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The spirit of SERVICE – 11knee/lap blankets knitted by staff. We can double this effort!



Thank you to everyone who contributed to bring some warmth to the needy.

Dear Parents and Guardians

Your child's Term 2 report will be emailed today. The grade parent meetings (see Newsletter 12/2021) will provide some discussion and analysis of the results across the different subjects.

Academic interventions

In addition to the information and guidance that will be shared in the parent meetings, grade heads will also schedule individual meetings with parents and learners. These meetings will be kept to a minimum due to the current COVID-19 restrictions. The information that will be shared include extra classes, online support programmes (at school and at home) and weekly progress sessions.

Volunteer Readers and Scribes

We invite parents to train as reader and/or scribe volunteers. Several of our learners have

accommodations that require a reader or scribe. Volunteers should be available to read/scribe during examinations and formal assessments. Please contact Ms Herbert for details of the training dates (rherbert@gshs.co.za).

Adjusted Alert Level 3 Regulations

Under the current regulations, schools may resume their sport programmes and extra-curricular and extra-mural activities. We decided to maintain the status quo for the foreseeable future. Since the third wave has not yet peaked in our province, we have adopted a safety-first approach.

There is much talk in the media about social distancing at schools and what the DBE will mandate. This talk does not affect us since we have been at full daily attendance since the beginning of the year.

We need to re-emphasise the definition of close contact. *Close contact* is when a person was within a range of 1,5m of a person who tested positive for at least 15 minutes without him/her wearing a mask. A person who has had close contact is required to isolate for a period of 10 days from the time of contact. Learners need to observe the social distancing regulation.

We keep our candle of hope burning, and pray for healing for the sick and comfort for those bereaved.



Candle of Hope

Our vision of success:

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

Learner attendance

We are still to hear from several families about the reason(s) for their children's absence from school. We request that all absenteeism is communicated to the homeroom tutor and grade head.

Soup kitchen

The soup kitchen has been back for the past few days. Learners enjoy the nourishment and we will continue for the foreseeable future while the cooler weather persists. All donations are welcome. Kindly reference your donation as "Soup Kitchen".

School Governing Body By-election

One parent vacancy exists on the SGB. A by-election is scheduled for 31 August. This election will be managed by *Voting Crowd*. As service provider, *Voting Crowd* will send correspondence to voters/parents by sms and email. Notice of the by-election and the nomination form is attached to this email.

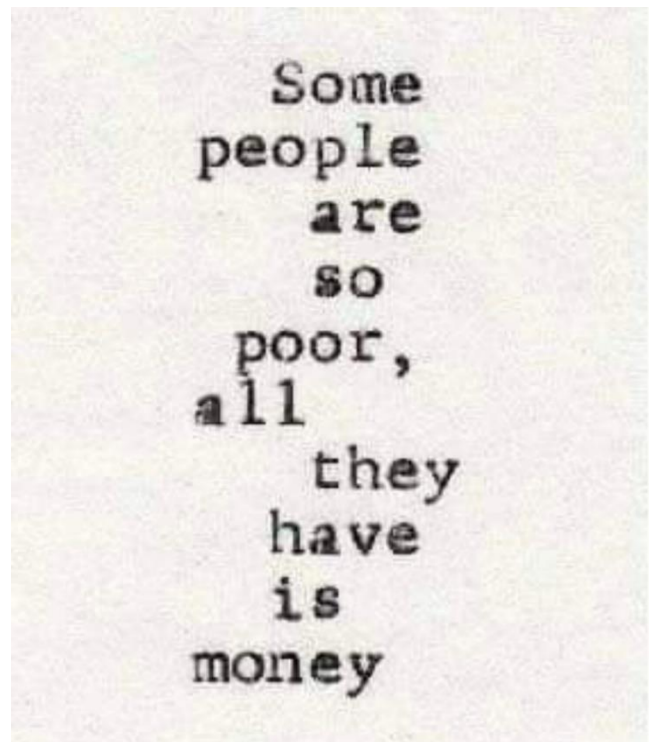
School Fundraiser

Very soon learners will be issued with a set of raffle tickets to be sold. The exact details and prizes are being finalised. This will be the school's first fundraiser since February 2020! Some of the prizes are:

Accommodation for a family at Club Mykonos (sponsored by a GSHS family)
Galileo drive-in vouchers
Meat hamper
Beauty vouchers, etc.

We are looking forward to a huge success.

Food for thought



Stay Safe, Healthy and Blessed!

Marius Ehrenreich