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NEWSLETTER



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TOP NEWS

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Exciting Events in 2025

The college is thrilled to provide unique opportunities for students to participate in notable events:

- **ICT Club Trip to Japan:** On April 18, students will explore cutting-edge technology and innovation.
- **SAGE Trip to India:** Scheduled for April 11, learners will showcase entrepreneurial ideas on a global stage.
- **Model UN Trip to Italy:** In June 2025, students will debate global issues alongside peers from around the world.
- **World Scholars' Cup:** Key events include the Lusaka Regional Round in March and the Global Rounds in June 2025.



Choobe Maambo S.J.
COLLEGE PRESIDENT



Peace of Christ

As we begin the new term and academic year, I would like to welcome back our continuing students and most, especially our new students in form 1 and grade 10. To our continuing students welcome back home and to our new students welcome to your new family. I implore you to make this your home until that time when you leave.

WELCOME!

To the teachers and all staff of St. Ignatius College, allow me to express my profound gratitude for dedicated service to the College. St. Ignatius College is now visible and among the top-performing schools because of your dedication and self-sacrifice. The demand is now growing and I implore you never to relent in your service.

To our parents, it is always an honor to have you around. A special welcome to the new parents. We would like to thank you for choosing St. Ignatius College for your children. That, we do not take for granted. Our offices are open to you. Please feel free to engage us whenever you feel that you are not served accordingly or whenever you feel that your child is not getting what he/she is supposed to get. We promise that we will do our best not to disappoint by imparting the necessary knowledge, skills, and values to all the learners. Inspired and guided by our school vision and through the pursuit of **MAGIS+** "excellence" in everything that we do, we will endeavor to educate your children to be academically engaged, emotionally intelligent, environmentally conscious, and committed to doing justice for the service of God and the community.

From the desk of the President, this is a year of continued growth and development. We will continue our developmental agenda for the College, raising the standards to benefit the status of a Jesuit School. I invite you all to this noble endeavor of developing our College. Many blessings to you all as we begin this new academic year. May we all be guided by the Holy Spirit in all that we do.



**Mrs. Mary Bishonga
Principal**



Dear Parents and Guardians,
It is with immense joy and gratitude that I welcome you all to a new academic year at St. Ignatius College. In a special way I want to welcome new students and their parents to St Ignatius family and feel at home and be at home. As we begin this year, I want to take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students from the previous year. Their hard work, determination, and perseverance have brought pride not only to the school but also to you as their parents. Congratulations on your children's success, it is a reflection of your dedication and the values you instill at home. The same congratulation goes to the teaching and none-teaching staff at St Ignatius College for their spirit of excellence and dedication to their work.

At St. Ignatius College, we are committed to forming students who excel not just in academics but also in character, service, and leadership. This past year, we saw many students achieve outstanding results, take on leadership roles, and participate actively in community service and extracurricular activities. These accomplishments remind us of the fruits of our shared mission as a Jesuit institution: to educate and form young men and women for others. We endeavor for human excellence which is built on the 4C's of Jesuit education namely: commitment, competence, conscience and compassion.

However, excellence does not come by chance. It is built on a foundation of collaboration between home and school. I want to sincerely thank you, our parents and guardians, for the unwavering support you provide, not only to your children but also to our school community. Your involvement, encouragement, and commitment are crucial to the success we celebrate today. Collaboration is a tool for success as the African wisdom says a child is everyone's child meaning it takes a village to form a child. In our context the village is the school environment, home environment and friendships among students.

As we look ahead to this new year, I encourage you to remain actively engaged in your child's learning journey. Celebrate their efforts, guide them through challenges, and remind them of the values that define a St. Ignatius College student: faith, integrity, compassion, and service. Let us continue working together to nurture their potential, inspiring them to achieve even greater heights. This year, our focus remains on holistic education, anchored in the Jesuit tradition of cura personalis which translate to caring for the whole person. We are committed to providing a supportive environment where every student can thrive academically, emotionally, and spiritually. We will also continue to emphasize service to others, encouraging our students to use their talents and gifts for the greater good.

As we begin this new chapter, I invite you to join us in celebrating the successes of the past, embracing the opportunities of the present, and working together toward an even brighter future for our children. Thank you for trusting us with the education and formation of your children. May this year be filled with growth, success, and blessings for you and your families.

Academics Corner

Welcome to the 2025 Academic Year!

We're thrilled to welcome both new and returning students to another exciting academic year at St. Ignatius College. The 2024 results for Grades 9 and 12 were nothing short of exceptional! These outstanding achievements reflect the Jesuit values of excellence and magis—always striving to do more and be more. At the heart of Jesuit education lie the 4 Cs: commitment, conscience, compassion, and competence.

These values drive both our students and teachers to give their best in everything they do. It is this unwavering dedication that has made such remarkable progress possible.

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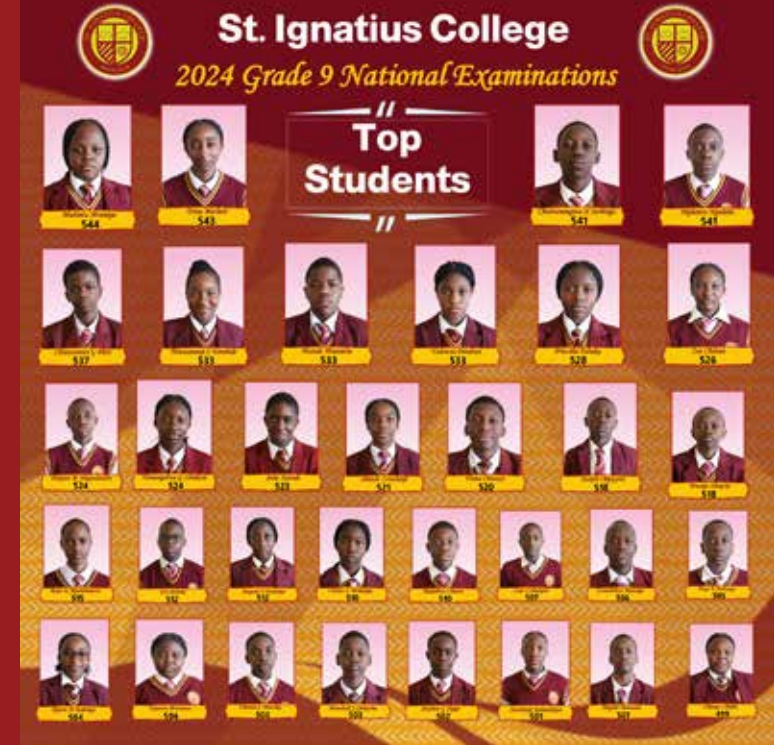
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Looking Ahead

With your continued support and collaboration, we are confident that 2025 will be another year of outstanding achievements.

Let's work together to make St. Ignatius College a beacon of excellence, rooted in the service of God and others. Here's to a successful academic year for the entire St. Ignatius College family!



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We extend heartfelt congratulations to everyone who contributed to this success. Together, we are proving that excellence is achievable when we work as one.

What's New in 2025?

This year marks an important transition for education in Zambia as the government rolls out a new curriculum. For us, this means that 2025 will see the last Grade 9 intake.

Moving forward, students will progress through a Form system, with Grades being completely phased out by 2028.

Upholding Excellence: The Repeat Policy

At St. Ignatius College, progression is earned, not automatic.

Students must meet academic standards to move to the next level. We believe it is unfair to register students who are not prepared for the challenges ahead.

The progression process starts with mid-term exams and concludes with Term 2 exams. Throughout this process, we maintain an open dialogue with students, parents, and the academic team to ensure transparency and fairness.

Supporting Our Learners

This year, we're enhancing our learner support program to ensure no student is left behind. Parents will be notified of specific interventions for struggling learners.

- Weekend Classes: Begin on February 8th for Grades 9 and 12.
- Holiday Classes: Kick off during the April Term 1 break, helping students stay ahead and excel in their studies.

We urge parents to actively participate in class conferences and other key discussions about their children's progress. Your involvement is vital to our shared goal of academic excellence.

St Ignatius College Boarding Life: Development, Companionship, and New Encounters

Discovering Growth Beyond the Classroom

Boarding school life is often a challenge for young minds who are accustomed to the 'safe space' of a guardian's house. However, once a child faces the fear of new challenges, boarding life at St Ignatius College presents a space where pupils can experience a distinctive mixture of independence, responsibility, and personal growth. Beyond textbooks and exams, our boarding experience is about discovering new aspects of one's self, building lifelong friendships, and learning to thrive within a community that feels like home away from home.



Memories That Last a Lifetime

Boarding school life is far from one-dimensional. It's a journey of academic achievement, personal maturation, and emotional development. With a balance of independence and support, students leave their St Ignatius College boarding school experience not just with an academic education but with a strong sense of self, lifelong friendships, and a readiness to take on whatever challenges the future may present. Whether they're waking up to the sound of a dorm bell, studying in the library, or sharing stories with friends late at night, their boarding school memories will shape them for years to come.

Overcoming Challenges

Like any environment, life at a boarding school comes with its challenges. There can be moments of homesickness, academic pressure, or dealing with complex social dynamics. However, these challenges are part of the larger picture of learning how to handle adversity, communicate effectively, and resolve disagreements. Overcoming these difficulties often leads to a reflective sense of achievement and reinforces students' resilience.



PARENTS VISITING DAYS

23rd February, 2025. - 1st Visit

23rd March, 2025. 2nd Visit

Building a Community

While independence is a key part of boarding school life, students also quickly learn the significance of being a part of a community. St Ignatius College boasts tight-knit communities where students, teachers, and college staff all play a role in creating an environment of support and togetherness. Many students create close bonds with their roommates, advisors, and even the cooks or maintenance staff who look out for them. This sense of being part of the St Ignatius College family helps nurture personal growth and resilience. After all, knowing that a caring community surrounds you makes the transition from home much easier.



Developing Independence

At the heart of boarding school life at St Ignatius College is the development of independence. Students live on campus, away from their families, often for the first time. This change allows them to manage their time, keep up with their duties, and make choices that affect their daily lives. They learn to balance academic responsibilities, extracurricular activities, and social commitments—all while having to make their own beds, do laundry, and clean up after themselves. This newfound sense of autonomy is an essential skill that will benefit them long after they leave school.



Exploring Opportunities

Furthermore, St Ignatius College has a wide array of extracurricular activities, sports, and arts programs. Whether it's learning how to play a musical instrument in the school choir, participating in a sports tournament, or joining the World Scholars debate team, students have the chance to try new things and discover hidden talents. These experiences not only enrich their lives but also help them build confidence, leadership skills, and a sense of achievement. Whether excelling in the classroom or on the sports field, students often find themselves pushed beyond their comfort zones in ways that support personal growth.



Accounts Update

We wish to thank all our dear Parents and Guardians for the continuous financial support which allows the school carry out its lined-up activities as scheduled.

Kindly be reminded of the following:

● Fees:

All school fees are expected to be fully settled before commencement of each term. Therefore, no learner with outstanding balance will be permitted to class on Monday 3rd February, 2025 until full settlement is done.

Please ensure that the accounts are in good standing to avoid inconveniencing the learners.

● Payment Methods:

The school has a "NO cash collection policy" Payments should be made to our zanaco bank account via the Point of Sale (POS) machine stationed at the school, direct bank deposits, zanaco express agents or electronic transfers.

Please remember to include your child's name and grade when making any transfers to the school and also produce a proof of payment (POP) to the accounts office

● Contact details:

All enquiries for the finance department should be directed to

accounts@stignationcollege.edu.zm.

Advancement Newsletter input:

1. St Ignatius College Bursary Fund

The College offers full Bursary to students coming from vulnerable families who are very good in academics. As one of the Jesuit schools around the world it is our mandate to offer 10% of student population on Bursary, currently the College only have eight students who are on Full Bursary. For this to be successful the College appeal to well-wishers, cooperates and the community to support this important noble cause through donation/pledges towards the Bursary. The College will hold the Bursary Fundraising in October.



2. St Ignatius College Golf Fundraising

We kindly invite parents with experience in golf fundraising to join our fundraising committee.

The committee will assist in raising funds for the completion of our sports facilities.

The College will have the annual Golf Tournament on the 1st June 2025, we are all invited to join the fundraising committee Please inbox

Mr. Mposi Manners on 0972065137.





Everyone knows what it is to hope. Pope Francis says “In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt.” Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee year be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God’s word helps us find reasons for that hope.

We will have usual grade retreats which are meant to cement our relationships with God, with one another and the environment. These retreats help us to shape our pilgrim journey in the college. We are also inviting students and teachers to join catechism to receive sacraments, especially sacraments of baptism and confirmation. Our catechism classes take place on Sundays after mass. We endeavor to form men and women for and with others and as such we remain committed to service. This year, we are introducing service weekends for all grades and service immersion projects particularly for grade II students during the second-term holidays. These initiatives will allow our students to engage directly with communities in need, fostering a deeper understanding of the issues surrounding poverty and justice.



In the context of our school and education this jubilee year, will emphasize on a hope for filled future. We aim to apply ourselves in academics with the hope that we will achieve academic excellence as it is our core business. As pilgrims of hope we ought to achieve spiritual growth that has Christ as the center with Ignatius of Loyola as our inspiration. In our pilgrimage, we hope to be guided by our Ignatian heritage and values that build our Ignatian community. It is through our shared dream of building our college that we journey with the Holy Spirit, guiding our steps each and every day.

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we also look forward to the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis in April. This young saint, known for his passion for video games and his evangelization efforts through the internet, serves as an inspiring role model for our students. May his life encourage our students to love God, serve others and strive for the greater glory of God in all they do.

May this year be one of abundant blessings, renewal and hope for our entire College community.

Fr Tanaka

Forming young people for a hope filled future in the Jubilee year of Hope.

We welcome all our parents, students and teachers to the new academic year 2025, a year which Pope Francis has called a jubilee year of HOPE. In this jubilee year of hope, we are encouraged to be pilgrims of HOPE, hope that is embedded in the Ignatian charism of positive perception of the world and one another. As scripture reminds us, “Hope does not disappoint” (Rom 5:5). In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome. Hope is also the central message of the coming Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years.



Nurturing Holistic Growth through Club

At St. Ignatius College, education goes beyond the classroom.

We believe in fostering well-rounded learners who excel academically, socially, and emotionally. Our dynamic club system, conducted every Day 3 of the learning cycle, provides students with the opportunity to explore their passions, develop essential life skills, and build meaningful connections with peers and mentors.

As we embark on the 2025 academic year, we are excited to provide both local and international opportunities for our learners to grow as critical thinkers, problem-solvers, and leaders in their communities and beyond.

Social Clubs

Our social clubs are designed to nurture emotional intelligence, teamwork, and social responsibility.

These clubs focus on empowering students to contribute positively to their community while developing essential interpersonal skills.

- **Press Club:** Students collaborate to produce newsletters, blogs, and other publications, honing their writing, editing, and communication skills under the mentorship of Mrs. Chifunda, Mr. Munengo, and Mrs. Silumbu.
- **Chess Club:** Led by Mr. Ndubula and Mr. Mankinka, this club promotes analytical thinking and strategic decision-making as students engage in competitive and casual chess matches.
- **Environmental Conservation Club:** Guided by Mr. Kamfwa and Mr. Munthali, members actively participate in sustainability projects, including tree planting, waste management, and awareness campaigns.
- **Karate Club:** With instructors Mr. Nkhoma and Mr. Kunda, students learn self-discipline, physical fitness, and self-defense techniques through structured karate training.

- **Anti-Bullying Club:** Spearheaded by Mrs. Sinkala and Mr. Karokora, this club promotes kindness and respect among peers to create a safe and inclusive school environment.
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