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Dear Parents, Guardians and Learners,

This week marks the end of the first term. It is a rather busy week with many activities taking place this week. I would like to wish all our learners a pleasant holiday and if our families are travelling, please travel safely. The following important aspects need to be noted:

1. GRADE 12 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

There will be a Grade 12 Holiday programme this holiday. The Grade 12's are expected to take this opportunity seriously as it will often provide revision as well as new work for the children concerned. As this is the final year for your child, they need to realise that there is no holiday for them until after the final exams. This April's programme is as follows:

Date:	Start time:	End time:	Subject:	Teacher:
12 April	09:00	12:00	Mathematics	Dr Bogdanova
13 April	09:00	12:00	Mathematics	Dr Bogdanova
16 April	09:00	12:00	Mathematics	Dr Bogdanova
	13:00	16:00	Life Sciences	Mr Nyachowe
17 April	09:00	12:00	Mathematics	Dr Bogdanova
	13:00	16:00	Life Sciences	Mr Nyachowe
18 April	09:00	12:00	Mathematics	Dr Bogdanova
	13:00	16:00	Life Sciences	Mr Nyachowe
19 April	09:00	12:00	Mathematics	Dr Bogdanova
	13:00	16:00	Life Sciences	Mr Nyachowe
20 April	07:45	12:00	isiZulu	Mrs Leta
	13:00	16:00	Life Sciences	Mr Nyachowe
23 April	08:00	14:00	Accounting	Mr Engelbrecht
24 April	07:45	12:00	isiZulu	Mrs Leta
	12:00	13:30	History	Mr Maluleka
25 April	07:45	12:00	isiZulu	Mrs Leta
	12:00	13:30	History	Mr Maluleka
26 April	08:00	14:00	Business Studies	Mr Engelbrecht

All Grade 12's are to ensure they have read the novel "Americanah" by the end of the holidays. Many learners have not done so. We would appreciate parental support here. Please ask your child to tell you about the novel. Check they have read it!

2. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK

The final arrangements for the last week of this term are as follows:

- Monday, 9 April – School as usual, dismissal time 14:30
- Tuesday, 10 April – Normal school until 12:00 when the learners will be dismissed.
– Reports will be published to the portal – email to confirm
– Parent interview start at 12:15 until 15:00
- Wednesday, 11 April – Interhouse Netball & Soccer
– Break from 09:30 to 10:00
– Cycle Test from 10:00 to 11:00
– School dismisses at 11:00

Learners may wear civvies on the 11th April.

3. REPORTS

Parents please note that reports will **NOT** be printed as was the case in the past. Reports will be published to the Parent and Learner portals. This means that you will need to log into the portal to access and view your child's report. You will be able to print your child's report from the portal. We will also send out an e-mail to confirm when the report is available for you to view on the portal.

Parents in arrears with school fees must note that access to the portal will be disabled until your fees are up to date.

4. BOOK DISPLAY

The school will be hosting a book display in the school hall from Monday 9 April to Wednesday 11 April. Encourage your child to visit the hall to view the books on display. We also invite you to visit the book display while you are at school for parent interviews. Consider buying some books for yourself. If you wish, you may also buy a book and donate it to the library. Books donated will have a plaque of acknowledgment placed in the book.

5. TERM 2

The second academic term will start on Thursday, 3 May. We will follow **Week 2** on the timetable.

6. GRADE 8 & 11 CAMP

The Grade 8 and 11's camp to Wagon Drift will leave school at 06:00 on the 12th April. Please ensure you are here timeously. The bus will not wait for late arrivals as it needs to beat the peak traffic out of Johannesburg.

7. UPCOMING CYCLE TESTS

The following are the remaining cycle tests for this term and for the start of the second term:

Date:	Grade 8:	Grade 9:	Grade 10:	Grade 11:	Grade 12:
11 April	English	Mathematics	Mathematics	Business / Life Sciences	Life Orientation
4 May	English	Mathematics	Afrikaans/ isiZulu/ French	English	Maths/ Maths Lit
11 May	Afrikaans/isiZulu/ French	English	English	Maths/ Maths Lit	Afrikaans/ isiZulu/ French
18 May	Mathematics	Afrikaans/isiZulu/ French	Mathematics	Afrikaans/ isiZulu/ French	English

25 May	Natural Sciences	Social Sciences (Hist & Geog)	Business/ History	Business/ Life Sciences	Hist/ IT/Life Sciences
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Please ensure that your child is studying for these tests.

8. PARENT PORTAL

As the parent portal server has changed, I will be resending all parent portal login details to parents by e-mail. Please note that your user name and password has NOT changed. The only thing that has changed is the link to get into the portal. A reminder that you should use Chrome to access the portal. The correct link is:
<https://h55.ed-admin.com/rpc/parentportal.cfm>

9. IMPORTANT DATES: TERM 2

The following are important dates to diarise for the start of the second term:

Date:	Event:
3 May	Term 2 starts
	Mother's day raffle starts
4 May	Subject testing for Grade 9's
7 May	Read-a-thon week starts
9 May	Soccer Rand vs Torah academy Netball Rand vs Cedarwood College
11 May	Read-a-thon week ends
16 May	Soccer Rand vs Maryvale
17 May	Second round of isiZulu Olympiad
23 May	Soccer Rand vs Kings LP Netball Rand vs St Catherines
24 May	Soccer Rand vs Curro Subject choice meeting with all Gr 9 parents
30 May	Workshop for Gr 12's: Exam techniques with Dr Holman Soccer Rand vs Eden College Netball Rand vs Veritas
6 June	Netball Rand vs Bishop Bavin
7 June	IEB Exam for Grade 12's: Life Orientation CAT Part B
11 June	Father's day raffle
12 June	Gr 12 PITT production (Afrikaans Learners) @ St Benedicts
14 June	IQAA visit

10. GRADE 9 SUBJECT CHOICES

All grade 9 parents are reminded that their children need to select subjects for Grade 10 in 2019. In order to assist your child with their subject selection, the school makes use of the services of Dr Holman who is a professional psychologist. We will provide more information regarding the cost of the assessment as well as a form to confirm your booking for your child as a separate letter.

11. SCHOLAR PATROL

There are a four Grade 9 learners who have given up their early mornings each day, as well as time after school to make sure that our learners are able to cross 7th Avenue safely each day. The four learners are:

- Uche Robinson
- Giovanni Camalando
- Bukhosi Buthelezi

- Charles Mabasa

I would like to extend my thanks, on behalf of all the parents and learners to these 4 children. As a reward for their dedicated service, these learners will each be given a ticket to the cinema and may attend a movie of their choice on Wednesday, 11 April. Well done to these four children!

12. HOW TO GET STRAIGHT A's

AVOID STRESS, AND DON'T BE AFRAID TO TAKE STUDY BREAKS

tip #1: have an agenda / planner

- record any homework or assignments, due dates, test dates, appointments, practices/games, and rehearsals.

tip #2: Keep supplies organized in a pencil case

- ex: calculator, pencils, pens, etc.

tip #3: Keep a homework folder

- clean out every 1-2 weeks to keep organized

listen to classical music to help yourself concentrate

NOTE TAKING:

- tip #1: learn to outline texts and readings
- tip #2: have a outline notebook for each core class

Get a study space to concentrate on your work with little to none distractions

STAY PROACTIVE ABOUT YOUR STUDIES

Remember PMPs...

Practice
Makes
Perfect

5 cores

If you have spare time, reading extra material always helps

1. Learn to ask questions about information being studied, this will help you gain more knowledge

2. Study in a healthy way. Do not cram before tests, instead study over a period of time before and don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it.

3. Stay organized, schedule studying and homework time to fit in your daily activities

4. Try to find interest in your courses, it will make learning the information easier.

5. Get the required 8 hours of sleep each night, you will remember more and concentrate better in school

6. pay attention in class & take notes, ask questions and NEVER skip.

7. Talk to your teachers about your grades

8. don't procrastinate and do your homework on time

Yours sincerely

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Executive Headmaster