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By Joy Oghole.

WELFARE IN THE MIDST OF COVID-19

Understate the importance of planning and you will have regret as a daily companion. In the words of a seasoned administrator and 21st century politician, Venatius Ikem "the future belongs to those who see possibilities before they become obvious"

In light of the above, the college Principal, Rev. Fr. Kenneth Eze OSA assembled all staff members prior to the emergency vacation and re-iterated the need for prudent spending of every available resources to forestall any event of unmanageable scarcity that may arise in the face of the precarious situation that the world is battling. This was aimed at preparing the minds of the staff members to the fact that should the situation linger more than expected, the cost of living will be at all time high and only those who PLANNED for such circumstance will sail seamlessly.

The college management through the Principal has been having periodical meetings (online) with members of staff to share heart-warming tips on how to stay safe from covid-19 and how to be a light to all around them. This singular gesture of always checking up on staff to know about their welfare and sharing/giving of advice has indeed endeared the Principal and Augustinian community in SAC to the hearts of the staffers, many of them have confessed.

St. Augustine's College Staff Co-operative in due consultation with the Principal, Rev. Fr Kenneth Eze OSA, rolled a fifty thousand naira(₦50,000.00)soft loan tagged "covid-19 palliative loan" to all who were willing to grab the opportunity at 2% (two percent) interest to be repaid in 12 Months period, starting from when the situation normalizes. This was to cushion the harsh effects of the pandemic on staff members within the period.

The college management in her "welfarist" nature did not allow the staff to bear the cruel burden of the hardship alone; she therefore at the end of each Month under review credited the accounts of staff with 50% (fifty percent) of their salary. She also ordered the suspension of every Monthly deductions (staff welfare dues, co-operative contributions, loan repayment, pension contribution etc) for the time being to enable them manage the little for "stomach infrastructure".

Knowing fully well the hardship brought on people by the novel virus, even as it is pertinent that the educational needs of the students should not be allowed to suffer, the management in her wisdom thought it right to assist the academic staff to power their devices by providing them with stipend to help them buy data to deliver online lessons to her dear students. The teachers too viewed this as a motivation to work and have been up and doing without excuses.

The welfare of the students is as important to the college Principal and his entire management team as that of the members of staff, little wonder then, the college organized class by class online forum with the Principal where questions bordering on their wellbeing and educational growth are entertained and satisfactory answers and solutions proffered. In these forums, the Principal admonished and

encouraged the students to take serious the online classes and not to water it down on the excuse of no face to face contact.

In a telephone interview with some of the students, they confirmed that they have benefited enormously from both the online classes and the Principals sessions with them. They said such actions proved to them that the Principal's love is real since it can be demonstrated even when they are not in the confines of the school.

Internet facilities (wifi) was made available to staff members resident in the school compound and access granted to those staying off-campus provided the due process of hand-washing and sanitizing is carried out at the entrance gate. This was done to ease the boredom occasioned by covid-19 lockdown and for those who still wanted to take advantage of the network to deliver their online lessons.

BY: ASHIETA UKWAN



ICT TRAINING ON ONLINE LESSONS/CLASSES

In line with the objectives, mission and vision of the management of SAC to make the school ICT complaint and because of the negative impact of the rampaging corona virus pandemic on the educational sector and other facets of human endeavor and its attendant consequences, the management of SAC through its ICT directorate introduced certain measures in order to keep the students busy at home and to avoid further disruptions of the school academic calendar. This resulted in the introduction of the GOOGLE ONLINE CLASSES using the Google classroom platform. Subsequently, all Teachers embraced this new innovation. The teachers were sensitized on how to use the platform by the ICT Director Mr. Boye Oketayo.

Following the success of the Google classroom platform, the school introduced another innovation to aid teaching and learning known as the SMART PIXEL. This enabled students to listen to their teachers with live and practical demonstrations of the lessons. Teachers were also sensitized on the installation and application of the smart pixel by the ICT unit. Google meet was introduced for the JSS3 students and senior students. It was however introduced also for the junior students on Monday 6th of July, 2020.

The first C.A test was written using the online platform. Special thanks to the pragmatic and indefatigable management led by the College Principal Rev. Fr. Kenneth Eze (OSA) for these wonderful innovations. Indeed, SAC is always setting the pace!

By: CHIJKOKE GODSWILL NDUKWE



DIALOGUE! A CATALYST FOR ACCELERATED SUCCESS

It's by practical participation in the right activity can solace or improvement in our well being be brought about... The above assertion captures candidly the belief of the college Principal, Rev. Fr. Kenneth Eze OSA as he can never take any major decision bordering on the welfare or affairs of the students without offering them a listening ear, hence making them participants in the decision that gives birth to policies that concern them. This gesture however is not common when dealing with young adults (children), but Fr. Eze in his democratic nature is convinced that such approach will make part of the process that form such policy(ies).

Prior to the commencement of the first online continuous assessment test, (CA), which aimed at ascertaining the level of gains made in the whole online lessons, following the instructions of the college Principal, the ICT Directorate organized three sessions of meeting comprising SS3/JSS3, SS2/SS1, And JSS2/JSS1 respectively with the college Administrator to hear from his most cherished students what they have gained and if there are challenges bedeviling the entire process.

The students utilized the opportunity to it maximum by first appreciating the college management for not letting them down at this period and were quick to bare their minds on the few challenges they are encountering, among which are network fluctuations at some points, the expensive nature of managing the classes etc

The helms man responded by assuring the students that they are his priority as far as the school is concern, and that he will do all within his power to meet their needs. On the challenges raised, he made it clear to them that such is not under his control but that of the network providers. He however encouraged them to be steadfast and hopeful, optimistic that God will lead us to the point of happiness and fulfillment.

Even as the sessions were on different days, the deliberations and resolutions were akin. They all left with that sense of belonging which they hitherto dread may not come because of the current world situation.

It's avowed conviction that harnessing of human potential through training is the only way efficiency could be achieved. SAC students have now inculcated into their mindset that having discussions with their Principal before any test or examinations, be it internal or external is a routine. This they all look forward to, because it boost their confidence and prepare their little but resolute minds for the business ahead.

After the first online assessment and in preparation for the second, another round of meetings was organized. This time, class by class, starting from JSS1 to SS3 respectively. The Principal sought to know if some of the challenges raised in the previous meeting have been resolved. 89% of the students answered in affirmative. He therefore used the occasion to remind them that anything worth doing is worth doing well, hence they should prepare and face their forth-coming examinations without fear and trembling and also eschew all forms of distraction because he who lay his hands on the plough does not look back, else the end result would be disaster.

Apostolic blessings were poured on them and warm regards sent to their parents and siblings.

By: ASHIETA UKWAN



PROACTIVE ACTION

Like a whirlwind on the 27th February this year, came the covid-19 pandemic to our beloved nation-Nigeria; which led to the closure of schools and academic activities. But in St. Augustine's college, it was different as the management seized the opportunity to explore more into the global world of advanced technology for students, teachers and even parents as practiced in the advanced countries.

As a result of this advancement by the college management, the third term academic activities were still observed by students and teachers and also the purpose of learning was achieved. The covid-19 pandemic did not crumble the college but rather strengthens and enlightened both the management, teachers, students and also parents to open minds of possibilities and achievements when it comes to teaching and learning.

Indeed we at St Augustine's college can confidently say that the third term is a successful and unique term considering our achievements compared to other academic centers.

You are always welcome to join us at St. Augustine's college, New Karu where we always believe 'WE CAN' and our teachers are ever **READY** no matter the obstacle or challenges that comes our way.

Always remember to wash your hands, wear your face mask, maintain social distance and stay safe.

SAFETY MEASURES

Safety of life and property remains one of the cardinal attributes of SAC as an institution and at all times efforts are geared towards keeping this afloat.

The college Principal, Rev Fr Kenneth Eze OSA has never rested on this very crucial matter and has never pretended to be satisfied with the manner at which people take safety precautions.

Prior to the day SAC students were allowed to leave the serenity and ambience of St Augustine's college, New Karu, the helms man in his characteristic nature assembled every stakeholder and open their eyes to the dangers that covid-19 portends and the necessary steps to be taken to avert any incidence of infection. This gesture was borne out of the need to prepare the minds of everyone to the fact that outside world cannot be the same with the protection enjoyed while in School; therefore caution should be everyone's watchword.

The college management through the Bursa, Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Voviyere has never rested in her efforts to provide all that is needed to keep the college community safe from corona virus. This effort is demonstrated by provision of liquid soaps for washing of hands, sanitizers and the usual disinfectants at every hand-washing point, beginning from the entrance gate. Instructions are also given that everyone entering the premises must be made to go through the process of sanitization, not minding the status in the society.

The college has been undergoing periodical fumigation to keep the community safe from the novel corona virus and other infectious diseases that have the capacity of endangering the lives of staff and students when they return. A staff member was amazed at the level of caution taken day in day out and asked why so much is spent despite the geographical location of the school. Trust St Augustine's College, such can never be taken as excuses.

Instruments necessary for examining the temperature level of visitors and staff members entering the school have been provided to the health team and before access is granted to anyone, such must be subjected to temperature checks and ascertained to be at a level that does not call for worry.

The college principal has passed a standing order that face/nose mask must be worn by all from the entrance gate and seen to be on all through the time one stays in the compound. He has not in any way trivialized this order because without it on, you cannot gain access to his office, and when you are walking on the streets of the college without it, your friendship with him cannot be cordial. This safety precaution is also in line with NCDC covid-19 protocol to curtail the spread of the disease.

The college Principal having worked with students for a very long time has come to realized that regular reminders make them learn better, hence, in each of his sessions with them, he keeps reiterating the need for safety even while at home.

The Augustinian Fathers pray daily for the safety of everyone, especially students, their parents and staff of the college. Their prayer is also that a cure be found soon so that normalcy will return to the world.

By: ASHIETAUKWAN



ONLINE CLASSES

In response to the measures slated out to curb the spread of the corona virus by way of keeping students at home thereby having schools locked, St. Augustine's college has employed home schooling platforms to further the course of learning even while observing the lockdown measures. These various online platforms progressed first from the Google classroom where majority of our students got enrolled and received their lessons, instructions, assignments as well as assessments.

In a quest for better results, effectiveness and efficiency in the teaching- learning process, other avenues were explored. These avenues helped to bring learning alive and closer to the students even as distant as they are away from school and in their various homes. In this wise, the college migrated from the online Google classroom to the use of a package called Smart pixel where students had access to real visual contents and materials for learning.

There was thus an immediate progress recorded as the college management further introduced the Google meet platform, a platform where the students can feel and experience real time virtual teaching and learning. Here teachers can see and interact with their students and vice-versa.

The rapid progress in the various online platforms of learning is a proof that the college management is not relenting in its efforts but solely upholds the interest of her students' learning at heart. It is on this note that the management therefore appreciates the unrelenting effort as well as invaluable cooperation of parents who in the interest of their children's education have helped in making learning uninterrupted and achievable, while still observing the season we are in. We believe that sooner than not, things will return to normal while we hope and pray for the preservation of the lives and good health of all associated with the college.

By: Ogbole Joy Anya



PEER PARLIAMENT

Peer Parliament is a programme organized and made available to students in order to build and shape their character to enable them fit into their immediate environment as well as the larger society. It is held once a week, usually on Mondays after afternoon prep. A topic is given and every class is expected to discuss and at the end of the session a class would be appointed to present the outcome of their discourse to the entire school on the assembly ground the preceding Friday. The chosen class is usually represented by either one or two of its members.

The form teachers are always on ground to coordinate the activities of the students and make necessary inputs as the students are not left alone to themselves.

This platform has helped the students to build their self esteem and overcome stage fright which hitherto was prevalent among them. It has also boosted their intelligence and thinking ability as the topics usually come without materials but the students will be responsible to generate what would be presented.

Over the years, some of the topics which have been discussed and presented include:

- ❖ Benefits of hard work
- ❖ Dangers of examination malpractice
- ❖ Causes of failure
- ❖ Consequences of indecent dressing
- ❖ Causes and consequences of teenage pregnancy
- ❖ Importance of continuous assessment etc.

The programme has contributed in no small measure to the academic, social and moral growth of the young Augustinian scholars. It has instilled in them the spirit of courage, hard work, bravery and boldness to face crowd.



HOUSE MEETING AND HOSTEL INSPECTIONS

These are two major events that take place every weekend in the College, yet their importance have not been watered down. The hostel inspection is geared towards ascertaining the hygiene level of the students in their dormitory. It is carried out every Saturday by 8AM after painstaking preparations by the students under strict supervisions by the hostel Officers and hostel Directors.

The results of the inspections are usually announced on the assembly ground on Mondays. This has indeed turned the exercise into a keenly contested event.

The house meeting on the other hand is a gathering of block members after the weekly inspection. House members gather to appraise their performance in the just concluded inspection and where the outcome is poor, suggestions would be entertained and a new course of action charted. Also members table their complaints, suggestions, observations in the course of the week. The officers on ground will make their own observations and respond to the issues raised and at the end of the meeting, minutes would be taken and presented to the college Principal through the office of the Dean of Students' affairs.

By: **EMEKA MOGHALU (SS2 VERITAS)**



College Diary

COLLEGE ACCOUNTS

School Account Name: St. Augustine's College

Banks: Diamond Bank: 0003806264.
Fidelity Bank: 4110010422.
Eco Bank: 0353011011.
Keystone Bank: 1000995646.

PTA ACCOUNTS

Name of Account: St. Augustine's College PTA

Bank: Diamond Bank

Account Number: 0036777434

ENDOWMENT/CHARITY FUND

Name of Account: St. Augustine's College PTA2

Bank: Diamond Bank

Account Number: 0087989361.

COLLEGE ADDRESSES

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

As part of the school's work of building spiritually balanced young men and women, on Sunday, 13th December, 2020, the Lord's flock witnessed an influx of 23 Augustinian young scholars who resolved to give their lives to Christ after two years of training in Catholic catechumenical doctrine. Out of the 23 converts, 5 received the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist while the rest received only Holy Eucharist. The ceremony which took place in a course of a holy Mass celebrated by the college Principal, Rev. Fr. Kenneth Eze OSA in the college chapel was attended by all SAC students and a greater percentage of staff members.

Administering the Sacraments, the Chief Celebrant called on the brand new Christians to practise their new found faith with every amount of sincerity and commitment. He also urged them never to let their light go dim, rather they should keep it burning brighter daily. He concluded by congratulating and welcoming them on behalf of the Augustinian college community of Christians as well as the entire Christian fold.

By: ASHIETAUKWAN



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By: Dafiel Naankoeleong (SS 3 Veritas)

NOVELTY FOOTBALL MATCH IN HONOUR OF REV. FR. KENNETH EZE'S 10TH PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY

The afternoon of the 29th of October was buzzing with the chattering of excited students, nervous players and cheering staff as all gathered in the college's sport pavilion to spectate the highly anticipated match between the male graduands (AKA SS3 pro-max) and staff, in honor of our goal oriented College Principal, Rev. Fr. Kenneth Eze, OSA to mark his 10th priestly anniversary. It was a good game of skillful passes, astonishing goals and well-timed reactions from the spectators.

Everyone gathered at the pavilion at about 3:30pm and took their seats and cheered as both teams jogged and lined up on the field. After the recitation of the national and school anthems, the match was officially kicked off by the man of honour, Fr. Eze, OSA. The crowd was glued to the edges of their seats while being fascinated and entertained by graduated passes, professional skills and dribbles. The heat was turned on in the first few minutes of the first half with a well-placed, long range shot from Mr. Collins, the school soccer coach who featured for the male staff. This awakened and motivated the graduands to unleash their full potentials. With equal aggression, the graduands responded as the out going head boy, Thomas Nwachukwu rebounded and scored the goal which Mr. wallam attempted to block but was a bit late.

Players rested, rehydrated and prepared for the second half. In the first thirteen minutes, the staff strived one more and forged on into the graduand's half of the field (much to the spectator's surprise) with unbelievable dribbling and pin-point passing as players struggled for control of the ball. The staff proved a little too much for the out going assistant head boy, Jesse Adama who mounted the goal post, as Mr. Isaac shot into the net once more, making it a brace for the male staff. Everyone was astonished by the goal. However, with a combination of headers and passes, the graduands had the last laugh and put up a good game with a counter attack equalizing goal from Naantuam Bako, who blazed across the field with a beautiful straight through pass from Anaja Daniel. The match ended with a score of 2-2, leaving spectators roaring with pride and applauding the players as they strutted off the field. It was truly a match to be remembered.

By: Senater Ayabam SS2 Unitas



CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

In line with the college's policy on social corporate responsibility, the management of SAC saw the need to extend her hand of charity to our landlords and neighboring community (Nyanya Gwandara) by drilling a 120 metres depth bore hole, bought two (2) 5,000 liter capacity overhead tanks as reservoir, and a generating set of 2.5KVA for pumping of water into the reservoir. This project after weeks of uninterrupted work was commissioned and handed over by the college principal Rev. Fr. Kenneth Eze OSA, assisted by his Augustinian brothers; Rev. Fathers Emmanuel Voviyere OSA and John Daruan OSA as well as the school's PTA chairman, Mr. Mike Nwogbo who stood in for the parents, amidst jubilation from the residents of the said community on 12th September, 2020. In an interview with the community head (mai angwa) Mr. Daniel Pardung and youth leader by our college correspondence team, the respondents were unanimous in their gratitude to SAC for the rare gesture. The mai angwa went on to opine that SAC has done for them what the Government could not do. They promised to partner the school in the area of security and whatever way the school may approach them. *By: ASHIETAUKWAN*



REV. FR. KENNETH EZE (OSA) CELEBRATES 10TH PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY WITH POMP AND PAGEANTRY

On the 31st of October, Priests, men and women from all works of life converged at the College to celebrate an uncommon Priest, resourceful leader, administrator extraordinaire, an icon, an amazon and a quintessential gentle man, Rev Fr. Kenneth Eze (OSA) as he celebrates his 10th year anniversary as a Priest in the Order of St. Augustine.

The Chairman of the planning committee Mr. Sunday Adukanya KSM (Vice principal, Academics) together with other members worked round the clock to ensure a successful and hitch-free program.

As early as 7am, guests started thronging into the school. The anniversary/thanksgiving mass started at 10:00am with over 40 Priests in attendance. The chapel was filled to the brim with over-flow outside. The homily was taken by no other person than Rev. Fr Peter John Imaji (OSA). The celebrant together with three of his ex-course mates were thankful to God for his mercies and grace upon their lives. The reception was held immediately after the mass at the expansive and well decorated multi-purpose hall of the college. It was an assemblage of creme-de-la-creme of the society from different social ladder. There was a red carpet session where guests took some shots and also signed the anniversary card. The anchor of the event was renowned MC SHORTCUT. The event was chaired by Mr. Lawrence Adigwe, while Mrs Sini Titsi was the Chairlady. Lady Lulu Mbaneme was the Mother of the day. One of the major highlights of the occasion was the unveiling of a foundation known as HEART TO HELP FOUNDATION. This is a pet-project founded by the celebrant Rev. Fr. Kenneth Eze (OSA). HEART TO HELP FOUNDATION is a desire birthed in the mind of Rev. Fr Kenneth Eze O.S.A whose vision is to teach the untaught and reach the unreached. It is his personal vocation and a vital part of his priestly and evangelical ministry. The mission of HHF is a local charity organization set up to provide educational support for children who are literate, giving hope to the future and supporting the needy. Its vision is to ultimately provide academic support for children who are needy and those without adequate opportunities.

It was a wonderful and joyous moment for the celebrant as he recounts his journey into Priesthood and he thanked and appreciated everyone for their support and love. He acknowledged the presence of his parents and thanked them for the roles that they played in his life.

HAPPY 10TH YEAR PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY TO YOU REV. FR. KENNETH EZE (OSA).

By: CHIJIJOKE GODSWILLNDUKWE



SWEARING IN OF 2020/21 SET OF PREFECTS

There was a certain kind of buzz among the students of SAC as the School planned to badge a new set of Prefects to pilot the affairs of students for the 2020/21 academic year. They were at the edges of their seats anxiously awaiting the announcement of the new prefects.

The out-going Prefects were taking on their last minute status as student leaders of this prestigious citadel of learning, yet feeling a bit of relief and happiness to pass the mantle of leadership to the next set of leaders.

At exactly 1:33PM, our very own Principal, Rev. Fr. Kenneth Eze OSA stepped up to the podium and a sudden hush fell upon the auditorium. He opened the ceremony with words first directed to the outgoing student leaders- drawing on the words of a sage “there is a time to come and a time to go, a time to give and a time to receive”. The 'outgoings' were then called out and words of commendation and encomium poured on them for their service to the college. He blessed them and advised that the lessons learned should not be jettisoned, rather improved upon in their future leadership roles. Mr Isaac Akharia was then invited to the podium to announce the new prefects which he did, beginning with house captains and concluded with the head girl and head boy respectively.

The outgoing head-boy as well as the head-girl delivered their separate farewell speeches. They shared their experiences and also gave words of advice and encouragement to their successors. They point-of-factly prepared their minds to the challenges ahead, while calling on them to be big brothers and sisters to the junior students rather than turning them into preys.

The brand new college head boy, Master Terfa Mike-Kusah was then given the floor to deliver the acceptance speech on behalf of others; standing beside him while performing this role was the new head girl, Miss Nkechi Okeke-Agulu. They accepted the responsibility saddled on them while praying for God's guidance as well as everyone's support.

They were handed the badges which are the symbols of authority. Congratulations!

By: Adewuyi Monireoluwa Desire (SS2 Unitas)



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By: Dajiel Naankoloeng (SS 3 Veritas)

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING 2020

It was a beehive of activities on the 5th of December, 2020 as members of the college liturgical committee comprising both students and staff were seen making frantic efforts at getting things ready for the annual Christmas tree lighting. The efforts which culminated into a beautiful and eye-catching Christmas village positioned in front of the Curia block remained a talk of the town.

The event started at exactly 9:15pm when the entire students assembled in the Christmas village to be part of what they all have been waiting. This was followed by songs rendition by our angelic voice choir bringing everyone's consciousness to the advent/Christmas Season.

There were scripture readings followed by a sermon by the chief celebrant, Rev Fr Kenneth Eze OSA. In this sermon, he reawakened everyone's mind on the true meaning of Christmas, the reason for the celebration and a call for spiritual preparation for the coming of the son of God.

The tree lighting ceremony was the climax of the event as the switch was turned on amidst over 100 rounds of fireworks projected into the air. The students roared in excitement wishing this could be repeated every day.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR IN ADVANCE!

By: ASHIETA UKWAN



CHRIST IS THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The annual feast of Christ the King celebration by the universal church (Catholic) was commemorated on Sunday, 22nd November, 2020 amidst fanfare in St Augustine's College, New Karu.

The celebration which featured many activities started with a procession from the home chapel of the Augustinian community in SAC, through the streets of our dear college.

Musical experts from outside the school were invited to grace the event and in collaboration with our own music team. The feast was almost turned into a concert as talents were displayed in areas of drumming, keyboard, trumpeting, saxophone etc.

The students as well as staff members almost danced their lives out in celebration of the kingship of Jesus Christ. Following right behind the procession, bearing the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance were the two Augustinian Priests; Rev. Fr. Kenneth Eze OSA and Rev. Fr. John Daruan OSA.

The celebration ended with a Benediction in the college chapel.

By: ASHIETA UKWAN



NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On the 28th of November 2020, the school organised a special birthday celebration for her students born in the Months of November and December respectively. Excitement filled the hall as students anticipated the upcoming performances and of course the delicious birthday cakes. The stage burst open with a dance performance by JSS2 girls which left everyone amazed as it was superbly choreographed. Next up was a group of JSS1 girls who also presented a dance that was just as spectacular; even staff were bopping their heads to the music. Subsequently, a duo of JS2 boys came up with a dance and song performance (at this point our feet were almost exhausted from all the dancing), it was equally as thrilling as the rest. Lastly, we had a music performance from our very own NY (Naanma Yilnaan). His songs always seem to bring a certain 'vibe' that no one can resist.

It was now time for the sharing of the cakes, the part that everyone was long waiting for; the various birthday celebrants collected their cakes, snapped pictures with them and proceeded to share with all their friends. The students had so much fun, they began to rub icing from the cakes on each other's faces, and it was definitely a very exciting experience for not only the celebrants but the whole school.

By: Natasha puepet (SS2 veritas)



College Diary

A. IMPORTANT DATES

RESUMPTION DATE:	JANUARY 9 TH , 2021
INAUGURAL MASS:	JANUARY 10 TH , 2021
COMMON ENTRANCE:	FEBRUARY 13 TH , 2021
VISITING/PTA MEETING:	FEBRUARY 20 TH , 2021
INTER HOUSE SPORTS:	MARCH 6 TH , 2021
VACATION:	MARCH 27 TH , 2021

COLLEGE ACCOUNTS

School Account Name: St. Augustine's College
Banks: Diamond Bank: 0003806264.
Fidelity Bank: 4110010422.
Eco Bank: 0353011011.
Keystone Bank: 1000995646.

PTA ACCOUNTS

Name of Account: St. Augustine's College PTA
Bank: Diamond Bank
Account Number: 0036777434

ENDOWMENT/CHARITY FUND

Name of Account: St. Augustine's College PTA2
Bank: Diamond Bank
Account Number: 0087989361.

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