

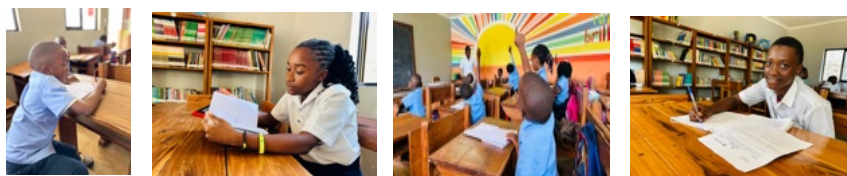
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School Breaks and Extracurricular Success



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Semester Tests and School Break



There is a different feel around the School of Champions during testing week. Classrooms are quieter, schedules are more focused, and students know that the work of the past several months is being measured. Earlier this month, students completed their second trimester tests and closed out another important stage of the school year.

Mozambique uses a 20 point grading scale rather than the letter system most Americans know. A score of 10 is considered passing nationally, but our expectations are higher. We encourage students to work toward at least a 14, with many capable of reaching 18 to 20. The goal is not simply to pass. These tests help teachers see where students are progressing, where gaps remain, and what needs additional attention before the final trimester begins.

The results came back with improved scores over last semester in every grade level. When talking with the administrators what they attribute to the difference in this trimester scores they said the students were better adjusted to their classrooms, the impact of the floods has decreased so they can focus more on their schoolwork, an increased presence of assistants in the classrooms has helped students maintain focus and receive individual help when needed, and our teaching staff is simply very good at what they do. Celebration kids are so blessed to participate in this program!

Your support helps students grow through the classroom, competition, teamwork, and everyday opportunities to lead. Thank you for standing with them as they finish the trimester and continue developing the confidence, discipline, and skills that will carry them forward.



What Are You Doing on Your Break?

When testing finished, students had two weeks away from classes before returning for the final trimester. Before the break we asked several students what they were looking forward to during their time off, and their answers sounded much like students anywhere else.

Some planned to spend more time at church or with friends. Others traveled into the bush to visit family or spent a day at the beach. Several were already thinking ahead and planned to spend part of the break studying for their end of year exams. Many of our youth enjoyed WAVE, where Pastor Jackson Champion joined us for a special youth event.

Students are back and ready to push through to the end, because that's what Champions do.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



Some of the most encouraging developments this month have happened outside the regular classroom. Our science team, made up of Grade 10 and Grade 11 students, recently competed in the citywide science competition and finished in first place. Two students will now advance to the next level, with the possibility of eventually representing the region at the national competition in Maputo later this year.

These competitions give our students an opportunity to do more than demonstrate academic knowledge. They learn how to prepare, present their work, respond under pressure, and represent their school in front of others. They come in as students and emerge as great leaders.

Whether through science, sports, leadership, or the classroom, School of Champions students have opportunities to discover what they are capable of and to keep developing the discipline needed to move forward.

A School Year in Mozambique

The school year in Mozambique normally runs from February through early November and is divided into three trimesters, with testing at the end of each term.

Students in Grades 6, 9, and 12 also take national exams at the end of the year to determine whether they are prepared to advance. As we move out of the cooler season, students are entering the final stretch of the school year with warmer days and more time outdoors.



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