

7th December, 2012

KEY FACTS TO NOTE:

- **December 4 - Orphans Day!**
- **Early Decision programme 2014**
- **Extension Classes**
- **Entrance Examination 2013**
- **Carol Service 2012**

NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Compliments of the Christmas season!

We are truly grateful to God for faithfully upholding His covenant of life with us, for His mercies and grace in bringing us to the end of the Genesis term of the 2012/2013 school year. We thank the Lord for enabling us effectively execute all our goals this term and we wish to thank you, our dear parents, for your wonderful support and patronage.

END OF TERM/RESUMPTION

The first term which commenced on September, 8th 2012 ends today 7th December, 2012. The Bloom term (second term) begins on Saturday, January 5th 2012. All students are expected to resume on this day. We strongly encourage our parents to help inculcate in our children, the culture of compliance with rules.

PROGRESS REPORT

We have enclosed your child/ward's academic performance for the Genesis term. Please check through the report booklets and your child's examination scripts, class notes, tests and assignments. If you wish to discuss your child's progress with us, do feel free to do so during the holiday on 234 – 805 226 4640 or upon resumption.

MENTORING PROGRAMME

As our mentors set about establishing an effective relationship bridge with their proteges this term, an initial phase of listening and planning evolved into the process of reviewing students' work ethic, ensuring regular study time and providing needed support in specific areas. The mentoring team also introduced an innovation to the use of tutorial time by organising practical sessions aimed at improving the individual student's study technique in addition to the customary 'extra support' and 'prep' sessions. The feedback from students was very positive and with further insight from the CEO, this strategy will also be employed in a host of other areas including 'target study', handwriting and story problems to name a few.

EARLY DECISION

Our Early Decision programme, an accelerated route in our A level programme aiming to compress the two year programme into an eighteen (18) month programme, is now established as an unquestionable win-win path to the most prestigious universities in the UK, USA, Canada and Nigeria.

We enjoin parents of students in Grade 12 to strongly consider the highly unique win-win avenue offered by this programme to students interested in studying key courses such as Medicine, Law, Economics, Engineering, Actuarial Science etc in Ivy League (US) and Russell group (UK) Universities, not to mention the opportunity of direct entry placement into the very best Nigerian and African Universities and the Instructional assistance for Critical Thinking and University applications

Therefore, qualified students in the current class of grade 12 will be invited in January 2013 to commence their AS programme compressing the A level programme, based on each child's ability, into an 18 month programme. However, these grade 12 students will still graduate with the 2013 graduating class in June next year.

Parents of students invited into this Early Decision A level programme will receive letters of offer in the course of the holiday from the Executive Director (Studies and Curriculum).

EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

i. Registration for the WASSCE 2013 is in progress. This will be followed by registration for JAMB 2013. UTME registration costs N10,000.00 and WASSCE N20,000.00 per candidate.

ii. Enrolment for Cambridge May/June examination usually takes place in January. This includes the Checkpoint, O level and A level examinations. Parents will be informed early in January of the examination fees.

Please find below the 2012/2013 examination schedule:

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

	GRADE	EXAMINATION	PERIOD
1	Grade 12	JAMB	March 2013
2	Sixth Form	Cambridge A level (for Grade 12 students and qualified students in AS level)	May/June 2013
3	Grades 11 & 12	Cambridge O level (for qualified students in Grade 11 & 12)	May/June 2013
4	Grade 12	WASSCE O level	May/June 2013
5	Grade 9	Cambridge Checkpoint	May/June 2013
6	Grade 9	IJSCE	

Parents of Grade 12 students are required to fill the form attached to signify their intention to have their children write the 2012 JAMB UTME examinations. Forms should be returned to the school on resumption to facilitate registration before the deadline.

EXTENSION CLASSES

The present Grade 9, 11, 12 and Early Decision A level program students will remain in school for intensive coaching during the Easter holidays to effectively prepare them for their forthcoming external examinations. The Registration fee is N100, 000.00 and is to be paid along with the school fees in January, 2013.

ENTRANCE AND TRANSFER EXAMINATIONS

The 2013 entrance examinations into Lifeforte International High School for the 2013/2014 academic session will be taking place on Saturday 26th January, 2013 by 12:00 noon at 4 centres namely:

1. Ibadan – Lifeforte International High School, #1, Lifeforte Boulevard, Awotan GRA, Ibadan.
2. Lagos – Civic Centre (Grand Banquet Hall), Ozumba Mbadiwe Avenue, Victoria Island.
3. Abuja – The Transcorp Hilton (Nassarawa Hall).
4. Port-Harcourt – Montessori International School, 58, King Perekule Street, GRA, Phase 2, Port-Harcourt.

ORPHANS DAY – *The essence of living is giving and giving is living.*

The import of this phrase coined by the CEO – Mrs. Sarah Johnson was fully reinforced on the 4th December, 2012. Addressing the school at the morning assembly, the CEO passionately laid the foundation for the day as she enlightened the school community about the importance in God’s eyes as shown in Isaiah 1:16-19 and the generational blessing attached to fighting the cause of widows and orphans.

At a gathering of the entire Lifeforte family (CEO, senior management staff, teachers, students and junior staff), Dr. Williams Balogun – the Deputy Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee at the University College Hospital (UCH), Ibadan and Chairman of the Living Mercy Voice Foundation – an orphanage gave the audience an insight into the work that is being done in the home for orphans. Aply supported by his wife Dr. Yemisi Balogun, also a consultant at UCH, Dr. Balogun shared the moving stories of the children. From new born babies abandoned in polythene bags in the bush or beside the river to toddlers simply handed over by their biological mothers to the police, Dr. Balogun painted a very graphic picture of what would have been the fate of those children were it not for the intervention of the foundation. Their pictures projected for all to see, the healthy, happy and smiling faces of the children reflected the wholesome impact that *‘giving had given’* them providing us a clear glimpse into how glorious a destiny awaits them in God.

In this season of love, goodwill and giving, we strongly encourage all our parents to become covenant partners with God by imbibing a culture of giving to and blessing the widows and orphans - *God’s own constituency.*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

In Lifeforte, we commemorate 4th December every year as Orphans Day. **Be a voice for the orphans** as we extend an invitation to you to please spread the word among your friends, colleagues, neighbours and loved ones. Join us as we inculcate in the children a heart that looks beyond themselves, helping them see who they can extend mercy to this Christmas season. The essence of living is giving and giving is living. Let us develop a culture; a heart of giving that outlasts December.

Celebrate orphans every 4th December, let’s put them on our minds and look to how we can help them.

CAROL SERVICE AND CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Christmas Carol service was held on Tuesday, December 4th, 2012, in the Joshua Babatunde Johnson Auditorium. It was a lovely evening that included a presentation by each grade, from the academic staff, a drama sketch, and a rendition in French of two well known carols.

It began with an opening prayer by the ED, Curriculum & Studies, Pastor Tunji Oduntan. The Bible passage from Luke 2: 14-20 was read by the Head boy, Yebo Sheshi. The CEO, Mrs. Sarah Johnson, Executive Directors, the Principal and all the teachers set the tone with a brilliant rendition of *‘Joy To The World’*, *“Keresimesi de”*, and *“Feliz Navidad”*. There was a drama sketch titled *‘The Traveler’* which brought out the moral that keys to access some things in life might be in the hands of those we least expect and that no one should be underestimated or despised. The Pre-high students in sweet angelic voices sang *“We wish you a merry Christmas”*. This was followed by Grade 7 students who rendered a hip hop remix of *“Jingle Bells”* then, grade 8 students presented the *“Ode to Joy”* more commonly known as *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”*.

Senior high and the advanced level students starting with Grade 10 gave a lovely performance of all time favourites such as *“O Come All Ye Faithful”* (medley), *“Mary Did You Know?”* and *“O Holy Night!”* The crowning point of the

evening was the song *Jesus – “You Are the Reason for the Season”* composed by Afam Ezechukwu for the Grade 12 presentation.

There was a special presentation by Daniel Ogbonna, Mosunmoluwa Bode, and Ola Johnson which flowed from the CEO's earlier declaration of December 4 as Lifeforte School's Day for the Orphans and Widows. They encouraged everyone present to canvass for the international recognition of the day through the use of social networks, noting that the United Nations currently observe days such as Television Day and Oceans Day but have no day set aside for the orphans. The service ended with a closing prayer by Pastor Ibrahim.

Later on in the evening, the students had a wonderful time at the Christmas Dinner and after party. The dinner started off with opening prayers. The evening's entertainment featured singing, rap and dancing, all accompanied by enthusiastic ovation and cheers from the audience. The Grade 12 performance was judged the best. It was indeed a memorable night, with hilarious jokes from the host, Iriah Okaisabor and everyone had fun.

FOOTBALL MATCH – LIFEFORTE HIGH SCHOOL V OLUYOLE PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

The friendly match between Lifeforte International High School and Oluyole Private International College kicked off at about 3:49 pm with the CEO, Executive Directors, Principal and teachers joining the student body to cheer their team to victory.

The Lifeforte team took the initiative immediately. Wonderful play by Israel Ikarine in the mid-field and Hosea Alafonye and Ife Omisesan in the flanks saw Lifeforte gain numerous chances, but it wasn't until the 20th minute of the game that the first goal came for Lifeforte when Daniel Okorie crowned a brilliant dribble through OPIC's defense with a superb finish. This was followed in quick succession by another goal from Israel.

In the second half, Lifeforte got the third goal through Abiola Akano and a brace from Josiah Awosile, both of whom came on as substitutes. The OPIC attackers made some impressive moves with several close calls but the Lifeforte defense rose to the occasion to record a clean sheet and claim the victory by five goals to nil.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. Morning Assembly Activities:

"Best Society" comprises of people of culture, taste, sound knowledge, finesse, good grooming, wisdom and exposure. This term, in strengthening our students resolve to be a part of "Best Society", students participated and were exposed to debates, dining etiquette, quiz competitions, role play in Carriage and Compartment and Social Graces lessons.

Topics stressed; Community and rules of responsibility, self respect, respecting others and ultimately gaining self esteem and self confidence as individuals. Students were made to understand that knowledge of etiquette is essential to one's decent appearance and behaviour. Again we encourage our parents to team up with us and encourage our youth, as we raise up a generation of "Generals and Royals"(Leaders) who will affect their generation positively!

SCHOOL TOUR

This year's school trip to Singapore promises to be a fun filled experience. The group of 80 led by the CEO will be accommodated at the World Class Grand Hyatt Hotel on the 12-day visit. Some attractions lined up include visits to the famous Sentosa Theme Park, a cruise along the Singapore River, an educational visit to the Science Centre, the Night Safari, movie time at the Universal Studios Singapore, bringing the silver screen to life, shopping on the famous Orchard Road renowned as shopping paradise, and lots more.

PROMPT PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING BILLS

We appreciate parents/guardians who pay promptly. We enjoin all who have outstanding fees to pay on or before resumption date.

GENERAL

We encourage parents/guardians to monitor the children closely. Please censor what they read, watch and do on the internet as they continue with daily prayers and the reading of the word of God.

On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer and the entire members of staff of Lifeforte International High School, we commend you unto the hands of the Almighty who alone can keep and preserve you and wish you a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2013.

God bless you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Aina', written in a cursive style.

Mrs. Grace Aina
Principal