

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



The matric class of 2020 writing their “Mock Matric” examinations.
We wish them well.

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Dear parent / guardian

I would like to thank all the learners and parents for their co-operation during this very disruptive academic year. At this stage we are doing well despite the difficult circumstances. There is, however, one issue I need to highlight as a cause for concern and that is the issue of absenteeism. There seems to be a tendency, particularly among the high school learners, to tell their parents/guardians that they can stay at home because “nothing” is happening at school, all the work is completed and in one case the “class decided” that they should all not attend school on a day. This is completely unacceptable. Any changes to school attendance and or school times will be officially communicated via the school sms system and Newsletter – we will never inform parents of these changes verbally via the learners. With all the disruptions it is VITAL that learners attend every day according to the rotational timetable sent to all parents. The teachers are working hard at completing the academic program before the end of the year and do not have the luxury now, of going over the work because learners decide they want to stay at home for the day or miss a SBA. Since there was no June exams and the end of year exams have been scaled down, the only marks we have to use for promotion at the end of the year, are the marks the learners will get from the SBAs (FATs/PATs) they will complete between now and the end of the year – being absent for no valid reason (egg medical – doctor’s certificate) will greatly dent their chances of passing at the end of the year. Furthermore, ALL learners must be at school every day they are scheduled to be, until the LAST day of the term. The period after a Test Series is crucial as teachers go through the test/exam papers and do an error analysis with the learners. The best way to improve is to correct one’s mistakes, but you need to know where you made the mistake, and how to fix it. Please ensure your child attends school every day they are supposed to. Thank you for supporting your child’s teachers.



NB INFORMATION

1. NB Dates

18- Sept	Test Series : Grades 7 – 11
5-16 Oct	Assessments (SBA) : Grades 1 – 3
9 Oct	“Sale” - 2 nd hand school uniform items, from 2pm to 3pm
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 and school fee increase was 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

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. Test Series info : Grades 4 – 6

The Grade 4 – 6 Test Series information booklet was handed to all Grade 4 – 6 learners on Monday 28 September. Please ask your child for the booklet and help them plan and organise for the upcoming Test Series. We wish them well in these important assessments.

2. PTA

The PTA raises much-needed funds to help us ensure we deliver a quality education to all our learners. This small, dedicated group of parents are calling on parents to join in and help them help our great school. In the coming months, as Covid recedes, the PTA will once again be planning various fundraisers. They will then be calling on ALL parents to do their part and meet their commitment towards their child's education, by assisting with, and supporting, the PTA events being planned.



The PTA asks all parents to please use their My School Card whenever shopping, since every time you swipe you will be assisting your school, without cost to yourselves.

Reminder:

- Please remember to make Tafelberg your beneficiary school.
- My School have announced that Builders is now also a proud partner with the My School program.
- To see list of My School partners, go to <https://www.myschool.co.za/partners/>

3. SBAs : arrangements

- Learners missing a SBA must produce a valid reason (i.e. doctor's certificate) in order to have a further opportunity to write the missed SBA.
- Learners missing an SBA without a valid reason, will still write FAT/PAT/oral etc. but the mark will not be recorded. The SBA will then be used by the teacher for error analysis purposes and remediation where necessary.
- Learners who applied, and were granted permission to stay at home due to a comorbidity, **MUST** come to school to write their SBA (test/exam) on the day indicated on the test/exam timetable (booklet given to all learners). These learners only come to school on the scheduled day, and once they finish writing, they **must** go home – they cannot remain at school until the end of day.

4. Textbooks

Please check on your child's textbooks - that they are in your child's possession, are in good condition and are covered with plastic.

Reminder : Should your child not have presented a textbook during the scheduled check, you will be informed. Please look for the book(s) at home and send it with your child, to school, so it can be marked off. Should the book(s) not be presented for inspection, invoices will be sent out to the affected parents.

5. Covid-19 news

Please assist us in maintaining a safe environment for all our learners and staff, especially as we move closer to the matric final examinations in a few weeks' time. In this regard learners and visitors must obey the following at all times:

- a) wear a mask properly at all times
 - b) social distancing is adhered to at all 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)
- Please ensure your child leaves home wearing a mask.
 - Please screen your child before they come to school – if they show Covid or flu-like symptoms, keep them at home and check with a medical professional.
 - No new cases of Covid-19 positive tests among staff or learners.

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

- Gr 7-9 : Wednesdays from 10:00-12:00
- Gr 10-12 : Thursdays from 10:00-12:00



7. Reminders

- Rewrites 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.

SA SCHOOLS ACT (84 of 1996)

Learners : Compulsory attendance

3 (1) ...every parent must cause every learner for whom he or she is responsible to attend a school from the first school day ... until the last school day of the year ...

Last week's answer: He was born in 1995 BC

QUIZ: What makes this number unique – 8 549 176 320?

Thought for today: "The road to freedom –here and everywhere on earth– begins in the classroom." – Hubert Humphrey

Handwritten signature of Mr L E Benecke.

Mr L E Benecke
Principal

KEEP SAFE MASKS ON

ENTER TO LEARN ... LEAVE TO SERVE