



Accra, 09.08.2017

Dear Parents,

I would like to warmly welcome you at the beginning of the new academic year and look forward to my work at the GSIS with great joy.

On the 4.8.2017 I began my work as the new headmaster and with each passing day, I am getting to know more about the different aspects of the GSIS.

The other teachers who are new at the school together with me are Ms. Jana Schanzmann, Mrs. Angela Nagel and Ms. Paloma.

A long and hopefully relaxing holiday time now lies behind your children and you, certainly with lots of nice experiences.

The GSIS-Team is looking forward to the new academic year and is looking forward to meeting the pupils again and the new pupils as well as all their parents.

Now some important information concerning the new academic year.

The beginning of academic year celebration will take place on the **14<sup>th</sup> of August 2017 at 8:00 a.m.** on our basketball court. After that all pupils will go to their respective classrooms and the kindergarten and nursery children will go to their various group rooms.

The Parents' Group would warmly like to invite all parents afterwards to the nearby re warmly invited to **a cup of coffee at Swiss Club** just next to the school. Please seize this opportunity to get to know each other and meet new people.

For the pupils **in class 2 and above** on **on the first day of school** lessons start at **8 a.m. and end at 3:40 p.m.**

**For our class one pupils lessons will end at 12:30 p.m. during the entire first week of school.**

On the first day of school the school will provide a warm meal for lunch for all children.

If you would like your child to have a **warm meal for lunch** from the Swiss Club starting from the second day in school, then please do register your son/ daughter – this also applies to the lunch for the **nursery and kindergarten children**. The **Swiss Club staff** will be ready at the entrance on the first day of school for the registration and payment.

The lists for our **Extra Curricular Activities** are already out on our movable pin wall. Please do register your child latest by the 18<sup>th</sup> of August, 2017. The activities will begin on **Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August, 2017** at 1:15 p.m.

If you would like your child to be in the After School Care but have not yet indicated it on your registration form, please do contact **Pearl** (Administration block first floor right ) **by Monday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of August, 2017.**

In view of our All Day School programme, the pupils can be registered for After School care on Wednesday afternoon (in case they are not participating in any extra curricular activities) or on Friday afternoon.

**If the parents desire, the nursery and kindergarten children can of course be registered for the After School Care for each day of the week.**

You will receive the **invoice for the school fees** at the end of the second week in school. Please do ensure that the fees have been paid latest by the **latest by the 30<sup>th</sup> of September, 2017.**

All pupils should please have a complete pencil case including coloured pencils, a pair of scissors and a glue stick on the first day in school.

As in the previous years, once again the GSIS will be participating in the Accra International Marathon ( AIM ), hopefully with many pupils teachers and parents.

The AIM offers various categories -5 km, 10 km, half-marathon and marathon. Many participants are actually competing to win, but there are also several groups, companies, schools and individual participants who do the run.

At the finishing line of the respective marathons, there is going to be a party and participants will receive some snacks and drinks as well as a “Goodie” – Bag. More information on the marathon can be found at: <http://aimghana.com>

It would be nice if once again many members of the GSIS Community could participate – whether by walking or running, whether to win or just for the joy of it. Participation is optional and the school will bear the costs for the GSIS pupils and organize the transportation to the starting point. Parents and other participants who register through the school will receive a 15 % discount on the official participation fee.

There will be a list on the notice board for registration for all interested parents. You will also find additional information concerning the registration and other hints.

Please do take note of the schedule as well as the holiday plan for the 2017/2018 academic year!

My main language of communication at the school is going to be German. In case there is the need for any urgent meetings which can only be held in English, this can be done on Wednesdays or Fridays. On those days, Mrs. Shome Yeboa will be available as translator.

I am however always available for you also via e-mail.

That is all for now. You will receive additional Parents' Letters with further information in the coming weeks.

I would like to wish you a good start and look forward to working together with you on a basis for trust.

Best regards,

Steffen Nagel  
Headmaster