

## **Newsletter No 93**

### **Latest news from the school**

The school has been in operation since January as usual. But, as we have told earlier, there are big changes coming regarding curricula and programs, which involves among other things new courses and changes in the splitting between classes. This brings about many new things for the teachers, the school management and the Foundation to inform themselves about. At this time we don't know exactly how this will affect St Christine School, which up till now was a Primary school with one class per grade from preschool (six-year-olds) to and including 8th grade. In agreement with the new rules the school has already started a preschool class for five-year-olds (PP1) in addition to the one for six-year-olds already in place. The term Primary school seems to be changed to comprise PP1 to and including 6th grade in the future. It has also been decided that the school system in Kenya will be expanded to include also a 9th grade. How this will affect our school and if grades 7 to 9 will belong to Secondary and another school is not clear today.

### **The Corona virus and Kenya – the schools close**

We now know that also Kenya is hit by the Corona virus and the authorities are continually informing and deciding about different measures. The trip, which Ulla Styreus and Håkan Andersson planned to make do is now postponed. One of the purposes of the journey was, in addition to meeting with the school management, teachers and other staff, to try to get an understanding of all the issues concerning the changes in the school system through visits to and contacts with authorities in charge. The Foundation and Association get continual information from head master Calvins about the school operation and things happening in areas concerning the schools in Kenya.

President Uhuru Kenyatta declared publicly on March 15 that all schools, Primary and Secondary, will close on Wednesday March 18. All universities will close on Friday, March 20. For the children of St Christine this means that teaching will end two weeks before the regular April recess. As far as we know no student or staff person has been taken ill or been hit by the virus. The decision means that no activities may take place in the school's facilities. The only ones allowed to be around are our janitors to make sure that nobody enters the buildings without permission.

### **Latest news regarding the Association's planned activities in Sweden**

African evening in April - Park Folketshus, Liseberg

Since some time we have discussed and planned to arrange an African evening even this year together with the Film Club, Park Folkets hus. Just like at the last time we have in mind sales of Kenyan/African food and various craft items plus a movie show. The film we are thinking of is **A United Kingdom**, which is a British biographic drama written by Guy Hibbert and directed by Amma Asante. It is based on the romance between Sir Seretse Khama and his wife Ruth Williams Khama. A fascinating real life story about a black man and a white woman, which at that time, 1947, was politically explosive. The two leading roles are played by David Oyelowo and Rosamund Pike. The premiere was in 2017. Because of the current situation we postpone this activity hoping that we can hold it in the fall. Of course this means a set back to our planned revenues, so please remember the school and swish a donation or use one of our gift accounts. See the box at the bottom of the page.

### **The Association's Annual Meeting**

All members are invited on April 22nd at 18:30.

Place: Föreningslokalen Olshammarsgatan 77 Ormkärr

Summon and associated documents will be distributed separately, but please reserve the evening already now and come to be informed of the latest developments regarding the school and its operation.

### **A few news flashes from the school**

#### **The school's nice auditorium is in frequent use.**

The youngest pupils (the new pre-school class) take a rest in the school's auditorium after a tour in and information about the school's facilities. When you are new and among the youngest it is important to familiarize yourself with all new things in order to feel safe and confident.

Some of the older students have their ever popular meals/lunches in the same building.

A pupil in 4th grade during an arts class.

Here hands are washed before meals.

Greetings The board/Bitte Brask