

## **Oshigambo High School-The Pride of the North**

One of the oldest and best performing schools in the north, Oshigambo high school started its operation in 1960 and so far produced high achievers in the community. It is well known because of the quality education it gives to learners. It's always in the top 10 among other schools in Grade 10 and 12 results every year.

A missionary school situated 30 km east of Ondangwa town in Oshikoto region, the high school has special features and it attracts visitors including foreigners. A river that flow water from Angola to the Kunene River is one of the features that makes the school nature attractive. However the bank of this river broke for the first time in 50 years and that happened in 2006. This incident cause pupils and teachers to get to school by crossing on their own risk or have to walk a distance of approximately 3 km and as a result classes were suspended for a week.

Oshigambo High School has a very comfortable place of learning. Most of our leaders and politicians are the products of that school such as honorable prime minister Nahas Angula, our justice minister honorable Pendukeni Ivula Itana and the Safety and Security minister, honorable Nangolo Mbumba, among others.

### **But what makes the school so special?**

Oshigambo high is missionary school for Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia and the foundation of the school is more on Christianity, probably because of its rule that every learner has to attend a demotion service done Monday to Sunday.

Since each school is expected to produce quality learners who can further their studies at colleges, universities and other institutions, the performance of Oshigambo high boost its name and this school is well known everywhere in Namibia if not in the whole world. Its good management believed to be set up by its fist plincipal, Ms. Lahya Lehtonen, a finish national.

To keep attracting more learners to join the school, and to market its environmental special features, Oshigambo organized a re-union event in February 2011, where many prominent business people and national leaders including those who study at the school and gave motivational speeches encouraging learners to study hard.

Oshigambo High is a school of 340 learners with Grade 8 to 12.

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