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Dear Parents and Guardians

PARENT MEETINGS

Several parents could not join us on Wednesday (Gr. 10 and 11) or Thursday (Gr. 8 and 9) due to the dreaded loadshedding and connectivity issues. We appreciate your efforts to attend the meetings. Here are the links to the respective meetings:

Gr. 8 and 9

<https://youtu.be/b1jpxAzqejc>

Gr. 10 and 11

https://youtu.be/9eUUnh_n8g8

You are encouraged to speak to your Grade Heads should you have any concerns or questions. Their email addresses appear at the bottom of this letter.

Please know that our social workers are available to assist your child and advise you on matters pertaining to your child. You are welcome to access their assistance by emailing Ms Binza (lbinza@gshs.co.za) or Mrs Trent (jtrent@gshs.co.za). Attached to this letter is *Tips for Parents/Guardians to promote adolescent wellness* prepared by our social workers.

SEMESTER ASSESSMENTS

The timetable was published on several platforms. We also attach it to this email. Some parents expressed concern that learners are writing two subjects on a day. This is a normal practice, even at Gr. 12 level.

Learners will have study time between their assessments – the assessments bookend their day. We do not encourage learners to only study before an assessment. We encourage a daily study routine.

Normal classes resume on 17 June. A Semester 2 timetable will be published in due course. Parents should note that the practice of learners taking an extended holiday when assessments are done is unacceptable. Schools close on 9 July at our regular Friday time.



Candle of Hope

COVID-19 and SPORT

Please watch this clip prepared by the Head of Sport and convenor of the COVID-19 task team, Mr Gallant.

<https://youtu.be/h89QZIO28uU>

The provincial Department of Health predicts that the Western Cape is about three weeks away from the forecasted third wave. Already there is an uptick in infections, hospitalizations and COVID fatalities. Four provinces are experiencing a third wave of infections and an increase in hospitalizations. Please register for your vaccination as soon

Our vision of success:

GSHS learners are accountable, well-balanced people striving for academic excellence, while living lives of significance and service.

as registrations open. Thus far over 60s are receiving their vaccines, and we are promised that the vaccination programme will be expedited. We advise continued masking, social distancing and hand washing.

SGB VACANCY

A parent vacancy arose when a parent member resigned following his child's deregistration. The vacancy will be filled through co-option until the by election scheduled for 12 August 2021. Parents are welcome to put their names forward if they are available for co-option and/or nomination for the by election.

The SGB has monthly meetings. Meetings are conducted in the evening on MS Teams and the duration is up to 2½ hours. All members serve on one of the committees of the SGB. The following committees are currently active:

- ☞ Finance Committee (restricted to specific portfolio holders)
- ☞ Fundraising Committee
- ☞ Human Resources and Recruitment Committee
- ☞ LTSM (Learning and Teaching Support Material) Committee
- ☞ Grounds and Buildings/Campus Development Committee
- ☞ Safety Committee
- ☞ Disciplinary Committee
- ☞ Monorgan House (boarding house) Committee

Committee meetings are held between monthly SGB sittings.

Parents who wish to avail themselves should contact the PA to the principal, Ms René Herbert at rherbert@gshs.co.za.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AH5myTDN48w>

Stay Safe, Healthy and Blessed!

Marius Ehrenreich

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