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Corona Virus (COVID-19)

As we all know, this virus has affected the world and it was considered a pandemic recently. People are advised to practice safety measures and to stay at home as we wait for the vaccine or cure to be found. We would like to inform you that even our students are currently at home with their families. You may not be able to control this virus or its effects BUT you can control how you live and being positive is just better and can help. The power of positivity during this crisis can spread and help others during this difficult time. Stay Safe!

ST.PATRICK'S DAY

On behalf of the SAAS family, we would like to wish our Irish friends and sponsors well as they celebrate St Patrick's Day this month. May it be full of blessings and happiness.



SAAS staffs celebrating St.Patrick's Day at Mombasa Office.

MID-BREAK

Students were able to come back from their mid-break towards the end of last month. They were given a whole week to calm down from their schoolwork and spend time with their families before they resumed school again. During this time they were able to drop by the office and let us know of their updates.

SAAS ANNIVERSARY

SAAS celebrated its 14th birthday in February. Among the achievements which we have achieved till now is sending over 2000 students to High school, College and University.

The students have graduated in different courses which have helped them secure jobs and survive in their day to day lives. Some of the courses which our students took are teaching, computer packages, media and broadcasting, business management, software development, medicine, accountancy, electricians, beauticians, etc.

We currently have 100 students who are still in school and also more than 50 students on the waiting list. We wish SAAS many years as it celebrates its birthday and we always pray for our caring, well-wishers and donors to keep supporting the work of SAAS. HAPPY BIRTHDAY SAAS!

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COMPUTER INTAKE -JANUARY 2020.

In January 2020, we enrolled over 120 students for the computer course. Many students registered, but since we didn't have enough computers, we had to reserve others for the May intake. Per day we host 5 classes, and each class consists of 25 students.

Massive appreciation goes to the volunteers who give up their time to teach these classes. They are Wellington Mshote, Danny Otieno, Moses Onyango, Fletcher and a few others who eagerly volunteer as tutors in this intake. Besides, we would like to acknowledge the efforts of Tuath Housing through the help of Madam Alison O'Gorman by equipping our computer library with more laptops and making learning more resourceful.



Meetup at the SAAS office during orientation of the computer January intake

TERM ONE

This term began early in January and it will end in April. This term, students are in their new classes after moving one step ahead from their previous classes last year. Normally school year in Kenya has 3 terms before students move classes. Thanks to our openhearted donors, our students were able to report to school on time with their school fees fully paid.

NATIONAL RESULTS (KSCE)

SAAS students were among the thousands of students who got their national results for high school. We are proud to let you know, our students performed very well and most of them managed to score grades which will send them to University/College. We had 23 students who sat for these exams in 2019. The amazing performance was recorded mostly by the girls.

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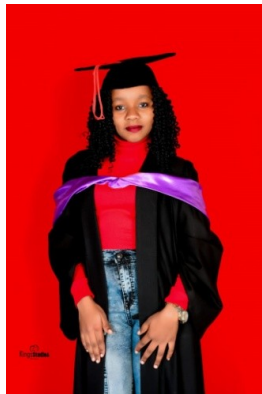


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GRADUATION

SAAS would like to congratulate all those students who recently graduated in different fields within their career. We wish them all the best as they venture into the world of Job searching.



Right Faith Nang'ani who graduated with a Diploma in Clinical Medicine,Center; Elizabeth Naliaka Graduated with Bachelor of Education (Science) and Right; Kassim Mwarua Diploma in Mass Communication and Public Relations

GET TOGETHER

Late last year we held our annual end of the year get together before we closed the office for the Christmas Holiday. During this time we were able to acknowledge all those students who performed tremendously well during that year. Among those who did best we had Linda Adhiambo of Kabianga Girls High School who scooped an award for the best Form 1, Grace Muhonja of Ushindi Baptist High School won the award for Best in Form 2, Mariam Nyingo of Kanzalu High School scooped an award for the best in Form 3 while the award for the SAAS best personality of the year 2019 went to Charles Abraham of Chavakali Boys Secondary School

We also held our girls talk and so did the boys. Among the topics which we emphasized was hygiene, drug abuse, education, self-discipline and self-esteem. We are glad as both boys and girls were free to open up and they participated fully. Thanks to Mrs. Monica Kennedy, who funded 2019 Funday, girls were rewarded with sanitary towels since acquiring this necessity proved a challenge to them.

The day ended with entertainment and also we eat lunch together.

The feedback we got from students is they wish the office could organize more of these events so as they can get time to mingle with each other, learn from one another experience in addition to having fun.

We shall be having a student team building / games day and also a talent show day in April holiday. Feel free to donate toward the funding of these coming activities.

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Left right; A group of the girls receiving their Sanitary packs. Right left; A group photo of the students during 2019 Funday. Bottom photo; Best students for the year 2019, Abraham Charles (best personalty), Linda Adhiambo (Best F1) Garece Muhonja (Best F2) and Mariam Nyingo (Best F3)

PARENTS MEETING

During the month of December, we held our annual parents' meeting at the office. The turn out was impressive, this shows how much parents appreciate SAAS efforts in supporting their children to school. The main aim of this meeting was to discuss the general performance of the SAAS students in terms of education and their behavior. We noticed that most parents are strictly harsh and they do not create time to interact with their children. We were able to share with them what we gathered from the students during their visits to the office and also from the counseling therapy which we held for them. We agreed that we will work hand in hand with the parents so as we can make the students enjoy school life and also emerge as good human beings.

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Left ; SAAS staff, Sylvia Masere talking to the parents. Right is a parent sharing her concerns with other parents.

PROMOTED TO HEAVEN

In February SAAS family lost one of its successful students, Trizah Mgh'anga was supported to school by Dr Lorraine McGinty. She had studied Mass Communication and Public Relations. Until her demise, she was working as an Assistant Manager at an insurance company. She died because of cervical cancer. We wish Trizah's family and the whole of SAAS fraternity strength during this healing period.

Trizah has also motivated us in the campaign for SAAS young girls to go for cervical test which initially was not a priority to them. This is the message to Trizah "We shall not mourn you our Angel we will forever celebrate you" "May you rest in peace!" and we shall forever miss you.



Below is one of the poems which Trizah had written a few years ago.

YOU MADE THE IMPOSSIBLE

It's not time to cry, it's not a time to be sad,

It's not time to sit and flash back the bad memories,

It's time to laugh, it's time to be happy,

It's time to have a big smile, for getting a good education.

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What education is this? Books only?

No education of books and education of being a citizen,

Education, of which we thought we won't get,

But thank to SAAS for making the impossible to be possible.

How about the treatment from SAAS was it bad?

No! No! Those are angels from God and angels do not treat people badly.

Thank you SAAS for being such nice people to us people in need

Thank you again for making the impossible to be possible.

As we are packing our bags ready to leave

To leave the school you made us go to

We celebrate and thank God for the time we've been here

The good times we had with friends is now over

SAAS, what can we say?

Thank you for making the impossible to be possible.

Good citizens, we promise to be

The advice you gave us have stuck in our heads

Not to shame you in any way,

Thank you for your concern about the people in need

For sure you made the impossible to be possible.

By Trizah Mghanga

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