



CORNELIA CONNELLY SCHOOL OF THE HOLY CHILD JESUS

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REPORT ON 5TH ANNIVERSARY AND FIRST SPEECH AND PRIZE-GIVING DAY

The 5th anniversary and first Speech and Prize-Giving day event was marked with four days programme of activities from the 10th of October to the 13th of October, 2022 with the theme, “**HOLISTIC EDUCATION FOR CHARACTER FORMATION AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**”.

We began, on the 10th of October, with a procession through the principal streets of Nkasaim and Goaso towns to create awareness of our educational philosophy and its holistic approach. Several placards bearing our educational philosophy were carried by learners amidst music from the Goaso Brass Band along with us through the principal streets. The excitement was immense.



Float through principal streets of Nkasaim and Goaso

On Tuesday, the 11th of October, we carried out a clean-up exercise at the Nkasaim Health Centre with our learners. The Health Centre appreciated the charity work by the learners. The learners learned the importance of hygiene and charity work. The Health Centre refreshed our learners with snacks to appreciate their hard work.



Clean-up exercise at Nkasaim Health Centre

A football match between Cornelia Connelly School of the Holy Child Jesus (CCSHCJ) and Mother Ignatia (Religious of the Virgin Mary Sisters' School) marked the third day of our celebration on Wednesday the 12th of October, 2022. Our learners played wonderfully, however, we lost by three goals to nil. It was an exciting event and a way of deepening our relationship with sister organisations.



CCSHCJ Team (left) ready for football match with Mother Ignatia (right)

The main event which was the Grand Durbar unfolded on the Thursday 13th of October, 2022. It began with a Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Most Rev. Peter Kwaku Atuahene, Bishop of Goaso Diocese, and Rev. Fr. Daniel Owusu, Parish Priest of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Nkasaim. Most Rev. Peter Kwaku Atuahene encouraged our learners to learn hard and be appreciative towards their school environment and the staff who provide various services for them. He also prayed for the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus for God's blessings in their various ministries.





Pictures from Eucharistic Celebration

The grand durbar began after the Eucharistic Celebration chaired by Nana Safo Kantanka, who represented Nana Danso Agyei Ababio II, the paramount chief of Nkasaim. He was ushered in colourfully by his sub chiefs. Madam Mavis Serwaa-Duah, a HOPSAN (Holy Child Past Student) and the Head of Finance for Tano South Municipal Health Directorate and the first president of the Health Accounting Association of Ghana, was the Guest speaker for the occasion. The high table was graced with the presence of the Most Rev. Peter Kwaku Atuahene, Bishop of Goaso Diocese, Rev. Fr. Daniel Owusu, Parish Priest of Nkasaim, Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus, and Representatives from the Asutifi South District Education Directorate.

The learners presented poetry recitals, choreography, choral performance, drama, news casting among others which made the event colourful. Learners as young as three years performed wonderfully. One of our learners who takes part in a TV show performed to the admiration of all surprise of all at the event grounds.



Rev. Sr. Emmanuella Akweongo, SHCJ, the headmistress of the school delivered her speech which included the brief history of shecj, the population of the school which has increased from thirty in 2017 to three hundred and fifty at the time of the celebration. She also stressed on the importance of providing holistic education as it has shaped our learners in character formation, academic work and other fields. She noted some key talents the learners have acquired through the holistic education they have received from the school. Sr. Emmanuella Akweongo continued to point out some challenges the school face including non-payments of fees, damages and breakages by learners and the lack of walk ways. She concluded by thanking the past and present leadership of our Society in Rome, and also She thanked the past leaders of the African Province. She expressed gratitude to the current province leader Sr. Helen Ebede and her team for the support and the smooth running of the school. She also thanked the Board of Governors and Trustees for their support. She thanked all benefactors, collaborators, chiefs, priests and religious most especially the Most Rev. Peter Kwaku Atuahene, the staff, parents and guardians were also appreciated.



Headmistress, Sr. Emmanuella Akweongo SHCJ delivering her speech

Our guest speaker, Madam Mavis Serwaah-Duah (HOPSAN), encouraged our learners to study hard to become better men and women in the future. She used her life story to encourage the female learners, especially, to follow her path of holistic education to achieve greater heights. She advised parents to train their wards in line with CCSHCJ's holistic education so that their wards will become the best in the world. She continued to entreat parents to watch well over their children as social vices and other bad things spread through television and social media.

The Bishop of Goaso Diocese, Most Rev. Peter Kwaku Atuahene, entreated parents and guardians to support our mission of holistic education by playing their roles, especially financially. He entreated them to do their best to pay their wards' fees on time so the children will continue to get holistic education from our school.

After some beautiful performances by the learners, awards were presented to the best students of each class (Nursery 1 to Basic 4), teaching and supporting staff who had worked with the school since its inception.



Overall best student receiving her award; presented by Most Rev. Peter Kwaku Atuahene

The 5th Anniversary cake was cut after the awards presentation. Honouring the cutting of the cake were the Chairman, the Bishop, the Guest Speaker, the Headmistress and the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus.



Cake cutting led by Most Rev. Peter Kwaku Atuahene, with Headmistress and Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus, Guest Speaker and Chiefs

Curtain was drawn down with benediction by Most Rev. Peter Kwaku Atuahene, Bishop of Goaso Diocese.

We thank God for a successful celebration and pray for His continue blessings on the school.