

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



Grade 12's hard at work completing their Design practical for the finals.

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Dear parent / guardian

The end of this term 3 is more hectic than normal, due to the myriad of issues forced on teachers due to Covid. Teachers are busy completing marking of SBAs and “mock” matric examinations, as well as moderating the various answer scripts of learners in every subject. Marks are being entered and must be checked before draft Reports are printed, and checked, before the final Reports can be printed and readied for handing out at the end of the term. Added to the mix is that matrics taking Design are busy with their final NSC PAT and exhibition, while the CAT and LO matrics are writing final NSC papers next week! Furthermore, error analysis is being done by teachers to assist learners in highlighting where learners went wrong in the SBAs, and helping them rectify the errors, and all the while still teaching new content. They are also busy ensuring all those learners that missed SBAs due to a valid reason are re-scheduled to write the “missed” SBAs in order for those learners to stand a chance of being promoted at the end of the year – DBE rule is that learners not completing their required SBAs cannot be promoted. We are all working on a tight deadline and what is very worrying is that, despite communication from teachers, some learners have not handed in tasks, or not completed tasks, weeks after the due date has passed. These learners will now be given a zero on their Report, which will affect their promotion prospects at the end of the year. Please, support your teachers and keep abreast of information being sent, and ensure your child is doing their work at home ... that is their only responsibility at this time.



NB INFORMATION

1. NB Dates

5-16 Oct	Assessments (SBA) : Grades 1 – 3
12-16 Oct	Test Series : Grades 4 – 6
15 Oct	Sale of various pre-owned school uniform items from 2pm – 3pm
19 Oct	Grade 12 final LO examination
21 Oct	Grade 12 NSC CAT examination
23 Oct	School closes for Term 3 @ 10:30am
2 Nov	School re-opens for Term 4
3 Nov	NSC final examinations start for Grade 12
18 Nov	Parent AGM (2021 Budget) in school hall @ 7pm

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

- 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. School attendance - important

Please note that it is compulsory (as per the SA Schools Act – Act 84 of 1996) that learners attend school as per the school rotational calendar. The WCED has instructed schools to ensure all learners are at school until the last school day of each term.

Therefore, please do not plan early holidays, birthday parties, driver's tests, visits to Home Affairs etc. during school time. Should there be an emergency, please contact the school via email.

Many learners may tell their parents that nothing is happening after exams/tests. This is not true, as all teachers are doing error analysis with their learners in order to help them correct mistakes before the next set of exams/tests. Many learners do not see the importance of this and so view this time of error analysis as a waste of time (no "real" teaching happening) but this period is vital – we learn from our mistakes!

Matrics must be at school every day as per email sent by Mrs Benecke. Please contact Mrs Benecke if you did not receive the email.

The school will notify parents via the Newsletter or sms service should learners not be required at school, and or any changes in school times. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

2. Parent AGM - reminder

All parents / guardians are given notice of the parent AGM on 18 November 2020 in the school hall, at 7pm. The SGB will report to the parents, school policies will be reviewed and the draft 2021 budget will be tabled for ratification. The draft budget will be available for perusal at school before the meeting. All parents are urged to attend this important meeting.

3. Term Reports

Academic Reports for Term 3 will be handed to all those learners at school on the last day of this term. Learners who are not at school because of the rotation calendar, will have their Reports emailed to their parents on the last day of term. Hard copies of the Report will be handed to those learners who were not required to be at school because of the rotational calendar on the first day of next term.

NB : parents, please ensure your email address you have given to the school, is the correct one. If you have changed email addresses, please inform the school ASAP. Thank you for your co-operation.

4. PTA

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/>

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. Reminders

- 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, and for the marks to be considered for promotion at the end of the year. The school will determine the day and time for the rewrite / further opportunity.
- 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)

Compulsory attendance

3 (6) ...any parent who, without just cause ... fails to comply with section (1) [*i.e. sending a child to school*]... is guilty of an offence ...

Last week's answer: umbrella

QUIZ: You are participating in a race. You overtake the second person. What position are you in?

Thought for today: "Use challenges to reassess your strategic progress"- O Auliq-Ice



Mr L E Benecke
Principal

KEEP SAFE KEEP THE SPACE

ENTER TO LEARN LEAVE TO SERVE