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CIRCULAR 12 / 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian

Please take note of the content of this circular and discuss the relevant issues with your child/children.

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1. OFFICE / KANTOOR

1.1 FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Bonnie Fuller highlighted the plight of high-risk learners in the article, “From punishment to responsibility” where these learners spend years developing an aversion to education and educators. The primary focus of his article is to give those high-risk learners a chance to be successful in life.

The second focus is creating a group of educators, as well as parents, who have the ability to respond to what a learner needs to overcome the years of mistrust, in the system, that relies on punishment instead of understanding.

Many learners have not had positive support from family, friends or the education system. Their lives have been filled with punishment, neglect and misunderstanding. School systems punish misbehaviour. “Research clearly indicates that many attempts to help at-risk- learners often backfire and actually become contributing factors towards forcing learners out of school” (Barr & Parrett, 1995). Families and educators often neglect the young adult’s need for positive role models. They need role models with whom they can form, and sustain, meaningful relationships. Parents and educators need to look beyond the conduct of a child/learner and identify the reasons for the misbehaviour. “Belligerent learners were not born this way, but have learn to fight pain with pain” (Brendtro and du Toit, 2005). Understanding the brain’s amygdala and how it affects human reaction to people creates an awareness that educators or parents’ every move is evaluated by the child, who quickly determines whether or not to trust a person.

Fostering an environment of reward and respect is key in developing the other skills in the circle of courage. If children feel they belong, they will develop independence and generosity. The awareness of the need for acceptance will help educators and parents to respond and connect.

“Research has demonstrated that adolescents with at least one high-quality supportive relationship with an adult, are twice as likely to be economically self-sufficient, have healthy family and social relationships and be productively involved in their communities” (Gambane, Klem & Cornwell, 2002).

“When a child is building skills the sandwich method of guidance can improve weak areas, by pointing out both strengths and weakness. When adults balance criticism with praise, children do not feel that they are failures,” (Brendtro & Du Toit, 2005).

“No one has yet realized the wealth of sympathy, the kindness and generosity hidden in the soul of a child. The effort of true education should be to unlock that treasure” (Emma Goldman). Giving children the opportunity to help each other, and people in the community, then develop a sense of concern for others and themselves. The opportunity to tutor other learners will foster a sense of belonging.

The goal is to create a child who will overcome the obstacles of life and attain the skills to be happy.

Henry Ford said, “Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goals.”

1.2 TO THE PARENTS

This quarter was an extremely difficult period and emotionally challenging for all of us. The passing of our beloved principal, the late Mr Wilfred Taylor, hit us hard and some of us need more time than others to come to terms with his death. Notwithstanding these challenges I am proud of the learners who achieved well in the test series and my staff who were professional to prepare them well.

Sadly, the school also suffered the loss of one of the members of the School Governing Body (SGB), Mrs Esterhuizen. The family will remain in our prayers and thoughts. Notice have been given via SMS-web for any parents who are interested to fill the vacancy on the School's Governing Body. Please contact the secretary should you feel obliged to serve on the SGB. Thank you to those parents who have already responded.

We were extremely disappointed that we had to cancel the matric farewell function in its proposed format. Non-compliance regarding the payment of school fees and the matric farewell money left us with insufficient funds to host the ball. I hope the parents who have paid will understand that financially we simply cannot afford it.

Mrs Raath is leaving the school at the end of this term. We wish her well with her future endeavours. We have received many applications for her post. Interviews will be conducted tomorrow, 30 September 2021. We are confident that we will find a suitable and dedicated educator from the start of the fourth term.

2. QUARTERLY REPORT / KWARTAALVERSLAG

U kind se September-rapport word met hom/haar huis toe gestuur. Bespreek gerus die vlakke van prestasie. Bepaal die intense akademiese voorbereiding om die promosie na die volgende graad te verseker.

3. NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS (NSC)

The NSC examination for 2021 will start on Tuesday 21 October with the CAT Practical. On 27 October they will start with English. Parents, this means that there are only two weeks before the matrics last day. These two weeks will be utilized for intensive revision. It is compulsory for all matriculants to attend school every day until 22 October.

We would like to wish all matriculants success in the final examinations. Grade 12 learners will be informed next term regarding the examination arrangements. Any outstanding work for the School-based Assessments (SBA) must be completed and handed in on 11 October 2021 when the school re-opens.

4. BUDGET 2022 / BEGROTING 2022

We are preparing and compiling the proposed budget for 2021. A parent meeting will be held on **Tuesday 26 October 2021** to approve the budget. The budget will be available for viewing at the Finance Office as from **13 October 2021**.

5. SCHOOL FEES / SKOOLFONDS

Parents, we wish to stress that regular monthly payment of school fees is mandatory as it allows us to manage and maintain our school.

All accounts in arrears have, unfortunately, been handed over to debt collectors and attorneys for collections. Parents/guardians will be liable for all additional costs. These organizations have the option to blacklist parents/guardians.

The SGB approved the following financial management systems for the school fees payment plan for 2022:

- 1. 10% discount on school fees paid in full for the next year before the end of December 2021.**
- 2. 5% discount on school fees paid in full (for the year) before the end of February 2022.**
- 3. New Grade 8 learners for 2022 - first payment of R1200 must be made by 30 October 2021 to secure placement.**
- 4. Grades 9-12 for 2022 - first payment for 2022 must be paid before or on 15 December 2021.**

6. IMPORTANT DATES / BELANGRIKE DATUMS

21 October	-	NSC Examination starts
15 November	-	Grades 8 – 11 Final examination starts
03 December	-	Grades 8 – 11 Final examination ends
15 December	-	School closes for learners
15 December	-	School closes for educators
17 January 2022	-	School re-opens for educators
19 January 2022	-	School re-opens for learners

We include the names of our sponsors. We urge the parents/guardians to support them. We wish our learners and staff a pleasant and safe holiday.

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ACTING PRINCIPAL**

TOPPRESTEERDERS : SEPTEMBER 2021	
GRAAD 8	
Ray Muringani	86.0%
Keanu Smith	85.0%
Jovano Leibrandt	84.6%
Zoë Ross	81.8%
Keren Malala	80.5%
Zagkira Matthyse	79.8%
Bradley Mubaiwa	76.5%
Evodie Matwaya	76.1%
Jodeliah Klein	75.7%
GRAAD 9	
Ainsley Wildschudt	84.2%
Tanaka Muzamhindo	84.1%
Tylin Theart	82.3%
Yonela Mbawuli	79.6%
Kwande Gquma	78.2%
Abulele Tsetswa	76.0%
Chandre Wolfaardt	75.7%
Tatum Willscott	75.0%
GRAAD 10	
Limyoli Moni	79.7%
Jeron Okkers	73.7%
Dzunisani Sunduza	71.5%
Sanelisiwe Nqeketo	69.4%
GRAAD 11	
Eunan Opperman	84.5%
Mildred Cornelson	74.7%
Athenkosi Qhankqiso	72.0%
Nande Nyobole	69.7%
Amy Hufkie	69.7%

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