

# NEWSLETTER

ANNOUNCEMENT FRIDAY

Term 1 / JANUARY / 12 / 2023 - 2024

## Dear Horizon Family,

Welcome back to the vibrant corridors, lively classrooms, and the dynamic atmosphere that defines Horizon, your beacon for global education and cultural diversity. As we commence this new academic year, I extend a heartfelt welcome to each member of our esteemed school community.

The challenges of the past term have reinforced our collective strength, resilience, and adaptability. We faced adversity with determination, emerging stronger and more united. As we embark on this second term, let us carry forward the valuable lessons learned and embrace the limitless possibilities ahead.

At Horizon, we are committed to nurturing an inclusive environment that fosters not only academic excellence but also the development of essential skills. This year, we pledge to strengthen our focus on the 4C's – Critical Thinking, Communication, Collaboration, and Creativity. These skills are crucial in preparing our students for success in an interconnected and ever-changing world. Our dedicated team of educators will guide students in honing these skills, empowering them to navigate challenges and contribute meaningfully to society.

In addition to our commitment to the 4C's, I am excited to announce the launch of a robust Candidate Preparation Program. This initiative is designed to provide comprehensive support to our students as they prepare for future academic and professional pursuits.

The program will include mentorship, skill development workshops, and resources to ensure that our graduates are not only academically proficient but also equipped with the practical skills and confidence needed to excel in their chosen paths.

As we reunite with familiar faces and welcome new members into our community, remember that each one of you is an integral part of the Horizon family. Your diverse perspectives, talents, and backgrounds enrich the tapestry of our school community, creating an environment where learning knows no boundaries. This second term promises to be a chapter of growth, discovery, and success. Together, let us make it a memorable journey filled with shared experiences and accomplishments. Welcome back to Horizon, where the pursuit of knowledge is accompanied by the joy of learning, the warmth of friendships, and the promise of a brighter future.

Wishing you all a rewarding and inspiring academic year ahead!

Warm regards,

**Godfrey Sekitoleko**

PRINCIPAL

Horizon International School Jinja



## SCHOOL POLICIES AND EXPECTATIONS

Dear Students,

As we settle into our routines and classes, it's crucial to take a moment to ensure we are all well-acquainted with the guidelines that shape our school community.

### **Code of Conduct Reminder:**

The Code of Conduct serves as a compass, guiding us in creating a respectful and positive learning environment. It's essential for every student to familiarize themselves with its contents to ensure a harmonious and productive school experience. Take a moment to revisit the Code of Conduct to refresh your understanding of the expectations and values we uphold at the school.

Being aware of these guidelines not only helps maintain a positive atmosphere within our school but also ensures that you can navigate through your academic journey with confidence and integrity.

### **School Fees Policy:**

To our dedicated parents, we appreciate your ongoing support in the education of your children. We have recently emailed you the School Fees Policy for the academic year 2024. We encourage you to set aside some time to review this document thoroughly. Understanding the policy will help ensure a seamless financial experience throughout the year and enable us to provide the best educational resources and experiences for your child.

Please feel free to reach out to our administrative team if you have any questions or require clarification on any aspect of the Code of Conduct or the School Fees Policy. We are here to assist you and ensure that everyone in our school community is well-informed and ready for a successful term ahead.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters.





# SECONDARY SCHOOL PTC



Dear Parents,

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all the parents who attended the recent Parent-Teacher Conference. Your active involvement in your child's education is truly commendable, and your dedication to fostering a strong partnership with our teachers is invaluable.

The conversations during the conferences were meaningful and insightful, providing an excellent opportunity for us to collaborate on your child's academic journey. We believe that these connections between home and school contribute significantly to the overall success and well-being of our students.

For those parents who were unable to attend, we understand that life can get busy, and schedules can be challenging to manage.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative time for a conference. We highly value the opportunity to engage in discussions about your child's progress, and we are more than willing to accommodate your schedules.

As we move forward in the academic year, we encourage all parents to stay actively involved in their child's education. One convenient way to track your child's performance and progress is through CoolSIS, our online student information system. CoolSIS provides real-time access to academic records, attendance, and other important information. We encourage you to log in regularly to stay informed and engaged in your child's educational journey. Please contact the admissions office in case you need access to CoolSIS.

Once again, thank you for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to a successful and collaborative Term together.

# STUDENT EXTRA CURRICULAR

## Activities

Welcome back Horizon family from the short end of term break. We are thrilled with joy to see you back at the school campus in good health. This term, we once again have extra co-curricular activities that promote students' mental development and engagement. This enables Horizon students upon graduation to leave school having acquired a holistic educational experience.

This term we shall continue with the same clubs so as to enable students to gain mastery in those various clubs. However, if any student wishes to change a club, kindly inform the class teacher to get a new club form.

Horizon is a versatile and dynamic community. Horizon clubs allow us to harness talent and establish school teams in sports and activities like: Badminton, Basketball, Chess, Football, Archery and others. These teams will provide an opportunity for our students to move around the globe in various local and international competitions.

On this note, we plan to have a club exhibition and a swimming gala this term so that you can see what the students have been doing. This will allow for parental involvement and advise where necessary. We encourage your involvement and are open minded and have an open ear to our community; the Horizon family.

**N.B Primary section clubs are listed on the club forms, whereas Secondary clubs are Life skills and Student led Clubs.**

**Kayongo Timothy**  
ECA Coordinator





# LOWER PRIMARY CLUB SELECTION FORM

Term: **Two**

Class: .....

Name of student: .....

Student may choose one from each category.

If a student decides to join the Skating Club, they won't be able to pick any other clubs.

CHOOSE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW:

## PERIOD 1

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance          | \$30  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn Tennis    | \$30  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery        | \$30  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Skating</b> | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ICT            | \$20  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pottery</b> | \$30  |

☐ Art **Free**

## PERIOD 2

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football       | \$30  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening      | \$20  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Skating</b> | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chess          | \$30  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pottery</b> | \$30  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tag rugby      | \$30  |

☐ Sand Art **Free**

**8  
Weeks**

## PERMISSION SLIP

Student's full name: ..... Class: .....

I give my child permission to attend the selected clubs above. He/ she will abide by the arrangements in the school.

Parent's /Guardians name: ..... Date: .....

Signature: .....

**Due date for submission is Wednesday (17th/ January /2024).**

**Kayongo Timothy**  
**ECA & Events Coordinator.**

beyond your horizons...

## NOTE:

All clubs are to be done termly; a student can only change in the first two weeks.

All clubs start after lunch; Thursday for primary and Friday for secondary.

A student is required to choose only **ONE** club from each category except if one chooses skating or pottery.

Each club should have a minimum of five students and a maximum of twenty students.



# UPPER PRIMARY CLUB SELECTION FORM

Term: **Two**

Class: .....

Name of student: .....

Student may choose one from each category.

If a student decides to join the Skating Club, they won't be able to pick any other clubs.

CHOOSE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW:

## PERIOD 1

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball     | \$30  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football       | \$30  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn Tennis    | \$30  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Skating</b> | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chess          | \$30  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pool Table     | \$30  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pottery</b> | \$30  |

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## PERIOD 2

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening      | \$20  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery        | \$30  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tag rugby      | \$30  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Skating</b> | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance          | \$30  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Table tennis   | \$30  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coding         | \$20  |

☐ Sand Art

**Free**

☐ **Pottery**

**\$30**

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## Girls' Night Extravaganza: The Girls' sleepover.

Hey Awesome Parents,

I hope this message finds you in your superhero capes because we've got an epic plan brewing for **Thursday, January 25th, 2024!**

Get ready to mark your calendars because your incredible daughters are hosting a legendary girls' night in the dormitory, filled with laughter and unforgettable memories.

We're kicking off the afternoon with some good girl chat—think heart-to-heart conversations, laughter that echoes through the night, and maybe a few secret confessions (all in good fun, of course).

And because we're all about hands-on fun, we'll be making personalized pizzas together. Get ready for a delicious, DIY pizza-making extravaganza. Pajamas and pizza sauce – what more could you ask for?

Then, we're lighting up a campfire (don't worry, it's virtual) for some cozy storytelling and s'mores – the perfect setting for bonding and sharing tales of friendship.

But that's not all! Our talented karaoke crew will be hitting the stage (or at least belting it out from the comfort of their sleeping bags). Expect some chart-topping hits, ear-piercing high notes, and maybe a surprise talent or two.

In the next morning, we'll kick the energy up a notch with a Zumba session that'll have everyone shaking and grooving.

Rest assured, we'll keep the noise level in check, and your daughters will return to you with smiles, memories, and possibly a newfound talent for Zumba.

If you have any questions, concerns, or if you'd like to join in on the pizza-making action, feel free to reach out. We promise to return your daughters to you in one happy, snack-filled piece.

More details will be shared in due course.

**Ms. Rabiya Nakwanyi**  
Girls Hostel Mistress





# SPORTS NEWS



Dear students, you are most welcome back from the long but short holidays and hopefully you had enough rest while at home.

Guess what!!!

Find yourself a friend and come and register yourself for A PENALTY SHOOT Competition. It is open for all classes from Year 3 to Year 13. Each team will comprise 2 people only, that is, shooter and goal keeper.

These after-school sports training in sports are football, basketball and volleyball will start next week. Interested students can register with class teachers or PE teachers. The training schedule is as follows:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>: Football</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>: Volleyball and basketball.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>: Football</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>: Volleyball and basketball</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>: Football</b>

**Time:** 3:40 pm to 4:30 pm.

**Ahmed M. Acidri**  
Teacher of P.E

## NEW STAFF INTRODUCTION

We're thrilled to announce a wonderful addition to our kindergarten team **Ms. Khaita Alice Mbabazi**. With her passion for education and nurturing spirit, we are confident that she will contribute significantly to the growth and development of our young learners. Join us in extending a warm welcome to **Ms. Khaita Alice Mbabazi** as she embarks on this exciting journey with our kindergarten students.





Year 5 has been learning about myths and legends. They wrote myths that explain natural phenomena.



### How the elephant got its trunk

Once upon a time, there was an elephant and a zebra they lived in Africa in a safari. Everyday they would play from morning to evening, they had lots of fun.

One day, elephant was drinking some water from the lake and from nowhere the big, evil lion appeared and bit the elephant's nose.

"Oh, it's bleeding, ha ha ha!" the lion laughed. But zebra saw everything and felt so sorry and went to the forest to collect some leaves and grass.

After two weeks, the nose was so long. Then the zebra came with cream she made out of leaves and grass.

"There you are, I made cream for you," zebra said.

"Thank you," said elephant.  
The nose stopped growing, but it was still long.  
"It's cool!" said zebra.  
He was happy and cool.  
And that is how the elephant got its long trunk!

**By Yasmina Hashim**



### How the camel got its hump

Once upon a time, there was a camel called Cool Camel who loved in a lush forest. He was very kind and his fur was shiny gold. His back was flat.

One day, an elephant came to the forest and he asked, "Can I have some water?"

"Sure of course you can," said Camel. Elephant loved drinking water.

After some days passed by, Elephant drank all the water then the lush forest became a desert.  
Later on, Camel got thirsty. The only thing that had water was the cacti. So, he started removing the thorns from the cacti and he started eating them.

After two days, he got fat, but the fat grew on his back instead of his stomach. There was a hump on his back, it looked like a mountain.

And that is how the camel got its hump.

**By Vihana Kotecha**

# STUDENTS' CORNER



## How the tiger became brave

Once upon a time, there was a tiger, a monkey and an elephant who lived in a cool, wet and green jungle. The tiger was very scared, but he didn't know that everyone was afraid of him except the elephant, monkey and the lion.

One day, the elephant asked the tiger, "Why are you scared of everything, even of a mouse?!"  
"I don't know," the tiger replied. The tiger went to sleep. After a while he heard the monkey screaming for help, "A lion!"

The tiger jumped up and screamed, "Nooooooo!"  
And with one snap, he became brave. He jumped on the lion and bit his leg. The lion ran away. The monkey said, "Thank you."

He was very shocked, and the elephant said, "Woah, now we have a brave friend!"  
And that is how the tiger became brave.

**By Maximillian Matthies**

As we know that children must be healthy and feel well to concentrate on learning. When we send our children off to school for the day, it is important to know that their health needs will be met. At Horizon, the school nurse addresses the physical, mental, emotional, and social health of children with the ultimate goal being to support student success in the learning process.

**The school nurse promotes and maintains optimal student health by:**

1. Providing first aid and arranging for assessment and assistance to a child who becomes ill or injured at school or is demonstrating a significant change in behavior, whether due to a physical or social/emotional cause.
2. Communicating with parents/ guardians when further medical care or attention may be needed, and making referrals as appropriate
3. Supporting the health curriculum by teaching health lessons to students and/ or serving as a resource to classroom teachers
4. Educating the school staff about health matters that affect students and/ or staff
5. Collaborating with other school professionals, parents/ guardians and the student's health care team, as needed to foster maximal student success
6. Providing health counseling to students as needed on an ongoing basis.

The school nurse works closely with the school counselor to address a child's social-emotional as well as physical health needs. If a child complains of a headache or stomach ache that seems to be caused by worry, stress or another emotional cause, the school nurse may refer the child to the school counselor.

**We welcome you back and look forward to a great term.**



**Shirat Namukasa**  
School Nurse



# MENU - WEEK 2

MONDAY

## BREAK

Spanish omelet  
Doughnuts  
Plantain  
Yellow bananas  
African tea

## SNACK

Pogaca  
Black tea

## LUNCH

Chicken biryani  
Veggie curry  
masala  
Naan bread  
Kachumbari salad  
Cucumber raita  
Fruit popsicles

## L. VEG

Veggie biryani  
Naan bread  
Sorba  
Kachumbari salad  
Cucumber raita  
Fruit posicles

## DINNER

Spaghetti bolognaises  
Salad  
Cheese potatoe  
Croquettes  
Rice pudding

TUESDAY

## BREAK

Black tea  
Menemen  
Olive  
Chapati  
Jam/ honey  
Cucumber slices

## SNACK

Veggie spring roll  
Black tea

## LUNCH

Beef quesadillas  
Spanish rice  
Tomato salsa  
Beef gravy  
Pasta salad  
Juice

## L. VEG

Paneer pasanda  
Daal tadka  
Rice  
Papad  
Juice

## DINNER

Baked fish fillet.  
Rosemary roasted potatoes  
Tomato gravy  
Cucumber salad  
Juice

WEDNESDAY

## BREAK

Egg tomato sand-  
wich  
Sweet bananas  
Black tea

## SNACK

Avocado egg toast  
Black tea

## LUNCH

Bean curry masala  
Philly cheese ste-  
ak sliders  
Roti  
Lettuce and cucu-  
mber salad  
Yogurt

## L. VEG

Rajuma masala  
Rice  
Roti  
Bindi aloo  
Salad  
Yogurt

## DINNER

Grilled lamb  
Veg rice  
Meat gravy  
Salad  
Fruits

THURSDAY

## BREAK

Sujuk  
Potato saute  
Tomatoes  
Yellow oranges  
Black tea

## SNACK

Cinnamon rolls  
Black tea

## LUNCH

Sticky sweet chilli  
chicken  
Chips  
Mac and cheese  
Salad  
Mango sorbet

## L. VEG

Panner tikka balls keb-  
babs  
Chips  
Daal dokil  
Rice  
Salad  
Mango sorbet

## DINNER

Fresh peas curry masala  
Rice  
Chapatis  
Salad  
Watermelon slices

FRIDAY

## BREAK

Rice samosas  
Corn flakes with  
milk  
Tomatoes  
Black tea

## SNACK

Margarita pizza  
Black tea

## LUNCH

Beef shawarma  
Rice  
Chapati without  
oil  
Lentil sauce  
Lettuce salad  
Fruit juice

## L. VEG

Paneer makhanwala  
Jeera rice  
Naan bread  
Lettuce salad  
Fruit juice

## DINNER

Beef fajita  
Rice  
Chapati  
Salad  
Fruits cuts

# UPCOMING KEY DATES

## IMPORTANT DATES



<b>25th Jan</b>	<b>The Girls' sleepover.</b>
<b>26th Jan</b>	<b>Liberation Day</b>
<b>30th Jan</b>	<b>IGCSE, AS, A Levels Mock Exams</b>
<b>31st Jan</b>	<b>Year 6 and 9 Mock Exams</b>
<b>5th-9th Feb</b>	<b>Mid term exams</b>
<b>12th-16th -Feb</b>	<b>Mid term Break</b>
<b>16th Feb</b>	<b>Janan Luwum Day</b>

