

# TAFELBERG SCHOOL



## Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



On Friday the school said farewell to the class of 2020 and wished them all of the best for their upcoming final examinations.

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Dear parent / guardian

Due to the limited time available in term 4, which is compounded by the necessary rotational timetable forced on schools by Covid-19, we have had to relook at the school teaching timetable for Term 4. In order to maximize the little teaching time available for Grades 7 – 9 in Term 4, we have adjusted our school timetable and test timetable accordingly. The new arrangements will give teachers a little more contact time with their learners than if we had continued as is. Furthermore, the new demands have meant that the high and junior school have had to make different arrangements due to number of subjects, number of test papers required, the length of test papers and content being tested etc. Unless your child is ill or showing signs of Covid-19, please ensure your child is at school for the period they are supposed to be, as every minute with the teacher is now crucial. Please check the school website to ensure that you are aware of all the changes, and please prepare your child for the changes before they arrive back at school on the 2 November 2020. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation. Together we will get through this very disruptive year.

## **NB INFORMATION**

### **1. NB Dates**

2 Nov	School re-opens for Term 4
4 Nov	Gr 4-6 (.1 classes) parent meetings by appointment
5 Nov	Gr12s start again with NSC examinations
11 Nov	Gr 4-6 (.2 classes) parent meetings by appointment
18 Nov	Parent AGM in the school hall @ 7pm
20 Nov	Test program starts (grades 7 – 11)
25 Nov	Test program starts (Grades 4 – 6)
15 Nov	End of 2020 academic year

### **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](mailto:bursar@tafelbergschool.co.za)

## **GENERAL NEWS**

### **1. Grade 12 examinations**

The Grade 12s are reminded of the following:

- Review the exam rules and procedures again to prevent any irregularity
- Only summer or winter school uniform must be worn for the entire examination period – no school tracksuits or “civvies”.
- Appearance must be as per regulations i.e. hair rules, shaving etc.
- Bring required stationery (add extra blue pen).
- Bring ID and admission letter for each exam.
- Be at school on time – extra time will not be given should you be late.
- We will do screening before each exam, but please do your own screening before coming to school – we do not want an outbreak among the matric class, and the resultant disruption of these important examinations

**NB** Parents are reminded that matrices must leave directly after completing their examination. Please make the necessary transport arrangements to fetch them. Matrics cannot wander around the school after an exam, or stand outside the gates for any length of time due to safety concerns, especially with the Covid-19 measures. Matrics remaining at school will be placed in a classroom and then will only be released at the end of the normal school day – we are trying to minimize disruptions and people entering and leaving the school grounds all day long, especially with the rise in Covid-19 cases being reported in the Western Cape. Please support us in ensuring the safety of staff and learners still at school. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **2. Term 4 timetable changes**

Please ensure you understand the timetable changes for term 4, and help your child pack the correct books for the new timetable where necessary. Should you have misplaced the hard copy of the term 4 timetable, please consult the school website.

#### A. Junior school:

- Grades 1-6 continue with their rotational timetable next term until the test period begins. Normal school closing times.

#### B. High School :

- 2 to 6 November – ALL Grades 7-9 attend school. Grades 10+11 stay at home on rotation.
- 9 to 13 November – ALL Grades 10+11 attend school. Grades 7-9 stay at home on rotation.
- 16 + 17 November – ALL Grades 7-9 attend school. Grades 10+11 stay at home.
- 18 + 19 November – ALL Grades 10+11 attend school. Grades 7-9 stay at home and prepare for tests on 20 November.
- Normal school times apply during this time (2 – 19 November).

### 3. Reminder: Term 4 assessments

Despite the year-end assessments (SBAs) being formal tests and not full examinations as in the past, learners need to prepare thoroughly, since these marks are going to play a big role in promotions. Please check the program of assessment for term 4. Should you have misplaced the hard copy, please consult the school website. Please note the following:

#### a) Junior school:

- Start with certain SBAs as from 9 Nov (.1 classes) and 16 Nov (.2 classes) – normal school day/times.
- Formal test program and early closing will begin from 25 November for IP.

#### b) High school:

- Grades 7-9 start the test program on 20 November and end 4/7 December. They will write 2 tests per day in order to complete the required number of SBAs. All the grades 7-9 learners must be at school on the days they write.
- Grades 10+11 start their test program on 23 November and finish on 3 December. They too will write 2 tests per day in order to complete the required number of SBAs.

Please note:

- As a result of writing 2 tests per day, school will **end at 2:15pm** from 20 November. Please make the necessary transport arrangements.
- During the test period, when the learners do not write, they stay at home and study. Since they write 2 tests per day, they need to use these study days wisely to prepare properly for these important SBAs.

### 4. Covid-19 news

Signs are pointing to a rise in Covid-19 infections, and possible “second wave”. Please be vigilant and do not become complacent – we cannot have more disruptions as we head into the last lap of this year. Senior learners, especially, must maintain distancing, wearing of masks and washing of hands when they go out – please keep away from parties and clubs for now. Please assist us in maintaining a safe environment for all our learners and staff. In this regard learners and visitors must adhere to safety protocols i.e. wear a mask properly, keep social distancing and sanitize often.

- 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.

**Thought for today:** "The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails" – W A Ward



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**KEEP SAFE .... KEEP THE SPACE**