

# TAFELBERG SCHOOL



## Newsletter



21 OCTOBER – 3<sup>RD</sup> TERM – NUMBER 38

CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



We celebrated Bosses Day on 16 October. Thank you Mr Benecke for the guidance and support you give all the staff.

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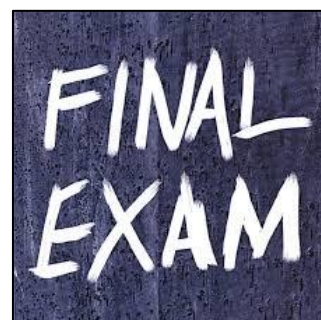
Dear parent / guardian

This term is rapidly drawing to a close. It has been a very busy and stressful term in that all grades were back at school for the first time since lockdown started. Thank you to the parents who sent their children to school in the phased manner as instructed by the DBE. The staff worked hard trying to keep abreast of the various curriculum changes and challenges forced upon us by Covid. I feel many of the learners also need to be congratulated on the way they embraced the new changes and challenges – it was a lot to ask of, especially the juniors, but also for the matrics. Next term will present many more challenges especially in the area of end-of-year assessments. We are finalising the program of assessment, which will be forwarded to all parents and guardians on Friday. Please be aware that we have drawn up our plans for next term without obtaining all the dates from the WCED. Therefore, our plans for Term 4 may change at short notice should our dates not coincide with that of the WCED with regards to starting and finishing of the SBAs. Unfortunately, we have to operate around promotion and progression dates when they are issued by the department. Our matrics start their first final examinations this week, and we wish them well. A special plea – do not become complacent regarding Covid, especially not now as the matrics start their finals. We do not want matrics testing positive, as this will mean they cannot write their finals. To the matrics, keep safe and stay away from clubs, partying etc. until after your last examination.

## NB INFORMATION

### 1. NB Dates

19 Oct	Grade 12 final <b>LO examination</b>
21 Oct	Grade 12 NSC <b>CAT examination</b>
23 Oct	School closes for Term 3 @ 10:30am
2 Nov	School re-opens for Term 4
5 Nov	NSC final examinations resume for Grade 12
4 Nov	Individual photographs for the .1 classes
18 Nov	Parent AGM in the 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.

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

Matrics and their parents/guardians are reminded of the following arrangements for the last week of this term:

- Matrics write their final NSC LO exam on Monday, thereafter they go to class until the end of day
- All matrics attend school on Tuesday
- Only CAT learners come in to write the CAT exam on Wednesday
- All matrics come to school on Thursday and Friday.

### 2. Term 4 assessments : grades 1 - 11

Next term there will be no examinations as we know it. All grades will write formal “tests” in each subject, except for languages and Math Literacy which may have more than one paper. All tests from grade 4-9 will be 1 hour long and most will have only 1 paper per subject. Most grade 10 + 11 test papers will be 1 paper per subject, and between 1 and 2 hours long. Certain subjects (e.g. languages, Math Lit, History) may write 2 papers. In addition, most senior grades will, therefore, write two test papers on one day. Please prepare your child for these changes. As stated, our assessment plan for the end of year has been drawn up without obtaining confirmation of all the necessary dates from the department. The plans for next term will, however, give parents a good basis on which to plan for revision etc. As a result of the short term and the rotational nature of the timetable, there will be a lot more pressure on the learners and teachers next term. Let us all prepare for the challenges, work together and ensure the best for our children.

### 3. Photographs

Individual photos for the school magazine for all the point 2 (i.e. .2) classes are completed. The photographs of the .1 classes will be taken on Wednesday 4 November. Learners must come to school with clean, neat uniform and hair.

### 4. PTA

Reminder:

- Please remember to make Tafelberg your beneficiary school.
- To see list of My School partners, go to <https://www.myschool.co.za/partners/>



### 5. 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.

### 6. Term Reports - reminder

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. Inform us of changes to email addresses.

## 7. 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 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 to report among staff or learners.

## 8. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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)

### Admission to public schools

5 (5) Subject to this Act and any applicable provincial law, the admission policy of a public school is determined by the governing body of such school

**Last week's answer:** second place

**QUIZ:** Which national monument in the USA was a gift from France?

**Thought for today:** I don't believe in luck, I believe in preparation – B Knight



Mr L E Benecke  
Principal

**KEEP SAFE .... WASH YOUR HANDS**

**ENTER TO LEARN .... LEAVE TO SERVE**