

THE CHIEF GUEST'S SPEECH ON THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF KASUMBA NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL , 23RD JULY 2016

The Vicar General, Msgr John Wynand Katende from Kampala Archdiocese, Directors, Staff (teaching and non-teaching staff), distinguished guests, pupils and all dear peoples of God.

It is with great honor that I deliver my speech to you today. I rarely preside on such ceremonies! I am grateful to God who has given me the opportunity to do so.

This weekend I was truly empowered by the greatness of **Kasumba Nursery and Primary School** to officiate at her 10th anniversary as Chief Guest since her inception.

It offers me a chance to commemorate your success in pursuing excellence and to witness the remarkable achievements of this school.

The Directors and the entire school administration are organizers and real activists. I feel compelled to explain that we need more creative people like the administrators of this School. Some people may ask what are activists and organizers. Organizers are activists that bring about change by organizing action around issues that affect the community.

When you got the idea of setting up this School, you had the following in mind:

- Make a feasibility study
- Planning and mobilization of funds
- Implementation
- Marketing

All of these cannot be easy and could not have been possible without God's providence and with people of good will. Please, do not forget that God uses the voiceless in His plans as well (**Proverbs 8:31**). You encountered a lot of opposition but when you are living your truth God provides for you.

Gathered here today are promising young boys and girls who are aiming to reach a milestone in life and earnestly looking forward to new challenges ahead. We also have parents who always support their children with unfailing and selfless love and educators who are passionate in leading and nurturing their pupils.

Being one of the best performing schools in Mubende District, it might seem and tempting for one to sit back and relax.

Under the excellence of the Directors, and with the whole hearted support of a team of committed professional teachers, a lot of indicatives have been introduced and successfully implemented in the school. Very often you even move ahead of the others and take a lead in trying new and innovative ideas.

Being enthusiastic and devoted educationist, the Directors are persistent in expanding school capacity for developing their unrelenting efforts in equipping the school to meeting the changing needs of the society.

When I gaze around the compound this evening, I see this school thriving with over 400 pupils. The vibrant academic and spiritual environment you offer the pupils is unbelievable. This is a vivid sign that the principles which guided the Directors are still alive and well implemented.

As educators we all share the same mission nurturing young people and bringing the best out them.

This is hard work. You are just doing that. Thank you for giving back this gift of the School to the Community where our children are nourished. I therefore encourage the parents, teachers and well-wishers to get involved and put words in action to developing **Kasumba Nursery and Primary School**.

To be spiritually conscious, socially responsible and morally upright is the core mission of **Kasumba Nursery and Primary School's vision of education**. We know that success is not a destination but a journey believing in philosophy that victory belongs to the most preserving. While thanking the Almighty for his countless blessings, I am here to spell out words of thanks to all those who made this day's cultural extravaganza a sweet memory to carry home.

Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others. With deep sense of appreciation, I recall the efforts of dear teachers, your days and hard work did bare much today as we celebrate the **10th anniversary of this School**. I thank you wholeheartedly for your stewardship.

Dear pupils, life is like a large piece of marble and you are the sculptor. The mind, will, and skill of the sculptor decide the shape of this marble. Likewise your mind, will and skill will help shape your life. Do not allow circumstances to restrict your dreams.

We must all strive to improve and excel no matter which pathway we are going to take. With the advantages of having education at this School coupled with hard work, positive altitude and knowledge your dreams will take you as far as you can imagine. Do not look at opportunities that hide behind adversities as they are always another way of looking at the world.

My sincere gratitude goes to all parents and well-wishers, thank you for the solid support and words of appreciation. I must mention my deep sense of appreciation to all non-teaching staff for their involvement and willingness to take on the completion of tasks beyond their comfort zone.

I thank the blooming buds of Kasumba Nursery and Primary School for their cute performance on the stage; you did really lift the audience off their feet.

As I conclude, I would also like to share with you what Michelangelo the famous sculptor, painter, architect and poet said; I quote; **“I saw an Angel in the marble and curved until I set him free”**.

Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude and gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Yes, once again I thank each and everyone present here for your commitment and co-operation towards the building of this great Temple of learning. May God continue to bless all of us.

I ask you to keep Kasumba Nursery and Primary School, Mubende in your prayers. Thank you for my anticipated humble request.

Have safe journey's home

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