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ST. JOSEPH'S S.S. NAMUGONGO

VISION

To produce disciplined, self-reliant and all-round citizens who can fit in a changing contemporary world.

MISSION STATEMENT

To mould children into self-reliant, disciplined and hardworking citizens through affordable quality education.

CORE VALUES

- Discipline
- Orderliness
- Calmness
- Spirituality
- Smartness
- Accountability &
- Self-responsibility
- Team work
- Punctuality

MOTTO : "Discipline & Academics"

SCHOOL ANTHEM

*St. Joseph's Senior Secondary School Namugongo,
To work, to perform and achieve, to enlighten,
And brighten our land, for inspiration, devotion,
And the best of education,
Discipline and academics, is our motto*

*St. Joseph's Senior Secondary School Namugongo,
To train self-reliant child, an all-round child,
In this changing world, a bold leader, and hardwork-
ing,
With discipline, talent,
Fear of God and loving, is our driving force.*

*St. Joseph's Senior Secondary School Namugongo,
In God we trust and pray, our great founders,
We salute you, for this great vision, for a brighter fu-
ture,
We shall always defend you,
Our mother land and mentor, may god bless us we
pray.*

THE LIGHTER MAGAZINE

Here comes the 3rd Edition of the Lighter, our annual School Magazine filled with fun and energizing articles.

It's exclusively different and content with ideas from the STJN fraternity. The Lighter contains the glory of St. Joseph making it a cool school. In this exclusive edition, we bring you amazing and creative pieces, poems, life in STJN, Health, Sports, Clubs and thoughts from our dear administrators. Chance has been granted to their community to explore and express their minds.

I would like to extend utmost appreciation to the focused, zealous and hardworking Writers' Club. You have been an amazing team of students during the compilation of this magazine. Your effort is the sole reason behind this production. Thank you! The Board of Governors, the foundation body and administrators. Our teachers as well as the support staff, thank you so much for all the support rendered towards this tremendous milestone.

Our esteemed readers, we are so glad for you kept faith and trust not only in us but to the the school. We shall always pray for your prosperity. Who are we to do this? That is the reason why I glorify the Almighty God for his grace that was bestowed upon the entire fraternity of STJN during the writing and production of this wonderful writing. May your name be blessed!!

Nasinde Peruth S.5

Chief Editor's Note

As the editorial team, we glorify the Almighty God for this chance as we bring to you yet another informative, educative, entertaining and insightful production the Lighter magazine third edition. It is with heartfelt appreciation that I acknowledge every effort put in by the contributors towards the publishing of this third edition of the Lighter magazine in our school.

There have been some ups and downs, twists and turns undergone for this work to come to its fruition, but after all victory cannot be picked on the streets. We must strive and strain for it. This magazine is not just an illustration of we can do in class and wait for UNEB exams but a fruit that needs sustainability of the out of class activities.

This magazine holds, contains and magnifies creative articles from all class representatives, poems, short stories, vocational study activities and events of the year. This is a clear manifestation of our core values and a collection of our everyday routine activities.

The students' editorial team, thumbs up for you lads and the entire school community. Thank you for bearing with us. Your contributions are the foundation this historical achievement was laid. Our readers, we are grateful for your trust in us. It is true that everything is possible once you believe in it and then you strive at achieving it.

Waiswa Daniel (Esq)



The Directors' Message

I am Senkindu Geofrey one of the directors of St. Joseph's S.S – Namugongo. We chose to put up the school in this locality and not any other because we had idle family land. The major reason for starting up a school was to provide quality education to all the students in our community and to the family members.

Someone wonders why we decided to name the school. Yes we are staunch Anglican but because we are within the vicinity of the Catholic Ugandan Martyrs we decided that we chose St. Josephs as our Patron Saint. Choosing St. Joseph's as our patron Saint was not against our Anglican background and faith but we felt the need to make our school more inclusive on the basis of religion. That is why it is Catholic affiliated but it embraces all religions.

We made a mixed school because we have both girls and boys in the family. The birth of the idea was from almost the entire family but real plans were made by my other two brothers and me. The start was not easy but with God's grace we were able to start with two building but the number of buildings has increased over time.

The school kicked off in February 2008 with just a handful of students majorly Tanzanians with a few Ugandans. The first head teacher Ssegawa Joseph who was succeeded by Mr. Obaso Bwire in term three of 2009 and now we have Ms. Najjuma Pauline who joined us in June 2018. With advice from then the head teacher of Naalya

S.S – Main Campus, Mr. Ssenyonjo we decided on the motto; Discipline and Academics. As we all know discipline is key to success in a way that every successful person must be disciplined in all spheres of life. A disciplined person can easily succeed because few personality obstacle may hinder him from doing academically. The school uniform was chosen with such colours since it can easily be maintained by any student.

We thank God for the far he has brought us. The school has improved in a number of aspects such as the infrastructure, staffing, students' enrollment and other aspects. The school environment is so wonderful since it provides fresh air to the students and this is because students need cool environment that facilitates their reading. I am really proud of the discipline of the students that has greatly improved since we had some indisciplined students but now we have almost none.

I expect St. Josephs to be more developed in the ten years and also plan to improve everything in the school for example accommodating the head teacher within the school, building some flats, paving all paths ways, building a dining hall etc. Lastly but not the least, I thank the Board of Governors for advising on a number of issues as well as the staff for their work. I advise you and other young people to put discipline first in everything you do as our motto is

'DISCIPLINE AND ACADEMICS'

Mr Senkindu Geofrey
Principal Director

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER



MS. NAJJUMA PAULINE
HEAD TEACHER

As we tend to close this academic year, we are so grateful to the almighty God who has enabled us witness a chain of achievements this year among which include;

The excellent performance in UCE and UACE exams whereby our best “O” level student scored 11 aggregates and the best “A” level student scored 18 points .Thank you Lord for such a bumper harvest.

To you my dedicated and self-motivated team of instructors. Thank you so much for all your efforts towards such success.

The new physical development realized within this year deserves mention; The construction and completion of the parents mega project block, the construction and completion of the second main hall block, paving of the compound, installation of cameras for security and acquisition of a projector which eased the learning process for the new curriculum classes have left a smile on the stake holder’s faces.

The vocational studies which include tailoring ,decoration ,paver making among others through which learners have acquired permanent hands on skills has not only

motivated them but also made our mother school St. Joseph’s unique .The change in diet of our learners with has helped them to be healthy and focus on academics deserves mention .

Great thanks to all the stake holders , the Board of Governors upon whose guidance St. Joseph’s has gotten a proper direction , the directors for all the physical developments. My fellow administrators, staff and our beloved parents for the sacrifice towards the school which has enabled us achieve in all aspects of life.

As we start the New Year, we humbly appeal to the Almighty God to keep us safe and healthy, shower on us with more blessings and protect us to enable us to see the fourth edition of the lighter magazine.

I pray that you enjoy the articles and pictorials in this magazine which are a true reflection of St. Joseph’s Senior Secondary School Namugongo. Be blessed

***Discipline And
Academics***

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Waiswa Daniel

I am sincerely humbled to have this once in a moon opportunity to say a word to our esteemed students as well as the readers of the Lighter Magazine. I wish to reiterate that God has given us another golden chance to educate the world by enabling us to publish the 3rd edition of The Lighter Magazine.

As Ecclesiastes 3:1 says there is a season for everything. Everything has a reason for its occurrence at a

time when it so happens. So, all students must find a reason as to why they are in school so as to be able to study hard and yield. I want to make you aware that God gave us an opportunity to differentiate between wrong and right. Breaching school rules with full knowledge that what you are doing is wrong is a direct frustration of your future.

Everyone will be accountable for their own actions as our core value of accountability is. Foregoing your studies is a sure plan to sacrifice your own wants in future. Don't throw away God given opportunities like rubbish. I assure you, you will regret it at a particular time before death knocks at your door. Do not allow laziness and lack of focus shutter your dreams.

Seize all the opportunities at hand and utilize the available resources. Don't blame anyone for your faults and failures. Don't give up because of the hardships that may come in your way. Those are just simple

distractors. Never allow people you are with at the moment make critical decisions for you.

Many a time, students have gone astray because they don't want to be left out of the crowd. Many of them say I was pulled by my peers. Know that is sheer ignorance. Your peers have their own heads and you have yours too. Make your own decisions since you will live your own distinguished life.

Life is a book. You write each page by your own actions. Our goals cannot be achieved for us by others. No one can take what you achieved from school from you. Therefore, strive every day to distinguish yourself from others.

Before you heed to Devine call, work for personal growth, independence, self-awareness, maturity and self-responsibility. Above all be disciplined in all situations.

**A PARENT'S MIND
ABOUT ST. JOSEPH.**





Omulongo Ssalongo Wasswa is the parent to one of senior candidates; Nakasujja Usurah who joined the school in senior one in 2020. Here is what he had to say about our school.

Inviting me to be part of The Lighter Magazine is something that hadn't crossed my mind even for once. Thank you for having me! I'm Mr. Ssalongo Wasswa; I stay in Nkokonjeru in Buikwe district. I think I am really blessed because I am twin and then I produced twins. Then here I am out of the many parents who subscribe to this school, I have been chosen to write something in the third edition of the school's annual magazine.

I got to know about St. Joseph's through the adverts on a certain radio station. I got interested in the school and picked brochures from there only to learn later that the head teacher Ms. Najjuma Pauline is from our area. That brought me closer to the school.

Though my daughter wanted to join other schools, my choice was a yes for her and there are many things that she has learnt from here that I believe she wouldn't elsewhere. She has grown into a responsible girl, a leader and most importantly she is God fearing. The school being catholic affiliated but embracing and supporting other religions makes

it a unique center of excellence. This factor has changed my daughter a lot because she is a Muslim. She has learnt to support others regardless of their religion affiliations not forgetting other conditions.

Ever since we joined the school in 2020, I have witnessed various changes which I believe should be a parent's pride when one contributes to the growth of the school. For example the students' escort was a parent's idea, building of the boys' dorm and the parents contributing came from the parents. The change in the students' discipline is so great as well as their enrollment.

Huhmm! I have fallen in love with the school more because of the core values that the head teacher and her staff inculcate into the learners. Smartness, orderliness, cleanliness and spirituality are some of the values that I have always caught my attention. I see all these in my daughter at home. I pray that each parent can observe their children if they are portraying what they are taught at school.

I encourage parents to always attend the parents - teachers' meetings because they are the best avenue in which our views about the school as a whole can be registered and given immediate attention. I want to thank the administration for the good diet provided to the students. Feeding in many schools is a big challenge but here students hardly complain about food being an issue. The escorts given to our children are an immense addition to the diet. Keep it up please.

The channel of communication is one other thing I appreciate the school. The WhatsApp group, the messages from the bursar and the calls easy communication among stakeholders. We always communicated to by all concerned offices. It keeps me in touch with the school and my daughter as well. I want to thank the administrators for being approachable. They make our children's stay easy.

As I conclude, I would like to see the school's expansion and an additional building in order to control congestion of the students. However, I take this opportunity to thank the administration for the provision of the new dormitories for both girl and boys.

I think there is a need for transportation of students when they break off for holidays. So I advise the school to buy a school bus for safety movements of our children.

The Art Of Influence

Mastering Leadership through Persuasion

Leadership is often viewed as a position of authority, but true leadership transcends titles and hierarchies.

At its core, effective leadership is about influence—shaping thoughts, guiding actions, and inspiring others. The art of influence involves:

Understanding human behavior, building relationships, and communicating in ways that resonate deeply with others.

Understanding Influence

Influence is the ability to affect the beliefs, decisions, and actions of individuals or groups. It stems from trust, respect, and credibility. While authority can compel compliance, influence fosters commitment.

Leaders who master the art of influence inspire their teams to embrace a shared vision and contribute passionately to achieving collective goals.

Building Trust and Credibility

The foundation of influence is trust. Leaders must demonstrate integrity, reliability, and transparency. When team members believe in a leader's authenticity, they are more likely to listen and follow. This can be achieved by:

1. **Being Consistent:** Consistency in actions and decisions reinforces a leader's reliability.
2. **Admitting Mistakes:** Acknowledging errors shows humility and fosters a culture of openness.
3. **Delivering on Promises:** Following through on commitments builds a leader's credibility over time.

Effective Communication

Influence is closely tied to communication skills. Leaders must convey their messages clearly and compellingly. Effective communication involves:

1. **Clarity and Brevity:** Clear, concise communication helps avoid misunderstandings and keeps the team focused.

2. **Emotional Intelligence**

A leader's ability to understand and manage their own emotions, as well as those of others, is crucial for influence. Emotional intelligence encompasses:

Leading by Example

Influence is most potent when leaders embody the values and behaviors they wish to promote.

By modeling desired traits such as resilience, collaboration, and innovation, leaders demonstrate their commitment to the vision and encourage others to follow suit. Navigating Challenges

Conclusion

The art of influence is a multifaceted skill that encompasses trust, communication, emotional intelligence, vision, and exemplary behavior. By mastering these elements, leaders can effectively guide their teams, foster a positive organizational culture, and drive meaningful change. Ultimately, influence is not about exerting control; it's about inspiring others to realize their potential and contribute to a shared future. In the realm of leadership, those who can influence with authenticity and purpose will leave a lasting impact.

My regards to my readers as well as the St. Joseph's S S Namugongo fraternity

Mr. Balikudembe Caleb.
Patron Prefectorate.

THE NEW BROOD OF AFRICAN CHILDREN

Africa cries, our cultural heritage is slowly being flashed down the drain by the alien practices in the name of modernity. The monster has eaten to the marrow. Like a malignant cancer. The fabric of our roots has been weakened. Our old men and women have been reduced to mere spectators. Our ears have been cut off. If I may borrow words of author Koestler in his novel "darkness at noon", he said in one of his epigones thud, "If you want to establish dictatorship for a long time, then you must kill all the sons of the brutes."

This has worked well with Africa. The children of the yester generation are only remembered in fantasy. They were disciplined when they respected the elders right from the elder brother, sisters, any village elders and parents. A child did not sit in his father's chair even when he was away. It is not the case today. Our modern systems have come to kill morals. I have seen honorables dishonor themselves on the floor of fashioned in offices, corruption is the order of the day and employers have learnt new tricks, they survive on the principle of "You scratch my back, I scratch yours" Our young women have been molested in the name of job searching only forming alarms behind office walls which fill our ears.

African dignity has been compromised. Where did we go wrong? The custodians of our values have cheaply sold off our norms. The monetary economy has left no time for parents to show their children the right path. It is the reason our models today pride in exposing would be hidden treasures on social media.

Children rights have killed it all. In the olden days, a child was the responsibility of the whole village. But today, the police will be knocking at your door should they hear that you have punished your own child for a wrong he/she has committed.

Martine Luther junior once nursed a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. So I say to the same assertion as he held when he said, "No, no, no, we are not satisfied and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a might stream." Homosexuality has no place in Africa. We might have compromised on other issues that play against our heritage but this one should act as an alarm. We should open our eyes wide and get back to our roots. Disciplined society is what defines Africa.

We are not savages like they poiled us. No. We cannot work on that path, It's thorny. Come on, wake up dear Africa

KISUBI PAUL
IN-CHARGE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Message from the Head Girl



LET'S SUPPORT A GIRL CHILD'S GROWTH.

The behavior of a girl child is shaped by a complex interplay of biological, psychological and social facts. As a girl grows and develops, her behaviors reflect not only her individual personality but also cultural and familial context in which she is raised. From an early age, girls often demonstrate a heightened ability to express emotions.

Research suggests that girls may develop verbal skills more rapidly than boys, allowing them to articulate feelings and thoughts effectively. This can manifest in empathetic behaviors, as they tend to understand and respond to other's emotions. Girls typically excel in verbal task and may show a strong affinity for storytelling and language arts.

Encouraging these skills can boost their confidence and foster love for learning. The family plays pivot role in shaping girls in that supportive families het encourage exploration, foster confidence

but restrictive families hinders girls' self-esteem and willingness to take risks. As girls enter school, peer relationships become increasingly influential. Friendship provides a sense of belonging but can also lead to challenges like bullying or social pressure.

Positive peer interactions enhance social skills. Also media plays a crucial role in shaping girls perceptions and potential. Positive representation of strong and capable female characters inspires girls. Allowing girls to make choices and learn from experiences helps to develop their confidence and crucial thinking skills.

Validating a girl child's feelings and accomplishments foster self-esteem. Parents and educators should encourage open communication and celebrate achievements no matter how small they are to empower girls to take on challenges confidently.

Understanding girl child behaviors requires a holistic view that considers emotional, social and cognitive dimensions. Through supporting their developing, we can empower girl's confident and capable individuals, celebrating their uniqueness and providing a nurturing environment will help them thrive hence positive outcomes for themselves and society as a whole.

BY NAMYALO AGNESS. 5
ARTS
HEADGIRL

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF JUDGE.



NAKAJUBI SHIFRAH

UPHOLDING INTEGRITY

As the chief judge, I have the unique privilege of making sure that students abide by the school rules and regulations. Let's talk about the vital role a student plays in fostering a positive school environment. Rules in schools exist to create a safe, respectful and productive environment for all students. This allows for diverse perspectives and richer discussions, enhancing the educational experience for all. When a student abides by the rules, he or she sets an example that can influence others to do the same. The effect can lead to a culture of respect and responsibility throughout the school. It's essential to remember that each of you has the power to impact your community positively. The skills got from this practical extend beyond your secondary life and are essential for both higher education and the work force where teamwork, integrity and respect for others are highly valued. By embracing these principles now, you are laying the ground work for a successful future. As you navigate secondary education, I encourage you to embrace the values of rules. Your commitment to rules not only embraces your own educational experience but also contribute to a positive, thriving community. Together lets foster an environment of respect, responsibilities and collaboration. Remember, your choices today will shape not only your future but also the future of those around you.



THE VALUES OF TEAM WORK

"Together we can " is a common slogan among people. To some, this means a lot to them while to others it is simply a slogan without meaning. When some individuals are grappling with hard decisions to make, they seek for help from others,

people they could confide in, trust and open their hearts to them. Also accomplishing tasks such as house chores requires people to have a common goal. Eventually when this is team work is achieved. First and foremost, team work is an integral part of our lives. Look at how white ants build an anthill, how do small animals defend themselves against a lion in the jungle? In sports like football, netball and others in order to win the matches to be played, it calls for team work. Team work creates co-ordination in every activity to be done.

Without this element in our lives, there will only be disorganization, destruction, laziness and under-development as well as delay in accomplishing certain activities such as group discussions.

So then, I call upon all of you to practice team work as stated " Together we achieve more ", Indeed we cannot fail.

NAGAWA PATRICIA FORM TWO

THE QUADRANGLE

Ever green,
Leaves creeping all over its stem
Surrounded by flowers;
Flowers, yellow and shouting beauty!

From the North, East,
To the West and South; its branches scatter,
Scattering to cater for the eye-catching fruits.
Peeping through the leaves - fruits!
Distracting every passerby.

Ripe and sunlight- yellow, causing others to,
Wipe off their saliva in provocation – restrain.
Entrapping themselves in their yellow courts.
To attract the destroyer.Sweet but forbidden
during day.

At night,
Comes the hungry vultures,
As ninjas, they come peeping. Climb, leaving
the beauty distorted. Eating it to our full satisfaction,
tasting the sweetness

Literature class, 2023-2024

My Memoir, HAPPY FATHERS' DAY MY ROLE MODEL

Never blame a person in your life because good people give you happiness, worst people give you a lesson and bad people give you memories.

I take this opportunity to thank you for the various things you have done and helped me since I joined this school.

I thank you for the advice given to me thus making me a changed young girl.

I thank you for leading me in the right path always.

Without you, where would peer groups lead me? Who would give me a piece of advice to motivate me into the right direction? With you, I am sure I cannot go off the rail.

Thank you for being a father to many and I pray to the Almighty God that He blesses you in everything you do because of us need you.

Mr. Waiswa Daniel, the Deputy Head teacher forever, you remain a father figure to me.

Tusuubira Jovia. (S.2)

ABANDONED CHILDREN OF AFRICA

The children of Africa are crying
Weeping and suffering,
The streets are their house,
Their beds.
The rubbish pits, their mother
For they give them food!
But to no avail.
Their cry always, we are abandoned.

Teens with heavy heart,
Suffering for crimes they committed not.
Work for no penny but,
A saucer of food, leftovers moreover.
Worries and pains they experience,
But rescue not in the near future,
Their cry always, we are abandoned.

Their journeys lead nowhere,
Their dreams shattered within,
What did we do to deserve to such,
They ask among themselves?
Our parents, are you there?
Questions are paused, but no response!
Their cry always, we are abandoned.

BY IRIRIKO ANNA FAITH.
S.2

THE SWEETEST PERSON I HAVE EVER MET.

Have you ever met someone,
That you felt like you don't want him to
leave your side?
I guess you have ever!
Here comes my one and only sweetest
gentleman I met
He is trustworthy to me, He is the only
great man I have ever seen in my life.

I no longer cry for love
I no longer cry for friendship
I no longer fear my enemies
Because I got my weapon to fight my battles for all my life. Now I live in peace
Because I got him with all powers
To guard my fence for all my life

You are the sweetest person I have ever met. You are the best friend I have ever met. You are the greatest man I have ever met. You are the best brother I have ever met.
Thank you JESUS for coming into my life.

NASAAZI JOAN S.5
SECRETARY UNSA

ST. JOSEPH'S, MY HEART BEAT PULSE.

In Namugongo where the sun
beams bright,
St. Joseph's stands a beacon of
light. It grandly embraces the morning dew. With whispers of wisdom in every view.

The school yard's lush, green canopy. Shelters dreams and hopes so free. Where every tree and every flower, Nurtures minds in their finest hour.

St Joseph's with its nurturing might,
Transforms the dark into light,
So, let this creation be a tribute true.

To the heart of St Joseph's every new. Being admitted every single year, Dreams so grounded to the deepest firm foundation,
The essence of this school will forever stand.

NADIOPE FAHAD S.5



MY MOTHER

My mother is a woman like no other,
She gave me life, nurtured me, and taught me.
She dressed me, fought for me, held me
whenever I cried,
Shouted at me to change, kissed me on
my cheeks and I smiled back,
But mostly she loved me unconditionally.

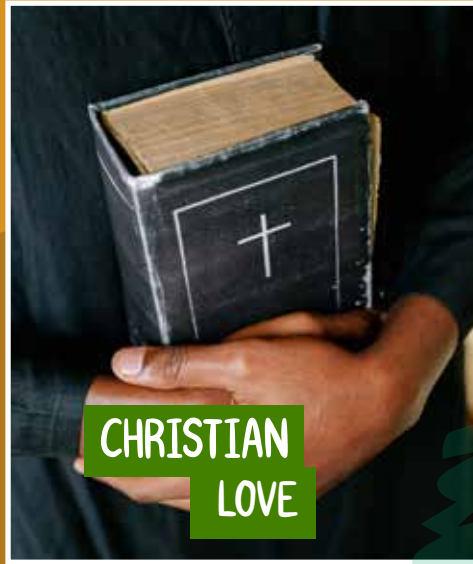
There are not enough words to describe
my appreciation
Just how important my beautiful MOTHER
is to me
And what a powerful, great influence she
continues to be.
MOTHER, I LOVE YOU SO MUCH

NASSALI ZAITUNE S. 5

GREATEST OF ALL

She is ever on her knees when things get
worse,
Ever on her feet, when we lay down help-
lessly,
Working tirelessly for our wellbeing.
Ever disappointed, condemned, accused
and mocked,
But she never steps back,
She stays the lighting candle in the dark-
ness,
Our only hope, our mentor,
Nothing on earth is worth the love of,
A Mother.

BY NAKALEMA JESSICA LETICIA



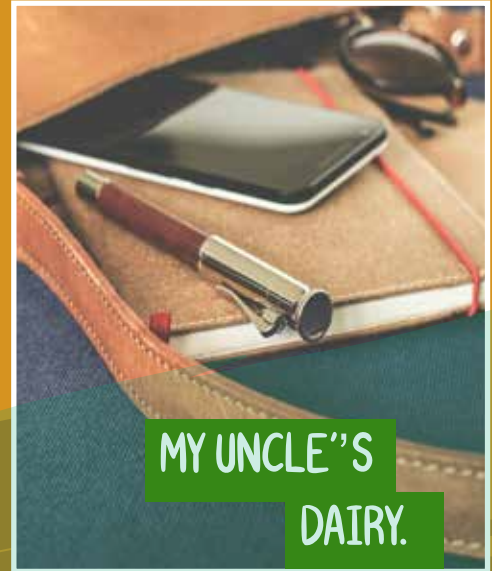
CHRISTIAN LOVE

The love for my neighbors,
It is the success and joy of my life.
Nothing will be good without Christian
love,
Everything you will work for.
It will perish and disappear.
Though you speak with the tongues of
rich men,
You sit on the table with angles,
But when you have no love, you will not
prosper.

You will become the clanging symbol.
All because you have no Christian love,
You provoke the poor and the lame.
You don't bestow all the goods to feed
the poor
You are envious to those who are well
off.
You behave rarely and think of evil.

You don't rejoice in iniquity and the
truth.
You will always become a failure in life.
But if you have Christian lover, it never
fails.
And even though they are prophecies
with no love,
They all fail to become successful.
And if you have knowledge, wisdom
and understanding,
It will all vanish away because there is
no love between.
Embrace, nurture and work towards
Christian love.

NAKIMULI PATRICIA (S.1)



MY UNCLE'S DAIRY.

As I grow up, my uncle sometimes
checks on to find out how I am pro-
gressing. The last time he checked in
on me, this is what he said to me.

1. A lady surrounded by many men
whom she calls her friends. She is a
cheat and a liar, because those men
are your replacement. Avoid Her!
2. A girl who wants you for your
money and brings you no value.
She is a financial vampire and a
parasite and she will ruin your finan-
cial status. Avoid her!
3. A girlfriend who not does not
want to listen to you and always
complain She is an arrogant bas-
tard. Avoid her!
4. An angry, bitter and unhappy
girlfriend who gives you no peace of
mind. She is a monster and a night-
mare. Avoid her!
5. A lady who constantly disrespects
and make fun of you. She does not
belong in your life neither does she
care about anyway. Walk away from
her!

AWONG INNOCENT S.5
Head Prefect.



DEAR FRIEND

DO you remember?
That once in a time
We were like fingers
Never distant from each other
Why not?
Must we be?
Like eyes
Ever be far from each other
Was it you or me or was it us?
Oh! My dear Friend
May be I should have shown
How much I cared?
I was scared, you should have
Known
But you really never cared
May be I wasn't worth it
So you let go.
Where you are my dear?
Now the thoughts, feelings are written on my face!
It hurts inside. I crave for my dear
best friend.

IRAKIZA JOY PRECIOUS
S.5 Arts.

THE WARM EMBRACE OF ST JOSEPHS

*In St. Joseph's School, warmth fills the air,
Students greet all with a friendly care.
Their smiles and kindness light each day,
Making newcomers feel at home in every way.
Amidst the laughter and supportive cheer,
they welcome all who enter here.
With open hearts and guiding light,
their hospitality shines ever bright.
In this haven, where kindness finds its place,
every gesture is a warm embrace.
Their sweet goodwill and gentle grace,
Make St. Joseph's a truly special space.*



prom

You don't know how long people wait for
your PROM
PROM you are in every school, on every
candidate's mind.
It is like the Olympics of high school.
Some wait for you for three years and
others one year.
They wait to make memories with you,
They mind less about your expensive
accessories

Your last forever in their minds,
Your time are the days to hold on to.

Although we may want but letting you
do,
Is an impossibility.
You have all the elements of a popular
story,
Your Tension that you come with, the
drama,
Are the indicators of your presence.
PROM, PROM..... I will never forget
you.

NALUYANGE MARIAM
S.5 ARTS.

MET THE PROM PRINCESS



It creates a good feeling for one to come out of any event as a victor. Indeed I could believe that during our prom party for the candidates of 2024, I was chosen as the prom at the same time felt so precious and blessed when I was crowned prom princess. I think I was chosen as the prom princess because of the crown and the curly wig which portrayed the real image of a princess.

My fashion designer was Aunty Shillah who charged me five hundred thousand shillings. I was inspired by my sister Uweziye Lillian because of her fashion lifestyle. As an individual I had never dreamt of reaching that milestone. To be frank my dream is to excel academically and build an orphanage.

Talking about colours, aah my favorite colour is blue. It makes so feminine and complete. I like dancing, singing and playing netball.

I thank God for my life and the happy moments he has allowed me to experience. Well! For those girls who wish to become prom princess like me, I advise them to be confident, determined and believe in themselves. They should be God fearing because with God everything is possible. Thank for considering me to be part of this magazine.







WHERE DO YOU BELONG

Every group is made of the following membership

SO ---- Silent observer

PR ----Professional Reader

UCM ----Unconcerned member

AM ---- Active member

PM ----Peace maker

LC -----Late comer

TM ----Trouble maker

AK ----All knowing

CAP ----Copy and paste

RB ----Rule breakers

LWTA—looking for whom to attack.

BIRUNGI LYNNET S.2

HOW RELIGION HAS INFLUENCED THE ASPECT OF LIFE.

Religion has been a driving force for centuries, shaping the beliefs and lifestyles of millions of people around the world. It has played a crucial role in society, influencing people's attitudes, values and behavior. Some people argue that religion has had a negative impact while others contend that religion has been a positive influence on people's lives. Whatever the perspective, there is no denying that religion has had a profound impact on the human experience. For many people, religion provides a sense of purpose and meaning and deepening their understanding of the world around them .It serves as a source of guidance and comfort, providing solace in times of distress and enhancing psychological well-being. Religion can offer a sense of community providing a shared identity and a sense of belonging, people who find a sense of community through their faith often report great social support, less loneliness and improved mental health. Religion can also influence personal values, shaping individuals moral compass and guiding of their decisions. While the specific teachings of a particular religious tradition may vary all faiths generally cater around common themes of compassion, justice and personal responsibility. These values can influence individual's behavior, motivating them to act in ways that foster greater social harmony, respect and understanding.

At the same time, religion has also been used as a tool for social control, leading to negative consequences for those who do not adhere to its beliefs and practices. The desire to conform to religious norms can lead to suppression of individuality and creativity and can instill fear and guilt in people. This can lead to lack of critical thinking and a rejection of science and rational thoughts. Moreover, religious conflicts have been a major source of violence and intolerance throughout the history. Religion can be used to justify aggression towards those who do not share the same belief, leading to sectarian violence and terrorism. This can create division and disharmony between communities, leading to lack of cooperation and trust. In conclusion, religion has had a significant impact on people's lives and society as a whole. While it has provided many with a sense of meaning, purpose and community. It has also been used to justify violence, intolerance and oppression, understanding the role that the religion plays in shaping our lives is critical in fostering greater social cohesion and harmony by recognizing the positive potential of the religion while also being aware of its limitations and negative consequences, we can work towards building a more just, open and compassionate society.

MR.MUKISA GEOFREY.
Teacher, Cre

DIGNITY



*You get dignity,
When you stop thinking wrong,
When you do what you learn right.
You can live dignified,
When you live dignity,
When you live a lifestyle that matches your vision.
You can get dignity,
When you renounce the "ego of individuality",
And rejoice your ups and down of life.
There is dignity,
When you have good thoughts,
In your heart and mind.*

(THE EDITORIAL TEAM 2024)

THOUGHTS ABOUT LIFE



*A good reputation is better
than expensive perfumes,
And the day you die is better
than the day you are born
It's better to go to a home
where there is mourning than to one
where there is a party.*

*Because the living always
remind themselves that death is
waiting for us all.
Sorrow is better than laugh-
ter; it may sadden your face, but it
sharpens your understanding.*

*Someone who is always
thinking about happiness is a fool.
A wise person thinks about
death and is better than a stupid
person laughing thinking thorns
crackled in fire.
Patience is better than pride.*

**THE MOST LOVED THING IS KNOWING
MORE ABOUT GOOD**

SUUBI PROSCOVIA S.1



ADVICE TO YOUNG GIRLS

WHO FALL IN LOVE AT SCHOOL.

Your boyfriend loves you but doesn't want to marry you. He usually lies to you that he loves you yet he will only be there to play with your mind. As girls who were taught from home and school by their elders about the advantages and disadvantages of early marriage human beings use the word love to describe whatever entanglement they are to get what they want.

As a reasonable girl, you have a right to tell those young boys that the boy to marry you in future is not yet born. What I know some people fall in love because they love food, money, sex, companionship, status etc. You have to decide if your love allows you to marry young boys who don't have anything to take care of you than you waiting for your time to come and get the better one.

BY AUMA REBECCA



Meet Robert Obuya, the Prom Prince 2024

I am Robert Obuya in senior four class. Honestly speaking, I am so honored and proud that I was chosen as the prom prince of 2024 prom party. I am grateful to Mutebi Fred who designed me at a cost of 400.000/=. Chose that outfit because I got inspired from a fashion show.

Becoming the prom prince made the best moment of life. Ahh! glory be God. As you people saw everything my favorite colour is gold. It makes me feel good and comfortable in it. Perhaps in music, my favorite song is "Drip to Hard" by Lilly Baby and I like swimming and watching football.

If one wants to dress well for any function, they must prepare early to avoid things that would kill their day.

DID YOU KNOW ?

1. Queen Elizabeth II of England was the only one in the world recognized as the “Queen”
2. She was born by London to the great – grand son of Queen Victoria , Albert , Duke of York and his wife Elizabeth Bowes –Lyon on 21st April 1926 .
3. She was married to Prince Phillip in 1947
4. She became the queen of England in 1952 at the age of 26
5. She had a visit in Uganda in 1954 and different things were named after her and that is to Queen Elizabeth National Park in the West arm of the East African Rift Valley and the Queen’s clock at Nsambya Entebbe road junction
6. She was recognized by the world and especially British colonies as the head of states and the British’s longest serving monarch in 2015.
7. Gave birth to four children with eight grandchildren and twelve great children.
8. She died on 8th September, 2022 at Balmoral in Scotland at the age of 96
9. The queen’s final resting place is King George VI memorial chapel which is an Annex to the main chapel
10. She was succeeded by her eldest son King Charles III

DIANA NASSALI



JOKES

BOY: I have been waiting for this day.

GIRL: Do you want to leave me?

BOY: No!!

GIRL: Do you love me?

BOY: Of course.

GIRL: Will you cheat on me?

BOY: Never in my life.

GIRL: Will you kiss me forever?

BOY: Every chance I get.

GIRL: Will you hit me?

BOY: Are you crazy.

GIRL: Can I trust you?

BOY: Yes

GIRL: Sweet heart.

(TRY READING FROM DOWN TO UP
IN ORDER TO KNOW THE MEANING)

FAITH ATUSAASIRE S.2



CLUBS! CLUBS! OUR STJN CLUBS!

Clubs are so important in our school St. Joseph's Namugongo.

Clubs have contributed to many things found in our school.

The clubs found in our school are; Nkoba Za Mbogo, Interact, Wildlife, Arts and Sciences, writers and debate club

Interact club helps to improve on student's talents for example dancing and singing.

The wildlife club helps to conserve nature found in your school and planting nature. Nature is so important in the school because nature provides shades to students while learning and doing other activities, nature also beautifies our compound.

The Nkoba Za Mbogo club helps students to promote their culture mostly of course the Baganda mostly

The art club also helps students to improve on their creative talents.

Not forgetting both the writers Club and debate Club which help to improve on our communication and writing skills. So, everyone out there treasure your school clubs dearly.

BIKUFA MARGRET S.1



JANE AND THE TEACHER

Teacher: Good morning? Does anyone have any new word?

Jane: No, teacher no one has a new word.

Teacher: It's okay. Jane tomorrow I want new words from you

Jane: Mum do you have any new word?

Mum: Don't disturb me

Jane: Bro do you have any new word?

Bro: Princess Diana

Jane: Dad do you have any new word?

Dad: Come on baby lets go (to school).

Teacher: Good morning Jane, where are my new words?

Jane; don't disturb me

Teacher: Who do you think you are?

Jane: Princess Diana

Teacher: I am going to report you to the head teacher's office

Jane: Come on baby, let's go.

Nansubuga Hellen S.2





Riddles



1. Riddle: Don't tell
If you have it, you don't share it. If you share it, you don't have it. what is it?.....
2. Riddle: Ride'em, cowboy.
A cowboy rode into town on Friday, He stayed in for three days and rode out on Friday.
How was that possible? ...
3. Riddle: Answer me
I have no doors, but have keys, no rooms, but have space. You can enter but can't leave.
What am I...?
4. Riddle: Guess
I grow richer with alcohol but die with water. What am I.....
ANSWERS (Secret, Friday was the name of the horse, keyboard, fire)

BY NASSALI SHIRAT

Her love

The most Unique love,
So beautiful as the rainbow in the sky,
Powerful like the sun rays.
In its brightness,
Shinning in my life the stars,
And the moon in all their beauty.

The wondering love she gives out,
Willing and too ready,
To discipline her child.
Just to secure a smooth path a head,
The love shown by her,
Like a river that flows and never stops.

▶▶▶ The wonderful rose of life,
Given out by a parent,
Like a great white pelican in Chano lake.

Bearing a great value of life to somebody,
Always guiding a child about the do's and
don'ts,
Like a gentle and quite spirit.

The most unique in the world,
Searched by every child,
That love that makes me grow colorful wings.
And develop a glowing life,
On the golden state below the sky,
What a magical strength in her love!

One of the wonders in the world,
That sometimes makes the invisible visible,
That when the unending love become ending,
Such love is kept in a hidden place in your
heart.

KONGA DORCUS S.4



A SMILE

A smile is something cheap,
It is not expensive.
It makes one look beautiful,
A smile is cost less,
It doesn't require money.

But it is meaningful,
A smile is something interesting,
It shows love for others.
It promotes friendship and unity,
It is a good thing to smile,
A smile is a precious sign of love & silent speech.

That teaches the heart,
The best killer of your pain,
When a true friend is indeed,
Costless through the door to the soul.
The silent welcome to strangers,
Free anti-aging remedy premature wrinkles,
A smile melts the thoughts of hearts.
Keeps the face beautiful,
Keeps the world warm smile even when,
The world can't smile with you.

Kisakye Sharon S.3



MY UGANDA, JUST FOR FUN

Hmm! Uganda the pearl of Africa
Haa! Uganda zabu, with wonderful crea-
tures like;
Animals like Jose chameleon
Cats like kappa cat
Crystals like crystal panda
Kings like king saha, KingKong
Queens like Queen Karma

Princesses like princess Amira
Daddies like Daddy Andre
Mummies like Winnie wa mummy
Babies like Baby Gloria
Kids like Fresh kid
Chosens like chosen Becky, chosen Blood
Drinks like Bob wine
Money like pia pounds
Voices like Liam voice
Unknowns like Unknown prosper
Light rays like Reecho ray, Ray G
Moons like Moon G
Skins like Allien skin
Body parts like Bigeye, coco finger
Numbers like omega 256
Vaseline like Irene Ntale
Paints like zex Bilangilangi
Colours like Green Daddy, John blaq, Zanie
Brown
Wars like David Lutalo
Stones like Ronald Mayanja
Google apps like Mesearch SSemakula1
Gravitational forces like Gravity Omutujju
Flowers like Nina Rose

By TUSUBIRA JOVIA

FUNNY CONVERSATION



Father: Bring me soda
 Son: Coke or Pepsi?
 Father: Coke
 Son: Big or small?
 Father: Big
 Son: Opened or Sealed?
 Father: Sealed
 Son: With a straw or glass?
 Father: Glass
 Son: Bottled or tinned?
 Father: Bottled
 Son: On a tray or not?
 Father: You boy, ok bring me water
 Son: Boiled or not?
 Father: Boiled
 Son: Cold or warm?
 Father: Uhhhh--- I will beat you
 Son: With a stick or slipper?
 Father: I swear, I will kill you
 Son: With a gun or knife?
 Father: Go away
 Son: Now or Later?
 Father: Oh God! I wish had produced
 yoghurt?
 Son: Strawberry or vanilla?

Ndugga Geoffrey. (S.3)

GET TO KNOW



The founder of Dubai Sheikh Rashid was asked about the future of his country and he replied, "My father rode a camel, I drove a Mercedes, my son drives a land rover but my grand Son has to ride a camel again. Then we asked him why? He replied that hard times create strong people, strong people create easy times, easy times create weak people, and weak people create hard times.

BY: NAMUGEMA MERCYS.3

THE NEWTON'S LAWS OF LOVE



A human state of love remains constant provided no external forces interfere.
 The rate of change of love is directly proportional to the applied force.
 For every reaction there is an equal and opposite reaction you love me and I love you

NASAAZI JOAN S.5

SPORTS



MDD



Cultural Day





A LEVEL CLASS 2024



S4 CLASS



PREFECT BODY 2024

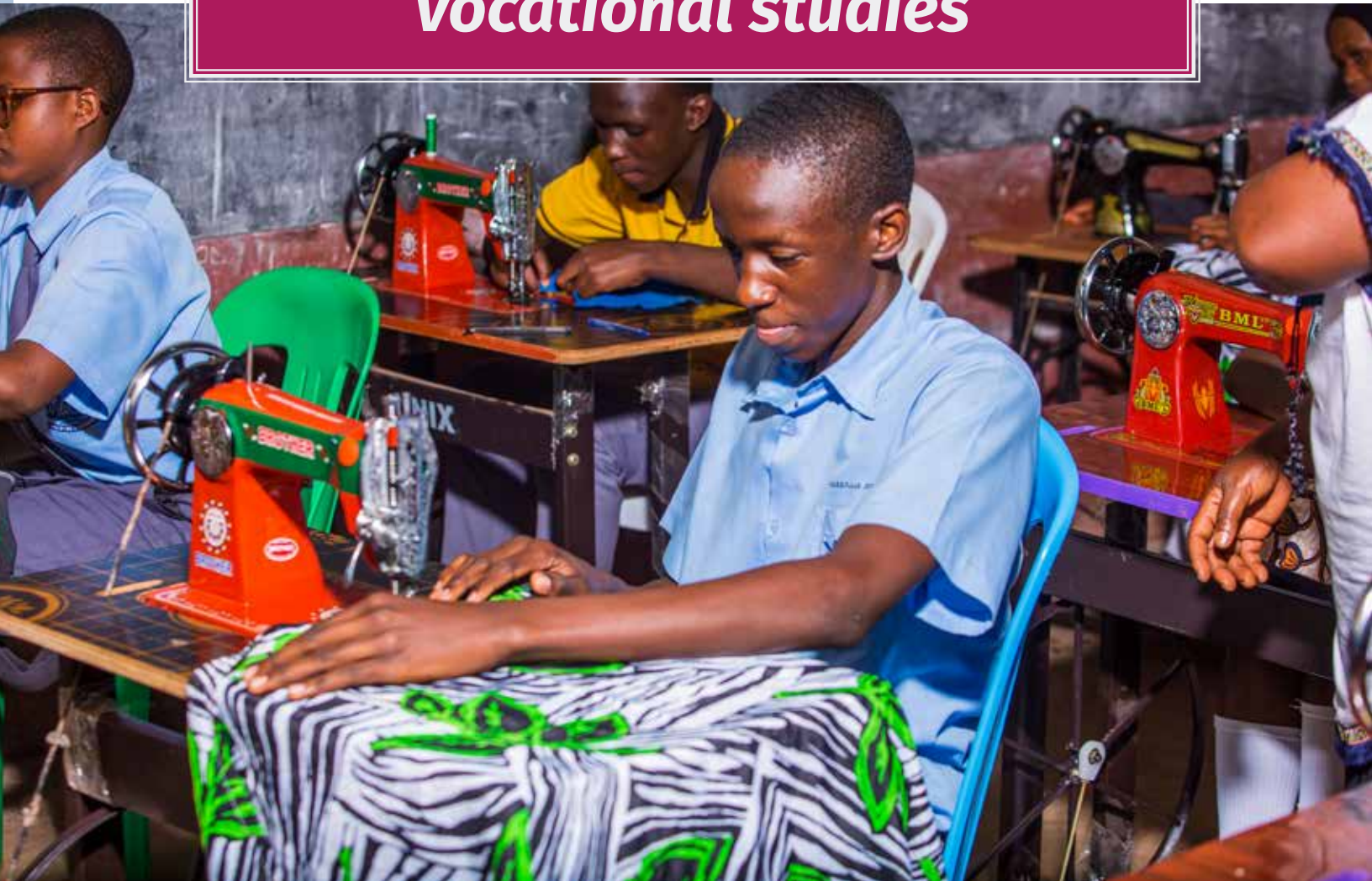


School staff





vocational studies



GOD CREATED TEACHERS

*When God created teachers, He gave us special friends
To help us understand this world, and truly comprehend
The beauty and the wonder of everything we see,
And become a better person with each discovery.*

*When God created teachers, He gave us special guides
To show us ways in which to grow, so we can all decide
How to live and how to do what's right instead of wrong
To lead us so that we can lead and learn how to be strong*

*God created teachers in his wisdom and his grace
Was to help us learn to make our world
A better wiser place*

MILLY AKETCH S.4

INTERIM BRIDIGE TO SUCCESS

The hardest journey to move the road to success .The years we spend making decision and think of how our lives could be like, facing the hardships of the world and think of how many to achieve.

We meet different professional people and share with them all our minds could contain. Challenges of life try to defeat us but we strive on and drive through. Challenges of life seem defeat us but we strive on and drive through.

We think of how many colours of sheets would appear in our eyes and which kind of ink will find our hands.

We keep on moving from one level ton another. On the way, we meeting genius, intelligent, bright, determined and successful workers of victory. Our philosopher's stand a logic win from academics makes a path for success.

NAKATE ANGEL.S.3

OPINION POLL

Top Most Expensive phone

Falcon supernova iPhone 6 pink diamond(188,384 185,000)
IPhone 3G kings button
Gold striker iphone 3Gs supreme
Tecon camon 30
Samsung Galaxy Z fold

Top 5 expensive cars

Bugatti La Voiture Naire
Aston Martin Valkyrie
Rolls-Royce Sweptali
BMW 7 series
Koenigsegg CC&50

Top 5 international songs

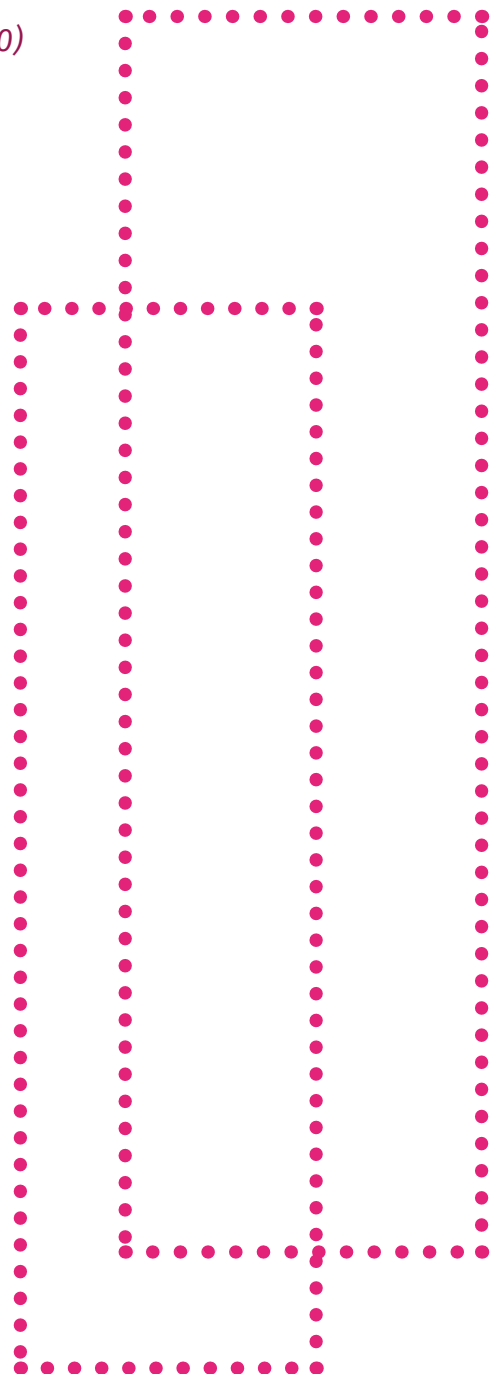
Kommasava by Diamond Platinum Jason Derulo ft Khali
Harrison
Comma by Ayra Star
American love by Quing Madi
Hit and Run by Shensheea
Jump by Tyla, Gunna

Best tiktokers 2024

Zyra baby
Purple steady
Winnie Wamummy
Star boy
Egessa Henry

Trending fashions

Cargo pants
Baggy Shirt
Nike Air Jardon
High Waited Pleated skirts
Naked Wolfe sneakers



Top 5 perfume and splashes

Chance channel
Symphony LV
Wild nights
Lost in woods
Armat

Top 3 shoe brands 2024

AJN Military Black
Balmain Unicorn sneakers
X Loius Vuitton Airforce

Trending local songs

Dawa by Elijah Kitaka
Masavu by Azawi
Last Chance by Acidic Vokoz
Love Commissioner by Rema

and David Lutalo

Enkuddi by Lil Pazo

Best jerseys in school

S.5 Purple jersey
S.3 Orange jersey
S.1 Green white jersey

Top 5 clubs in school

Nkobazambogo club
Interact club
Wildlife club
Art club
Science club

Best days in school

Wednesday (Eating Rice)
Saturday (No preps)
Sunday (Entertainment)

Top 5 Nick names

Koko
Miguwa
Bisubi
Dos John
MTN

Best hangouts in school

Computer lab
Canteen
Mainhall Balcon

Best 5 English Speakers

Apio Precious Della S.1
Mutesi Sumayah S.5
Okwii Augustine S.1`
Yoranda Alum S.3
Kato Keith Kasule S. 4

Students with best scents

Namuyiga Jamira S.3
Ssenyange Authur S.5
Nambi Swaburah S.4

Smartest Teachers

Mr. Yasin Kasozi
Ms. Shalluwah Mugide
Mr. Caleb Balikuddembe
Ms. Sandra Atukwatse

Free stylers at school

Ainomugisha Jordan S.2
Nasaali Zaituni S.5
Sempanyi Davis S.4
Kayondo Fahad S.3
Suuna Ashiraf S. 6

Best events 2024

Prom party
Talent Show
M.D.D

Top 3 comedians at school

Mbowa Edward S.1
Mayanja JohnMary
Muwonge Baker S.5
Katumwa Calvin S.4
Brayor Gitta S.3

Eats combinations at school

Chapatti and Cassava
Bugudda and Beans
Chapatti and sausage

Top 5 movies 2024

A mad max Saga
Supa Cell
Bad Boys Ride or Die
Deadpool and wolverine
Godzilla xkong ; The New empire

Top 5 football teams

Real Madrid
Manchester United
Manchester City
Chelsea
Arsenal

Best footballers in school

Mugaga Henry S.4
Sempagama Bruhan S.3
Okello Beclus S.5
Musoke Harris S.1
Kalongo Mark S.4



FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Memories come and go but this is a memory that will cease in our minds. A tragic and challenging moment we encountered when we heard of the unexpected and untimely death of our own.

Just like any other candidate, she reported for second term, only left with one term ahead to complete her "O" level. Little did we know that the worst was an inch next to her. As it is our culture in school, we welcomed her in joy but from here the fate started. It all started with a mild headache which persistently turned into something very serious and it was on this note that she was given a referral by the school nurse and later a gate pass.

Just one day to the prom party on a Thursday morning, as we were preparing for the next paper, wails and sobs were heard all over the school compound but since S.4's were in class ready for the mathematics paper, they were wondering what had brought the chaos in school filled with curiosity everybody slopped down to the notice board where many had converged. On reaching "Namagembe Elizabeth" S.4 was no more.

The death announcement read, 'the board of governors, directors, head teacher, staff and the students of St. Joseph's Sen. Sec. School - Namugongo express their deep condolences to the family of our dear friend Namagembe Elizabeth for the loss of their lovely daughter. We are sorry for the loss of your daughter for her untimely departure is profound loss'. Many trembled in fear, shock, and horror and felt broken hearted. All our minds ran to her little sister in senior three whose absence proved to us that it was true.

Still many did not believe it including her best friends. Preparations were then made to go to the ancestral grounds where the deceased was to be laid to rest. As a sign of humanity, the prom party preparations could not be pushed on. Here we went the following day to Nkokonjeru.

On reaching, we saw Liz laid peacefully in her coffin and this brought an end to all the doubts we went with in our hearts. Tears were seen flowing down stream for the second time. It was really a challenging moment to each of us and as if this was not enough, she was buried in her red carpet prom dress of which we were told that she was fighting to recover so as to attend the prom party.

With tears, prayers and tender hands, she was taken to her final destination. "Bye bye Liz" we cried out loudly in pain. How we wish we could re-write the stars, turn back the clock, so that we could spend every hour with you. But even though you are long gone Liz, you will always remain in our hearts forever because we know you have joined the heavenly choir and you are watching over us.

Namagembe Elizabeth index number 47, you left a big gap in our hearts and you can never be forgotten where ever you are, we appreciate you, love you and thank you for all you did. A moment of silence in your due respect. Eternal rest grant on her Oh Lord and let your perpetual light shine upon her, may her soul rest in peace, Amen. Goodbye comrade.

**IN DUE MEMORY OF OUR SISTER
NAMAGEMBE ELIZABETH
BY THE PIONEERS S.4 2024**



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