

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



School core value of "Care" in action - the Grade 12's read to the Grade 1's

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Dear parent / guardian

The starting times of schools in the morning has been debated by SGBs and parents for some time, and last week it was featured in a local newspaper. It is a relevant and important topic, especially as we seem to be moving towards relaxing covid restrictions and safety measures. Furthermore, winter is approaching and as teachers (many of whom are also parents of school-going children) and parents, we are concerned about learners standing outside in the rain waiting for the gates to be opened at 7:30am. The matter has been raised with WCED and we were informed of legal opinion regarding this matter. Unfortunately, learners are not allowed on school grounds unless supervised by teachers. In other words, teachers will have to be on duty on the playgrounds from the time gates are opened – hired security, secretaries, non-educator support staff, parents etc. are not allowed to “look after” learners on school grounds until teachers arrive for playground duty. Therefore, at this time, we cannot open our gates earlier because we could open ourselves to litigation, and I cannot place the SGB nor any educator/therapy staff member in that predicament. With winter on the way, please make plans not to drop your child off long before 7:30am. Thank you for your understanding.

NB INFORMATION

1. NB Dates 2022

07 Mar	Start of Assessment program – FP and IP (Grades 1-6)
08 Mar	PTA meeting in the music room at 6pm
11 Mar	Start of Test Series – SP and FET phase (Grades 7-12)
25 Mar	School closes for Term 1, @ 11am / Gr 1-6 Reports to learners
05 Apr	School reopens for Term 2
05 Apr	Closing date for fee exemptions @ 2pm



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
- Closing date for properly completed fee exemption documents is 5 April 2022
- 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. Curriculum and Assessment news

We have now received more information regarding the curriculum and SBAs for 2022. At a meeting last week, principals were informed that no changes would be made to the curriculum this year. Therefore, teachers must use the revised 2021 ATPs, and use this year to close the knowledge gaps caused by Covid. Similarly, no changes are to be made to the 2022 SBA requirements. Thus, the 2021 assessment program will continue with termly Tests/FATs, and no June examinations, for Grades 1-11. As for the matrics (Grade 12), their assessment also remains the same – no June exam but there will be a “Trial” or “mock matric” exam at the end of term 3.

At this time it seems that the curriculum and assessment program will be reviewed and a new curriculum will be introduced as from 2025 (2022-2024 will be used to implement the recovery plan). More on this as we are informed.

NB Reminder: school day structure/times remain the same during the Test Series.

2. PTA

Please support your PTA with their fundraising efforts ... this can be in the form of time, skills/expertise, using your networks to garner donations of bricks, benches, trees etc.



Monetary donations, no matter how small are also welcome. The school is in the position to issue “certificates of donation” which can be submitted to SARS, by donors.

Donations needed: (contact Mr C la Cock (021 300 3366) should you be able to assist)

- Trees
- Benches
- Paving bricks

Don't forget to keep swiping your “My School Card” and “Makro Card”.....every swipe counts. Please also remember to link your Builders Warehouse Cards to your My School Card

Please keep sending in your waste paper such as old letters, till slips and receipts, flattened cereal boxes, newspapers, magazines and old telephone books. Collection of waste paper contributes to our fundraising efforts and helps the environment at the same time. With your help, let's reclaim our spot in the top 20 again.

Upcoming fundraising events:

- 14 April 2022: “Warrior Challenge”
- 13 May 2022: “Games evening” – family evening filled with games and fun

Second-hand uniform items:

- 23rd March 2022: 2nd hand clothing will be on sale in the school hall. Cash only. Contact Shirley Ashbolt for 2nd hand clothing queries on 083 278 3618.
- Please donate any “pre-owned” uniform items – there is a great need, especially in the senior section of the school.
- All PTA queries can be sent to Leigh-Ann Stokell at tafelbergpta@gmail.com or on 082 927 2544

3. Vision and mission

Our second mission statement is to “develop and nurture the values of respect, responsibility, honesty and care within our school community.” We have stressed that these values should provide the point of departure for our children when they make decisions at school ... whether it be about academic work, sport, peer relationships, the



school environment or interactions with staff and visitors to our school. We will continue to espouse these values, and we thank parents for supporting us in this mission. Together we will ensure our children become the best versions of themselves.

4. Road safety

We have had traffic officials “visit” us last week, and they informed me that they will be making regular visits. I support this effort because I support traffic/road safety in the interests of our learners. Some parents still ignore basic road rules which puts other motorists, and more importantly, our children, in potential danger. I again appeal to parents to obey traffic road rules, and use the drop and go parking properly, in the interests of our children’s safety.

5. Tafelberg annual braai

Thank you to all the parents, learners and staff who attended the annual “parent” braai at the Brenda Slabbert clubhouse. It seems everyone enjoyed themselves, and is another event which is building the spirit of our school. The galas, athletics and now this braai all help us shake off the 2 years of Covid restrictions that were (and are in certain circumstances) necessary. We want our schools to become places of quality learning, but they must also be places of fun, where memories are made.

6. Covid news and safety measures

- Should your child test positive for Covid and show symptoms, 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.
- Learners who have been in close contact with a Covid pos+ person should only isolate/test if they themselves show symptoms.
- 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.), keep them at home.
- 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, 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.

6. Reminders

- Please note: wash tracksuits, PT uniform items and sport kit in **COLD water**, in order to prevent the colours running.
- Please ensure that your child’s name is clearly marked on all his/her school clothing items.
- New school number is 021 300 3366.
- The clothing store for **new items** will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 9am. Orders may be placed via email (efisher@tafelbergschool.co.za) and payments should be made via EFT.
- Should you not want your child’s photograph to appear in the Newsletter and or annual School Magazine, please inform the school ASAP.
- Please consult our Medication policy / procedure should your child take medication, and or you make use of our paediatrician (Dr Jedeikin).
- The school in no way endorses any product, service or entity (nor any claim made by them) advertised in this Newsletter.

7. Sport program: Term 1

As assessments are about to start, there will no longer be practices this term. However, the “Fit” club will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 3pm – 4pm.



SA SCHOOLS ACT (84 of 1996)

Guidelines for a code of conduct for learners

5. Rights and responsibilities of learners

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

Thought for today: The clearest way to show what the rule of law means to us in everyday life is to recall what has happened when there is no rule of law -
Dwight D. Eisenhower

KEEP SAFE ... WEAR YOUR MASK

Mr L E Benecke
Principal

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