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Welcome to Cita SCHOOL CALENDAR 2014/2015 Summer Term

Resumption from Easter Holiday

Monday 20th April 2015

Instruction Period before Mid-term Break:

Monday 20th April – Friday 22ND May 2015

Midterm Break

Monday 25th May – Sunday 31st May 2015

Events:

Open day: Friday 22nd May 2015

Graduation: 11 July 2015

Resumption from Midterm Break

Monday 1st June 2015

Instruction Period after Mid-term Break:

Monday 1st June - Friday 17th July 2015

Closing for Summer Holiday

• Friday 17th July 2015

Resumption from Summer Holiday

Monday 14th September 2015

From the Executive Director

Dear Parents and Friends of Cita International School

We are off to a great start this Term (summer term). Students, teachers and staff came back energized and focused on having a successful final term of the academic session. It will be a busy term for most as it is a transition term where we see our babies transit to the primary section this year; our primary 5 students TRANSIT to 'mini adults' as they move to secondary school and leave their homes for the first time (for most).

These are equally important progressions with both creating important sets of memories and experiences.

We will also graduate our JS3s and SS3s...

It is also a term where parents will look back at the year and congratulate themselves for such good jobs they have done in successfully paying fees and going through the rigours of school run and early morning preparations for the day.

We say a job well done!

Howbeit; the term is only just beginning and even though it is the last term of a very interesting session-that had us battle the Ebola virus as well as endure the Election disturbances and intrigues-we still have about 3months to complete the session.

Just a quick to do list on what you need accomplished to successfully end this term; whew!!

PAYMENT OF FEES

We appeal to all parents to pay their school fees and not leave it till later as strict measures will be implemented 2 weeks after resumption. There will be no concessions this term since it is our final term for the session. We will appreciate your prompt response to this request.

For Parents who may want to make payments now for the first term of next session, they are free to prepare a bank draft and submit it at the admin office.

Full payments of fees and uniforms for new students have to be made on or before the 31st of May 2015 to secure your space for the 2015/2016 session. New students have to pay by bank draft for account and record purposes. Thank you

SECURITY

Please work with us to keep your children safe! Sending unknown individuals that have not been properly introduced to the school can be very scary and unsafe for your kids.

We would want to confirm every person you have approved to pick up your child by providing us with their passport photographs as well as signing the confirmation document in their child's class.

Physical introductions would also be preferred; we can't be too careful with our children. The world is no longer what it was.

LETTERS AND INFORMATION FOR THE OFFICE

We request that proper information is given to the school's admin officers concerning transfers; deferment of admission; cross postings and letters of introduction

Parents should please give 2 days' notice to the office in order to receive a requested letter of introduction. Since the child's data with the school has to be confirmed and thus

	correspond with the information needed for the letter of introduction.	
	Transfer certificates need a 2 week notice to enable the office compile the student's academic history properly and comprehensively.	
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	<p><u>SCHOOL RULES</u></p> <p>Dear parents please adhere to the school rules! It is what gives our students their holistic education and the school its “structured environment “needed for the proper grooming of your children.</p> <p>Deciding to obey one rule and disobey the other rule does not set a good standard for the child and causes a lot of confusion for the child especially when they see their beloved parent breaking a law that they have been taught to obey. Please help us with educating our children.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Hair extensions are NOT allowed in CITA; we want the children looking like kids and not adults 2 Sewing of uniforms outside the school- We can almost immediately pick out children who have uniforms bought from elsewhere; they look different, know that they are different and hence feel uncomfortable among their peers. The official colour for the P.E canvas is pure white. Canvases with colours are not allowed! 3 The child's lunch will not be allowed into the school after he/she has been dropped off even though it was forgotten in the car. This is for security reasons and thus the child will be fed from the school's canteen. Please make your child's food edible and bite size so they can eat easily. Large chunks of food prevent the child from eating comfortably. 4 Let us please be one another's keeper! The car park is not big enough for everyone hence we appeal to our dear esteemed parents to quickly drop of their children and leave. Stopping in the middle of the road to drop off your child is inconsiderate to those behind you and causes traffic. <p>We know that with you working with us we will achieve all that we hope to achieve this term.</p> <p><i>Mrs. Bibi Nwokidu</i></p> <p><u>From The General Manager/Head SENU</u> <i>Dear Parents,</i> <i>We welcome you to the Summer term and the last term for the 2014/2015</i></p>	

	<p><i>school year. We thank Jehovah God for a wonderful Easter holiday. We thank Him for journey mercies for all the travelling during our well deserved holiday. Eternal praise and thanks giving be onto our God. Amen</i></p> <p><i>Sleep is a need. It is a physiological need of the body. Little sleep disorient the whole body system. It shows in our social interactions as: impatience, short temper, lack of focus, etc. In our children its results are the same, but because they are less experience, they are unable to mask these negative impacts. Most children throw tantrums and are hyperactive, etc. With children in the Sunshine department, they also have melt-down added to the throwing of tantrums and hyperactivity. This is not something anybody should experience. It is Bad!</i></p>											
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	<p><i>To avoid these unnecessary pains, we parents should simply prepare our children early for their bedtime.</i></p> <table> <tr> <td><i>Home work</i></td> <td><i>– Early</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Bathing</i></td> <td><i>- Early</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Supper - (dinner)</i></td> <td><i>- Early</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Preparation for the next day</i></td> <td><i>- Early</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Bedtime</i></td> <td><i>- Early</i></td> </tr> </table> <p>Children need at least eight hours of sleep every night. This does a world of good for them and has been scientifically proven. 8 pm should be the bedtime for every child until their thirteenth birthday.</p> <p>As teachers, we always know those pupils in our classes that had enough sleep the night before. They are always calm, friendly, easily follow instructions and carry them out. Focus and generally well behaved.</p> <p>That is the conduct report we all want to read in our children’s result sheet. It’s possible! It’s possible !! It!s possible!!!</p> <p align="right">Mr. Tonye</p> <p>Arinyedokiari</p> <p><u>From the HOD Nursery</u></p> <p>Welcome back to a promising term. Let us help our children expand their perspective of the world and appreciate their individual place in it.</p>	<i>Home work</i>	<i>– Early</i>	<i>Bathing</i>	<i>- Early</i>	<i>Supper - (dinner)</i>	<i>- Early</i>	<i>Preparation for the next day</i>	<i>- Early</i>	<i>Bedtime</i>	<i>- Early</i>	
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<p><u>ATTENDANCE, LATENESS AND ABSENCE:</u> <i>Regular attendance and punctuality to school will help your children develop and establish a life- long pattern for success. Absence for long period of time may result in weakening the child’s enthusiasm for school.</i></p> <p><u>DROP OFF, PICK UP AN WEEKLY CONFIRMATION:</u> <i>Drop off and pick up times for Nursery is 7:30 am and 1:30 pm respectively. The “Afterschool Care Programme” is between the hours of 1:30 – 5 pm. Daily.</i></p> <p><i>Note that if your child is not in the “Afterschool Care you are to pick up your child before 2p.m. or you will be charged by the hour. Please see the HOD for further clarification.</i></p> <p><i>Due to the unfortunate security situation in Port Harcourt, it is necessary for parents to do a weekly confirmation of who they have delegated to pick-up their children other than themselves. Our policy does not allow a parent to pick up another child without previous confirmation.</i></p>	
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<p><u>HOMEWORK EXPECTATION:</u> <i>Kindly supervise and guide pupils so that their homework are neatly done and brought back to school. Note that this is part of their assessment.</i></p> <p><u>EXTRA LESSONS:</u> <i>We have discovered that methods of teaching at ‘lessons’ are at variance with ours and therefore confuses the child. Please “lesson” is not necessary for Nursery pupils because they need enough time to rest and absorb what they have been taught. If you feel your child needs help see the HOD Nursery.</i></p> <p><u>LUNCH</u> <i>Pupils are allowed to bring food and drinks. Please ensure that you pick your child’s lunch or supervise it before sending them to school. This will protect the children from unwholesome lunch. This has become a regular occurrence.</i></p> <p><u>BREAKFAST:</u> <i>Ensure your child(ren) eat breakfast before coming to school. We observed – that those who eat breakfast before coming to school assimilate better and are more active in class than those who did not.</i></p> <p><u>ILLNESS AND MEDICAL EMERGENCIES:</u> <i>Kindly be informed that no child will be allowed in school with signs of illness. In case of a medical emergency the Paediatric Nurse will attend to the child</i></p>	

	<p><i>while parents are contacted.</i></p> <p><u>COMPLAINT:</u> If you have any complaint, please report to the office and it will be handled.</p> <p>Have a glorious and fulfilling term.</p> <p><i>Mrs. Kate Tubonimi</i></p> <p><u>From HOD Primary</u> <u>HOW TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL</u> <i>Teachers and parents are responsible for the educating of the pupils at home and in school respectively, we need to work together to achieve our proposed goal: which is to educate these young minds preparing them for today and tomorrow' world.</i></p> <p><i>The teachers are required to assign work that are purposeful and applicable to the pupils everyday life and learning. They (the teachers) are also to ensure that pupils acquire the skills needed to complete the given task and provide clear, concise instructions/guidelines. Parents are also encouraged to directly, as often as is possible, supervise their children's homework, projects and research activities. This is one way of ensuring that your child is being carried along and has good grasp of any introduced concept.</i></p> <p><i>The parents in the tag teaming are also to ensure that children are picked up early from school and have a conducive environment void of adult interference in which to work.</i></p>	
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	<p><u>ATTENDANCE/PICKUP</u> <i>The role of consistence cannot be over emphasised in the educating of young minds. It is alarming that in recent times, parents no longer abide by the schools policy of "NO PICK UP DURING SCHOOL HOURS" Except in an emergency. Picking pupils up to keep VISA, Passport and any other form of appointment during school has an adverse effect on the pupils and the teachers alike; it is destabilizing. Please plan your appointments to fit into the mid-term breaks, public holiday and school holidays as permission obtained will not be granted.</i></p> <p><u>HAIR EXTENSIONS</u> <i>Hair extensions and accessories such as beads, cowries and clips are not allowed; not only are pupils now using extensions, the extensions now come in various colours. Let's allow the pupils be who they are: CHILDREN! And give them the opportunity to gracefully develop into cultured adults.</i></p>	

GRADUATION:

As is the culture of the Primary department, pupils are expected to go through clearance before the graduation ceremony. Pupils who are found to have damaged any school property are liable to have these items paid for before their testimonials are given to them. No indecent dressing, no casuals, and no uncomfortable outfits are allowed during graduation. All attires should be formal. The boys in suits and the girls in proper dresses, skirts or trouser suits and pupils must be on the procession line 30 minutes before the graduation program formally begins. Latecomers will not be called out.

Miss Uwomano Orogu

From the Head of Centre CITA High School

Welcome dear parents to the last term of the session. God has been faithful to us right from the beginning and we are forever grateful to him for all that He has done and will continue to do. As you all know this the promotion term of the session. We therefore appeal to our esteemed parents to make the academic performance of their children high priority, as this is the term that determines whether they move on to the next class. For the JSS3s and SS3 Students let us continue to encourage and support them through words and prayers.

MONOGRAMMING OF UNIFORMS

It has also been observed that some students do not have their uniforms monogrammed with their names. Monogramming of uniforms is mandatory as this enables the school track down the owners of lost and found items. Students who do not have their uniforms monogrammed will not be allowed into the hostel on resumption.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Graduation is here again and as is the custom of the High School, SS3 Students must go through clearance. Students who owe the school, be it the bookshop or school fees or who are found to have damaged school property will not receive their testimonials until respective payments have been made.

Dress code for the graduation ceremony is formal. Indecent dressing and casuals for both male and female students are not allowed. Boys must be in suits and girls in moderate dresses, skirts or trouser suits. Graduating students must be on time. Students are expected to be at the graduation venue at least 30minutes before the ceremony starts. Latecomers will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. It is therefore important that all graduating students arrived on time.

PASSING OF INFORMATION

We have in the past had instances where wrong information related to the school (such as closing dates or visiting days) has been passed from students to parents. Parents who are unsure of any information related to the school are advised to contact the school administration to verify such information as true. CITA High also has Whatsapp group where information is passed across to parents. Parents who are not on the group should indicate interest to the Principal Admin Pastor Kuyak to join the group.

R.T. Ebiye-Koripamo

From the Proprietor:

Dear Parents,

Once again we are in our last term of this very interesting Session. Thank God for seeing us through the Ebola epidemic and the much anticipated election period as well. I want to thank you all for your cooperation.

I want to appeal to our dear Parents to take extra time out of your very busy schedules to look into the care of our precious Pearls. So many of them are obese!. The fizzy drinks, unhealthy snacks and sugar filled 'juices' are taking their toll on them. Convenient as it may be, the fast foods we so readily fall back on are no better. I know that the security concerns are a deterrent to healthy recreation but no matter how small our spaces are, could we engage in games, exercises etc instead of the TV, PS etc? Please!

I know we want our girls to look pretty but please let them grow up slowly! Let us celebrate every stage of their lives. Hair extensions and weaves at this stage? What will happen when they get to be teenagers? Let them look their age please, this includes the way we dress them up. Without provocation, the paedophiles are all ready to pounce. Do not create a favourable environment for them to operate in. Note that the boys are not exempt.

Let us work together to make this depraved world bearable for our Pearls.

***“A child's life ought to be a child's life,
full of simplicity.”***

Oswald Chambers