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Dear Parents and Guardians

COVID-19 3rd WAVE

As the country was placed on Alert Level 3 of the National Disaster Act, we saw a spike in the rise of infections. Sadly, the number of fatalities are also on the rise. Our school has intensified our COVID-19 awareness over the last few days. Grade assemblies and school assembly have a specific focus on the pandemic and our responsibility to promote everyone's safety.

Candle of Hope



At present, our school has five positive cases – one educator and four learners. The school, with the assistance of the affected families, have done all the necessary contact-tracing as advised by the Department of Health's COVID-19 helpline. Where there was close contact, parents were advised to have their children isolate.

The last time that any of these positive cases were at school was 14 June. This emphasizes the importance of anyone with flu-like

symptoms to stay at home and get advice from their doctor.

The school is thoroughly cleaned every day, and, in addition, desks and chairs are sanitized during breaks and after school. We advise all learners to add another layer of precaution by also sanitizing the spaces they use.

We repeat our call to parents for anyone with flu-like symptoms to stay at home until the symptoms have cleared and they have fully recovered. We suspect that this may not have been the case during the assessment period. We need to reiterate that nothing is more important than our health and safety, also not assessments.

It is important to know that the names of persons who test positive or who display symptoms may not be published. The COVID-19 task team follows up on every case through contact-tracing, and, in every case seek the guidance from the provincial COVID helpline.

This pandemic requires of every one of us to remain vigilant for any symptoms, and be diligent in practicing all safety measures.

SEMESTER 2 TIMETABLE

Semester 2 started yesterday. This means that Grades 8 and 9 would have completed their Semester 1 electives and start their Semester 2 electives.

The Semester 2 programme introduces a few changes, and learners were informed about these changes when the new timetable was published. There are three important changes:

- ☞ School starts at 08h00 for all learners. We had initially anticipated that Gr. 8 and 9 learners would arrive later due

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

to their later start, however they have been arriving early. Even with their 08h50 start, the majority of learners are present by 08h00. Instead of supervising them on the playground, we will now start teaching at 08h00.

- ☞ Learners have two 25-minute breaks instead of one 50-minute break. Breaks will still be staggered for GET and FET phases.
- ☞ The end-of-day dismissal will still be staggered, but with revised times for Gr. 8 and 9. Gr. 8 and 9 will dismiss at 14h30 instead of 15h10, due to their earlier start. The dismissal time for other grades remain as before.

Stay Safe, Healthy and Blessed!

Marius Ehrenreich

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

