

SPEECH BY THE HEADTEACHER OF BETHANY PRE AND PRIMARY SCHOOL TO THE GUEST OF HONOUR AT THE THIRD GRADE SEVEN GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR THE YEAR 2026

Our Guest of Honour, Madam Bethany Husby; government leaders from various levels within and outside our Mateves Ward; Chairman of the Board and all school committee members; Director of our school, Mr. Emmanuel Eliakim Boaz, together with Mama Rehema Eliakim Boaz; Manager of our school, Mr. Prince Eliakim Boaz; Ward Education Officer for Mateves Ward, Mama Catherine Mollel; religious leaders from various denominations; my fellow teachers and all non-teaching staff; our beloved parents and guardians; Grade Seven graduates for the year 2026; our remaining students; relatives, family, friends, and all invited guests; ladies and gentlemen: Praise the Lord, Praise Jesus Christ, Peace be upon you, I greet you in the name of the United Republic of Tanzania.

First and foremost, allow me to say that today, September 26, 2026, I am filled with great joy and feel compelled to thank Almighty God, full of mercy, for protecting us and guiding us so well to reach this day in good health. Today is a day of joy, gratitude, remembrance, achievement, and above all, today is a day to look forward with great hope. Our Guest of Honour, Mama Bethany, I have the great honor of presenting our sincere and special gratitude to you for accepting our invitation to join us in celebrating the achievements of our children today, September 26, 2026, and for continuing to be a very important historic part of our school and the entire surrounding community.

Let us all stand and welcome our Guest of Honour, Mama Bethany, with applause and cheers. *(Please be seated)*

You are all very welcome to this unique celebration of the third Grade Seven graduation for the year 2026. A wonderful celebration... we thank you very much for coming to join us on this special day.

Our Guest of Honour, this speech is divided into six main parts, which are:

1. Introduction
2. Key statistics of our school
3. Achievements
4. Challenges
5. Expectations of our school
6. Conclusion (Special message for the Guest of Honour, Madam Bethany Husby)

1. INTRODUCTION

Our Guest of Honour, our Bethany Pre and Primary School was established in the year 2018. Throughout this entire period, our school has been dedicated to providing quality education and moral guidance to our children, with the mission of nurturing the child in all essential aspects of life, including academic, physical, mental, social, spiritual, and moral development. All of this is done because we believe that every child is valuable, has unique potential, and possesses dreams that deserve to be nurtured; based on this foundation, we strive to build a good, safe, and friendly environment that gives every student the opportunity to learn, discover their talents, build self-confidence, and grow their capabilities.

Our school does not view education solely as preparation for passing examinations; rather, we see education as the foundation for preparing the child for their present and future life. We aim for our children to become knowledgeable, disciplined, creative, confident, respectful individuals who are capable of solving challenges facing them and bringing positive change to society.

As the first President of South Africa, Nelson Mandela, said: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

When we look at our Grade Seven graduates today, we see the fruits of a long journey. We see children who arrived with dreams and expectations, and now they have reached the point of crossing an important bridge in their educational life. It is our belief that the foundations laid here at Bethany will help them move forward with courage, discipline, and diligence in the next stages of their lives. The truth is that the hard work our graduates have put in over a long period was not easy;

it required patience, discipline, and a dedicated spirit.

As the famous philosopher Aristotle reminds us: "The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet." These graduates stand here today not by chance, but because of their efforts, dedication, and determination to achieve success.

Congratulations to our graduates... congratulations, our graduates, the class of 2026!

2. KEY STATISTICS OF OUR SCHOOL

Our Guest of Honour, parents, guardians, and all invited guests, after giving a brief overview of the direction of our Bethany Pre and Primary School, I would now like to present key statistics for our school for the year 2026. Our Bethany School has continued to grow step by step. This growth is evident in the increase in students from pre-primary up to Grade Seven. Currently, our school has more than 600 students. This is clear proof of the trust and confidence that parents and guardians have continued to place in our school. We thank you for making Bethany your first choice.

Student Statistics by Class

Grade / Class	Boys	Girls	Total
Pre-Primary	105	82	187
Grade I	29	37	66
Grade II	28	36	64
Grade III	29	27	56
Grade IV	18	30	48
Grade V	39	39	78
Grade VI	34	26	60
Grade VII	21	33	54
GRAND TOTAL	314	300	614

Staff Statistics

Staff Category	Male	Female	Total
Teaching Staff	11	14	25
Non-Teaching Staff	9	7	16
GRAND TOTAL	20	21	41

This school began with a small number of students and few resources, but with one very big thing: a vision to provide quality education and nurture the child on foundations of academic excellence, discipline, and morals. Today, when we talk about Bethany, we are no longer talking about the small beginning we came from; rather, we are talking about a growing, respected educational institution that continues to build its history in the education sector. Figuratively speaking, Bethany started like a seed, became a seedling, grew into a tree, and today we continue to harvest its fruits. This growth has been driven by the quality services we provide.

3. GENERAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR SCHOOL

Our Guest of Honour, among the major achievements of our school are:

1. Continued strong performance in national examinations year after year. The following data shows the good pass trend for Grade Seven:

- **2024:** 37 Graduates — Pass Grade: Grade B
 - **2025:** 44 Graduates — Pass Grade: Grade A
 - **2026:** 54 Graduates — Expectation is Grade A
2. **Increase in student enrollment** from 500 students last year (2025) to 614 students in 2026.
 3. **Availability of quality and safe transportation** for our students in the morning when coming to school and in the evening when returning home.
 4. **Presence of expert teachers** in various subjects across all grade levels.
 5. **Availability of core textbooks and supplementary books** at a 1:1 ratio, enabling students to gain knowledge as intended by the curriculum under the Tanzania Institute of Education.
 6. **Presence of a good and quiet library** that provides students with the opportunity to read and expand their knowledge further.
 7. **Presence of an ICT room** equipped with over 40 computers, helping students gain education on technology and its benefits.
 8. **Timely payment of salaries** for teachers and non-teaching staff, which boosts worker motivation to continue working hard. Many congratulations to the Director for the fine work he is doing. Congratulations, Director!
 9. **Effective supervision of teaching and learning activities** for our children. Many congratulations to the internal quality assurers and all our teachers for the great work you are doing.
 10. **Provision of a clean, quiet, and safe environment** for our students at all times during their learning.

4. CHALLENGES

Our Guest of Honour, invited guests, parents, guardians, and education stakeholders, the following are some of the challenges our school has been facing:

1. **Delayed fee payments.** School fees are the key foundation enabling the school to fulfill its duties effectively, including paying for services, improving learning environments, purchasing teaching and learning materials, and running other school operations. We recognize that parents face different economic circumstances and challenges; however, we urge parents to fulfill their payment obligations on time so the school can plan and execute its operations efficiently.
2. **Road conditions.** Another challenge is the state of some roads used by school vehicles. During the rainy season, some roads get potholes, become muddy, and at times reach a state that makes transportation difficult and time-consuming. This affects the transportation schedule and can cause children to arrive late at school or home.
3. **Low parental cooperation in monitoring children's progress.** A child's education is a joint responsibility between the school, parent, and the student. Some parents do not follow up on their children's academic and behavioral progress. When a child receives close monitoring from home and school, their challenges are discovered early and appropriate steps are taken on time. Let us build a culture of monitoring our children so we can build a successful tomorrow together.

Our Guest of Honour and invited guests, these are some of the challenges we face in carrying out our daily duties, and we continue working toward solutions for them.

5. OUR EXPECTATIONS

Our Guest of Honour, our school has great expectations to continue building a quality, disciplined, creative, and academically competitive educational institution while preparing students capable of tackling the challenges of a rapidly changing world. Among our core expectations are:

1. **Continuing to raise academic standards** by improving performance in internal and national exams, aiming for every student to reach their highest academic potential.
2. **Nurturing talents and overall abilities** of students in academics, sports, arts, leadership, and other creative areas.
3. **Strengthening the use of technology** in teaching and learning so students acquire knowledge and skills matching 21st-century requirements.
4. **Continuing to build values, discipline, and responsibility**, believing that quality education is not just about getting good grades, but also building the child to be respectful, honest, compassionate, and a positive contributor to society.

5. **Strengthening cooperation between the school, parents, and community**, recognizing that upbringing and education are a shared responsibility requiring close, ongoing partnership.
6. **Continuing to improve learning and teaching environments**, infrastructure, and essential services to enable students to learn in a safe, friendly, and creativity-stimulating environment.
7. **Expanding the school's scope** and increasing student enrollment without compromising the standards of education quality, care, and service we provide.

6. SPECIAL MESSAGE OF TRIBUTE TO OUR GUEST OF HONOUR

To our guest of honour, Mrs. Bethany Husby, today as we celebrate this special and memorable graduation ceremony, we would like to pause and express our deepest appreciation for a person whose contribution to the journey of this school cannot be measured in words alone.

Madam Bethany Husby, you have been with us since the establishment of this school. Over the years, you have stood with us, believed in our vision, and continued to support the growth and development of this institution. Your journey with us is not simply a story of financial support; it is a story of love, sacrifice, commitment, compassion, and faith in the power of education to transform lives. Through your support, together with the generous contributions of donors and well-wishers, this school has been able to make a meaningful difference in many areas. More importantly, your heart for humanity has reached beyond the school itself, touching the lives of many children and people from marginalized and less privileged communities who might otherwise have had limited opportunities.

Your generosity has reminded us that true leadership is not measured by what one possesses, but by what one is willing to give for the betterment of others. You have given not only material support, but also encouragement, hope, inspiration, and a reason for many young people to believe that their circumstances do not have to determine their future.

We salute you as a woman of compassion, humility, courage, and faith—a woman who fears God, values humanity, and dares to make a difference. Your willingness to step forward where others might hesitate has made your contribution particularly meaningful.

Madam Bethany, the children graduating today may not fully understand the extent of what you have done for them, but the opportunities they have received will continue to speak for themselves. Every lesson learned, every dream nurtured, every achievement celebrated, and every life transformed is, in its own way, part of the legacy you have helped to build.

Your name is not only associated with the history of this school; it is written in the stories of the lives you have changed. May your kindness continue to speak for generations to come. We may have so much to say about your dedication, kindness, and support, but words alone can never fully express our gratitude.

From the depths of our hearts, we simply say: thank you for being part of our story. Thank you for believing in our children, and thank you for helping Bethany become a place where dreams can grow. Thank you for keeping our entertainment alive, thank you for everything you have done and continue to do for our school and our children.

May God bless you abundantly and continue to guide and strengthen you in all that you do.

Thank you very much for listening to me. I beg to submit.

Headteacher – Bethany School
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GRADE SEVEN SPEECH TO HONORABLE GUEST OF HONOUR

Honorable guest of honour and your delegation, distinguished guests, our beloved director, managers, head teacher, school board members, teachers, and parents.

Sub-ordinate staff and our fellow pupils, before you are class seven graduates. We are pleased to have you all on this great day on which we are celebrating our event of completing primary education.

Honorable guest of honour, we all thank you for coming to witness the great event of which we are celebrating the end of a very long journey of primary education. Reaching this remarkable day, we passed through different levels of learning inside and outside classes. We started grade one back in the year 2020. By then our class had very few pupils. Many pupils joined our school from different schools, raising the previous number to fifty-four pupils.

Honorable guest of honour, we are all delighted to have you as we celebrate this great event. This is our third grade seven graduation ceremony, and everyone is feeling very happy for your presence.

Honorable guest of honour, as you know, all subjects are taught in the English language except our national language, Kiswahili. This medium of instruction gave us a very strong foundation towards secondary education. In our school, grade seven learns seven subjects; these include English language, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Kiswahili, Civic and Moral Education, and Vocational Skills.

Honorable guest of honour, everyone is feeling very happy that you managed to leave your country to attend our graduation ceremony. We are all proud to have you today.

Thank you for coming!

This speech was prepared by Grade Seven pupils and presented to you by Joshua Moses Ipinii.