



TLCS NEWS & VIEWS

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END OF TERM break – Our offices and classes will be closed on Monday and will reopen Tuesday, September 1st at the regular time for term 3.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!!

We have finally made it to the end of Term 2! What a term! We have all had the opportunity to grow for sure! I'm so proud of how our school family has responded to all the challenges. Our students have really taken up the challenge and some students are doing better now than they ever have before! I can't say enough about our wonderful staff at TLCS. Our operations team and kitchen workers have met every standard put before them. Ms Rabasha, our SHE officer, joined us and has coordinated our COVID19 response so well. Ms Lebotse and Ms Chitogwa have diligently and kindly worked with all parents regarding their payments. Our office staff has answered every call and continued the registration for next year. Their smiling faces are still in place even though you don't get to see them right now. And our teachers! Oh my! They trained in the afternoons and on Saturdays to take their excellence online! We are all still learning and growing. We are TIRED but we are PROUD of each other! Also, of course, our parents, thank you for all the ways you helped us make this adjustment. We've had so many encouraging words from you. We appreciate you!

Usually at the end of term, we are all excited for a good break, but this time, our school breaks have instead been more like interruptions. We will take a short break this weekend. Everyone has Monday off and we start afresh with Term 3 on Tuesday. Thankfully we have a good long holiday weekend at the end of the month!

We are taking every COVID precaution at school. Please be sure you are doing so at home. It seems like it is taking forever, but in the scheme of life it's only a little while that we must be extra cautious. School is so very important for the children's mental health. Stay home unless you have to go out - wear masks and wash your hands!

Form 5

Our Form Five students have completed their Mocks and are focused in on their final examinations. When you consider your activities outside your homes, would you remember that Botswana has a lot of students who need to finish their final year. More school closures are not good for them as they finalize their high school learning. Let's follow our nation's guidelines to stay home unless it's necessary - wear a mask- and wash our hands regularly to contain the spread of the virus.

Term 3 Uniform Guidelines

A reminder that third term uniforms return to our normal uniform and dress code mandates properly fitting uniforms.

- * Long pants for boys should cover the top part of their shoes. (They should not be above their ankles)
- * Skirts are to be mid-knee length. Blazer/jersey sleeves should cover their wrists.
- * Shirts worn under the uniform blouse/shirt must be white. Proper socks – not the invisible kind are designated school uniform code.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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| August 28 | Term Two Ends |
| September 01 | Term Three Begins |
| September 30 | Botswana Day |
| October 01 | Public Holiday |
| October 02 | School Holiday |
| December 08 | Term Three Ends |

CLASS SESSIONS:

When we scheduled our second term sessions with COVID in mind, we first consulted with local pediatricians. They recommended to us that students have constancy. Their comment was that as long as we have a good environment for learning, the timing is not so important. Children are resilient and able to learn well at all times. We do not plan to alternate the sessions but rather will keep the students in the same place for the remainder of the year. We anticipate that COVID mandated social distancing will continue until we finish this year.

Enrolment for 2021

We are now enrolling for 2021. It is important each year that we know which of our students intend to continue at TLCS in the coming year. We have families waiting to attend and so we ask that you secure your child's place for 2021 by depositing P1000 for a single child, P1800 for two or more. This is a **non-refundable deposit**. This deposit will go towards first term fees for 2021. **Deadline for this deposit is September 28th**. After that, we will begin filling the classrooms with children on our waiting lists.

Teacher Appreciation Day– October 5

We want to take time to allow you to say thank you to our teachers for all the extra work they have done this year. A card or gift of thanks is welcome. This year, due to COVID19 restrictions we ask that no food be sent to school.