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**ST. CHARLES COLLEGE**  
**P.M.B. 1718, ONITSHA, ANAMBRA STATE**



**NEWSLETTER, THIRD TERM 2023/2024 ACADEMIC SESSION**

**To Parents and Guardians, at the end of the Third Term of the 2023-24 Academic Session**

**1. Introduction**

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, from the management and staff of St. Charles' College, Onitsha. The third term of the 2023-24 academic session formally ended on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024. However, our students are already several days into their long vacation having been allowed to return home on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July after third term examinations. This was done principally to facilitate a suitable atmosphere for our SS3 students who were writing their NECO examinations.

Our hearts are full of gratitude to God for his blessings during the term and indeed all through the 2023-24 academic year. We are prayerfully hopeful of even greater blessings during the next session. We are grateful also to you for entrusting your sons to our care and for all your support towards their sustenance and continuous upliftment of our school. As always, we entrust our school, students, staff and you, parents of our students, to God's loving care and protection during this vacation period. May we strive to emerge ever stronger from the elongated economic challenges that our country present to us in these times.

**2. Academic Matters**

**2.1. Third Term Examinations**

The third term examinations were held between Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Before their departure for holidays, students were asked to check for their results using their permanent PIN cards starting from July 30<sup>th</sup>. That you are reading this newsletter means that you have been able to access yours. We congratulate you, hopeful that your child got a fair result. Results of students who are indebted to the school in any way have been withheld. Withheld results will not be released before September 2024 even if debts are cleared earlier.

**2.2. BECE**

The exit examinations for JS3 students took place from 6<sup>th</sup> June to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The conduct of the examination was satisfactory. We are hopeful for excellent outcome. Meanwhile a total of 160 students have been invited to process their registration into the senior secondary for SS1. They will be joined by 23 new students who were successful at our entrance examinations and subsequent interviews.

**2.3. WAEC AND NECO Examinations**

Our exiting students successfully concluded their WAEC examination in June. The results are still being expected. However, disruptions to the academic calendar since the recent pandemic continue to upset the school calendar. Hence, the 2024 NECO examination has continued well beyond the tenure of the academic session. This has meant that official send-off of graduating students could not be held before the end of the session. This will come up during the first term of the next session.

**3. Sanitation and Healthcare**

Significant efforts were made during the just ended term to improve the quality and scope of healthcare delivery at the school clinic. However, some students still have unpaid bills for received. Parents are advised

to confirm their son's indebtedness and to clear such to ensure continuation of quality services to all students. As already stated above, results of debtors have been withheld.

A routine general fumigation of the school premises will be carried out during the second week of September, shortly before students' resumption for the next academic session to address nagging issues associated with the rainy season. Parents are advised to also fumigate clothing, furniture and personal items which their wards will bring back to school to avoid reintroducing repugnant bugs. Parents are further advised to make anticipatory provision of safe insecticides for their children's private use as may be needed.

⇒ **Items to be submitted by returning students on resumption day:**

Students are to submit sanitation items at check-in on resumption day as follows:

**JS 2**

- i. 1 metal dustpan
- ii. 1 big toilet tissue roll

**JS 3**

- i. 2 toilet brushes
- ii. 1 big toilet tissue roll

**SS 2**

- i. 1 big broom
- ii. 2 waste bags

**SS 3**

- i. 1 roll of waste bags
- ii. 1 big toilet tissue roll

**4. Financial Matters**

**4.1. First Term School Fees**

We are thankful to you, parents of our students, for entrusting your sons to our care and diligently making financial provisions for their sustenance. We are mindful that the recessionary economy of these times has put many of you in situations of financial embarrassment. Similarly, operating a boarding school has become increasingly challenging, necessitating an inevitable adjustment to our school fees. We request prompt payment of the school fees as well as other financial obligations to facilitate planning and optimal service. Full payment of school fees will be required from each student before re-entry for the first term of the 2024-2025 academic session. All fees not paid before resumption will be subject to possible upward adjustments.

School fees for the 1<sup>st</sup> term are as follows:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Amount</b>
JS 1, 2 & 3	<b>₦98,770.00 (ninety-eight thousand, seven hundred &amp; seventy naira only)</b>
SS 1 & 2	<b>₦99,500.00 (ninety-nine thousand, five hundred naira only)</b>
SS 3	<b>₦298,500.00 (two hundred &amp; ninety-eight thousand, five hundred naira only)</b>

Payment of school fees should be made to **St Charles' College, Onitsha at Oluchukwu Micro-Finance Bank, Account Number: 1210202132.**

\*Please indicate clearly on the bank teller the surname and first name of the student as well as his class. E.g., OKAFOR CHARLES, JS2.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE INDICATED SCHOOL FEES ARE VALID UNTIL THE RESUMPTION DATE. DELAYED SCHOOL FEES PAYMENTS ARE LIABLE TO UPWARD ADJUSTMENTS IN TANDEM WITH INFLATION.

## **5. Other Important Information**

### **5.1. Games Wears**

While resuming in September, each student must return with the appropriate games wear of his house as follows:

JS1 - BLUE

JS2 - GREEN

JS3 - RED

SS1 - YELLOW

SS2 - ORANGE

SS3 - WHITE

Students will not be allowed to possess or wear mufti of any kind in the school. The allowed sweater is the **school cardigan** or any **ALL-WHITE** sweater.

### **5.2. Visitation and Visiting Days**

The visiting day for students is the third Saturday of every month except during examinations. Visitors are not allowed to meet with students on any other day for whatsoever reason. Please note particularly that **Sundays are not visiting days** in St Charles' College.

### **5.3. New Students' Admission**

Entrance examinations and interviews for new students in JS1, JS2 and SS1 were done in June. Registration of the new students has also been done. Mop-up registrations will take place on **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024**.

### **5.4. Resumption**

While the first term of the 2024-2025 academic session will officially begin on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024, all students are to return to the boarding house on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Returning students are to arrive in the school before 4PM on that day.

## **6. Holiday Greetings**

As you enjoy the holiday interval between the end of one academic year and the beginning of another, the management and staff of St Charles' College wish you, our esteemed parents and guardians, a happy reunion with your children. May God fructify your efforts for a brighter and better tomorrow for our young ones.

Rev Fr Emma Emenu

Manager/Principal

### **Notable Dates in the 1<sup>st</sup> Term Calendar**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Pre-Resumption staff meetings

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Return of student functionaries

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September

Return of all students to the hostel

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Resumption exercises/tests
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	PTD General Meeting
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Midterm Tests/Projects
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Patronal Feast & Founder's Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Midterm break
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Visiting Day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> December	1 <sup>st</sup> term examinations
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> term