



# SAAS

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## **EASTER BLESSINGS**

SAAS family was delighted to receive food supply during the Easter celebrations. This marked the 9th food drive program, it came in as a surprise and a blessing to these families as they did not expect it.

A million thanks to Dharshini and her company, Noorah Al- Hussaini and family, Nora Doyle, Gina Woods, David Maguire, Jill Maloney who ensured that this program was a success. We also thank all those donors who supported SAAS work in general being it food programs or school fees donations. SAAS family will always pray for your well-being.



*Some photos from the 9th food program at Easter*

## **CLOSING SCHOOL FOR EASTER HOLIDAY**

All schools in Kenya closed in mid-March for Easter celebrations and to create room for the Kenya Secondary Certificate candidates to do their final exams. The students ended their term two very well none of them missed school due to Covid 19. Parents and the students were happy to meet each other once again for Easter celebrations. This holiday lasts for 2months.

## **2020 NATIONAL EXAMINATION**

The Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) and Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) 2020 commenced in Mid March 2021. This is because the Covid-19 pandemic had disrupted their old academic calendar. Before, all national exams were being done in November. Among the form four students who sat for their national exams, 30 students are from SAAS. We wish them the best in their examinations.

## **EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION**

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*Form 4 students ready for their national examination during this pandemic period.*

## PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Eric Onyango, one of our first intake of SAAS students from 2006, for being ordained as a priest. Father Eric graduated with a Diploma in Law before joining the seminary. Father Eric, we pray that you find peace, joy and happiness. May God's blessings follow and guide you. Once more, congratulations.



*Right; Eric presiding over his first mass. Left; Celebrations during Eric's ordination.*

## COMPUTER INTAKE

In February, we enrolled new computer students under the SAAS computer program undertaken by the SAAS Youth Group. These students were eager to learn how to use and operate the computer. We appreciate much the help from Danny and Wellington for their unmeasured efforts to ensure that their younger brothers and sisters gain the much-needed skill.



*Left; SAAS Staff Silvia Masere welcoming new computer students. Right; Danny giving out a speech during the orientation ceremony of the new computer students.*

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## SAAS ANNIVERSARY

This year in February, SAAS celebrated 15 years of service to the community. We would like to thank the entire Board of Directors, all our donors, the SAAS families for making this possible.

Thanks to everyone for making the journey smooth and easy. Your dedication and creativity can only be matched with an unquenchable thirst for the success of the students. On this special day, I want to congratulate all of you for yet another great year! Happy Anniversary SAAS family.

## SCHOOL OPENING FOR TERM 2

Schools in Kenya were officially opened in January 2021. The government of Kenya ordered their closure in a bid to protect students and teachers from the spread of the Corona virus. The government ensured that safety measures were met in these schools before they re-opened. It was a joyous moment for students who were happy to finally resume classes after staying at home for approximately nine months. The 2021 school calendar had to be changed and this will force students to study for four terms this year compared to the usual three terms. This was to cover up the lost school days.

## STAR STUDENT



### **Fredrick Onyango Ochieng (30years)**

He is known to many as Freddy, he is a beneficiary of the SAAS scholarship. Freddy will be graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and Communication Studies from the University of Nairobi. Freddy worked at a radio and a television company before being employed by The Star Newspaper as a correspondent covering sports and political affairs events.

He recently wrote a sports article about one of our students Welland Mugani which was published on the 20th of May 2020. You can read this article through this website. <https://www.the-star.co.ke/>

He has been the organizing secretary for SAAS Youth Group from 2010 to 2013, also a tutor at SAAS Computer classes since 2010, a program they came up with as SAAS beneficiaries to give back to the community by offering computer classes to needy students.

He is also a youth mentor currently volunteering with Maweni Hornets Basketball Team as their communication officer using basketball to help youths stay away from drug abuse, juvenile gangs, radical groups and other social vices.

Freddy also works part-time with Inspire Life in Youth and Children in Distress (ILCYD) organization whereby they use a value-based approach to combat violent extremism and also address issues of Gender-Based Violence. He conducts capacity-building sessions and talks with the youth in a bid to inculcate values in them to become responsible citizens.

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