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Happy Administrators' Day



We appreciate and celebrate our Admin staff on secretaries' Day. From the left: Ms L. McCrae (Admissions), Ms T. Searle (Asst. Bursar), Ms S. Mde (Secretary), Mr M. Maart (LAN Administrator), Ms M. Cox (Bursar), Ms E. Mutero (IT Asst.) and Ms P. Du Plessis (Marketer). Ms J. Erasmus (Asst. Bursar), Ms Herbert (PA to the Principal) and Ms S. Hussey (Asst. Bursar) were absent when the photo was taken.

Dear Parents and Guardians

Since our last letter, five virtual Grade Parents' meetings were held, all of which were very well attended. Recordings of the meetings were also emailed. If your contact details changed over the last while, kindly furnish us with the updated information. We would like you to remain informed.

School Governing Body By-election

One nomination was received for the one vacant parent position on the SGB. It was therefore not necessary to conduct an election. Mrs Feroza Cassim (parent of Gr. 9 and 11, and a 2019 matriculant) is the new member. The SGB also elected her as Treasurer of the SGB.

Thank you to all the parents who registered for the e-election. Even that participation is important to grow the democratic ideal.

Academic interventions

The parent meetings focussed mainly on the intervention programme that is a response to the first semester results. Grade Heads have also had (some still have) individual meetings with parents to advise and discuss how to improve learners' academic development and achievement. We encourage parents and learners to honour the plans that were agreed on in these intervention meetings. We are looking forward to improved results in the second semester.

If parents have concerns that were not raised in these meetings or there is something that we may have overlooked, kindly email these to the relevant staff member.

Semester 2 Assessments

Assessments form an important part of learning. It was often regarded as a separate entity, something that is done at the end. The current academic programme is designed to include assessment at certain points of the programme so that learning can be measured and improved on an ongoing basis. Learners are required to work daily, study daily, and master the skills and content daily. Learning, aided by assessments, becomes far more meaningful and appropriate. Encourage your child to adopt this new mindset of continuous learning and teaching, and studying.

The assessment programmes for GET and FET were published. Your child should diarise these dates and prepare accordingly.

Where assessments are missed due to illness, COVID-19 isolation or a family emergency, the process will be followed as per the information shared in the parent meetings.

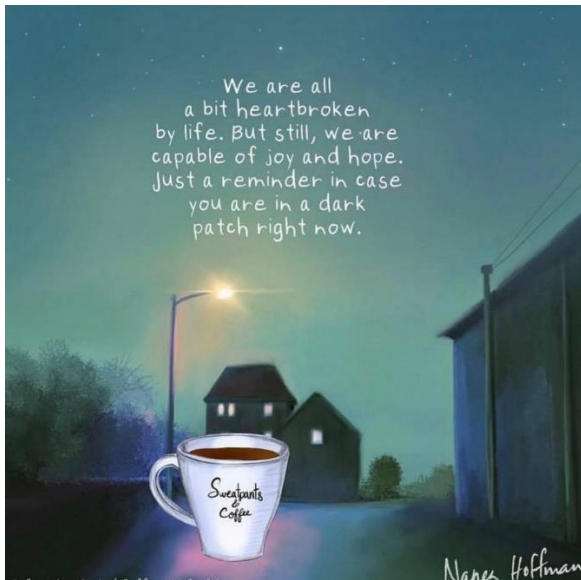
Our vision of success:

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

Gr. 12s start their preliminary examination on Monday, 6 September. Their preparations are well on track; however, their teachers are focusing on an intensive revision programme. They do not have a second chance to write papers missed during their preliminary examination. The rules apply as for the October – December NSC Examination.

The COVID-19 Pandemic

We mourn the passing of siblings, parents and grandparents of staff and learners. So many stories of pain and loss are shared daily. We pray for those who grieve the loss of a loved one. We pray for loved ones who are sick.



We remain firm in our resolve – to promote among staff and learners' safe practices on and off campus.

Staffing

Ms Madilee Otto is leaving on Friday. Ms Venessa van Tonder returns as her substitute in History. We thank Ms Otto for her service since January 2020 and wish her well on her journey.

Our warm congratulations to Mrs Samuels (English) and Mrs Trent (social worker) who welcomed their sons on 7 and 15 August respectively! Both moms and babies are fine and happy.

Soup kitchen

THANK YOU for your donations! We could counter the icy weather of the past week with

the nourishing soup that is served during breaks. This service will continue for the foreseeable future.

School Fundraiser

The raffle will be distributed during the Homeroom session tomorrow (Thursday). Your child's raffle has a unique number and has to be returned to school. The raffle contains 21 numbers/tickets – the 21st number/ticket is a bonus for selling all 20 numbers/tickets. The value of each raffle sheet issued is R400.

The closing date is Monday, 21 September.
The live draw will be done on Thursday, 23 September.

Families that wish to do an EFT payment should use the raffle number as the reference. Families may also request additional raffles. The prizes include:

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

We depend on your support.

Food for thought



Stay Safe, Healthy and Blessed!

Marius Ehrenreich