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Dear Parents / Guardians

CIRCULAR 5 (2022)

1. PRIZE GIVING CEREMONIES

These will take place on three separate dates.

1.1 On 26 September 2022, the sports below will be acknowledged in the school hall:

17.30 Chess, Cricket, Tennis
19.00 Athletics, Cross Country, Golf

Invitations for the above have been distributed among the learners already. Please direct any queries to the sports office.

1.2 On 17 October 2022, the sports below will be acknowledged in the school hall:

17:30 Rugby and Netball
19:00 Hockey, Gymnastics, Equestrian

1.3 On 20 October 2022, at 18.30, the academic and culture prize giving will take place at the Alberton Lewensentrum.

Invitations to the above event are determined by learner year marks and will be distributed early in the next term. In addition, learners who feel they are deserving of acknowledgement for trophies and other awards, must submit their results of participation to Mrs Vanessa Prinsloo in Room 47.

2. THE GRADE 12 VALEDICTORY CEREMONY

This unique event will take place on Wednesday 12 October 2022. The date has been moved based on requests received from our Grade 12 learners.

3. THE MATRIC FAREWELL

The Matric Farewell takes place on 14 October 2022 at the Thaba Eco Hotel. This function is the highlight of our learners' school career. Attending the function is a privilege and not a right. Thus, we entreat our matric learners to adhere to the criteria for attendance, as given to them in writing.

Parents, family and friends are invited to attend the presentation of our matriculants from 15.30 at the school, before they depart for the Thaba Eco Hotel. Only formally invited guests will be allowed access to the hotel, as space available is limited.

4. MR AND MISS MARAIS VILJOEN

This glamorous event will take place on Friday 21 October, at 19.00. Information relating to ticket sales will be provided on a later date.

5. NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

The Annual General Budget Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 3 November at 19.00 in the school hall. At the meeting, Mr Bailey, the financial chairman of the Governing Body will present the 2023 budget in detail.

The decision of parents in attendance will be binding for all our parents and therefore it is important to emphasize the attendance of parents at this meeting. If a quorum is lacking, the meeting will be postponed to Thursday, 17 November and the parents present at this meeting will then be regarded as a quorum.

6. SUMMER UNIFORM

Our summer uniform entails:

- Boys:** Boys are allowed to wear a short-sleeved shirt without a tie, but with a pull-over. A long-sleeved shirt is also allowed, but then must be worn with a tie and a pull-over. A long-sleeved school jersey may not be substituted for a pull-over. If a learner wishes to wear a blazer, a tie together with a pull-over or long-sleeved jersey must also be worn.
- Girls:** Girls wear a short-sleeved open-neck blouse with a school pinafore. A pull-over may be worn but is not compulsory. When a girl wears long trousers and a short-sleeved shirt, a pull-over **must** be worn. In this case, a long-sleeved jersey may not be worn. Black tights and ties are not allowed as part of the summer uniform.

Owing to the change of the seasons which may result in cold days, full winter uniform may still be worn on such days.

7. DEMERIT OFFER TO LEARNERS

Like last year, we make an offer to learners to start 2023 with a clean slate regarding demerits, i.e., with a zero balance.

Learners who would like to take up this offer, need to ensure that their accumulated demerits (in the right-hand column of the demerit statement) are between 0 – 49 by Monday, 31 October 2022. In order to achieve this, learners must attend detention classes faithfully.

Learners with demerits above 50, will have those carried over to 2023, i.e., the accumulated number of demerits will be carried over. This in turn, implies the following:

- Such learners will therefore have to start attending detention sessions at the start of 2023.
- An accumulated balance of above 400 may result in a disciplinary hearing early in the new year.
- Demerits received during the November examination, will reflect on learner demerit balance statements in January 2023. If a learner has fewer than 50 demerits on 31 October, which will subsequently be turned into a zero balance, and such a learner receives demerits in November, the latter will be carried over to 2023.

Please encourage your child to make use of the opportunity to start 2023 with a clean slate and to behave according to the code of conduct to avoid receiving demerits during the November examination.

8. EXAMINATION – 29 AND 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

As indicated on the examination table for September, learners will write final examination papers which are usually written in November, on the above dates. If a learner is therefore absent without a medical certificate, such a learner will receive 0 for the relevant question paper.

9. TERM 3 ENDS ON 30 SEPTEMBER

Learners must attend school up until 30 September. Learners absent without a medical certificate, will receive -30 demerits per day absent.

10. FINAL EXAMINATION

The final examination starts already towards the end of October / beginning November. The timetable will be available the moment provincial examinations dates are published by the Department. After these dates are available, the school can finalise a timetable.

We recommend strongly that all learners already start preparing for the final examination. Teachers will hand out demarcations early in term 4.

Please take note of the fact that Gr 12 learners write an external examination and that during subsequent future tertiary studies, no demarcations are provided. We trust that you understand that thorough preparation is vital and that it takes time to study a full year's work.

Our best wishes accompany you and your child with regards to preparation for the final examination.

Enjoy the short October holiday.

Kind regards

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PRINCIPAL

LEADER IN COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION