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NEWSLETTER NO 9 OF 2023

Dear Parents and learners,

"When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves"
Viktor Frankl

I welcome our parents, learners and staff back to the third term. A week or two ago, we were still in the middle of winter and this week, it feels like summer is here to stay. I wish all our learners well for this term. It will be a busy one.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We are expecting the photographs that were taken last term, to arrive within the next week. I will update parents on the progress of the delivery.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE

During the course of the holidays, the Basketball players, under the guidance of Mr Chipendo, participated in a number of practices and also played a number of matches.

I am hugely proud of the achievements that these boys and girls attained. The league matches have now ended, and we heard that the senior girls placed 6th in the girls' league while our senior boys made it into the semi-finals. This alone is an absolute fantastic feat, given that this is the first year that we have played competitive basketball ever.

The semi-finals were played yesterday. Rand played against Horizon High. Unfortunately, the boys lost 25:10. Despite this, I am still hugely proud of the boys. Well done and we can only go from strength to strength.

GRADE 12 FAREWELL

The Grade 12s attended their Matric Farewell function on the 25th August. All our young ladies and gents looked absolutely stunning and I believe they all had a good time.

GRADE 12 PRELIMS

The Grade 12s will continue with Prelims from today until the 18th September. I wish them well as they continue writing these exams.

GRADE 12 OFFICIAL EXAMS

A reminder that our Grade 12s will write two official IEB exams next week. These exams are as follows:

Life Orientation CAT Part B – Tuesday, 12 September from 09:00 until 11:00
Life Sciences PAT – Wednesday, 13 September from 10:00 until 11:30

Please note that these are official exams and learners may **not** miss these under any circumstances. Learners are also expected to arrive 30 minutes before the scheduled start time of the exam so that all procedures and protocol for the IEB can be followed timeously.

The personalized timetables with all the exam dates and times were issued to each Grade 12 learner today. Learners are to please place these somewhere at home where both parents and learners can check and make sure that learners do not miss the exam.

Grade 12 parents, also note that the Grade 12 Reports, including the Prelim statement of results will be issued on the 29th September.

TOP ACADEMIC PERFORMERS

I would like to extend my congratulations to the following learners on placing in the top students within their grade according to their academic performances during the second term. Every Learner that achieved an average of 75% (**indicated in GOLD below**) or greater will also be awarded their academic badges for the second term. Congratulations! In Grade 10 & 11, the number of subjects the learners are doing is indicated behind their average.

Grade 8:

Landisiwe Zimba	84.98%
Jordan Mwanja	83.28%
Mjoli Bekwa	81.52%

Grade 9:

Glorielle Mfuri	85.97%
Peyton Raffie	85.85%
Cleopatra Kibasomba	78.93%
Serenity Brauns	78.05%
Nteboheleng Maphoto	76.74%
Emmanuel Issesa	71.72%

Grade 10:

Helen Muhoni	82.92%	10
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Grade 11:

Abel Yesuf	81.23%	10
Letang Manzana	77.76%	7
Ethan Wing	75.76%	10
Thando Mbambo	75.54	8

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM VISIT

The learners visited the holocaust museum on the second last day of last term. We received glowing feedback from the museum staff who firstly complemented us on our learner's behaviour and secondly, on the inquiring questions asked by our learners. This is indeed very positive feedback and we share this good news with you. Well done College learners!

INTERHOUSE PLAYS

Mrs Byrne had the learners involved in the interhouse plays at school during the holidays and the learners rehearsed their parts in the play. Special thanks to Mrs Byrne for giving up of her time to assist our learners with this.

These plays will be staged on the 14th 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.

A brief history: The scripts for these plays have been written by the children themselves. After a taxing process, the best junior and senior script for each of the houses were selected and the children then held interviews to select the cast.

I would like to encourage everyone to come through and watch these plays.

GRADE 12 WINTER SCHOOL

I would like to extend my thanks to the Grade 12 teachers who ran a winter school for our Grade 12 learners. The programme was a full one and I certainly hope that all the children benefitted from attending the winter school.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

These will be held during the course of the next two weeks. The parents will be contacted by the HODs for each department and will set up an interview with parents and learners that we must see. Please make every effort to attend such an interview as it is in your child's best interest.

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
13 Sept	English	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	English	Maths/ Maths Literacy	Prelims
20 Sept	Maths	English	Maths/Maths Literacy	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	Prelims
27 Sept	NS: Science component	EMS: Business	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	Business Studies / Physical Science	Leave
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	Grade 8 to 11 End of year exams start				

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3

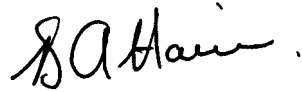
Please could parents take note of the remaining important dates for this term:

DATE & TIME	EVENT	WHO SHOULD ATTEND
6 to 18 Sept	Second half of prelim exams for Grade 12's	All Grade 12 learners
12 Sept	Official IEB Life Orientation Exam	All Grade 12 learners
13 Sept	Official IEB Life Sciences Exam	All Grade 12 learners
19 & 20 Sept	Grade 12 learners on leave	All Grade 12 learners
24 Sept (Sunday)	Heritage Day	All Staff, Parents and Learners
25 Sept	Public Holiday	All Staff, Parents and Learners
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
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
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I wish all our learners and staff well for this final term.

Yours sincerely



Mr B Harris
Executive Headmaster