



## Big Changes,

William Wambulwa (F2)



The school is not what it used to be when we left. You can clearly see the changes.



The big buses' engines are quite quiet; now both have been overhauled after the second was overhauled at the end of last year.



On 10th December '08, the Mugumo tree, planted by the former president **Daniel Arap Moi** in 1986 between the gate and the secondary block, fell!



And for the rugby and football players Samba Park was re-soiled to facilitate the growth of healthy grass. The pitch will also be watered frequently to keep the grass green.



Moving to the other side of the school, the tank next to the gate will be covered with flowers to improve its appearance. Next to the tank, a parking space will be created by putting slabs to make more space for cars.



Computer students will soon have a new projector hanging from the roof of the lab. 14 computers were also donated by **Jude Ndambuki** (a Strathmore alumnus) through the *Help Kenya Project*.



## The Big Assembly



Monday morning was a day like no other before in the secondary school. The Secondary School students had an assembly. They got to listen to the principal giving a very interesting speech through which they got to know the numerous development around the school. I hope that this will strength the student's unity of purpose. I guess in line with the school's mantra: **ut omnes unum sint**.



new  
faces



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Mr. Odhiambo



Mr. Odissa



## New Syllabus,

John Kyalo (F2)



During last week's 1st annual secondary school assembly, the Principal, **Mr. Gortazar** announced that the Ministry of Education would be releasing a new secondary school syllabus.

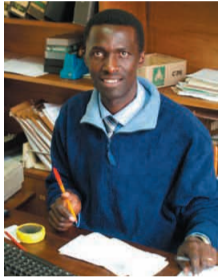
The syllabus is expected to cater for those who do not want to pursue science related courses at the university level by having a softer version of the sciences during KCSE for such students.

Unfortunately this might have come too late for those already in forms 3 and of course in form 4. Details of the syllabus are rather scanty so far.

Three teachers retired and two teachers were hired. New Assistant Teachers were also recruited: *Mr. Makeni* (Computers), *Mr. Keomoli* (Languages), *Mr. Muthumbi* (Sports) and *Mr. Siboe*.



In matters of the stomach, **Mr. Muli** has taken over things at the dining hall and at the administration block.



**Mr. Matheka** is the new accountant replacing **Mr. Michael Mbugua** who retired after 41 years of dedicated service to the School.

**Fr. Charles Mundia** is the new assistant chaplain.

## New Faces, Tito Tibi (F2)

For most, the year brings with it new resolutions and changes. This the school employed two new teachers namely **Mr. Odisa** and **Mr. Odhiambo**. The two replace **Mr. Mwagonah** and **Mr. Omoke** respectively. **Mr. Odisa** who has been teaching for the past almost ten years, was previously teaching at the Lukenya School. He will be teaching Swahili to the Form 1s and 3s. Asking him how his experience has been so far He said, "It's a very unique school. The students do not have to be followed around in order to do their work. It has also been quite difficult for me to familiarize with the system as things go on quickly. He also hopes that by the time he leaves, the

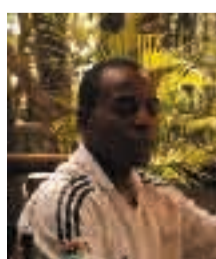
Swahili grades would have improved and the attitude towards the language would have changed. He would also like to see a Swahili version of *The Times*.

**Mr. Odhiambo** was previously teaching at the Forest View Academy. He, on the other hand, will be teaching English and Literature to Form 1s and 3s. He says that the students here are very warm and welcoming. He also added that the examination system in the school is unique. His aim is that all his students may acquire straight A's.

**Mr. Asiko** was appointed the Assistant Sports Director.

We hope that we will work well with these new teachers and form a great and successful team for the benefit of each other.

Mr. Fernando Asiko



## Worth a Thousand Words...



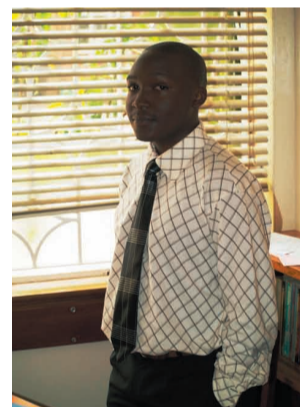
At Mr. Maina's wedding: (Mr. Munuve, Mr. Ngila and Mr. Gitau)

Mr. Ndambuki at the bookshop



The engines of the big buses are now in an excellent state

The grass getting greener in the fields



Mr. Kemoli



Mr. Makeni

## First day in Strath.



You might have been wondering who the happy people in the first page are. They are the youngest members of the Strathmore Community. The new Class Ones had a wonderful first day at the school. One of them said that he loves Strathmore. Say hi to one of them if you can.

## Stephen Maina weds Florence Wairimu, Strath Media



*Inset: Mr. Stephen Maina and his newly wed wife Florence Wairimu*

Stephen Maina married Florence Wairimu at St. Austin's church in Lavington on 29th November 2008. The event was beautiful. The dressing of the bridal and groom's parties was simply superb. The fact that two of the priests were Mr. Maina's brothers made the wedding unique. It was clear that both the bride and groom were very happy. Many members of staff joined Mr. Maina in celebrating this day. There were also a number of old boys who came and were glad to celebrate with their former teacher - whom they love.

## The Fall of the Mugumo Tree, Strath Media



Wednesday 10th December 2008 was a bit of a sad day for the Strathmore School community. The large tree between the gate and the secondary block fell! It was planted by the former Head of State, Daniel Arap Moi on 15th of March 1986, on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of Strathmore. It was large and provided a nice cool shaded spot, perfect for sitting down to rest or converse with friends or one's tutor. Many old boys will remember it. It's definitely sad to see it go. The tree fell under its own weight, tearing at its short stem. Thankfully no one was hurt; no property was damaged.

## Team B during the Holidays!, Strath Media

Last year's soccer season was really successful for the Strathmore Team B. The team managed to win the ISSSL league with only 1 draw and no losses. Coached by Andrew Karani the team worked hard, and through their excellent play they soared above all the other teams. The team manager (Ryan Gitonga (F2)) pieced up a summary of the season.



### Strathmore: 8 - West Nairobi: 1

The team was newly formed but their morale was high - which could be clearly seen in the game.

### Strathmore: 7 - St. Chrisophers: 0

The players were ready and had psyche from winning the previous game. They also had the backing of the home crowd.

### Oshwal: 1 - Strathmore: 4

The pitch was slippery and the away crowd tough but they persevered and secured a win.

### Breaside: 1 - Strathmore: 3

It was a good open game that could have gone either way but the team stuck it out and pulled through with a win.

### Strathmore: 1 - Brookhouse: 1

### RVA: 0 - Strathmore: 1

The team played their best against a tough side without a home crowd and managed to hold their 1-0 lead.

### Peponi: 0 - Strathmore: 2

The game was forfeited by Peponi.

### Strathmore: 3 - Roslyn: 2

This was a good game because there was good competition for the ball.

### Hillcrest: 1 - Strathmore: 5

The team underestimated their opponents and could have won by a bigger margin!

### ISK: 0 - Strathmore: 3

The team's psyche came late in the match and they managed to win.