

Latest news from the school

All schools in Kenya had their school year "displaced" due to the Covid pandemic. This means for 2022 that the previous school year finished in March 2022 when also last year's eight-graders had their exam tests. With very good results (I almost wrote "as expected"). Last year's eight grade was, according to teachers and the head master, the school's best class ever through their whole school time. The new school year started April 25th and continues through December. It is more compressed, shorter semester, much shorter vacations but with holidays inserted in the semesters. The beginning was good with all pupils in present and no teacher has left. The semester started with good news. The students, who left St Christine in 2017 have now finished secondary schools. Those, who completed their studies, have continued performing on top. One of them, Richard Mwagi, has the highest mark A in all subjects, called plain A, and with that he was the best in our school district. Our congratulations to him! All the students' good results will be celebrated later in the spring when custodians and school dignitaries will be invited.

This school year the school will admit more children to the two first pre-school classes (PP1 and PP2). There must be at least 30 children in each class according to a new regulation. All must have new uniforms. The custodians were asked to get new ones but not all can afford it, so the school has to pay for the rest. Many of the children's uniforms are badly worn and in the need to be repaired or replaced. I beg you members to continue supporting the school's pupils.

From next year grads 7 - 9 will be part of the secondary schools and be called Junior Secondary. Concerning St Christine this means that "our" 7th graders will transfer to any of the secondary schools in the neighborhood. Speaking in Swedish terms St Christine will become a F - 6 school with two pre-school classes and first to sixth grade. This is what we believe so far, but everything changes so fast in Kenya's school system. A new curriculum was introduced involving many new subjects for pupils and teachers to deal with. The new subjects, which are compulsory, are mostly of practical - esthetic nature. In our school this has been received very well. The students like the novelties. They were offered music and dance as "voluntary" subjects earlier. Now it is back in all schools.

Other good news is that an organization called "Dreams" will back girls in the ages nine to thirteen. This will happen through members of the organization coming to schools and meeting with the girls giving them "guidance, training and counseling". It is approved by the government and shall contribute to strengthen the girls to fulfill their dreams in their education and their lives.

The school is nowadays more or less self-supporting as to corn and beans thanks to Odada's initiative to let us borrow land for farming from the village. In addition the custodians contribute within their capability with a "tin" of corn and beans.

Report from the annual meeting April 20, 2022

The annual meeting took place in both physical and digital form. We were 12 persons, who met at Erik and Margareta Källström's home in Hammarby sjöstad, and the others participated via Teams. When we had succeeded in the technicalities and connected everyone, the meeting went well and smooth. It is fantastic how much we have learned to communicate digitally during the years, when the pandemic prevented us from meeting live. Records from the annual meeting and the constituting board meeting will be published on our home page, when they are confirmed and ready. The annual and financial reports for 2021, and the budget and operational plan for 2022 were all approved in their entirety. The documents were distributed together with newsletter 104 and can

be found on the home page. If you wish to read the bylaws you can find them also on the home page www.kisumu.se

The board for 2022:

Chair person Bitte Brask

Deputy chair person Erik Källström

Accountant Jan-Erik Ulrikson

Secretary Ann-Sophie Schubert-Olhede

Member Marianne Zetterlund in charge of home page and Facebook

Member Monica Tilstam

Alternate member Håkan Andersson

Alternate member Kerstin Lindberg

Alternate member Frida Nilsson

Alternate member Vacant (Decision: to be elected by the board)

Accountant Per Kingfors

Alternate accountant Björn Dahlberg

Big thanks to Julia Olsson Ricoy our former accountant, who now leaves her assignment after many years. Being a parent to small children nowadays requires both time and efforts. We wish you all the best for the future with children, family, your horses and your new house, which fill your time aside from work. We also wish Jan-Erik Ulrikson welcome and many thanks to you for listening to the nomination committee's call for a new accountant.

Finally we in the board wishes all of you a pleasant summer, hoping that the pandemic won't catch on again but allow us to meet in the fall. Planning is going on.

The board / Bitte Brask chair.

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