WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2026

ST PATRICK'S INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings Parents and Guardians,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this second edition of our school newsletter. This newsletter provides an opportunity for us to reflect on our journey so far. The first three weeks have sailed smoothly with most of our learners adjusting perfectly to St Patrick's academic environment. I am quite impressed with our Year 7 (Form 1) who have shown a smooth transition from primary to secondary. It is my sincere hope that they will continue embracing secondary school without any challenges.

As a school, we remain committed to providing a safe, supportive, and stimulating inclusive learning environment in which every student is encouraged to discover their potential and strive for excellence. Academic achievement remains an important priority, but we also recognize the importance of developing responsible, disciplined, respectful, and confident young people who can make a positive contribution to society.

In our bid to develop a disciplined learner, we will continue correcting abhorrent behavior mostly through detention. Please note learners can avoid detention if they do all their assigned tasks as well as being at their best behavior.

May we continue to grow, learn and achieve more together.

Sincerely

Caroline Kunyenje
(Vice Principal)

LOOK AHEAD

- Mufti – Friday 25 September at MK2,000.
- Continuous Assessment Tests to start on Friday, 7 October to Thursday, 8 October.
- PTA Friday 9 October.
- Midterm break – 12 to 16 October: Boarders to depart on Friday, 9 October, from 12:30 mid-day.
- Boarders to return on Sunday, 18 October.
- Classes resume Monday, 19 October.

REMINDERS

- Detention is every Friday from 12:40 to 14:00.
- Black or grey socks for boys and white socks for girls.
- Black braids or well kempt hair, no weaves or hair pieces for girls.
- Skirts should be knee length or longer.
- Learners should be in school by 06:50.

WHATS NEW?

It is a pleasure to introduce two new members who have joined us. The increase in enrolment has made it imperative to add more staff members so as to provide the best service.



Ms. **Calista Chidothe**, who is joining us as a Matron. She has over 16 years' experience in care giving and first aid



Mr. **Harrison Mkandawire**, joins us in the Language department as an English teacher. Harrison is a well experienced teacher with a Bachelor of Education Arts in English from Mzuzu University. He is passionate about writing poetry, short stories, and facilitating drama groups.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING SEMINAR



Friday, 11 September 2026

Teaching staff had a child safety workshop which focused on safeguarding children in schools.

The main aim was to equip our teachers with skills required to provide a safe environment for the learners.

The teachers learnt about the importance of recognizing the four categories of abuse which are neglect, sexual, physical and emotional abuse.

Your child's safety is our highest priority.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Thursday 8 October – World Mental Health day (club time).
- Friday 9 October – PTA from 7 to 12noon. Come and let us discuss our learners 's progress.
- Monday 12 – Friday 16 October – Mid-term holiday (all students should go for midterm break)
- Sunday 18 October – Boarders return

ICE BREAKER EVENING

Our boarders had an ice breaker on Friday, 4 September in the evening.
An icebreaker is a meetup that helps people feel more comfortable and interact, especially when they don't know each other well.
This was a great event as our learners mingled and got to know each other and bond as a family.



MEET OUR TEACHERS

