

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



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Dear parent / guardian

We hope you all had a wonderful festive season and wish you a prosperous, successful and peaceful 2022. We look forward to welcoming back all our learners on Wednesday 19 January. A warm welcome to our new learners and their parents ... we hope you will find being part of the Tafelberg family a happy and rewarding experience. As announced last year, we will continue with a full return of all learners unless otherwise instructed. Last year showed that with strict enforcement of the school's Covid protocols, we could operate as normal with no "outbreaks" and closing of the school. We will continue to apply our Covid policy and protocols and again ask parents to support us in this endeavour – children need to be at school, and safe. Thank you again for your understanding and support last year, and we know we can count on you again this year. The teachers, therapists, admin staff and support staff are again ready and able to provide a quality education to every learner, in a safe and clean environment.

NB INFORMATION

1. NB Dates 2022

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| 19 Jan | First day of 2022 academic school year for all learners |
| 19 Jan | PTA selling second-hand school uniform items from 2-3pm |
| 25 Jan | Parent meetings @ 6pm: Grades 12+7 and Grades 1 to 6 |
| 26 Jan | Parent meetings @ 6pm: Grades 10 + 11 |
| 27 Jan | Parent meetings @ 6pm: Grades 8 + 9 |
| 27 Jan | Parent On-line workshop (Toolkit) for all Grades 7 parents |
| 28 Jan | Due date for return of all reply slips |
| 01 Feb | Uniform / appearance check |
| 03 Feb | Swimming gala (Grades 1 – 3) |
| 04 Feb | Swimming gala (grades 4 – 12) |

2. School fees 2022

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 2022 were voted on at the parent AGM on the 17 November 2021. The Budget and school fee increase was tabled and accepted by unanimous parent vote at the AGM, as were certain resolutions.

| TIER | FEE PER MONTH (11 months) | FEE: ANNUAL AMOUNT |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Grade 1 + 2 | R2 140-00 | R23 540-00 |
| 2. Grades 3,4,5 + 10,11,12 | R2 100-00 | R23 100-00 |
| 3. Grades 6,7,8,9 | R1 940-00 | R21 340-00 |

- First Debit Order run : 1st working day of each month
- Fees are paid over 11 months, starting January 2022 (for 2022 fees only)
- 10% discount for fees paid in full by 28 February 2022
- 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. 2022 school terms - reminder

Please note the school term times for 2022. Please make holiday plans and other appointments (learner driver tests etc) accordingly.

| <i>TERM</i> | <i>OPENING DAY</i> | <i>CLOSING DAY</i> |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 19 January | 25 March |
| 2 | 5 April | 24 June |
| 3 | 19 July | 30 September |
| 4 | 11 October | 14 December |

2. Stationery

Please ensure your child has all the correct stationery on the first school day as teaching will begin from day one. Lack of stationery will negatively impact your child's academic progress – please support him/her by giving them the correct “tools” at the right time. If there are problems, please contact the class/register teacher immediately.

3. Textbooks

- Textbooks will be issued to all learners. The learner will sign for the books and he/she and the parents/guardians will be liable for any loss or damage to these textbooks during the 2022 academic year. They must be returned in a good condition at the end 2022.
- Learners who still have outstanding textbooks will not receive a textbook in the particular subject until last year's book is returned in good condition or is replaced. Please do not hamper your child's progress further by not replacing a lost textbook.

4. Uniform and appearance

Please ensure your child is dressed according to the school uniform regulations from the first school day. Besides checking their uniform BEFORE leaving home in the morning, please ensure that their appearance also conforms to school rules eg hair, shaving etc. Should your child arrive at school incorrectly dressed or not having shaved etc, you will be contacted to fetch them and remedy the situation. Uniform and appearance are the responsibility of the parent and learner. Please support us in ensuring our learners look neat and wear our uniform with pride.

5. Appeals

Should your child not have met the criteria to progress and you have a compelling reason for this, then please contact the school, and pick up the necessary documents which have to be completed for the WCED. Please return the properly completed documents to school on or before the 21 January 2022.

6. Covid 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 (ie 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, without an appointment.
- 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”.
- We will continue with our safety protocols and the sanitizing of the school building as per regulations.

7. Reminders

- Please consult our Medication policy / procedure again should your child take medication, and/or you make use of our paediatrician.
- Please inform the school of any changes to phone numbers/addresses.
- Should you not want your child’s photograph to appear in the Newsletter, school Magazine etc, please inform the class/register teacher in writing asap.
- The school in no way endorses any product, service or entity (nor any claim made by them) advertised in this Newsletter.

Thought for today: “2022, I know we have just met but I have feeling that you and me are going to do great things ...” anon



Mr L E Benecke
Principal

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