

PRIZE GIVING DAY SPEECH DELIVERED ON THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST 2019 AT LORETO CONVENT MSONGARI PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUNDS

Our Guest of Honour Artitechet Aidah Munano, our province leader Sr. Jane Frances Mulongo. Our Education secretary Sr. Sophie Achieng, Our high school principal Mrs Magdaline Mbugua, Sr.Maria Goretti Superior Loreto convent Msongari, Advisory Board members present, all Loreto Heads Present, dear parents, members of staff both teaching and non-teaching, pupils, invited guests, ladies and gentlemen. Good morning and a very warm welcome to each one of you for finding time to gather here this morning to celebrate the achievements of our girls.

Our Theme today is **“Msongari embracing holistic education through competences”** The theme is appropriate because it goes hand in hand with our school vision which states that we are an exemplary school offering holistic education to the child that is globally competitive. Today we will witness to the wonderful achievements of our hand work over the past one year. It is a moment to rejoice with those who have shown progress in their work academically as well as in the area of co-curricular activities leadership, talent development and personality. It is also a time to invite or call forth the potential of all our girls because we believe each of them is endowed with unique gift.

God has really been faithful to us thorough out this year and we have a lot to thank him for.

Kindly allow me to take you through some of the highlights of the life of the school in the last one year. Please read the full report on our website form tomorrow

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

ACADEMIC REPORT

K.C.P.E RESULTS 2018

Last year, we presented a total of 44 girls for the KCPE. The results were average with 3 girls scoring 400 and above. The top girl had 412 and the lowest 227. Together they raised a mean score of 337.8. Though this was a drop, great improvement was noted in the performance of the candidates. The three girls are Deborah Kalekwa 412 Sanaa Nyanyuki 406 and Nathasha Thairu 405 I believe they are here with us. The best performed subject was Maths with a mean score of 63.11 congratulations to the 2018 candidate class we appreciate you and the Maths department and all the teachers for the work well done.

2019 K.C.P.E CLASS:

This year, we have registered 41 candidates. The registration process has been successfully completed, and the girls are now being prepared for their national exam. We are happy that we completed the syllabus in good time and have embarked on revision. We thank you teachers for the work you are doing with the girls and we wish them success as they prepare for the exams. Thank you Class 8 parents for your support through the task force. Girls wish you success as you prepare to sit for the KCPE from 28th Oct-31st Oct you are in our prayers.

Other Classes

Performance has been key and the school has continued with monitoring of the exams done with the aim of ensuring that we are on track:

It has been our target to cover the syllabus by end of term 2 for the upper primary classes.

Loreto Common Exam

The girls sat for their in Mid-June – an exam done annually by 4 Loreto schools. The following girls were among the top ten in their various classes and subjects; Loretta Onyango, Wangui Daiga, Kagwima Ashley, Kigen Sonia, Karleyn Ndiritu, Amber Okuku, Jiya Hirani, Lauryn Lagat, Aima Niqole, Anita, Waweru, Michelle Mukami, Kigada Inyanya, Angela Wangamati, Tamara Sakwa, Wangui Daiga, Susan Njiru, Tamara Mutuku, Katu Nzyoki, Rita Kangata, Stacy Kisanya, Akwe Omollo, Makhaelia Olivia, Gitagia Nankai, Gillana Wanjiku, Cassandra Mburu, Ivy Thairu, Tamara Sakwa, Stacy Kisanya, Akwe Omollo, Joan Mugunyu, Aaliyah Mariw, Shirlyn Maiyo, Kelsey Muigai, Leila Mohamed, Tivoni Muriuki and Noreen Kariuki. Well done girls, congratulations for a job well done. Keep it up. Allow me to recognize the following classes, class 4P/4A, 5A/5P and class 7P for their exemplary performance

THE COMPETENCY BASED CURRICULUM (2-6-6-3)

The Competency Based Curriculum has remained an area of interest for us and we continue to implement the system as per the ministry's requirement. The classes have facilitators who have continued to benchmark with other like-minded schools to ensure that the learners are not left behind in any area. As a school we are fully aware that the Grade 3's will be required to sit a National Assessment and we are on our toes to ensure they are fully prepared. In addition, we have registered the pupils as per the requirements of the ministry. In the near future we will seek parents full participation in their child's learning by organizing for CBC observation days where the parents will not only participate but also observe the pupils activities. I wish the grade 3 and their facilitator's success.

SUKUUL DIGITAL PLATFORM.

To expose the girls to digital learning, the school has introduced the Sukuul Digital platform. This is a platform where we encourage the girls to learn, access homework and interact with each other online while at home. We urge all parents to support this initiative by providing to the girls required gadgets for the exercise.

ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT DAYS:

We have been having subject days where the different subjects are highlighted throughout the week and a special day to showcase the different topics is done in an outdoor exhibition with a particular theme.

MATHEMATICS DAY:

Our Mathematics week this year was from **March 1st – 5th March 2019**. The theme was **‘Mathematics made easy’**. The week was marked with different classes doing several tasks at their level. Competition within the four houses were conducted. During the material day, those who excelled were recognized by the Headmistress. As per the analysis of our exams, there is good progress. **Borgia house** were awarded the trophy for being the best this year.

SST DAY

Our SST was held from **Friday 4th - 8th February 2019**. The day crowned the events that had been done throughout the week like oral questions, quizzes and projects that were being prepared and done in houses. The girls had the opportunity to display their projects and presentations. We also had a great speaker from oxford, our theme was **‘I care for my environment’**.

KISWAHILI DAY

This year, the Kiswahili day was observed from **10th to 15th May 2019**. The teachers of Kiswahili did different activities as per the level of the girls in their respective classes. The activities were well supervised and well conducted. In order to keep progress in Kiswahili, we encourage the girls to read Taifa Leo, speak Kiswahili on Fridays and listen to Kiswahili 7:00 o'clock news. The girls also have a maktaba lesson where they visit the library and read books. The theme was **‘Kiswahili Wajibu Wangu’**.

SCIENCE DAY

The SCIENCE WEEK was marked on **Monday 1st to Friday 5th July 2019** under the theme: **Embracing Technology For Quality Life**. The week began with extensive sensitization and awareness campaigns for objective and effective application of Scientific knowledge, skills and attitude in tackling life's challenges for sustainable development. Some of the key highlights were: Maintenance of hygiene and sanitation, Proper nutrition, Renewable energy, Proper handling and maintenance of machines as well as Environmental conservation. The culmination of the week was the **2019 Science Congress** held on Friday 5th July. Amid the stiff competition, it was a win well deserved for **BALL HOUSE** who were then declared the **2019 Science Champions**. I congratulate Mr. Onyando and the science department for the good work.

CRE DAY

The CRE week started from 10th -17th July 2019. The theme was "**Moulding character**" During the week the classes did several activities competing among the houses. Borgia house emerged winners. I wish to appreciate Mrs. Kiruku panel head and the teachers for the great team work for preparing the girls.

CLASS MEETINGS:

Class meetings from Grade 1 – Std 8 were held in the month of January 2019. They were successful. Strategies were put in place and we hope to work hard towards realizing our goals. We formed parents task force form class 6-8 which have worked on very well. We thank the volunteer parents for their support.

MSMUN(Middle School Model United Nations)

The school prepared and presented delegation of 25 participants comprising 24 delegates and 1 advisor in the 2019 Middle School Model United Nations Annual Delegates conference held from **Tuesday 29th January to Friday 1st February 2019** at the United Nations office at Nairobi (UNON). Representing five countries namely; Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Brunei, Georgia and Vanuatu, the members got a valuable opportunity to debate various global humanitarian challenges ranging from Health, Technology, environmental to Human Rights matters. The team also benefitted from the golden opportunity to interact, network, socialize and learn from over Six hundred other delegates drawn from over thirty schools locally as well as the entire African region. Thanks to Mr. Onyando.

LINCOLN LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The Lincoln Club actively participated in different club activities. During the April Holiday, the members attended a camp in Naivasha for Leadership training. They

were trained on how to come up with new ideas to solve different problems affecting young people and society. It was a three-day training.

On 25th – 27th April 2019, they attended a conference at Laico Regency Hotel where they had presentations on the project they had been working on. Thanks to the parents who have been of great support in making these activities a success, Mr. Mwangi and Mrs. Kiruku.

MARY WARD WEEK/MASS

The Mary Ward week was observed between **23rd January – 30th January 2019**. This was crowned by a joint mass with high school and was followed by presentations and entertainment from both schools. This year's theme was **'Emulating Mary Ward in the 21st century.'** The girls donated foodstuffs with the aim of reaching out to a Children's home.

FAMILY FUN DAY:

Our Family fun day was held on 3rd of February 2019 in the school grounds. The event presents an opportunity for the entire Loreto family – pupils/students, their siblings, parents, teachers & Loreto Sisters to come together to strengthen the family bond. Our theme this year was **'Msongari; Embracing technology with real family conversations'**

SWIMMING GALA:

Our annual Swimming Gala took place on the **15th of February 2019**. Parents turned out in large numbers to support their houses. Our Guest of Honour was Ms. Judy Main. **Ward house** was crowned Cork House. Thanks coach Annabel for the good work.

Swimming Report

Our girls also participated in various swimming championships: **on 2nd of March 2019** the school swim team attended the NAKIFEO swimming championships that were held at the Makini School. The team had a total of 12 swimmers from both primary and high school. We collected a total of 22 medals. 10 medals were won by the primary girls. Our team emerged 2nd runners up. The team also attended the KSF long course Gala at the Kasarani sports stadium. Sharon Moegi and Chantell Koki collected 10 medals for our school. In Mid- June 3 of our girls participated in the Dubai championship these were; Sharon Moegi Rachael Neema and Ashley Kagwima, Jerop Kittony also represented Kenya in the junior Olympics in Russia in July. Congratulations again our champions for making our school shine globally.

GAMES REPORT

Our Annual sports day was held on the 28th of June 2019. Great talent was shown during the event which saw Ball house emerge winners. Congratulations ball house. The best athlete in lower primary was Tracy Nekesa Ball house in upper was Shamim Ottah in Borgia house.

The school was well represented in Tennikoit, Cycling, Netball and Hiking. The Tennikoit team participated in the Makini Tournament in singles, doubles and fives. They managed silver in singles and doubles, and Gold in Fives.

Netball

The U13 Netball team participated in the PIPSSA tournament that was held at St. Austins international school on 8th of June 2019. Eight teams participated in the tournament. We emerged position 3. This was a good exposure to the girls.

Cycling

The school participated in the Inter Schools Cycling competition which was held at the school of the Nations on 15th of June 2019. The results were as follows:

Gold medal - 1

Silver medals - 3

Bronze medal - 1

Annual cross country

The annual cross country was held on 29th May 2019. The pupils participated well in the external event. Borgia house emerged winners. It was a successful event with no injuries.

Traditional Games

On Friday 14th June 2019, parents had a chance to engage in different games with the daughters in school. It was a nice way to bond. I take this opportunity to appreciate all the parents who have taken this initiative. Just to mention Mama Makeila and the team.

Inter- Loreto Games

The inter- Loreto games that bring together all the Loreto school every year will take place on **2nd and 3rd August 2019**. Our school will host the games thereby giving our girls and partners a privilege to witness, participate and cheer the teams. Our theme is **'Loreto schools united as one in sports'** we request you to drop your daughter to school at 8:30am to support our teams pick time is 3:00pm please feel welcome to attend.

SPIRITUAL CARE:

Retreats

The school continues to nurture the girls spiritually;

- The girls attended retreats which are a way of deepening their relationship with God. Some of the topics covered were; Fear of God, Self-Discipline, Peer Pressure, Time management and Value of work.
- Spiritual welfare and formation of our pupils by holding weekly mass every Thursday is key to enhance participation; during the mass, we project the, songs and the prayers.
- The girls recite the Rosary in the months of May and October.
- The girls also participate in the way of the cross during the Lent season.

First Holy Communion/Baptism This term, we have prepared a total of 43 girls to receive the first Holy Communion. Among them 15 girls were baptized and two were received in to catholic faith. The colourful ceremony was held on 20th July 2019. We thank Mrs. Abuta and Sr. Everlyn for preparing the girls for the sacrament a special thanks to the pastoral team for the wok they do in supporting the girls as they grow in their relationship with God.

DISCIPLINE

We continue to work tirelessly to ensure that the girls are well disciplined. Our core values (Justice, freedom and sincerity, humility, service and integrity contribute a great deal in shaping the character of our girls. I am happy to note that our discipline issues are not major. However, at the same point this year a few bullying cases were reported, the school took this matter seriously and corrective measures were taken. Thanks Sr. Evelyne and the discipline committee

CAPACITY BUILDING

To boost quality learning experience for our girls our teachers have been engaged in making co-operate schemes of work and adoption of the homework and study time table for our girls.

We had goal setting seminars for our class 7 and 8 girls at Rosa Mystica.

Pupils were trained on the child protection policy also in January

The pupils' council underwent a training in January.

We continue empowering our staff and encouraging them in the spirit of team work by giving them extra trainings on child protection policy which is necessary to our Childrens' welfare by protecting and safeguarding them. Two of our teachers also have been trained as child safeguarding officers Tr. Margaret and Mr. Irungu. we thank the Loreto Development Office for the initiative.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

As part of our values to give to the less fortunate, pupils donated foodstuff during the Mary Ward week, The girl guided and brownies also gave good turns during their enrolment, all these were taken to Jesus Helpers children's home. The big me career Day campaign Action aid and matter Heart run, all together raised a total of Ksh 623.171. My appreciation goes to all the girls and to you parents for supporting the girls. May God bless you abundantly

Borgia House Initiative

The Borgia house together with other houses made a donation to St. Josephs the worker towards their prize giving day. Thank you Borgia house for taking the lead am sure you put a smile on the face of those children. I wish to thank Mama Anisa and team for mobilization Go Borgia Go.

THE SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

The school has engaged the services of a part time counsellor who visits every alternate Wednesday from 9:00am – 12:00pm. We thank the Loreto Education Secretary Sr. Sophie for the support.

PEER COUNSELLOR'S

The Program is dedicated to assisting pupils by establishing one-on-one peer-mentoring relationships between pupils. The girls are empowered with basic counselling skills so as to be able to offer help to their peers effectively it is also aimed at boosting their self-esteem. The group is also trained on peer counselling, bullying and peer pressure and confidentiality in peer counseling. Thank you Tr. Dianah for working hand in hand with our peer counselors.

ENVIRONMENT DAY

We joined the rest of the world to celebrate the World Environment Day on **Friday, 7th June 2019**. The theme was **'Beating air pollution'**. The celebrations began with indoor presentations in the primary hall where guests, staff and pupils assembled. There were different presentations from different classes i.e. songs/poems. Joy Njeri (4A) and Zawadi Kayyoh (1A) presented very good poems. Our Guest of Honour for the day was **Sr. Joan from Association of Sisters of Kenya (AOSK)**. The pupils, staff and the guest then went out for the outdoor activities which were the climax of the event. We planted trees, cleared the river around our school, picked litter and did weeding around the young trees. It was a great event.

VARIETY SHOW:

This year's variety show was held on 25th May 2019. Our theme was 'Msongari; Embracing our culture.' All presentations were done from the house level to individuals as a way of developing and nurturing talents. **Ward house** emerged winners we congratulate you.

Our Guest of Honour was Wanjiku Karanja (formerly known as Shix Kapienga). The programme ran smoothly despite the weather challenges. To crown the day, we had the Catwalk and the following emerged Miss Msongaris 2019/2020 in the various categories.

- Antonina Otieno – Miss Msongari Lower
- Caitlyn Muthoni – Miss Msongari Mid Upper
- Stacy Irungu - Miss Msongari Upper

It was a successful day where we all got a chance to discover, develop and celebrate talents.

CAREER DAY

We held this event for the 1st time in our school on 10th July 2019. This was in partnership with the Action Aid international. The aim was to help the marginalized schools to realize their dreams of achieving and attaining their career jobs. It was a great day well spent as the girls were able to execute and meet with the professionals of their career job.

BROWNIES AND GIRL GUIDES

This year the girls have engaged in various activities including adventurous walk at Karura forest in first term. They took their commitment vows during their colorful great enrolment day on 13th July. Guided by the Motto "Lend a hand" and "Be prepared" congratulations to all the girls who were enrolled that day special thanks goes to Tr. Lydia, Mr. Onyando and Mr. Irungu for supporting the girls.

ST. JOHNS DOLPHINS

Last year in November 14 Dolphins went for a camp in Kwale County.

In March our dolphins visited CITAM Buruburu Primary and learnt the communication badge where they learnt Morse code, sign language, semaphore and radio communication. We congratulate Tr. Monica and Mr. Kariuki in absentia

EDUCATIONAL TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS:

In the course of the April holidays, Grade 1 visited the Animal Orphanage, Grade 2 to Class 4 managed to visit various parts in the Mt Kenya region. Grade 5 and 6 will visit Mombasa. This year the primary school, high school in conjunction with LCVR

has organized an international trip to Thailand and it's scheduled for 30th November 2019 to 7th Dec 2019. The charges are USD 1750 those willing to travel must have the new passport. Kindly give consent on time.

OTHER CO CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

In an effort to nurture an all-round child, our girls continue to engage in various Co curricular activities i.e. Tennis, Tae Kwon Do, Gymnastics, Aerobics, Ballet, and Cycling, while the Music group Fantasia engage the pupils in Piano, Guitar, Violin, and other musical instruments.

TENNIS

The tennis team participated in the Karen Country Club invitation tournament. They reached the quarter finals. The girls got great exposure that will enable them improve their performance in the upcoming competitions.

On 29th June 2019 few of our pupils participated and learned a lot from top players from different schools in an exchange programme, which was held at public service club,

The girls also participated in the innovational tennis tournament which was held at public service club on 6th July, 8 tennis players from Loreto Msongari presented the school, two players manage to reach quarter finals Rosebella Onguru (3A) and Sophie Waithera (2A), Precious Naisula was voted best promising player. We congratulate the girls, Coach Joe and his team for the good work.

CONCLUSION

At this juncture, I would like to commend all our parents for their continuous support throughout this busy year, we do not take it for granted. We are deeply indebted to other stake-holders, Loreto Institute, The School Advisory Board members, Our Education Office, teachers, administration and support staff for your support and contribution towards making this year a great success for Loreto Msongari. May God bless each one of you abundantly as we march towards celebrating 100 years of Gods Faithfulness.

We have every reason to celebrate a great school and a great family. (School Anthem)

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