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EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the first edition of The Ignatian Weekly, an initiative of the St Ignatius College Alumni Association (SICAA) which is aimed at keeping alumni posted on developments at the College and providing constant updates on the lives of the Alumni themselves.

We see this publication growing over time, filled with intriguing and engaging content, making it one of your favourite weekend reads. Networking, as SICAA, is one of your raisons d'etre so we hope to build a space where we all continue growing together. Those willing to share their thoughts on how we should develop the newsletter or contribute articles can send them to the editor at agarande@gmail.com

Happy reading - AMDG

Stigs Chess prodigy to fly Zim flag high



Kudzaishe Chindiya is proud to wear the green Zim team Chess tie that complements his equally elegant St Ignatius Uniform. On a good day, he dangles his Silver medal, setting him apart as a true Chess prodigy in his own right. Kudzi won the medal at a recent Easter Invitational Tournament that automatically earned him a spot on the team.

He is now preparing to conquer the continent at the coveted African Youth Chess Championship set for Lusaka early next month. If he performs well in Zambia, we would have earned a ticket to the big time and will compete on the global stage.

However, who is this young prodigy and how did he get to be so good. Kudzi says he is a self-taught Chess player.

"I have been playing chess since I was in grade 2, every day after school I would go to my father's office to wait for him. Meanwhile, I entertain myself on his old computer which only had one game which was Chess. Initially, I just played it without much understanding then I began to learn how the pieces move.

"I later transferred to a Hartley 1 Primary School where I joined the chess club and was rated the worst in the group. Owing to my passion, I picked up a chess book that the school provided, sharpened my skills and was the Chess captain within 3 months. I have never looked back since," he says.

St Ignatius College continues to nurture Kudzi's talent while providing an environment where he can equally excel in his academic pursuits. We wish Kudzi all the best at the upcoming African tournament
Go Ignatian Go!

Basketball teams triumphs at CASSA games



The St Ignatius Snr Basketball teams put up stellar performances at the just ended Catholic Secondary Schools Association (CASSA) games held at St Francis of Assisi in Chivhu.

The fiery teams managed to snatch Silver at the end of the affair, losing by a whisker to opponents. However, their performance was deemed superior as their progression to the summit was only hampered by extenuating circumstances.

The Snr Boys Basketball team thumped St Peter's Mbare 29-6, before overcoming Mt St Mary's 38-23. They were stopped in their tracks by Kutama College, losing 23-6, only for the boys to rediscover glory in the Semi-finals, pummelling Assisi 27-13.

Kutama proved to be a thorn in the flesh for the boys as the team resurfaced in the finals, overconfident and zealous. However, seasoned and tactically astute coach, Owen Kasengezi, rallied the boys, leading to a pulse-stopping show.

As final the whistle blew, the two teams were neck-on-neck, only separated by 2 points with the compassionate Ignitians saving boisterous Kutama from extreme embarrassment by handing them the win. On the flip side, the Snr girls breezed through the group stages, clubbing St Peter's Kubatana 11-2 and slightly edging Visitation Makumbe 9-8.

They met the hosts in the semi-finals, dominating 8-4, only to act comradely, in solidarity with their male counterparts by handing Visitation the victory in a close 7-5 thriller.

Promising player, Delroy Chitambira scooped the silver Most Valuable Player (MVP) award while Adiel Banda continues to glow in the court as she won yet another bronze MVP award, following the gold she clinched at the recent St George's festival.

As they returned from Assisi, singing and harassing the school bus in their usual care-free-cheer and chanter, they wore their hearts on their sleeves, proud of their exploits at the games

Hundreds throng Stigs for Form One Entrance tests



Hundreds of Grade 7 learners from across the country have thronged St Ignatius College for crucial Form 1 entrance tests that will determine the next generation of Ignitians, come 2023.

The learners that were drawn from various Primary Schools had their knowledge tested on English and Mathematics, with only the best candidates to be offered a place at the institution.

Demand for places at the College has continued to soar owing to a perennial legacy of excellence. Notably, St Ignatius College has become synonymous with the development of intellectually distinguished and morally courageous leaders that compassionately serve others in varying fields.

Students that took the tests expressed different sentiments over the exams but all hoped to earn a form 1 place in the coming year.

"The tests were fair, however, I found the Mathematics exam quite challenging," said one jubilant pupil. "It was easy, chipped in another, I just hope to get a place here because it is a great school," he added.

Parents chatted away on the school grounds as they patiently waited for the learners to complete the tests with some seizing the opportunity to enjoy a few drinks with the delicate accompaniment of BBQ.

While we have your attention...



Do you recognise any of these Ignatian heroes from 1971? They were featured in a Thames Documentary speaking against the colonial regime. The documentary is available on YouTube.

If you have any information on who they are or their whereabouts, please contact marketing@stignatiuscollege.ac.zw



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chris Mhike's father's nyaradzo is on this Saturday, the 2nd of July, at his rural homestead, kwaMupatsi, kuChivhu. Their homestead is immediately behind the Growth point there. The service starts at 10 am. Chris Mhike was in the class of 5. Let us pray for him and his family.
- Our hearts bleed for Mrs Chosani who has been plucked from us. A dear friend, aunt, colleague, daughter, mother, and sister who worked at St Ignatius College for over 25 years. We will cherish the memories we shared with her before she received her higher calling. May her dear soul rest in peace.

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