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IMPERATIVE REFLECTIONS

A German friend once told me, “every day you need to step aside and look at yourself, see the character you portray and you’ll predict your future.”

In management circles there is a common acronym that agrees with the above piece of advice; **SIRS**. This is not a mannerism of addressing respected men but a call to **Stop, Investigate, Reorganize** and **Start** again. As a matter of fact we all, at one point in life, discover that we are heading in the wrong direction that is if our conscience is alive, with a pulse rate of 72 beats per minute and a breath intake of 6 litres of oxygen.

Have you ever considered yourself as a product? Some products outlive others because of continuous improvement. They circumvent the economic crisis and stay afloat in stormy weather. For instance what started as Omo became Blue Omo, New Blue Omo, Omo with power foam, Omo with power foam plus, Omo extra and today it is Omo... each time fetching higher prices in the market.

A simple potato fetches more by converting to chips and more when it emerges as spiced bhajia and even more when dried into crisps. Every conversion adds value to the simple potato. A simple you when re-engineered to the right attitude will maintain a constant improvement trend to your amazement.

Hey! Let’s apply **SIRS** by taking stock of our current thinking, overall behaviour and intimate associations because our experiences of yesterday coupled with our conscience today shall indeed reflect on our tomorrow; this is a must do!

J. Wachira
PRINCIPAL

KISWCD BURSARY

We are pleased to inform all new and continuing that the bursary is now available to all needy students. Those who would wish to be considered for the same should pick the application forms available at the main office. For more details please contact the marketing manager KISWCD.

KISWCD HOLDS 10TH GRADUATION CEREMONY

KISWCD held its 10th Graduation Ceremony on September 19th, 2009. The peak of this ceremony was the conferment of diplomas and award of certificates to over 250 graduands. The graduands were mainly drawn from the department of social work and Community Development. Others who graduated were from the department of

community health, project planning and management, Social development, Counseling and Early Childhood Education. .

The deputy director Kenya Red Cross society, Dr. Kisia presided over the well attended ceremony that included the Director of programmes **KISWCD** Mr. Benjamin Mutie, **KISWCD** and **MIT** staff led by their principals, students among other guests. In his speech the director **KISWCD** said “knowledge will forever govern ignorance: and a people who mean to be their own governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.”

Dadaab Graduation

The first ever Dadaab graduation took place at the IFO Camp on 2nd October, 2009. The celebration was graced by Mr. David Kang’ethe, the program manager Care Dadaab together with representatives of all NGOs operating in that region. The principal **KISWCD** and Mr. Obala represented the Institute successfully. A total of 57 students were awarded accordingly in this occasion.

Examinations Department

The department would like to inform all students to keep checking the notice boards for crucial information in regard to the examination schedules so as to avoid inconveniences. For enquiries on exam issues consult the Ag. Exam officer Mr. Gitonga B.A

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

All students are reminded to always clear their fees on time and make sure that they pick their clearance in advance so as to attend the classes without any interruption. Fees deposits are made at the college account indicated below:

Fee payment mode- bank
Cooperative bank, AC name
Kenya Institute of Social Work and Community Development
AC no. 0112039917700
Branch- NACICO

SHORT COURSES

Any groups of 20 focused students can now participate in a short course of their choice; earn skills and an extra certificate at discounted rates.

All interested students should book with the principal **KISWCD**. The short course calendar will be of help.

NEW STUDENTS

Precursor welcomes all the new students to KISWCD. In case of any challenges do not hesitate to enquire from any of our offices. Take the responsibility of knowing your **HOD** as well. Always check on the notice board for new developments. It's the main communication channel.

KISWCD FRATERNITY

We are glad to welcome to the **KISWCD** fraternity the following members of staff: Mr. Musungu, Mr. Njoroge, Mr. Muendo and Ms. Lavine Odindo. Mr. Sahani is no longer a member of **KISWCD** staff.

CHRISTIAN UNION

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who lives forever!! My sincere belief is that as you fellowship together, your life may be ignited to one thing "*HUNGER to know God and make known, his way to the believers and the entire world*". Let your hearts be impacted by God. On behalf CU I am pleased to inform you that we have a new CU patron madam Daisy Njiru who joined us in September.

Please take note that the fellowship that used to take place after every two weeks will now be on weekly basis. I am glad to inform you that our other programmes are still on course and they have been reorganized to run as follows:
Monday- Friday_ morning devotions: 7:30 am - 8:00 a.m.
Every Friday- fellowship: 4:00pm - 5pm.
All are welcome

Assistant chairperson
Godfrey Shikanga.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

Students who took part in an intensive training on character education were awarded certificates on 3rd September 2009. We look upon them to influence others positively.

NEXT MONTHS HIGHLIGHTS

- 2nd November : **Start of the units**
- 5th November: **Handing in of CAA \$ CAT date (FT)**
- 7th November: **KISWCD sports Day 2**
- 20th November: **Orientation day**
- 23rd November: **Deadline for all CAAs**
- 23rd – 27th November: **Semester one exams**
- 30th Nov- 4th December: **semester two exams**
- 7th Dec - 11th Dec: **semester three exams**

CARTOONIST

Precursor invites applicants for the position of a resident cartoonist. Drop your illustrated story with Mr. Kipsang at the library office.

JOKES CORNER

TEACHER: Ben, why are you doing your multiplication on the floor?

BEN: You told me to do it without using tables

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: May be it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it

TEACHER: Peter, what is the chemical formula for water?

PETER: H I J K L M N O

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

PETER: Yesterday you said it's H to O

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are

TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence starting with 'I'

MILLIE: I is...

TEACHER: No, Millie... Always say, 'I am'

MILLIE: All right... I am the ninth letter of the alphabet

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, sir. It's the same dog

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The editors appreciate your comments and contribution towards making this newsletter a success. For any information or submissions contact; Mr. Isaac Kipsang, & Peter Muiruri.