



FROM WILDERNESS TO WONDER

MOUNT SINAI CMI SCHOOL AT 25

A SILVER JUBILEE OF FAITH, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY

2001-2026 | Twenty-Five Years of Building Minds, Forming Lives and How Mount Sinai CMI School grew with Syokimau—from a remote outpost in 2000 to a beacon of education at 25

By Rev. Fr. John Ajith CMI

Mount Sinai CMI School are those institutions whose history are inseparable and intertwined with the community in which they stand. It stands proudly as one of the educational landmarks of Syokimau with immense joy and profound gratitude to God for twenty-five years of faith, education, perseverance and remarkable growth.

Rev. Fr. Davy CMI arrived in Syokimau in the year 2000 when the area was largely remote and undeveloped landscape, with only a solitary house in the vicinity. There was no electricity, no reliable water supply and no proper road network. The

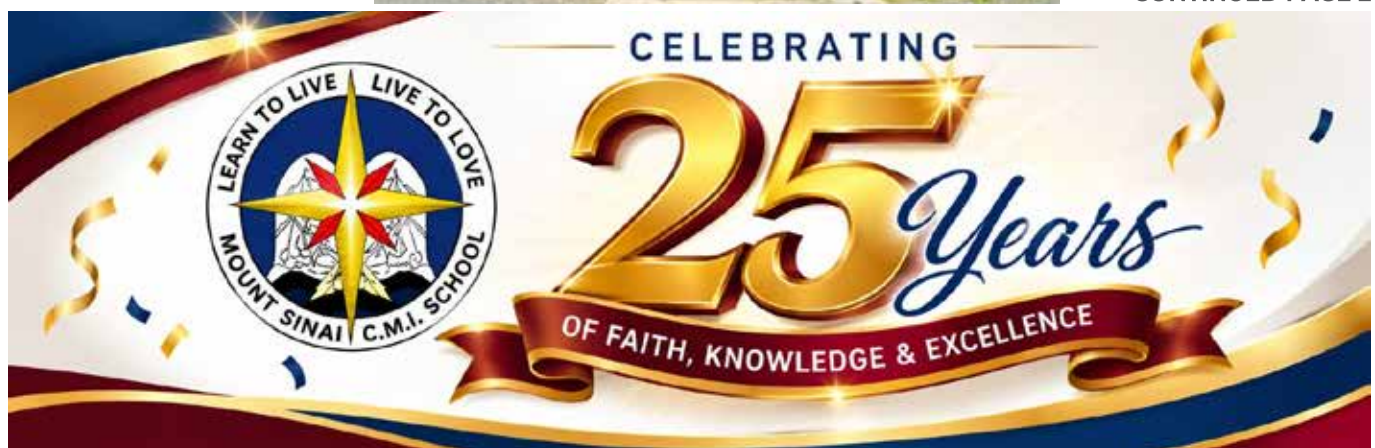
surrounding land was quiet and largely untouched, with animals

freely grazing across the landscape. To many observers, the idea of

establishing a school in such a location seemed almost impossible. Where others saw isolation, the pioneers saw possibility. Driven by faith and a deep conviction that the mission had a purpose, Fr. Davy pressed ahead, supported by Rev. Fr. Jose Kallely CMI, whose confidence, prayers and sacrifices were crucial in those formative years. The pioneers, with limited resources and little infrastructure, took on responsibilities far beyond their conventional roles;



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planning buildings, supervising construction, coordinating labour and managing the emerging institution. The early years were marked by uncertainty, hardship and unsettling break-in at the priest's residence. The school was being built not only with bricks and mortar but on faith, sacrifice and perseverance despite the obstacles they faced.

From its earliest days, Mount Sinai CMI School was embraced by the people of Syokimau, who offered time, encouragement and practical support. Among them are Mr. Bosma, the late Mr. Wood, David (Bushman), Mama Immaculate, Mr. Kyatha and Mr. Nyete. The CMI confreres also played a vital role, especially Rev. Fr. Jose Kallely CMI and later Rev. Fr. Jijo CMI, Rev. Fr. Johny CMI, Rev. Fr. Biju CMI, Rev. Fr. Godfrey CMI, Rev. Fr. Anto CMI and Rev. Fr. Jacob CMI. The Sisters of Notre Dame gave devoted service, including Rev. Sr. Aruna SND, Rev. Sr. Shoba SND, Rev. Sr. Thara SND, Rev. Sr. Christeen SND, Rev. Sr. Emma SND, Rev. Sr. Maggy SND and Rev. Sr. Elizabeth SND, among many others. Our current Rev. Fr. Lawrence Kinyua CMI Our Manager, Board of Management team together with the Pioneer benefactors, Dr. Darius, Madam Stella, Mr. Charles

Ogeto and all our CMI Father's. At the heart of Mount Sinai's story is a philosophy rooted in the vision of St. Chavara Kuriakose Elias: that education and faith must form the whole person together. In the early days, Sunday Mass was celebrated in a small school auditorium with fewer than ten faithful. From those humble beginnings, a living community of faith grew. Today, St. Veronica Church stands on the campus, accommodating more than 3,000 people—a powerful sign of how faith and education have grown together in Syokimau.

Over the past twenty-five years, the school has expanded through the dedication of CMI leadership, the Sisters of Notre Dame, teachers, administrators, parents, students and the wider community. Many individuals and teams have contributed to its growth, each adding a chapter to its continuing story.

The journey of Mount Sinai CMI School mirrors the transformation of Syokimau itself. What was once



a quiet, undeveloped frontier has become a thriving residential and social hub. The school and the community have grown side by side, shaping one another over time.

As Mount Sinai CMI School celebrates its Silver Jubilee, it does so with deep gratitude for the community that believed in its vision from the beginning. This shared journey of faith, sacrifice and hope is the true foundation of its story.

The celebration is also a thanksgiving for God's grace that has guided every step—from the wilderness of Syokimau in 2000 to the vibrant institution it is today. It is a moment to honour the pioneers, the families, the educators and all who have walked this journey together. The CMI success relies in everyday sacrifice of the Headteacher, Domenika Mugo, Deputy Headteacher, Mirriyam Kihara, Co-ordinators Tr. Zacharia Ogutu and Grace Nyambura

Guided by its motto, "Learn to Live and Live to Love," Mount Sinai CMI School looks ahead with gratitude for the past, confidence in the present and hope for the future.

Mount Sinai CMI School at 25 is celebrating a legacy that continues to shape the future of Syokimau.



FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

BUILDING A BETTER, SAFER AND MORE ORDERLY SYOKIMAU

Dear Residents,

I am encouraged by the progress we are making as a community build the Syokimau we want to live in through engagement, persistence and collaboration.

One of the most encouraging developments is the progress on our roads. The contractor has completed excavation along the entire length of Community Road and sections of Chady Road between Community Road and Katani Road, covering approximately 360 metres. These works are an important step towards improving connectivity, accessibility and the overall quality of our road network. Kiungani Road contract has been awarded to ORICON Construction Company Ltd. The project will cover the section of Kiungani Road from Notre Dame to EPCO, as well as the link road from Notre Dame to Airport Road. We expect the contractor to mobilise and commence works on site soon.

SRA continues to pay close attention to environmental and public health concerns addressing cases of wastewater effluent discharge, particularly along Katani Road and Parliament Road through the relevant Public Health offices and the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA). We appeal to residents, property owners and businesses to act responsibly and ensure that their wastewater systems comply with the law. A clean and healthy Syokimau is a shared responsibility.

Another development that demonstrates the value of constructive engagement is the opening of Quickmart Syokimau Diamond Biz. This was a deliberate

strategy to help reduce the proliferation of containers and kiosks along that road while creating a more organised commercial environment. We believe that well-planned commercial spaces can serve residents while also contributing to a cleaner and more orderly neighbourhood.

We join Mount Sinai CMI School in celebrating its 25th anniversary—a Silver Jubilee of service, education and community transformation. Mount Sinai have played an important role in shaping Syokimau and supporting the development of generations of young people. On behalf of SRA, I extend our warm congratulations and appreciation to the school community.

We continue with our efforts to bring greater order to the boda boda sector within Syokimau. Boda bodas provide an important transport service to our residents but their operations must be organised in a manner that promotes safety, discipline and coexistence with other road users. We are engaging stakeholders to find practical solutions that will protect both riders and residents while ensuring that the sector operates within the required regulations.

Finally, I wish to make a strong appeal to residents, developers and investors: please follow due process when undertaking



By Mohammed Ismail, Chairman,
Syokimau Residents Association (SRA)

construction. Proper approvals, public participation where required, environmental compliance and adherence to planning regulations are not bureaucratic obstacles but are essential safeguards for our community. When development proceeds without the necessary approvals or consultation, it can lead to disputes, delays and litigation that could have been avoided from the outset.

Our responsibility as SRA is to advocate for responsible, inclusive and sustainable development. We want Syokimau where roads are better, businesses are organised, environment is protected, development is lawful and residents are assured of security.

The progress we are witnessing is a reminder of our motto. "Achieving more Together". That is, when residents speak with one voice, engage constructively and remain committed to the common good, meaningful change is possible.

I thank you, our residents, partners, developers, businesses and government agencies for your continued cooperation and support. Let us keep working together to make Syokimau a better place to live, work and invest.



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

THE FOUNDATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN SYOKIMAU

Public participation makes development sustainable. When developers engage residents openly before construction begins, they build trust, reduce conflict and create projects that benefit both investors and the community. Development should happen with the people not around them.
- Mohammed Ismail, Chairman, Syokimau Residents Association

Last month of July, Syokimau Residents Association (SRA) has actively participated in three public participation forums for proposed developments within the estate. These included developments along Airport Road, Chady Road opposite former Colony and Zawadi Court on Mwananchi Road. It was rather regrettable that construction activities had already commenced before residents were consulted.

The purpose of public participation is consultation that is intended to influence planning decisions before construction begins; not to validate decisions that have already been made.

Public participation gives developers an opportunity to explain their projects, demonstrate compliance with planning regulations and receive valuable feedback from neighbouring residents and other stakeholders. It enables communities to raise legitimate concerns relating to environmental conservation, drainage, sewerage systems, traffic flow, access roads, building

heights, security, noise pollution, waste management and the overall compatibility of a proposed development with the surrounding neighbourhood.

Therefore, before construction commences, developers should prepare their project designs and statutory studies, identify affected neighbours and stakeholders, issue adequate notices, convene a public participation forum, document concerns raised and incorporate reasonable recommendations into the final design before seeking development approvals

The County Government has increasingly recognised the important role that organised resident associations play in facilitating structured community engagement. As part of ongoing discussions, the Syokimau Residents Association has advocated for a requirement that developers obtain a Letter of No Objection from the Association after undertaking satisfactory stakeholder engagement. This requirement

provides evidence that affected residents have been consulted and that their concerns have been considered before approvals are finalised.

The responsibility of ensuring orderly, environmentally responsible and legally compliant development rests with every stakeholder. Developers, Government agencies, Professionals and Residents each have a role to play in building a community that balances economic growth with quality of life.

Syokimau Residents Association (SRA) remains committed to constructive engagement with Developers, County Government and Residents to ensure that every development contributes positively to the future of our community. Sustainable communities are built through consultation, cooperation and shared responsibility.

SYOKIMAU BODA BODA OPERATORS

UNITE TO STRENGTHEN SECURITY AND LEADERSHIP

Syokimau, 2nd July 2026 – More than 300 boda boda operators from across Syokimau convened at the Chief's Camp on Thursday, 2nd July 2026, in a landmark meeting aimed at enhancing security, improving order and establishing a unified leadership structure for the boda boda sector within the area.

The meeting brought together representatives from the Gateway Stage (Airport/Mwananchi Road), Nation MEDS Stage (Kiungani Road), Syokimau-Katani Road Stage (Katani/Parliament Road) and Beijing Road (Greatwall/Community Road). The initiative was convened by Syokimau Residents Association (SRA) Chairman, Mr. Mohammed Ismail, as part of ongoing efforts to promote collaboration between boda boda operators, residents, and government agencies.

The forum attracted a strong representation from the National and County governments, underscoring the importance of the boda boda sector in community safety and local economic development. Those in attendance included the OCS Syokimau, Area Chief, County Representatives and Governor's Representative.

In his opening remarks, Mr.

Mohammed Ismail emphasized that the primary objective of the meeting was to establish an accountable leadership framework across all boda boda stages in Syokimau. He proposed that each major road elect a committee comprising a Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and three committee members. The elected representatives from the various roads would then constitute an electoral college to choose the overall Syokimau Boda Boda Chairman, creating a structured and representative leadership system capable of addressing sector challenges while promoting security and discipline.

During deliberations, it emerged that the Gateway Stage serving the Airport/Mwananchi Road corridor was the only stage that had fully complied with the proposed organizational requirements. Following extensive discussions, members resolved that the Katani

Main Stage leadership would temporarily retain its current office and coordinate the compilation of membership lists from all sixteen boda boda stages operating within Syokimau.

Beyond governance and security, participants explored several



long-term initiatives aimed at improving the welfare and economic resilience of boda boda operators. Among the proposals discussed were the formation of a boda boda SACCO to enhance financial inclusion, coordinated acquisition of riding licences and insurance, stronger collaboration with the County Government on issues affecting the transport sector and the introduction of empowerment programmes to help riders diversify their livelihoods. These programmes would support operators wishing to transition into businesses such as garbage collection services, public transport through matatus, ride-hailing services and other entrepreneurial ventures.

The meeting marked an important milestone in strengthening partnerships between the boda boda community, residents and government institutions. Participants expressed optimism that the proposed leadership structure and welfare initiatives would contribute to improved security, greater professionalism and enhanced service delivery for the growing Syokimau community.



RECLAIMING OUR GATEWAY

HOW RESIDENTS TRANSFORMED AN ENCROACHED ACCESS ROAD INTO A COMMUNITY LANDMARK

By Wilfred Nying'iro – Chairman,
Gateway Park Estate

For Gateway Park Estate, the transformation of its main access road is a story of community determination, unity and pride. What was designed as an access road gradually became occupied by a car wash, vendors and kiosks, threatening the safety, accessibility and character of the estate. The defining moment came when residents learnt of plans to bring containers onto the road reserve for use as shops. Residents of Gateway Park together with Syokimau Residents Association (SRA), OCS, Syokimau Police Station and Machakos County Government officers successfully stopped the attempted occupation. Consequently a guard house and barrier were subsequently installed but vendors continued to occupy parts of the reserve.

Earlier this year, SRA issued formal vacation notices, reflecting the residents' collective zero-tolerance position on vending along estate roads. The notices resulted in the relocation of two car washes and other vendors, paving the way for the road's rehabilitation and beautification.

With residents' support and voluntary contributions, the road

continues to be rehabilitated and the road reserve is now being transformed into a landscaped garden featuring fencing, grass, ornamental trees, flowers, a Duranta hedge and an ornamental fountain. The project is not only about beautification but reclaiming and protecting our road reserve, improving our environment and

creating a welcoming entrance to Gateway Park.

This is a project we are proud of; a testament to what a united community can achieve. It demonstrates what is possible when a community unites around a shared vision of order, safety and sustainable development.





PROTECTING OUR WATERWAYS

WHY RESTORING RIVER CORRIDORS MATTERS

Recent media coverage highlighting county government efforts to remove structures obstructing natural waterways has reignited important conversations around environmental governance and urban planning. While the demolition of illegal developments often attracts public attention and debate, experts emphasize that the issue extends far beyond regulatory enforcement.

Riparian land reserves perform critical ecological functions such as facilitating natural water flow, mitigating flooding, protecting biodiversity and contributing to groundwater recharge. When these corridors are obstructed through unauthorized developments, the consequences can be severe.

Flooding incidents experienced across various parts of Nairobi Metropolitan Region have repeatedly demonstrated the dangers associated with encroachment on natural drainage systems.

Therefore, the recent county

directive represents not only an enforcement exercise but also a preventative intervention aimed at safeguarding communities from future environmental disasters.

For residents, the issue presents an opportunity to embrace a broader culture of environmental citizenship.

Protecting waterways cannot be left solely to government agencies. It requires vigilance, compliance and active community participation.

As climate variability continues to intensify weather-related risks, preserving natural infrastructure such as rivers and wetlands becomes

increasingly important in building resilient communities.

Syokimau's environment may ultimately depend on the decisions residents make today.





Kids Corner

Play, Learn, Grow!



GREEN SYOKIMAU, OUR HOME

By Aiden Munyoki
Grade 2 Syokimau



When I wake up in the morning,
I see trees waving hello.
Birds singing, flowers blooming,
This is the Syokimau I love and know.

But sometimes I see plastic bags,
Flying like kites in the sky.
Dust in the air, dry grass on the ground,
This makes me wonder why.

We are the future, we are the hope,
Let us plant trees and water them.
Let us pick litter and use the bin,
Let us protect our home again and again.

A clean Syokimau makes us smile,
A green Syokimau makes us strong.
When we care for the earth today,
Tomorrow will sing our song.



We are the future, keep Syokimau green for us.
We are the future, keep Syokimau clean for us.



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PROTECTING OUR YOUTH A COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY

By Boaz Wanjala - Security Team Leader,
Security Expert and Alternative Dispute Resolution Consultant

The school holiday season brings with it increased responsibility for parents, guardians, community leaders and security agencies to keep our young people safe. It is also a period when young people may be more exposed to negative influences, including the use and distribution of illegal substances.

This month, our neighbourhood witnessed the arrest of three youths reportedly found smoking bhang. This follows previous arrests involving individuals suspected of supplying illegal substances. The arrests have sparked an important conversation among parents. Some feel that young people found using substances should not immediately face arrest while others believe the crackdown must continue and focus particularly on those supplying these substances.

As a community, we should be vigilant that we do not undermine the work of our security agencies. Our security organs have a professional responsibility to enforce the law and maintain order. At the same time, parents and the wider community must play their part through closer supervision, open conversations, mentorship and early intervention. Where young people are found involved in substance use, appropriate action should be guided by the law and the circumstances of each case,

with rehabilitation and support forming part of the broader response where appropriate.

The bigger challenge is to address both demand and supply. Those

who introduce and profit from illegal substances within our neighbourhoods must remain a key focus of enforcement, while young people caught up in substance use need accountability alongside opportunities to change.

This is not a choice between supporting the police and protecting our children. As parents and residents, let us support our security agencies, remain vigilant and report suspicious activity while creating an environment where our young people can seek help before experimentation develops into dependency.

A safe community is built through enforcement, vigilance, responsible parenting and collective care for our youth.

SYOKIMAU RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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- Better Infrastructure**
We advocate for and support improved roads, lighting, and drainage.
- Clean & Green Environment**
We promote cleanliness, waste management and tree planting initiatives.
- Community Voice**
We represent residents' interests to authorities and stakeholders.
- Community Events**
Enjoy social events and programs that bring us together.

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THE PARLIAMENT ROAD FORMULA

WHEN RESIDENTS TAKE OWNERSHIP

By Eunice Musyoki, Vice Chair,
Syokimau Residents Association & Road Champion – Parliament Road

From Statistics shared from our Treasury Team, Parliament Road has so far, emerged as the best-performing road in Syokimau in terms of court subscriptions and paid-up membership. The achievement is a reflection of what can happen when residents are organised, informed and willing to work together.

There is a simple philosophy behind Parliament Road's success this year: "My Road, My Paradise." For residents along Parliament Road, it is a commitment to taking ownership of the community we call home.

The approach has been simple: organisation from the ground up, what others would describe as "bottom-up". Parliament Road is divided into three sections; Upper Parliament, Middle Parliament, commonly known as the St Timothy section and Lower Parliament. Volunteer leaders in each section work closely with court leaders, creating a strong link between Individual Courts, Parliament Road and Syokimau Residents Association (SRA).

This structure has made it easier to communicate, identify issues early and maintain order within the neighbourhood. It has also enabled residents to take greater responsibility for developments within their areas. They believe in responsible development and do not encourage the uncontrolled growth of informal structures and "vibandasky" along Parliament Road.

Security is an area where residents have taken collective responsibility encouraging courts

to engage reliable security providers while exploring ways of strengthening security coordination along Parliament Road.

Today, about 70 per cent of courts along Parliament Road are aware of SRA and have subscribed. Despite the current economic environment making subscription payments difficult for some households, there is goodwill to continue to encourage participation acknowledging that strength of Syokimau Residents Association (SRA) depends on the collective support of its members.

SRA provides the platform that connects our courts and roads, keeps residents informed through its members' forum and gives the community a structured voice when issues require mediation or engagement with the county government.

One outstanding concerns for residents of Parliament Road is that they continue to advocate for tarmac road from our Road agencies. They are hopeful that this will be actualised in the coming financial year.

This experience has enabled better participation, organisation and taking responsibility of a better neighbourhood.

Their formula is strong court leadership, active volunteers, informed residents and a shared belief that our neighbourhood is worth protecting.

My road, my paradise.

Is your court structured? Let's begin the conversation. Achieving More Together!

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3	200,000/-	200,000/-	200,000/-	200,000/-	200,000/-	4,440/-	8,880/-	420	700
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6	500,000/-	500,000/-	500,000/-	500,000/-	500,000/-	10,740/-	21,840/-	720	1,800
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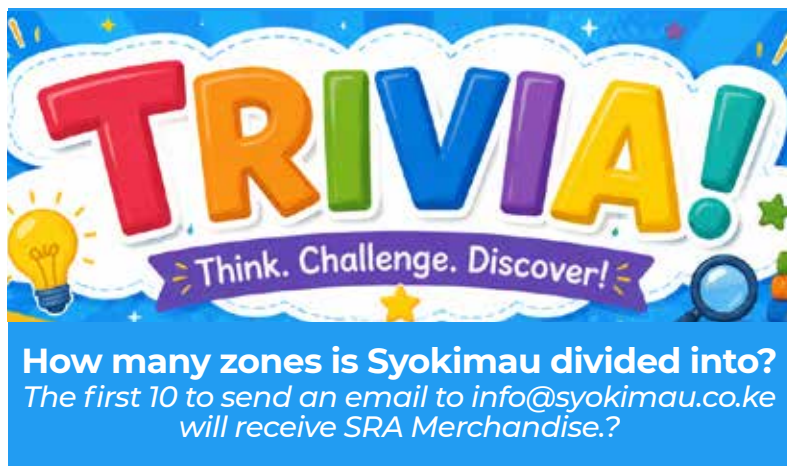
COURT SUBSCRIPTIONS

THE COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO SHOW STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE ONGOING LEGAL PROCESS

Court Subscribers Per Road:		Paid Up
Airport/Chady	27	9
Community	35	8
Katani	27	10
Kiungani	35	7
Mwananchi	8	6
Parliament	38	10 (Winner)
Quarry	10	4

SRA depends on your paid up subscriptions to run the office. Only 30% Paid Up Member Courts as at end of July. Let us support our Association.

WINNER: PARLIAMENT ROAD

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OF THE MONTH

“ Youth is the capacity to see opportunity before it exists. ”

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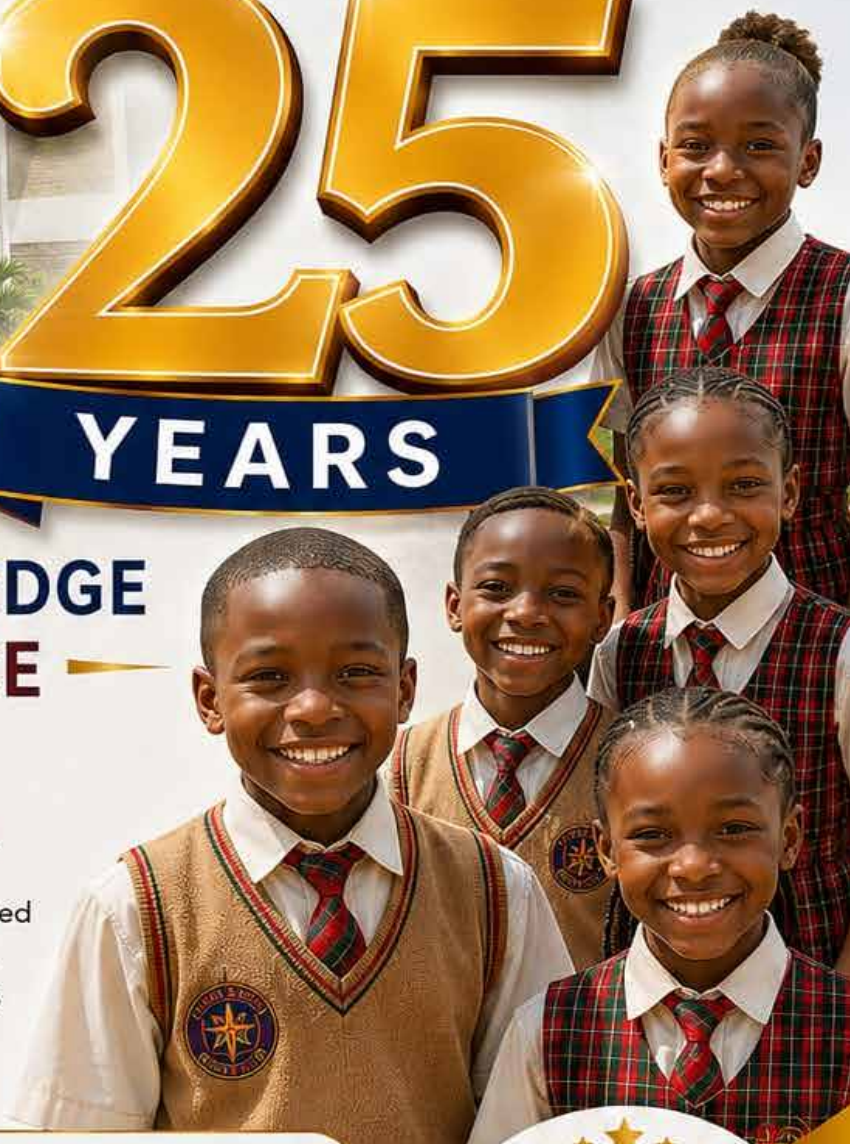
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A FUTURE OF POSSIBILITIES.

For 25 years, Mount Sinai CMI School has nurtured minds, built character and inspired greatness. Together, we continue to empower generations for a brighter tomorrow.



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