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NIGERIAN MILITARY SCHOOL, ZARIA PARENT INSTRUCTOR ASSOCIATION



2023/2024 PIA NEWSLETTER

Dear Distinguished Parents/Guardians,

ACKNOWLEDGING NMS LEADERSHIP

I extend our deepest appreciation to the Commandant, Brigadier General AD Aliyu, the Deputy Commandant, Colonel MA. Bukar, and the dedicated team of Officers and Instructors who have tirelessly nurtured and guided our Boys. Their leadership and commitment to excellence have been instrumental in shaping the character and capabilities of our students.

END OF SESSION REFLECTION

As we conclude the 2023/2024 Academic and Military session, it is with deep gratitude to the Almighty God that I address you on behalf of the Parents Instructors Association (PIA) of Nigeria Military School Zaria. This year has been a testament to the dedication, resilience, and achievements of our Boys, and it is with heartfelt thanks that we reflect on our journey together.

THE PASSING OUT PARADE

Throughout this session, we have witnessed remarkable milestones that underscore the unwavering commitment of our Boys. The Passing out Parade (POP) of our NMS/2018 Boys was a moment of great pride and celebration, epitomizing their discipline and readiness to embrace new challenges. The POP is the pinnacle of achievement for every Boy at NMS, symbolizing the culmination of their rigorous six-year journey of discipline, resilience, academic excellence, and military training. Their accomplishments stand as a testament to the rigorous training and exceptional mentorship they have received. Congratulations to you all, and we use this opportunity to welcome the new intakes.

NMS 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This Academic year also marked the 70th anniversary celebration, a memorable occasion that united generations of Ex-Boys, Alumni, and Parents in celebrating our NMS's rich heritage. The event, hosted and organized by the Ex-Boys Association, was a poignant reminder of the enduring legacy that binds us together as a community. The meticulous planning and execution by the Ex-Boys Association made this milestone anniversary truly special. Their efforts brought together past and present students, fostering a sense of unity and pride. The celebrations included various activities,

such as exhibitions, cultural displays, and an Alumni dinner, all of which highlighted the remarkable history and achievements of our institution.

PIA'S CONTINUED SUPPORT

The PIA has remained steadfast in its mission to support our NMS. We continued our tradition of donating essential supplies to the school's Medical Reception Station (MRS). Additionally, we provided relief materials to support our Boys during challenging times, such as the Abuja Company fire incident, reaffirming our commitment to their well-being. More work will be completed in the MRS, including the renovation of the medical laboratory.

HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION (HMO) UPDATE

Moreover, I am pleased to update you on the progress of our proposed Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) program. This initiative aims to provide comprehensive healthcare coverage for our Boys, ensuring they receive timely medical attention and support. The program not only prioritizes the well-being of our Boys but also supports their parents by reducing out-of-pocket healthcare expenses. We are actively awaiting the final approval for the take-off, which we are optimistic will be secured soon. We have made significant strides in finalizing the framework and are preparing to implement this crucial initiative, including engaging with healthcare providers to establish cost-effective plans tailored to the needs of our NMS. Your continued support and feedback are invaluable as we work towards launching this program.

PIA MONTHLY AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

One of the highlights of our efforts this year has been the PIA Monthly Awards for Excellence. Through the support of the CI Education, Major MI Marafa, the CI Military, Major UE Joseph, and the Acting BBC Captain NA Mohammed, we have been able to consistently recognize and honour the outstanding achievements within our NMS. Each month, awards are presented to Instructors from the Education Wing, Instructors from the Military Wing, and members of the Boys' Battalion. These awards serve as a testament to the hard work, dedication, and excellence displayed by our Boys and staff. The recipients of these awards are selected based on their exceptional contributions to academic performance, military training, and overall character development. The PIA Monthly Awards for Excellence aim to inspire a culture of excellence and camaraderie, motivating everyone to strive for their best. We magnanimously gave a cash donation to the NMS arts team that performed excellently in the Chief of Army Staffs' competition.

SEND-OFF CEREMONY

We also organized a successful send-off ceremony for Officers transferring out of our institution, highlighting our appreciation for their dedicated service. This event, held in collaboration with the school administration, underscored the strong partnership between the PIA and the military school.

EX-BOYS ASSOCIATION

Furthermore, the Ex-Boys Association made a remarkable contribution by providing new mattresses for the Boys. This generous gesture has significantly enhanced the comfort and well-being of our Boys. Additionally, the school authority conducted extensive fumigation, completely eradicating the

menace of bedbugs. This proactive measure ensures a hygienic and conducive environment for our Boys to thrive in.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRESS UPDATES

Looking ahead, we face new challenges and opportunities. The bill for automatic admission into the Nigeria Defence Academy (NDA) for Ex-Boys of Nigeria Military School is progressing in the National Assembly, and we seek your continued support and prayers for its success. In addition to the above motion, we are proposing amendments to the NDA Act to capture the automatic admission into NDA for Nigeria Military Schools on first refusal. This has equally received a fantastic attention in the Green Chambers.

PARENTAL GUIDANCE DURING THE BREAK

As we prepare for the break, I urge all parents to prioritize the well-being of our Boys. Mentor them during this vacation period about neatness and discipline, which remain fundamental principles at NMS. Many of our Boys need counseling and help. We ask for your support in guiding our Boys away from vices such as stealing and bullying. Adherence to school regulations, including the prohibition of contraband items like mobile phones, is essential for maintaining a conducive learning environment.

ACADEMIC RESULTS ACCESS

To check your son's academic results, please visit <https://nms.sch.ng/login/> **using his NMS number as the User ID** and *S123456* as **the password**.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Let us cultivate the habit of reading the newsletters. Please ensure that your son returns to school with all the listed personal items detailed in the Commandant's newsletter to avoid any inconveniences and delays during clearance on resumption day. These items are essential for their personal comfort and preparedness.

We also emphasize the importance of timely settlement of school bills to ensure smooth operations in the upcoming session.

For daily interactions and announcements, we encourage you to join our online Telegram forum via this secure link: https://t.me/+zDTc1_OWfoo3M2Vk.

CLOSING REMARKS

In closing, I extend on behalf of the Excos our heartfelt congratulations to all the boys on their accomplishments this session. Your dedication and perseverance have been exemplary, and we look forward to seeing your continued growth and success in the future.

With deep gratitude to the Almighty God,

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