

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



We welcome Ms S de Freitas who will relieve in the Speech-Language department while Mrs van Loggerenberg is on accouchement leave.

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Dear parent / guardian

In just over two weeks our learners will begin writing the SBAs (FATs) as required by CAPS. These SBAs, together with Term 1 and Term 4 assessments, will determine whether the learners are promoted to the next grade or not. We all acknowledge that Covid-19 has caused massive disruption to schooling, and that many learners will not have had the opportunity to prepare properly for the end-of-year assessments. However, let us take small steps and tackle the mountain bit by bit. What is important now, is that learners are well prepared for these upcoming assessments. The teachers and therapists have worked hard in difficult circumstances and reduced contact time due to the required rotational timetable, to prepare our learners. Many learners have also worked hard to keep up and do the required homework and tasks. I believe they can achieve their goals in the upcoming Test Series / “Mock Matric”. They have had the support necessary, and will continue to be supported, and thus must not lose hope. These upcoming assessments may be daunting, and some learners may not obtain the marks they may want to achieve but they must not give up. If there is a tomorrow, there is always hope. So, to all our learners, and particularly the matrics, don’t lose hope. We believe in you, and you must believe in yourselves ... it can be done. Good luck for the upcoming exams, your teachers and parents will be supporting you all the way.

NB INFORMATION

1. NB Dates

7-18 Sept	Textbook checks
18 Sept	Grade 12 “mock”/trial exam starts
18 Sept	Test Series : Grades 7 – 11
5-16 Oct	Assessments (SBA) : Grades 1 – 3
12-16 Oct	Test Series : Grades 4 – 6
23 Oct	School closes for Term 3 @ 10:30am



2. School fees 2020

Tafelberg is a Section 21 fee-paying school, and the SA Schools Act thus places a duty on the SGB to collect such school fees from all parents as agreed upon at the parent AGM. The Budget and school fees for 2020 were voted on at the parent AGM on 13 November 2019. The Budget, school fee increase and certain policies (e.g. Code of Conduct, Uniform and Appearance, Language, Textbook, Religious, and Admission policies among others) were tabled and accepted by unanimous parent vote at the AGM.

TIER	FEE PER MONTH (11 months)	FEE : ANNUAL AMOUNT
1. Grades 1 – 3	R1 980-00	R21 780-00
2. Grades 4 – 9	R1 825-00	R20 075-00
3. Grades 10 – 12	R1 980-00	R21 780-00

- First Debit Order run : 1st working day of each month
- Fees are paid over 11 months, starting January 2020 (for 2020 fees)
- Exemptions and non-payment of fees are dealt with as per legislation and school policy.
- All enquiries regarding payment of school fees and exemptions must be directed only to Mrs M Vicentini @ 021 558 2405 or bursar@tafelbergschool.co.za

GENERAL NEWS



1. Exam/Test procedures

Every learner will receive an information booklet containing important test/exam information. Please read through the Exam Booklet carefully, with your child. Ensure that you and they understand the exam rules, and organization of the test/exam schedule. Please ensure your child has all the necessary equipment and stationery for each test/exam – NO borrowing or lending will be permitted. Learners absent for a test/exam will need a valid doctor's note, and will then be allowed ONE further opportunity to write on a day/time determined by the school. Please make the necessary transport arrangements during the test/exam period.

2. Matric Trial/Mock Exam (Grade 12)

- Matrics appearance must conform to school regulations during exam time.
- Matrics will only come in on the days they write an exam, and will then go home directly after completing the particular exam.
- The 28 September is a “study day” only for matrics.

3. Test Series (Grades 4-11)

- Grade 4 – 11 learners must attend school on the days as per the rotation calendar, during the Test Series.
- Tests will be written in the morning session and teaching will continue thereafter.
- After the test, normal teaching and learning will continue until the end of the school day – learners will not be permitted to go home after the test, unless **they** have a confirmed comorbidity.

4. Uniform/appearance

Some learners' appearance is cause for concern. Despite “relaxing” the uniform rules because of Covid, learners must still wear approved uniform items. Beanies may only be plain navy blue or black – no logos/writing on it. Furthermore, please ensure that your child's tracksuit fits properly – if too small or torn, please purchase a new one (or they must wear the winter/summer uniform). Learners wearing tracksuits must have the top zipped up at all times. We want our children to look neat and take pride in their uniform.

5. Covid-19 safety measures

Please assist us in maintaining a safe environment for all our learners and staff. In this regard learners obey the following at all times:

- a) wear a mask properly at all times (except when eating/drinking at break time)
- b) social distancing is adhered to at all times (especially break times)
- c) wash/sanitize hands regularly – especially before touching the face or mask
- d) cough/sneeze into the elbow or tissue (discard tissue into a bin immediately)
- e) do not borrow/lend any books or equipment nor share lunch/drinks

Please note the following dates as per the rotational calendar:

- 31 August to 4 Sept – Grades 1.1, 2.1, 3.1, 4.1, 5.1, 6.1, 8.1, 9.1, 10.1, 11.1 return
- 7 Sept – Grades 5.2 and 8.2 return (with other grades as per rotation calendar).

Please note that all learners not returning to school on the required dates must submit the required documentation, to get permission from WCED for their absence.

6. School uniform sale

The PTA will be selling second-hand school uniform items on 10 + 11 September in the school hall, from 7:30am to 9:30am. All items are priced at R20 ... do not miss this opportunity for a bargain. Please observe the safety protocols eg wear a mask and social distancing. Please use the side doors to the hall, and **not** the main foyer door.

7. Covid news

No new reports of Covid cases among teachers or learners at this time.

8. Schedule for collection/drop-off of school work

- Gr 4-6 : Fridays from 10:00-12:00
- Gr 7-9 : Wednesdays from 10:00-12:00
- Gr 10-12 : Thursdays from 10:00-12:00



9. Reminders

- Please screen your child for covid symptoms BEFORE sending them to school – keep them at home if they show any Covid/flu-like symptoms
- Please forward any change in personal contact details to the school immediately.
- Rewrites (further opportunity) will be administered after school hours, therefore, please ensure that you have made the necessary transport arrangements for your child.
- Zoom / WhatsApp video support sessions for Grade 7 – 12 learners. Please contact Mrs Turner on: mandyed@mweb.co.za to set up a date and time.
- If you currently have a Debit Order arrangement with the school and are having difficulties, please contact Mrs M Vicentini at bursar@tafelbergschool.co.za.
- The school in no way endorses any product, service or entity (nor claim made by them) advertised in this Newsletter.

Last week's answer : right-angled triangle

QUIZ : What is the only 5-letter word in the English language ending in the letters 'mt'?

Thought for today: Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible - Francis of Assisi

Mr L E Benecke
Principal

KEEP SAFE KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

ENTER TO LEARN ... LEAVE TO SERVE