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IFAK MAGAZINE IS THE TRIMESTRIAL JOURNAL OF IFAK DON BOSCO KIMIHURURA IT COVERS DAILY LIFE OF THE SCHOOL, TRENDY NEWS ESPECIALLY ABOUT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, HUMAN AND CHRISTIAN INSPIRATIONS AND IT SERVES AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND ITS PARTNERS.

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Editorial

Dear Friends and Readers of IFAK Magazine,

As we stand at the threshold of another year's end, it is with great pride and immense gratitude that I reflect on the journey we have traveled together. This school year has been one of growth, discovery, and remarkable achievements, a testament to the resilience, dedication, and collaborative spirit that defines our beloved IFAK Kimihurura.

It is with great pleasure that we present the ninth edition of IFAK Magazine. It captures the diverse activities, academic pursuits, and personal triumphs that have made this year unforgettable.

From the classrooms where curiosity blossomed, to the sports fields where teamwork and perseverance shone, to the artistic expressions that ignited creativity, our students have embraced every opportunity to learn, grow, and excel.

Our dedicated teachers and staff have been the guiding lights, nurturing the minds and hearts of our students. Their unwavering commitment to education, their innovative teaching methods, and their genuine care have empowered our students to reach new heights. To them, I extend my deepest appreciation.

Parents and guardians, your support has been invaluable. Your involvement and encouragement have fostered a nurturing environment where our students feel motivated and valued. Together, we have created a strong and supportive community that champions the holistic development of our children. Students, you are the heart of IFAK Kimihurura. Your enthusiasm, curiosity, and hard work have brought life to our school. Whether you are moving on to new challenges or continuing your journey with us, know that you carry with you the skills, knowledge, and values that will guide you towards a bright future. Believe in yourselves, strive for excellence, and always remain kind and compassionate.

This magazine is more than a collection of memories; it is a celebration of our collective achievements. It reflects the spirit of IFAK Kimihurura, a place where we learn, grow, and thrive together. As you turn these pages, may you recall of the wonderful moments we have shared and be inspired by the stories of perseverance and success.



As we conclude this academic year, let us carry forward the lessons we have learned, the friendships we have forged, and the dreams we have nurtured. Together, we will continue to build a community where every individual is valued and every student has the opportunity to succeed.

Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey. Here's to a future filled with promise, purpose, and endless possibilities.

Thank you for being a part of the IFAK family.

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MY SCHOOL:

New Classrooms at IFAK Don Bosco Kimihurura Nearing Completion



The construction works of the new high school classrooms at Don Bosco IFAK Kimihurura are going ahead nicely.

This building is expected to be completed by July this year according to the IFAK Administration and site Engineers.

The building will consist of the classroom sections, ICT Room among others. The ground floor of this building comprises of three classrooms, laboratory and a lavatory for students and staff.

Equitable education at IFAK Don Bosco Kimihurura is not a myth. This building has a ramp for persons with disabilities who need to access the building. The first floor will have five classrooms, a computer laboratory and a store.

Rev. Father Jean Bosco Ntirenganya, the Director of IFAK, explained that the construction project is in line with the celebration of the 60th anniversary of IFAK. It is an opportune time to move forward with rehabilitation and expansion.

"It's a significant project aimed at expanding and rehabilitating IFAK premises, many of which are 60 years old. It is also in line with Salesian education, which strives to create a conducive environment for students and their teachers. We firmly believe that an optimal environment is the catalyst for fostering excellence in work." Rev. Father said.

"As Kigali City is developing, we don't want to lag behind. The education sector is also progressing rapidly, and we want to keep pace with those changes and developments. This project will leave us with a magnificent image in infrastructure."

The construction project will provide IFAK Don Bosco with an additional eight spacious and modern classrooms,



two computer labs with high standards, a science laboratory rooms, and modern toilets.

In response to parents' requests, IFAK Don Bosco plans to renovate some old facilities, allowing the school to increase the number of boys boarding. The administration of IFAK is also planning to establish a boarding facility for girls. "We already have classrooms, but we need to increase their number so that we can better serve our many stakeholders who are interested in enrolling their children in this school. It is

MY SCHOOL:

Don Bosco IFAK Kimihurura Celebrates St. Joseph Feast Day and International Labor Day



On the 1st of May, 2024, Don Bosco IFAK Kimihurura celebrated International Labor Day and St. Joseph Feast Day with a special gathering at the Don Bosco Hospitality Centre in Gatenga, Kigali. The event was attended by all workers, alongside Rev. Father Ntirenganya Jean Bosco, IFAK's Principal.

The day began with a session led by Frère Jovite Sindayigaya on Saint Joseph, highlighting his virtues as a just, faithful, and diligent worker. St. Joseph's patient acceptance of God's will,

planned that next year, this building will be completed and put to use," Rev. Father Ntirenganya said.

IFAK as an Educational Institution, wants to provide to young people a wider opportunity to develop holistic knowledge and skills, to acquire a positive attitude and critical thinking, which will help them to be competitive on the labor market, contributing thus to the social and political life of our country.

Cyprien NIYOMWUNGERI

notably when he received the message not to forsake Mary despite her pregnancy, serves as a profound example of faithfulness.

"We have evidence that St. Joseph was a faithful man. In moments of doubt, he relied on God's will and the values of his faith. Guided by the Holy Spirit, he obediently accepted the Angel's message regarding the birth of Jesus Christ, who would redeem the world from sin." Frère Sindayigaya emphasized.

Frère Sindayigaya urged employees, particularly teachers,



to view their work as a means of fostering the growth of good Christians and honest citizens.

He noted that "Teachers bear the primary responsibility of nurturing students and facilitating their learning. Providing meals to students ensures they can focus on their studies without hunger hindering their progress."

Teachers were also encouraged to embody the virtues exemplified by St. Joseph: diligence, application, constancy, serenity, and self-abnegation.

St. Joseph's life teaches humility, poverty, mortification of the body, and the dignity of labor. The day celebration continued with a Holy Mass

presided over by Rev. Father Jean Bosco Ntirenganya, Principal of Don Bosco IFAK. In his homily, Rev. Father Ntirenganya emphasized the intrinsic value of work beyond material gain.

He reminded the assistance that work, when motivated by love, becomes a noble endeavor, but devoid of love, it is reduced to mere mercenary labor.

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ." Rev. Father Ntirenganya said.

Overall, the celebration at Don Bosco IFAK Kimihurura underscored the significance of labor as a means of glorifying God and serving humanity. The celebration of Labor Day concluded with sports, entertainment, and communal meals and drinks, fostering camaraderie among workers.

Cyprien NIYOMWUNGERI



MY SCHOOL:

Kwibuka30: IFAK Don Bosco commemorates the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi



On Friday, June 7, 2024, students, staff, and invited guests at IFAK Don Bosco Kimihurura gathered for the 30th commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. This solemn occasion was a time for reflection, remembrance, and honoring the memory of over one million lives lost in just three months.

The day began with moments of reflection and remembrance, including a candlelight vigil and a minute of silence to honor the victims. High school students contributed to the event's significance by performing a play, reciting poems, and singing songs.

A poignant moment came when staff members, students, and the families of the deceased laid wreaths on a memorial monument at IFAK Kimihurura in honor of former employees who perished during the genocide.

Rev. Father Ntirenganya Jean Bosco, the Principal of IFAK, emphasized that the commemoration included various educational activities aimed at

raising awareness about the genocide. Rev. Father Ntirenganya highlighted the importance of genocide commemoration, urging the youth to safeguard Rwanda's progress.

He stated, "The commemoration is the source of our resilience and commitment to say 'Never Again,' not only verbally but also in actions through fighting against genocide ideology, which destroyed our country."

He stressed the significance of fostering a culture of remembrance, reconciliation, and unity among learners, educators, and the wider community.



According to Rev. Father Ntirenganya, understanding Rwanda's dark history is crucial for preparing a better future. Educating the youth about Rwandan history helps them combat genocide ideology, especially the misinformation spread on social media.

"IFAK encompasses Nursery, Primary, and Secondary education levels; it is our responsibility to keep equipping them with values so that they safeguard Rwanda's progress and avoid those who dream of bringing our country back to its dark history," Rev.

Father Ntirenganya added.

Ngarambe François Xavier, a survivor of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, shared his harrowing testimony of the tragic events that claimed his family. He recalled how neighbors took refuge at IFAK because of the presence of UNAMIR soldiers, only to be left vulnerable on April 9, 1994, when the soldiers departed, leaving them at the Interahamwe and Ex-FAR hands.



“I urge you to love each other. We survived to love; if we do not love each other, we may repeat the worst that happened,” Ngarambe said. Ngenzi Chretien, the AERG MPORE/IFAK coordinator, reminded the youth of their responsibility to fight genocide denial, especially on social media.

“Let us use social media to fight the genocide deniers and to prevent the negative ideology of those who want to destroy the unity of Rwandans,” he urged. Maj Gen Emmy Ruvusha, the Commander of the 1st Division, which covers the City of Kigali and Eastern Province, encouraged students to always recognize the heroism of the RPA soldiers who stopped the genocide and rebuilt the country. “Avoid genocide ideology, divisionism, and preserve the unity of Rwandans,” he advised.

Senator Nkurunziza Innocent also addressed the students, encouraging them to be ambitious to continue the good works initiated by Rwanda’s liberators. The commemoration at IFAK Don Bosco Kimihurura served as a powerful reminder of Rwanda’s tragic past and the enduring commitment to ensuring such atrocities never happen again.

Cyprien NIYOMWUNGERI



MY SCHOOL: STUDY TRIP: DBNPS Students Explore Rwandan Heritage at Ikirenga Cultural Centre



On 15th May, 2024 a group of primary students from Don Bosco Nursery and Primary school, Kimihurura, together with their staff visited Ikirenga Cultural Centre, locally referred to as ‘Ku Kirenge cya Ruganzu’ where they had the opportunity to witness Rwanda’s traditional and cultural heritage and learn more about its history.

Ikirenga Cultural Centre is located 25 kilometres from Kigali in Rusiga Sector, Rulindo District, along the Kigali-Musanze highway. This Centre is built on a historical site that shows some of the exploits of King Ruganzu II Ndoli, one of Rwanda’s most famous kings who reigned in the 16th century.

Ku Kirenge is one place among many where Ruganzu is said to have left his traces. The place, like others elsewhere in the country with his footprints, has become an attraction

of sorts.

Sister Marie-Josée Uwizera, the Headmistress of Don Bosco Nursery and Primary School (DBNPS), explained that it is crucial for students to always visit cultural and historical sites.

“The students need to preserve and uphold their cultural values which we think will help them now and in the future. When we come here, they learn more about our culture but more importantly the history of the nation”.

At the main entrance of Ikirenga Cultural Centre, there is an imposing statue of a giant man with a bow and spear. A guide is eager to inform you that the statue is of Ruganzu, who is depicted as a warrior and winner.

Next to it is another statue of

a beautiful woman sporting ancient Rwandan hairstyle known as Amasunzu. She’s holding a pot and is looking at Ruganzu.

The centre also has a traditional house considered prestigious in the ancient Rwanda and only belonged to the high and mighty. The centre also has a cultural troupe.

Thaddée Bizimana, a teacher at DBNPS, expressed his gratitude to the school for organizing the trip, emphasizing its importance for both students and teachers in studying Rwanda’s history and culture. He highlighted that this trip aligns with the curriculum the students follow.

“In subjects such as Kinyarwanda, social studies, and religious studies, students



learn about traditional tools, religion, and handicrafts. Visiting these sites helps them connect classroom knowledge with real-life experiences,” he explained.

Bizimana also noted that the trip provides an opportunity for students to learn about the environment and how to preserve and utilize it effectively.

Every year, DBNPS organizes student trips, and the school plans to increase the frequency to twice a year, benefiting both nursery and primary level students. This is in line to continue to provide a nurturing environment for children to learn and grow academically, spiritually and morally.

Cyprien NIYOMWUNGERI





IFAK INSPIRED ME:

Education and Evangelization: Beyond the Classrooms at IFAK Don Bosco



Today, we invite you to discover the vibrant extracurricular activities that take place within our school, and to witness the joy and enthusiasm that our students experience every day.

At IFAK, we believe in the importance of a well-rounded education. That's why we offer a wide range of extracurricular activities for our students to enjoy. Our state-of-the-art sports facilities provide the perfect environment for our students to engage in various sports activities, helping them develop discipline, teamwork, and a healthy lifestyle.

But it's not just about sports. At IFAK, we celebrate culture and creativity. Our students have the opportunity to explore their passion for dance through both modern and traditional styles. Through dance, they discover self-expression, grace, and the beauty of our Rwandan heritage.

At IFAK, the halls resonate with the lively sounds of guitar strums, piano melodies, and drum beats as students indulge in their passion for music. In these musical sessions, creativity flourishes, and

students bond over their shared love for rhythm and melody. Within this harmonious atmosphere, the students of IFAK not only refine their musical skills but also cultivate a sense of community, where the universal language of music bridges gaps and fosters connections that transcend differences.

Education at IFAK goes beyond the classroom. We encourage our students to develop their critical thinking skills through engaging in debates and discussions. These activities foster intellectual growth, encourage open-mindedness, and empower our students to become confident communicators.

As a scientific school, IFAK offers a comprehensive education from nursery to secondary levels. Our dedicated teachers provide quality instruction, ensuring that our students receive a solid foundation in all subjects. Through interactive and innovative teaching methods, we inspire a love for learning and equip our students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed.

Founded in 1964, IFAK has a proud tradition



of excellence in education and evangelization. Over the past half-century, we have made a valuable contribution to our nation. Our graduates have gone on to excel in various fields, making their mark in the social and political life of our country.

At IFAK, we believe in the potential of every young person. We strive to provide them with a holistic education that not only prepares them for the labor market but also shapes them into responsible and compassionate citizens. Join us at IFAK and discover a world of opportunities, where education is not just a means to an end, but a journey of personal growth and fulfillment.

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GOOD BYE MESSAGE: IFAK my Home, Always in my Heart

Dear IFAK Don Bosco Family,

As we conclude this academic year, some of us are completing Advanced Level studies, while others are finishing the Ordinary Level. We all share a common sentiment of gratitude and pride for being part of the IFAK Don Bosco family.

Reflecting on our journey, we are filled with a deep sense of belonging and appreciation. IFAK Don Bosco is more than just a school for us; it is our home. Here, we have grown not only academically but also personally. We have forged friendships, overcome challenges, and celebrated successes together.



RWIHIMBA Denzel, a senior six student

I remember when I was in senior one, the Rector Major of the Salesian of Don Bosco came to visit IFAK, and I was really amazed by his accompanying security, moreover I understood his role in helping people in Salesian schools, and he inspired me to be great and also help others in the future which is why I always remember that moment.

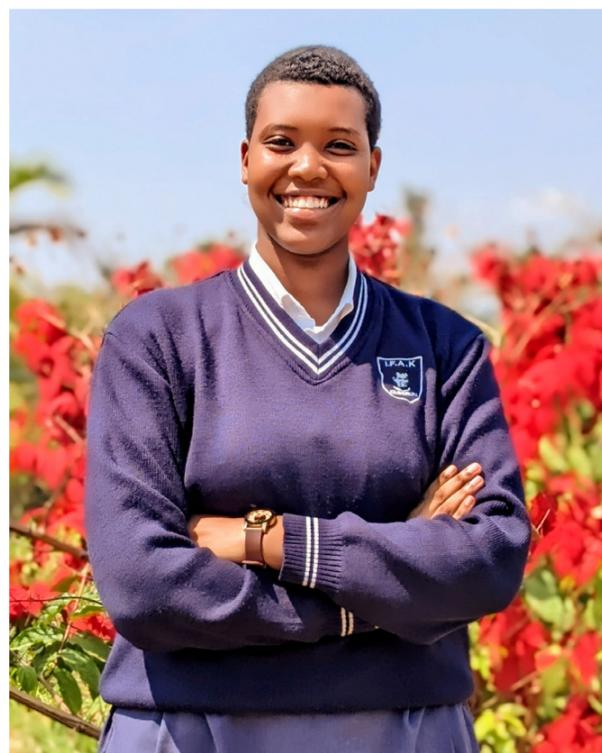
I have grown and changed due to the adoptive life that IFAK gave me. Most significant for me is building relationships with new friends with whom we shared a lot. That improved my social skills by being able to approach people and get to know more.

My academic aspect has also changed which recognizes being told by parents. Being exposed to

a larger competition beyond IFAK helped me to be a hard worker, due to competitiveness and competency spirit developed at IFAK. Therefore we usually evolve to new levels.

Teacher KANYEMERA Jean Baptiste has been really influential the whole time he taught me. He gave as a right motivation to encourage us to make a consistent learning. I have managed to learn, listen and achieve academic goals because of him. I always thank him for such positive goals he wishes us to attain.

I would advise new students to actively listen daily to what we are being told in every morning and evening talk. They are really giving us guidance and we should follow them to live a happy life at IFAK and even outside, I also think that they use every and each opportunity found in IFAK



GAHITSI ISARO CARLA MAEVA, a senior six student

My most memorable experience at IFAK is when we went to KIBEHO on Saturday 18 May. It was my first pilgrimage there, and also my first trip since I came to IFAK.

I have grown and changed a lot here. I've learned a lot

from the morning talk, I've been having here, and I think I became more attentive and responsible and also better grade than my past school.

My biggest challenge as a catholic was that I didn't know how to pray some main prayers like "Our Father" "Hail Mary" etc. So gradually as the people around me repeated, I learned them.

My most influential teacher was Tr. UWISHEMA Epimaque (teacher of Biology). He taught me biology from S3 to S6, MCB, he made me want to come back and study MCB here, since I liked the way he taught me in S3. An advice I would give to a new student at IFAK is to always finish what you started and never get badly influenced in any way in your life, just always pray and became closer to almighty God then join a good circle of loyal friends.



NGENZI Danilo, a student of S3

Being selected in IFAK Volleyball team as S3 was very important time for me. My spiritual beliefs have upgraded due to consistent Mass session. The challenge faced. I were panic and loss of self-esteem but after joining the debate club I was able to learn public speaking.

Teacher Ferdinand Ndahayo, inspired me by teaching that I am able of everything and most importantly he told me "if he/she can, why not me? New students at IFAK should enjoy as much as they can as Don Bosco said: "run, scream but don't commit a sin".



KANAMUGIRE Cassie Estrella, a student of S3

My most memorable experience at IFAK was the visit we made to the Gisozi memorial site when I was in senior two.

Throughout my time in IFAK, I learned some social skills for example that the tone of your voice affects the way your message is received and I also learned what I call "filtering" which just means not saying everything that comes to your mind depending on your situation.

I also learned researching through research activities in class and extra-curricular activities and mostly learned not to take everyone's word to heart because sometimes your success may anger some people.

My first advice is "don't wait to do things later on start preparing now it makes end relatively easy" and also remember your social life at school is also part of your education. It's not only about book strive to create a strong bonds with people, around you as it may come in handy some day.

My second advice is to act accordingly because what happens here will follow you for the rest of your life and may affect you and other people around you even a long time after.

Thirdly and lastly: "If you're successful always have people who are praying for you. But remember haters make you shine. Never mind people talking behind your back, there is a reason why they lag behind you.

Benimana Dominique Savio

“SAINT MARY CAN’T ALLOW PEOPLE TO BE HUMILIATED!”



On May 24, 2024, the Church around the world celebrates the Feast of Saint Mary, Help of Christians. This Great Day is one of the most important feasts of the Salesian family, the founder of IFAK KIMIHURURA school. Mary Help of Christians is also celebrated and honored in a great way due to the great relationship. That Saint John Bosco, the founder of Salesians, had with the Mother of God.

According to those who know the history of St. John Bosco, he loved the Virgin Mary so much, that when he was about to end his journey on earth, he looked back in his life and found everything he had achieved in his vocation of devotion to God and the path of sanctity through dedication to young people, especially the poor, all thanks to the Virgin Mary. At the end of his life, St. John Bosco affirmed, “I have done nothing by myself. It is the Virgin Mary who has done everything.” Still

today, all the work of the Salesian family is accomplished with the powerful intercession of Our Lady Help of Christians, who remains our principal patroness.

At the celebration at IFAK KIMIHURURA, there was a Mass that started at Eleven o’clock before noon, presided by the Father Headmaster of Ifak Kimihurura, Rev. Fr. Jean Bosco, together with the assistant priest in charge of students discipline.

In his homily, the Director told the students that the feast of Our Lady of Help of Christians is a day that reminds us to reflect on the power and glory given to the Mother of God. He said: “God gave her this Glory (because she accepted to give birth to his Son Jesus Christ). In the gospel written by St. Luke, we are told how an angel visited her and told her that she was chosen by God, that she would give birth to The Savior.

The Virgin Mary is Full of all graces and blessings).

Father Headmaster said that the honor we give to the Virgin Mary is not something we make up, because we are basing it on what the Angel himself said: “You are Full of Grace, and God is always with you.” He added that a person who is always with God should be respected and obeyed by everyone.

Father Headmaster also reminded the students of the great intercession of the Virgin Mary, and the gifts we receive by praying to her. He said: “The Virgin Mary can’t allow people to be humiliated. When he was invited to the wedding with Jesus, the wine ran out. They were going to be ashamed. It was then that the Virgin Mary approached Jesus and whispered to him: ‘They have no more wine.’ (Both Mary and Jesus were not of the wedding planners). Why was she telling Jesus to do that miracle (of giving them wine)? How did she involve in wedding plannings?

The reason is that the Virgin Mary can’t accept people to be humiliated. When she notices that people are going to be ashamed, she intervenes.



The Virgin Mary also teaches us to do God's will, helping us to get what we need from Him. Father reminded the students and others present at the Mass that the Virgin Mary told the wedding servants: "Do whatever she tells you." And they did what Jesus commanded them, and they found wine again. He told them to fill the jars with water (something that has nothing to do with wine). And Jesus changed that water into wine, which tasted even better than before. Then the wedding went better. The priest continued: "They got the Wine from the Virgin Mary's intercession. Although the time for Jesus to appear and begin his mission had not yet arrived, what the Virgin Mary asked was done."

Father Headmaster concluded his sermon by saying that Jesus loved us to the point of sharing his own motherhood with us. He recalled that when Jesus was about to die he gave John (his beloved apostle) his own mother. "Here is your mother," he said. The priest said that a person's mother is a very important person, that even in Kinyarwanda they say; Akabura

ntikaboneke ni nyina w'umuntu. That the only person who is irreplaceable is a mother. Who gives you his/her own mother has nothing left for you in Love.

After that holy Mass, the festivities continued with other programs that were planned, helping the students and teachers of IFAK Kimihurura to celebrate the Mother of God, Help Christians.

It should be noted that IFAK Kimihurura is a school of the Salesian Family of St. Don Bosco. In their educational goals, they strive to raise young people who will become good Christians and honest citizens. Therefore, one of the things they use to achieve that goal is to properly celebrate the important holidays of the country and of the Catholic Church, such as the Great Day of Our Lady Help of Christians which we celebrated on 24/5/2024.

Ndahayo Ferdinand



TRENDING: Regional Councillor Fr. Alphonse Owoudou Visits Don Bosco IFAK Kimihurura



On May, 23, 2024, the Salesian community of Don Bosco IFAK Kimihurura had the honor of welcoming Fr. Alphonse Owoudou, the Regional Councillor for the Africa-Madagascar Region. His visit was a significant occasion for the students, teachers, and Salesians, as it coincided with the Feast of Mary Help of Christians, a day of profound spiritual significance for the Salesian family.

Fr. Owoudou's visit was marked by several key events, including his morning talk to the students where he shared three fundamental motivations for life: Subsistence, Competency, and Competitiveness.

"Subsistence is the foundation of our existence. It is about meeting our basic needs and ensuring that we can sustain ourselves physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Without this base, we cannot aspire to higher goals."

Moving to the second motivation, Fr. Owoudou highlighted "Competency." He stressed the importance of developing skills and knowledge. "Competency is about being good at what you do. It requires dedication, learning, and constant improvement. It is through competency that we find our purpose and contribute meaningfully to society."

Finally, Fr. Owoudou spoke on "Competitiveness." He clarified that competitiveness should not be about outdoing others at any cost but striving to be the best version of oneself. "Competitiveness drives us to set higher goals and push our limits. It encourages innovation and excellence. In the spirit of healthy competition, we grow and help those around us to grow as well." As the Salesian community continues to nurture and educate young minds, the motivations shared by Fr. Owoudou serve as a guiding light, encouraging all to strive for a balanced and fulfilling life, grounded in faith and excellence.





SPORT:

IFAK Volleyball Team crowned champions of Amashuri Kagame Cup in Gasabo District

IFAK (Institut Apostolique de Kimihurura) hosted the final games of Amashuri Kagame Cup in various sporting disciplines including football, volleyball, handball, and basketball, both for boys and girls.

The event showcased IFAK's unparalleled hospitality, setting a new standard among excellent schools. The awarding ceremony, held in the esteemed halls of IFAK, marked the culmination of intense competition and sportsmanship.

IFAK Volleyball team won the title and was the first runner in Football. Despite falling short in the final, IFAK's second-place finish secured its spot to represent Gasabo district alongside the triumphant APAER Men in football.

In Basketball, the final showdown between Riviera High School and ITS Kigali was fiercely contested, with ITS Kigali ultimately emerging

as the district's representative after a hard-fought battle. APAER Rusororo emerged as the shining star of the tournament, clinching victories in both boys' and girls' categories and lifting the coveted trophies.

Every participating team was awarded balls, a gesture aimed at fostering continued practice and skill development among players. Following the awards, coordinators engaged in meaningful conversations with players, imparting moral lessons gleaned from the games and expressing gratitude to all participants and organizers.

In a heartfelt address, IFAK's headmaster and the head coordinator of the Amashuri Kagame Cup in Gasabo district, Rev.Father Ntirenganya Jean Bosco, expressed gratitude to all participants and highlighted the importance of strong preparation in achieving success. With eyes set on future competitions, the hope of bringing trophies from Uganda's Feassa (Federation of East Africa Secondary Schools Sports Associations) burned bright.

Benimana Dominique Savio





SPORT:

ORATORY: A Look inside Don Bosco Kimihurura Oratory

Saturday morning brings a flurry of excitement as children dash eagerly to Oratory Don Bosco Kimihurura. Here, they gather to engage in a variety of games, eager to revel in the joy of play. The coaches, ever-present and welcoming, greet each child with open arms and warm hearts.

It's a vibrant scene, filled with laughter and camaraderie, as the children immerse themselves in the activities under the watchful guidance of the coaches and animators.

The Oratory is a space or facility where the Salesians carry out their educational and pastoral activities. It is a multifaceted space that integrates education, spirituality, and community engagement. It embodies the Salesian philosophy of "preventive system," which aims to guide and assist individuals in a positive and preventive manner, helping them grow intellectually, spiritually, and emotionally. Here are key aspects often associated with an

Oratory in the Salesian tradition; Educational Hub, Spiritual Formation, Youth Engagement, Community Building, Cultural and Recreational Activities like patronage.

Father Jean Claude Asifiwe, from Oratory Don Bosco Kimihurura, emphasizes the commitment to serve the youth as the prime mission of Saint Don Bosco, the founder of Salesians community. Every Saturday and Sunday during studying period and every day in holidays, they open their doors to young people from various areas.

Don Bosco's holistic approach to youth development encompassed play, entertainment, prayer, and education. He believed in providing comprehensive support, evidenced by his establishment of schools to facilitate proper education for students.

Collaboration was integral to Don Bosco's approach. He worked alongside partners to fulfill his mission. Similarly, Oratory Don Bosco Kimihurura engages with various partners who contribute materials for recreation and clothing, balls highlighting the importance of collective

effort.

Grassroots football development is a key focus of the Don Bosco Academy. The Head Coach of the football activities, Tuyisenge Pekeyake Pekinho, a former national team player, explained that they have children from 6 to 20 years old and a team in the third division league.

"As Don Bosco wished, we are the hub where talents are detected and rise due to the different categories we receive here," said Pekinho.

Murekatete Solange, a football player at the Oratory, encourages girls aspiring to play football to join oratories to nurture their talents. She underscores the inclusivity of Oratory Don Bosco Kimihurura, where both boys and girls are welcomed, encouraged to entertain, pray, and enjoy equal rights.

Solange extends gratitude to the coaches and the Salesian community for their support in realizing dreams, fostering talent development, instilling prayerful habits, and promoting harmonious living among the youth. Especially during vacation crowds of the children meet together in Oratory to enjoy patronage.

Benimana Dominique Savio





Dear IFAK Kimihurura Family,

As we conclude another vibrant and successful academic year, the IFAK Magazine editorial team extends its heartfelt best wishes to all the readers of this end of the year magazine.

This year has been a testament to our collective dedication, hard work, and unwavering spirit. We wish each and every one of you a truly wonderful break filled with Joy, laughter and rejuvenation. Best wishes to all!

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