

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



Laverne Archer bids us farewell after 13 years of being on the PTA. She has served the school well over these many years. We want to thank her and wish her well for the next season in her life.

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Dear parent / guardian

The SGB and PTA have worked tirelessly this year to ensure our school functions optimally. Considering the effects of covid, our school is in a stable financial situation at the moment. We know the economic hardship many families were plunged into as a result of covid, and thus we have cut back on various aspects of our budget this year. Despite the decreasing state funding, school fee collection and PTA fundraising, the SGB have ensured the financial stability of our school. I believe our SGB have done a great job these past two “covid-hit” years, and have again drafted a very sensible budget for 2022, which clearly maps out the road forward in 2022. I am sure parents will agree, and support the budget to be tabled at the AGM. Please make an effort to attend the AGM – all parents/guardians were sent letters. A reminder that the proposed 2022 Budget is available for perusal at the front office, from 9am - 2:30 pm each school day.

NB INFORMATION

1. NB Dates 2021

18-29 Oct	Parent meeting (Grades 1-3) by appointment
19 Oct	Parent meeting (Grades 4-6) by appointment
19 Oct	Grade 12 NSC CAT practical final examination
22 Oct	Valedictory
01 Nov	<i>Public holiday</i>
15 Nov	Planned start to high school assessments (Gr7-11)
17 Nov	Parent AGM (2022 Budget + school fees) in school hall @ 6pm
18 Nov	Planned Grades 4-6 assessments to start
22 Nov	Planned Grades 1-3 assessments to start
03 Dec	Planned end to school assessment program
15 Dec	Final school day for 2021



2. School fees 2021

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 2021 were voted on at the parent AGM on 18 November 2020. The Budget and school fee increase was tabled and accepted by unanimous parent vote at the AGM, as were certain school policies.

TIER	FEE PER MONTH (11 months)	FEE: ANNUAL AMOUNT
1. Grade 1	R2 100-00	R23 100-00
2. Grades 2 – 4	R2 060-00	R22 660-00
3. Grades 5 – 9	R1 900-00	R20 900-00
4. Grades 10 – 12	R2 060-00	R22 660-00

- First Debit Order run : 1st working day of each month
- Fees are paid over 11 months, starting January 2021 (for 2021 fees only)
- 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. Public holiday

Please note that 1 November 2021 is a public holiday due to the elections.

2. PTA

It is with sadness that we say farewell to Laverne Archer, who has been part of Tafelberg school's SGB and PTA for many years. Her daughter matriculates at the end of this year, and thus she stands down at year end. In particular, Laverne played a major role in our PTA, as a member and also as the chair for many years. Many will remember the carnivals, MADD evenings, camp outs etc. – she was the driving force behind many of these events. For her, it was not only about raising funds for our school, but also getting the Tafelberg “family” together to socialise and have fun.

Laverne, we will all miss you and your drive and passion. However, we know you built a good team, which will continue the outstanding work you all started. Best wishes but remember “once a Tafelberger, always a Tafelberger.”

“*Small change, big difference*” – lots of hands make a big difference. The PTA needs your assistance to count small change on Saturday 23 October 2021, from 9am to 2pm, in the school hall. Please contact Tina (084 525 3431) if you can assist.



I call on all new parents to help your PTA and your school ... get involved today!

Keep swiping your MySchool and Makro cards at all participating stores – it cost nothing but brings in valuable funds. Please ensure you make Tafelberg your school beneficiary.

3. Summer school uniform

Reminder that as from this week summer uniform is to be worn. Consult the Uniform and Appearance policies (on the school webpage) should you need to check on the regulations again. Learners defaulting on uniform will be sanctioned. Any uniform default/request must be accompanied with a note from the parent/guardian explaining the default – this note will only suffice for 48 hours.

4. Term 4 Assessment program

The year-end assessment program for Grades 1-11 has been completed and will be placed on the webpage soon. A hard copy of the information will also be handed out to all learners. Please ensure your child has a study timetable, and prepares properly for these examinations/tests.

5. Covid update

As at the time of this Newsletter there are no covid-related cases reported.

BE SMART ... BE SAFE AND WEAR A MASK

6. Covid-19 safety measures

- Should your child test positive for Covid, or come into close contact with a covid pos+ person they are to self-isolate at home for the required period, before returning to school – please inform the school and forward a copy of the test result. Parents are reminded to inform the school if they themselves test positive, and to take the necessary precautions.
- Please remember to screen your child before they come to school. Should they show symptoms of Covid (temperature of 38⁰C and above, coughing, headaches, sore throat etc.) and or have come into close contact with a Covid positive person, they need to stay at home for the prescribed period before returning to school.
- As per our Covid policy, parents will be required to fetch their child immediately should the learner disregard our safety protocols – we need to be responsible and prevent the spread of Covid.
- **Parents must ensure that their child does not arrive late (i.e. after 8am) as this will compromise our safety protocols and measures.** Please, we need your co-operation in this regard. Latecomers will have to wait outside at the learner gate. Once all is in place, the learner gate will be opened to allow the orderly implementation of the screening of late comers.
- No parents nor visitors will be allowed entry to the school before 9am.
- All learners, parents, visitors etc. MUST wear a mask properly (covering both nose and mouth), in order to be allowed entry to the school grounds.
- A reminder that learners must wear a mask and not a “buff”.

7. Vaccinations

Authorities have thus announced that learners 18 years and older will be eligible to get the Covid-19 vaccination: Register via <https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/#/>

NB – Please do NOT make appointments during exam/test periods

8. Reminders – general

- All donations towards our “care parcels” for our workers are appreciated.
- Please inform the school asap should you not want your child’s photograph to appear in our Newsletter and the annual school Magazine.
- Please inform the school of any changes to phone numbers/addresses.
- The school in no way endorses any product, service or entity (nor any claim made by them) advertised in this Newsletter.

9. Sport

Summer Sport practices every Thursday, from 3pm – 4pm.

- Senior cricket (Grades 7-11)
- Swimming (Grades 3-11)
- Athletics (track only) – U12 to U18 age group (Grades 4-11)



SA SCHOOLS ACT (84 of 1996)

Guidelines for a Code of Conduct for learners

5.1 School and classroom rules

5.1 (f) learners must be expected to know and adhere to school and classroom rules. Ignorance of these rules is not an acceptable excuse.

Thought for today:

“A good roadmap will get you to your destination.” - F Talbot



Mr L E Benecke
Principal

ENTER TO LEARN ... LEAVE TO SERVE