

Rhino Rag












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UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS

 Nov 30	In Service (Noon Dismissal)
 Dec 4	Band Concert
 Dec 6	Band Concert
 Dec 10-13	Accreditation Committee Visit
 Dec 12	Jamhuri Day (No School)
 Dec 18 -20	Final Exams (Half Day for HS students)
 Dec 21	End of 2 nd Quarter (Noon Dismissal)
 Dec 24 - Jan 14	Christmas Break
 Jan 15	Back to School

FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK

Please pray for the staff and significant number of parents involved in Friday's Accreditation meetings. In preparation for representatives from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA) and the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) the accreditation team will be completing their compilation of materials for the self study. Please Pray for Dr. Joan Rodman next week as she organizes, tweaks and prepares the information for the upcoming visit (10-13 DEC). Thanks Dr. Rodman for the energy and commitment to the process.

During the Administrators' Tea, some parents mentioned various sending missions may be able to assist with recruiting the necessary staff for the 2008-2009 school year. A list of the current openings is on the NICS web site at <http://www.nics.org/openings.php>

Trevor

BUS NOTICE

Please note that only students and authorised parents, guardians and staff may travel on the school buses. If you want to travel on one of the buses, you must obtain a signed authorisation slip from Peter Kasema. The bus drivers have been instructed not to travel with unauthorised people on board.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

Please note that parents / guardians must not discipline any child on the school premises, which includes the school buses. Parents and guardians must refer any issues of bullying, provocation or bad behaviour to WNS Administration

FORTHCOMING ELECTION

Please ensure that your students do not display politically provocative emblems.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports were sent home on Tuesday, 23 November 2007, be sure to have a look at your child(s) report(s) and remember to sign it and send it back on or before Monday 3, 2007.

ACCOUNTS

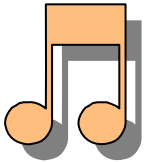
Semester 2 invoices will be sent home via email next week.

NEWS FROM MUN

Congratulations to Austin Kearby who was selected for junior chair at Model United Nations. Over 60 students from many schools participated in a 6 week training course and only 20 are chosen! We are all very proud of Austin! Thanks to Mrs. Radkovic for leading the MUN study.

COMING EVENTS:

Band News



Band Concerts!

We will have two concert times: **Tuesday, December 4 at 2:30 PM** and **Thursday, December 6 at 2:30 PM**. All three bands will be playing at both concerts, and the programs will be identical and will last about **45 minutes**. Parents are invited to either one, whichever fits your schedule best! Concert dress is **white shirt and black pants** (or skirt for girls).

Elementary and Advanced Bands will also be playing at **Dagoretti Children's Home** on **Thursday, December 13**. Permission slips are going home this week and must be returned by Friday, December 7.

Band Schedule

Week of December 3 - Maroon Week

During School:

Concerts Tuesday and Thursday for all bands

Middle School Beginners (David, Naomi, Harriet): Wednesday, 3rd period

Middle School Beginner (Adrian): Friday, 7th period

No Elementary Band rehearsal on Wednesday or Beginning Band on Friday

After School Sectionals:

Monday: Middle School Beginners (Jennifer, Trevor)

Tuesday: Elementary Saxophones & Percussion

Wednesday: Advanced Band 1

Thursday: Advanced Band 3

Friday: Beginning Flutes

Week of December 10 - Silver Week

During School:

Advanced Band meets Monday and Friday

Elementary and Advanced Bands to Dagoretti Children's Home on Thursday (12:45–2:30 PM)

Beginning Band meets Friday, 1:00-1:40

After School Sectionals:

Monday: Beginning Clarinets & Saxophones (Taek, Raquel)

Tuesday: Beginning Saxophones (Drew, Peter, Zane, Murimi)

Thursday: Advanced Band 2

Friday: Beginning Brass/Percussion

Week of December 17 - Maroon Week/Finals Week
note sectional changes below!

During School:

Wednesday: Elementary Band 1:35-2:15

Friday: Advanced Band playing at Elementary Chapel
No Beginning Band

After School Sectionals:

Monday: Middle School Beginners (Jennifer, Trevor)

Tuesday: Elementary Saxophones & Percussion

Wednesday: Elementary Flute/Clarinet/Trumpets

Thursday: Beginning Flutes

PTF NEWS

PTF is sponsoring a

Christmas Carnival

Saturday, 8 Dec

2 - 5 PM

CRAFTS COOKIES GAMES PRIZES

*Enter your favorite cookie recipe in our
contest and you could help your child's class
win a "Cookies & Cocoa" Party!
(and maybe even win a wonderful prize for yourself!)*

To Enter:

- 1. Bring 4 dozen of your cookies with you to the Carnival..**
- 2. Bring your recipe (typed or written neatly)
(You may enter more than one recipe.)**

*All recipes will be printed in a Christmas
Cookie Cookbook to be sold by PTF.
All proceeds will go to support the WNS sports program.*

Athletics Update

U-17 Boys' B-Ball~Girls' Soccer~MS Boys' B-Ball

The week we held try outs for the teams. The coaches want to thank all the students for working so hard and coming out for the try outs. We are excited about the upcoming season and teams. I will send out the calendar for next Semester's games next week. The games will not begin until after we come back from Christmas break.

Practices for these teams will be held Dec. 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 14 and 17.

Tennis Team

The tennis team has completed their season, however they have a few practice sessions left with Sadili. One of them was yesterday and the last one will be on Dec. 13th.

Kickball Intramural

3rd-6th Grade December 13th, Thursday 3:30-4:30

I have so enjoyed being your Athletic Director

Dear Parents and Students,

As many of you are aware already. I have accepted a new position at West Nairobi School. Starting in January I will be the new first grade teacher. I am VERY excited about this new position and all that is ahead. I studied Elementary Education in university and therefore am excited to get to use some of those methods.

I will still be teaching 7th grade math and coaching girls' soccer but I will no longer be teaching PE or be the AD. I have really enjoyed working alongside you in developing the sports program at WNS. The administration is currently in the process of interviewing and hiring a new Athletic Director. I have full confidence that they will hire the best person for the job. Keep coming out for the games, I hope to see you out there! Thank you again for all your support and encouragement over the last 1 ½ years!

Sincerely,

Kayla Carraway

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King's Kids: November 30th at the Kamaleson's House.

Time: 6.30pm - 9 pm. **Bring a snack or soda to share.**

Directions: #33 Mutty Court - Kipevu Road ,(off Langata South Road). Just after the 3rd speed bump. Near Matbronze and Hardy Stud Ranch. 0720.733.970 or 0721.840.737

King's Kids: December 7th & 14th will be meeting at Mt. Carmel. The Church of the Nazarene

December 7th: we will be showing the Rock Opera HERO-which is a modern day telling of the life of Christ-set in Brooklyn. It features Tait, Rebecca St. James, and T-Bone. We will show it outside on the big screen (weather permitting), or inside our squash court in the event of rain.

What to bring : We are asking that kids bring popcorn/movie snacks and drinks.

December 14th we will have our Christmas party.

What to bring : we are asking that kids bring Christmas goodies to share.

Both events, but especially the 7th, parents and siblings are welcome to participate. For any query please contact Sally Mellinger - 0733-912-897

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