of our late founder and all the faithful departed, rest in peace, Amen.

VACATION/RESUMPTION

The school officially vacates today 8th December, 2017 and will officially resume for the Second term of the 2017/2018 Academic Session on Monday, 8th January, 2018.

We wish you a happy and victorious holiday. Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year

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