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2011—2012 ACADEMIC YEAR

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

- Swimming
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From the ED's desk

Dear Valued Parents and Guardians,

Greetings! My prayer for you is peace in this season of joy even these turbulent times. I greet you and pray for peace and well being in these turbulent times. At such times we take strength and courage in God who is the stability of our times. We value you, as our greatest partners in the mission of educating the children of Potterhouse. Without your direct and indirect involvement we could not accomplish much. Working together makes it so much more rewarding. What a delight it is to see children of character being shaped, equipped to serve society and mankind. You are indeed valuable partners in the goal of moulding our learners.

As we come to the end of the term I wish to give you some updates.

Term one is usually the longest term of the academic year and this allows us to cover the syllabus substantially. We have had exciting work displays and projects in the course of the term, complemented by field trips for students in key stage three.

The sports programme was active with all the fixtures for both home and away games

and we have had reason to celebrate, with many victories for both the boys' and girls' teams.

Key stage one and kindergarten deserve thumbs up for making the most use of the new pool. Their enthusiasm was evident by their willingness to brave the cold weather. These young ones continue to blossom in different areas.

The pool has indeed made a difference to the term's activities. Thank you for your patience during the construction period and apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused. It has enhanced the landscape of the school together with the additional playing fields.

We replaced two and added another van to ensure reliability, efficiency, comfort and safety for those who use school transport.

With the IGCSE timetable, subject teachers have had consultation meetings with the candidates to ensure that their syllabus is completed in good time. Teachers have attended work-

shops with Edexcel Trainers. The school has also been accredited for the lower secondary and primary Edexcel examinations. Attached is a letter to that effect from Edexcel Examination Board. For more details you can get in touch with the school.

Over and above efforts to enhance quality of education through improved school facilities and high academic standards we are grateful for the dedicated team of staff that we have, who believe in the kids. Our mentoring teams attest to this as they have been super active this term.

Lastly and soberly I have to inform you that we are having to raise fees in the middle of the year in order to keep up with the escalating costs. This is an exceptional occurrence. While we are doing our best to cut costs, we cannot afford to compromise standards and so come back to you. This too is an expression of our partnership. I am aware it is tough for you as well but I believe that there is a God in heaven who will make it possible for you to meet your obligations. Be assured that we always remember you in our prayers.

It remains for me to wish you a blessed Christmas and a happy new year.

Florence Wanyoike
Executive Director

Co-ordinators corner

Key stage 3 & 4



Time is running fast especially for our candidates in Year 11. May 2012 is when Potterhouse School will be undertaking its first "O - Level" exams and this seems like just a month

away. It is a race against time as teachers try to cover their topics. Thanks to God our Maths syllabus is over!

Thanks to all the parents for sending a tree for our

tree planting day. It was such a great success. Enjoy the Christmas season!

Paul Mwaniki
KS3 & 4 Co-ordinator

Key stage 2

It has been an exciting time this term with many new things. New students and plenty of them, new staff members and new classes. Not to mention even a new swimming pool! All these have made the learning experience at Potterhouse very interesting. There has been a lot of stimulation to the students in many areas with also the introduction of new clubs, that is, sign

language and beadwork. The new students have settled in well and are now part of the Potterhouse family as you cannot even tell them apart. The classes in all lessons have been exciting for both the students and teachers.

As we progress through the year, we are pleased to announce that we will be introducing Edexcel primary curriculum gradually

as from next term (another new) and we hope it will add to the excitement and value of teaching both to the students and teachers. This will mainly be in Numeracy, Literacy and Science.

Here's to wishing you an exciting Christmas and prosperous New Year!

Ben Ochume .
KS2 Co-ordinator

"The new students have settled in well and are now part of the Potterhouse family"

Kindergarten and Key Stage 1

"My heart is singing for joy this morning; a miracle has happened! The light of understanding has shone upon my little pupil's mind and behold all things are changed!" Annie Sullivan
Talk of Changes....
Kindergarten experienced a change



of having two melon classes, two pear classes and one peach class. All we can say is, "Thus far the Lord has brought us." We have continued to sprinkle our school days with humour, laughed at ourselves, took time to listen, to notice and to smile.

Keystage 1 has also developed a reading culture (keep it up!) My heart swells with joy and pride

for my pupils when I walk in Year one early mornings only to find little ones on the mat reading to each other their different reading levels and competing to get as many merits as can be.....

Merry Christmas and a happy new year wish from KG & KS1.

Milka Mwangi
KG & KS1 Co-ordinator

Sports Department



I salute you all. It has been a great term as far as sports is concerned. This term, Potterhouse School wound up its sports agenda by thrashing Rusinga, Braeburn and Aga Khan; lost to Coast Academy and Braeside and drew rugby with Waldorf. The most thrilling victory was by the Potterhouse Girls soccer team thrashing Braeburn 5 – 0 at their own yard. Bravo Potterhouse teams and special mention to team captains. Next term, the sports activities will be dominated by hockey and therefore kindly buy your child a hockey stick and protective equipment.

Potterhouse, Samaj, Lukenya, Oshwal and St. Austin’s soccer

teams age group 5- 17 years old will land the second opportunity to represent Kenya in Barcelona – Spain. They will take part in a tournament dubbed Costa Daurada Cup that attracts youth from all over the world. Herewith is a testimonial from one parent who had accompanied Potterhouse team; “We had an amazing trip. If you only visit one city in Spain, it should be Barcelona. There was a fantastic structured schedule that allowed us to really see just everything Barcelona had to offer in terms of its history, tradition, sporting and culture influences. The organizers were so fantastic too. Thank you very much for setting up that tour.” - - Ms. Mary Murungi, Spain trip.

Many people love water but surprisingly, many do not know how to swim. Swimming skill is a lifetime skill that every person should learn. The Potterhouse swimming club runs and organ-

izes aquatic activities to bridge this gap. The programmes offer opportunity for many to get the chance to learn to swim, improve their strokes, nurture talent and appreciate how swimming improves their health.

Please share with us the joys and challenges of our athletes as they report back to you about their sporting experiences. Such feedback will help us improve our training. My parting shot as I conclude, “youth are the leaders of tomorrow; let us engage them in sporting activities in preparation for their bright future and only laziness can spoil it.”

Thank you and have a blessed Christmas.

STANLEY KABERU
HEAD OF SPORTS

“youth are the leaders of tomorrow; let us engage them in sporting activities....”

Words of wisdom from a big brother....

Overheard:

One student in Yr.3 talking to a friend in Yr.4

“Yesterday I didn’t have any homework. I was so happy I watched tv the whole evening and at night”

Response.....

“You were watching tv and its time for revising. The teacher did not give you homework because she wanted you to revise so just keep watching tv and watch yourself fail the exams.”



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Psalm 84:11

For the Lord is a sun and shield ,He bestows favor. No good thing will he withhold from those whose walk is upright

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ACADEMIC YEAR 2011/2012

TERM 2 (January-March 2012)

January 2012

School Opening – 10th January 2012

Health Week – 23rd-27th January 2012

Swimming Gala (Kindergarten) – 25th January 2012

Swimming Gala (Primary & Secondary) – 28th January 2012

Spiritual Emphasis Week – 30th January – 3rd February 2012

February 2012

Parent Teacher Consultation – 15th February 2012

Half Term – 15th-17th February 2012
Spelling Bee/Wheel of Knowledge – 9th March 2012

March 2012

Exam Week – 19th-28th March 2012
School Closing – 30th March 2012

April 2012

Report Collection (KS1-KS4) – 6th April 2012
Holiday School – 2nd-13th April 2012

TERM 3 (May-June 2012)

School Opening – 24th April 2012

Half Term – 6th-8th June 2012

School Closing – 6th July 2012

PROVISIONAL TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEAR 2012/2013

TERM 1

School Opening – 4th September 2012

Half Term – 15th-19th October 2012

School Closing – 7th December 2012

Announcements

School Fees: Kindly remember to make payments over the holidays or first week of school to take advantage of the early payment discount.

School Uniform: Please remember to label all your child's items to minimize loss of uniforms, shoes, swimming gear and break boxes.

Office Hours: The office will remain open over the holidays from Monday-Friday as from 9.00am to 1.00pm. We will close for Christmas on the

Transport daily rates: All parents intending to use transport on a daily basis will be required to deposit Ksh.15,000 before the services can be offered. Kindly comply to avoid any inconveniences once the term begins.