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## NEWSLETTER NO 10 OF 2023

Dear Parents and learners,

*"Taking the initiative does not mean being pushy, obnoxious or aggressive. It does mean recognizing our responsibility to make things happen"*

*Stephen Covey*

The past three weeks have been packed with exciting events and many activities. As our school continues to work towards the end of the year, I must take this moment to congratulate the learners who, generally, are working well and remain focused on their academics, sporting and cultural activities. A number of exciting events are coming up next month. Please read through the newsletter as it contains important information.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

I confirm that all the photograph packages that have been ordered were delivered to the children.

### GRADE 12s

The Grade 12 learners have completed their Prelims. We now have classes for the Gr 12s until their last school day which is the 13<sup>th</sup> October.

During the next few weeks, the Grade 12s will continue completing portfolio tasks, revising work that requires remediation as well as completing PATs or other tasks and participating in moderation. It is very important for learners to be at school until the 13<sup>th</sup> October as the IEB can randomly select a learner for moderation and if that learner is not here, it can be considered an irregularity.

The Grade 12 Term 2 reports and Statement of Prelim results was scheduled for release on Friday, 29 September. Unfortunately, due to there being no electricity at school for the past week, we will have to delay the release of these until next week. I will work tirelessly at this over the weekend and hopefully, get these sent to you by Monday the latest.

### NO ELECTRICITY AND WATER AT SCHOOL

On Tuesday, 26 September, the Bez Valley / Kensington Standby distributor tripped due to a cable fault. This plunged the school and parts of Bez Valley into darkness which created the perfect opportunity for cable thieves to steal the cables that supply a sub-station in Bez Valley. City Power have been working since then to restore power to the school and parts of Bez Valley. As I write this, we still are without electricity to the admin block which means we have to rely on the inverter to keep the computers, phones and email operational. This only lasts for 4 hours and after that, we have to shut everything down to allow the batteries to recharge. As a result of this, the staff and learners are quite frustrated as we are not able to work as efficiently as we would like

to. The Grade 12 Report is particularly affected and I apologise that this will be only issued next week. Also note that our telephone system shuts down when there is no power.

In addition to this, the Berea water reservoir has not been supplied with efficient water supply from Rand Water. As we know, Water Affairs Minister Senzo Mchunu has reprimanded the Johannesburg Mayor and Rand Water for leading to a crisis of water supply in Johannesburg despite our supplier dams being 102% and 92% full, laying the blame squarely on their shoulders.

The first day of the crisis caught us unprepared, but fortunately, we were able to store some water and use this to keep our toilets hygienic for our children. Thanks to our parents who also ensured that children were given water that they could bring to school for drinking purposes. The water seems to be flowing again so we hope that we do not have a repeat of this anytime soon.

### **INTERHOUSE PLAYS**

A reminder that we will be staging our interhouse plays / productions on the 14<sup>th</sup> October from 09:30 until 12:00. The cost for a ticket will be **R10 per person** and funds raised from this will go towards sporting balls for extra-murals. Now where can you get to see 4 plays for R10? This is certainly good value for money!

Ms McBride will run a tuck-shop during the course of the programme for refreshments and snacks.

### **COLLEGE SLEEPOVER**

The College LRC has made a request to have another sleepover for the college students. We have set aside the date of the 20<sup>th</sup> October for this.

The event will be run along similar lines as it was last year. The following are the rules for the sleepover:

1. It is compulsory for all Grade 11's to be present to at least 20:30 to assist with setting up and organizing the event. Those not sleeping over may be collected from school at this time.
2. The theme will be along the lines of Halloween, and the children will come to school dressed up in civvies along this theme.
3. Children who have their parent's permission, may then remain at school on Friday.
4. The sleep-over will start at 18:00 with games, movies and activities which have been planned by the Grade 11s.
5. Mrs Byrne, Mr Gora, Mrs Harris, Mr van Rensburg and I will remain at school to supervise the children.
6. The Girls will be accommodated and sleep inside the Prep block, which can then be locked and no boys will then be allowed to enter this area.
7. The boys will sleep inside certain of the College Classrooms that are attached to the admin block, and/or the Hall where the male staff will maintain discipline.
8. Parents are required to sign a consent form in order for their child to participate in the sleep-over. Children must bring a sleeping bag, pillow and blanket to sleep in. They may bring camp mattresses or stretchers as well. Please do not buy anything that you already do not have.
9. It would be a good idea to bring a torch as well as with loadshedding, the school may be dark.
10. ADT will be asked to patrol around the school for the night.

11. Please can children be fetched from 06:00 but we would appreciate it if all children could be collected by 07:00 as I'm sure the staff will be tired and would like to have some recovery time. Some children only want attend the games, movies and activities that are planned. These are scheduled to run throughout the night but children may be fetched at roughly 21:00.

The cost for the sleep-over is R50 which includes the civvies day, movies, entertainment and the sleep-over. Food and cold-drinks will be on sale and will be bought as pre-ordered by the learners so orders will need to be placed in advance so that we can ensure delivery of food is timeous. Children not attending the sleep-over but coming to school on Friday will need to pay R30,00 towards the fundraiser. I would appreciate the school supporting the Grade 11's in this venture as I think it could be a lot of fun.

### **GR 12s AND THE SLEEPOVER**

The Information Technology Gr 12s will be writing their final practical exam on the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup> October, which is the day of the sleepover. They are also scheduled to write Business Studies on Monday, 23 October.

With this in mind, we would not like to exclude any Gr 12 from our school's activities, but we leave the final decision to parents, in consultation with their child, to make a final decision on attending the sleepover. Mr van Rensburg has agreed to run an extra lesson on the afternoon of the 20<sup>th</sup> October for the Business Studies learners where he will go over past exam papers and assist with any questions they may have. If parents agree, then the Grade 12s are welcome to be part of the sleepover.

### **CAKE 'N CANDY & CIVVIES DAY**

The Grade 8 and 9s will be hosting a Cake 'n Candy sale on the 26<sup>th</sup> October, which is the day we break up for our mid-term break. The Gr 8 and 9 learners will donate cakes and confectionaries to the sale and the profits made will go towards buying a table tennis set.

There will also be a civvies day on the 26<sup>th</sup> October.

### **HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATIONS**

The Grade 11s hosted the Heritage Day celebrations here at school on Friday, 22 September. We had a lot of fun and everyone was exposed to a variety of cultures from across the world. The highlight of the day came from taste experiences where children and staff could eat traditional foods from various countries and then participate in traditional dances from many countries in Africa.

The Grade 11s in particular, pulled out all the stops and produced a day that was exceptionally well run. I was hugely proud of the work they put into the event. We even managed to get our school showcased on 94.7 Highveld and we were invited to send them our learner's top 5 songs to be played on the radio. Well done to everyone who collectively, made the day a huge success. I include a couple of photos taken on the day, to give you a taste of what we experienced. Videos and more photos can be seen on the Rand Preparatory and College Facebook page.



### CYCLE TEST SCHEDULE

Cycle tests are written each Wednesday at 7:50. Please ensure that your children are at school on time for these tests. The full schedule was published on the school's website but the remaining tests for the term are included below:

Date:	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
4 Oct	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	Maths	Business Studies/Physi cal Science / CAT	English	Portfolio work/SBA tests - TBA
11 October	NS: Life Sciences component	SS: History	IT(Practical)/ History	Accounting / History	Portfolio work/SBA tests - TBA
18 October	SS Geography	EMS: Accounting	Life Sciences / Art	IT (Practical) / Art	Portfolio work/SBA tests - TBA
25 October	EMS: Accounting	Natural Science	Accounting	Life Sciences	Portfolio work/SBA tests - TBA
1 Nov	SS: History	Creative Arts	Maths/ Maths Literacy	Accounting / History	Portfolio work/SBA tests - TBA

8 Nov	EMS: Business Studies	SS: Geography	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	Maths/ Maths Literacy	Portfolio work/SBA tests - TBA
13 Nov	<b>Grade 8 to 11 End of year exams start</b>				

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3

Please could parents take note of the remaining important dates for this term:

DATE & TIME	EVENT	WHO SHOULD ATTEND
3 to 6 October	Visual Art Practical Drawing Exam	All Grade 12 learners
7 October	Scholarship Day	Prefects on duty
13 October	Final Day for Grade 12 learners Ringing of the bell ceremony Grade 12 Valediction	All Grade 12 learners and their parents
14 October	Interhouse Plays – Junior and Senior – starts from 09:30 and ends 12:00	All Parents, Learners and staff
20 October	College sleepover	All learners
26 October	Civvies day	All learners
27 to 30 October	Mid Term Break	All Parents, Learners and staff
13 November	End of year Exams start	All Parents, Learners and staff
6 December	Last school day of the term Civvies day School closes at 11:00 Reports for Grades 8 to 11 issued	All Staff, Parents and Learners

I would like to encourage the learners to keep working as hard as possible.

Yours sincerely



**Mr B Harris**  
**Executive Headmaster**