

## NEWSLETTER

To Parents and Guardians. At the end of the First Term of 2024/2025 Academic Session

### 1. Introduction.

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ from the management and staff of St. Charles' College Onitsha.

The first term of the **2024/2025** academic year formally ended on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Most of our students are already re-united with their parents at home having been allowed to leave for the Christmas break immediately after the termly examinations, except those in JSS3 and SS3 who are on extension period due to the forth-coming external examinations (Jamb, Waec, Neco, and Bece) till 20<sup>th</sup> of December. Our gratitude goes to the Almighty God for his numerous blessings on all of us throughout this year. We equally express our deepest gratitude to you, dear parents and guardians of our students, for choosing St. Charles College above all other schools, and for providing your wards with all the basic materials needed for their education and formation here in our school especially in this challenging time. May God continue to bless and favour you all abundantly in Jesus name. Amen.

### 2. Academic Matters.

The management of the school is striving very hard to maintain the high academic and moral excellence for which the school is known for. I can say authoritatively that the quality of teachers we have here is one of the best in the country. I sincerely thank the members of staff, tutorial and non- tutorial for all their sacrifices in giving the best to our children.

We would like to inform you that our students featured tremendously in different competitions this term and they performed very well. Recently, our students participated in ICT Quiz competition organized by the Anambra State government for all the Secondary schools in the state and they took 1<sup>st</sup> position. They also came back with many rewards from all other competitions.

Furthermore, in order to sustain the academic standard of our school, in the forth-coming external examinations (Waec, Neco, Jamb and Bece), we have decided that all those in SS3 and JS3 should stay back within this period for two weeks till 20<sup>th</sup> of December. Next year during the Easter holidays before the actual exams, they are also expected to stay back for two weeks. This is to enable them receive adequate preparations before their exams. Please, parents and guardians are advised to note that the extension is compulsory and not optional. Students in both sections are expected to pay **#46,000** for the two periods (**#23,000 for Christmas and #23,000 for Easter**). This will cover their feeding, utility and remuneration of members of the staff that will assist them within these periods.

### 3. Healthcare

We have continued to make tremendous efforts to improve the quality and scope of health services in the school clinic. However, some students still have unpaid bills for the services received. Parents are advised to confirm their son's indebtedness from their form teachers and to clear such to ensure continuation of quality services to all the students.

#### 4. Clothing/Neatness

The management on daily basis emphasizes to the students the importance of cleanliness, both bodily as well as that of the school's environment especially hostels and classrooms. We noticed that some students are always very dirty. We humbly use this medium to plead with you to sensitize your ward on this for his own good and good of others. In order to improve on the above we agreed during our last PTD meeting to introduce the use of **White Canvas**. The type has been shown to your children before they embarked on this Christmas holidays. The management also arrived at fact that having **two pairs of sandals** is very important to avoid wearing bathroom footwear (sleepers) or appearing untidy. To improve on this also we arrived at the fact that having one common type of sandal to support the one they already have like, CKC, St. John's Alor, All Hallows Seminary etc. is necessary. We have also presented the type to your children. It will also be posted in different WhatsApp forum. Please do well to provide your ward with these items while coming back to school after Christmas holidays.

#### 5. Coming back on the Resumption Date/Unnecessary Permission

We noticed that some students always fail to return to the school on the resumption date without any serious reason. Let us be mindful of the fact that it is obligatory for all the students to be back to school on the day of resumption. Failure to adhere to this will attract serious penalty including expulsion. We also noticed that some students have formed the habit of seeking for permission to travel home every weekend. Please advise your child to desist from that.

#### 6. Financial Matters

We are not oblivious of the current adverse economic situation of our country. This has brought so many challenges and difficulties to most of you that have many children that are in various schools. In the same vein, operating a boarding school has become increasingly challenging. Last year a bag of beans (Iron Brown Beans) by 100kg was sold at #64,000 but is currently #222,000 and more. A bag of rice is currently #90,000 and here in school we use 240 to 250 bags of rice every term. In view of these challenges we have after weighing all the available options, decided to add the remaining amount that we agreed on during the parents, teachers' association meeting that was held in June. ***Therefore in the coming term all, the classes except those in SS3 whom we believe have completed their three terms school fees, are expected to pay #120, 000 as their school fees.*** We understand very well, your plights, tears, and your struggles, but this is to enable us serve you better. It is not actually very easy for us. I sincerely wish to reiterate that we are not here to exploit you. We humbly plead for your understanding and for prompt payment of school fees as well as other financial obligations to facilitate planning and optimal service.

**Please note carefully:**

- i. Payments of school fees should be made to **St. Charles' College, Onitsha at: Oluchukwu Micro-Finance Bank, Account Number: 1210202132.**
- ii. The deposit teller should clearly indicate the student's NAME and CLASS (e.g. Michael Okoye JS3A).

iii. School fees are non-refundable.

iv. SS3 – WAEC and NECO both- #80,000 naira. Extension Christmas/Easter - #46,000 **(Oluchukwu Microfinance Bank: St. Charles College (Miscellaneous) – 1120228540).**

v. JS3 – BECE Exam - #9,000 naira. Extension Christmas/Easter- #46,000 **(Oluchukwu Microfinance Bank: St Charles Sec. School (Govt. Grant) – 1120228816).**

**Note that we do not accept direct cash or POS transfers as a means of school fees payment.**

## **7. Other Important Information**

### **i. Second Term Resumption.**

The school will resume for the second term of the 2024/2025 academic session on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of January, 2024. All the students MUST return before 4pm on that day. Each student should have his new exeat card handy on re-entry since it will be used for official checking in.

**ii. The visiting day** for students is the third Saturday of every month except during examinations when visitors are not allowed. Visitors shall not be allowed to meet with students on any other day for whatsoever reason. Please note particularly that Sundays are not visiting days in St. Charles' College.

### **iii. Sanitary Items for Next Term.**

- a. JS2 and SS2 - A broom and a Big Tissue Roll
- b. JS1 and SS1 – A roll of Viva Trash Bag and 1 tissue roll (Big).
- c. JS3 and SS3 – 1 Litre of Izal germicide.

**NB: Toilet tissues could be procured from the school: Toilet Tissues are available in the school canteen.** Trash Bags are also available in the school canteen.

## **8. Christmas Greetings.**

As we prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the entire St. Charles' College family wishes you, our beloved parents and guardians, happy celebrations. May the Incarnation of Our Lord Jesus Christ, usher in peace, healing, restoration, abundant favours and blessings upon your families. Amen.

## **9. Important Dates :**

- i. Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 – Boarders Return to School.
- ii. Midterm Break – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb – Tues.4<sup>th</sup> of March, 2025.
- iv. Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Tues 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 – Easter Holidays.