



Newsletter, Ndola January 2020

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." "Your attitude, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude." "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." "The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn ...and change."
- Malcolm X.

Special Welcome and Thanks

We welcome all our new pupils and parents and guardians to Simoko Trust School. We also welcome back and thank our old and returning pupils to this exciting first term in this year! We are looking forward to a productive term together.

We also extend our gratitude to parents and guardians for their continued support and trust. As always, we value your custom.

New Developments

We are glad to announce that our school is now an examination centre and will, effective 2020, conduct Grade 7 examinations as set and supervised by the Examination Council of Zambia. We thank our clients for the continued support and making it possible for us to be registered as an examination centre.

Term 1– 2020 School Events

The following events are lined up for Term 1. Please take note and ensure you and your child participate fully:

- ◆ Weekly tests will be every Friday and Monthly tests will be given every last Friday of the Month. For computer lessons, only monthly tests will be conducted.
- ◆ 8th March 2020 Sunday will be Women's Day, and the day after, Monday, 9th March 2020 is a public holiday. Therefore, there will be no Lessons on this day. Simoko Trust School will be proud to celebrate our female staff and the womenfolk world-over.
- ◆ 12th March 2020 will be Youth Day, therefore, Simoko Trust School will, once more, be glad to celebrate all its youths.
- ◆ End of Term Exams will commence on 23rd March 2020 and end on 30th March 2020.
- ◆ Open (Consultation) day will be on 2nd April, 2020.
- ◆ Closing day will be on 3rd April, 2020.
- ◆ Next Term, School Opens on 4th May 2020.

Weekly Programs

Reporting time for all pupils is 07:20hrs, and classes begin at 07:30hrs. Knocking off time on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays is 15:30hrs and 12:30hrs on Fridays.

Clubs

Tuesday afternoon, from 14:00hrs to 15:30hrs, has been set aside for clubs. The following are clubs operating in the school: Literacy, HIV/AIDS Awareness, Poetry & Drama, Music, Debate, Conservation, JETS, Math, Dancing, Red Cross, Girl Guides & Boys Scouts, Art & Scripture Union.

Communication Books

Where communication books are not available, parents are encouraged to share their views about their children and homework and general behaviour and concerns using homework books.

Accounts Corner

Our school fees are as follows:

<i>Day Care:</i>	<i>K2,000.00 per term</i>
<i>Baby Class - Reception:</i>	<i>K1,385.00 per term</i>
<i>Grade – Grade 7:</i>	<i>K1,635.00 per term</i>
<i>PTA Fund:</i>	<i>K50 per term</i>

All parents who paid school fees for Term 1, 2020, before 6th January 2020 enjoyed a 10% discount. All payments should be made through the bank and, please, present the deposit slip to school so that a receipt is issued. The school account name and number is:

<i>Account Name:</i>	<i>Simoko Services Limited</i>
<i>Bank Name:</i>	<i>Stanbic Bank</i>
<i>Account Number:</i>	<i>9130000662988</i>
<i>Branch:</i>	<i>Ndola Main</i>

Dropping off and Picking up Children

Parents have been encouraged to drop their children in school not later than 07:20 hours. Children brought to school after 08:00hrs will be sent back home. Similarly, picking up children one hour or more late will attract a K50 surcharge for any hour late and a further K50 for a subsequent hour late. Kindly note that picking up of children should only be done by the same person known by the school, if any

parent decides to send a different person to pick up the child, the person should be introduced to us in advance otherwise the school will not release the child to that new person.

Our school buses

Please report any bad driving and unwanted behavior. Children using the bus must observe the rules of the bus, e.g. no eating or drinking in the bus, no standing, no sticking out heads or limbs from the window, etc. Please note that the bus fares have been revised and all concerned parents must note this and collect the new fare chart from the school.

Personal belongings

To ensure that children do not lose their personal belongings, parents are urged to ensure that each child's belongings are clearly labeled with their names. Labels or names should never be written in front or at the back or on the side but can neatly be written inside the School uniforms, jerseys, PE attire and head socks.

Homework Policy

Class teachers have been asked to issue homework on a daily basis to the children. Parents need to check books of their children and sign to ensure that this is the case.

High flying Dove

Our high flying dove for last term 3 2019 was **Khombe Chimwenwe**, Grade 6. Congratulations!

School Canteen

Meals are served for learners who sign up to eat from the School Canteen. Charges are as follows:

Lunch:	K700 per month
Breakfast:	K550 per month

The meals served are clean, balanced and nutritious.

Parents are encourage to consider good nutrition for their children as they give them food for break or lunch.

Yours sincerely

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