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Dear Parents and Guardians

The lowering to Adjusted Alert Level 2 is a step in the right direction, yet there is no reason to celebrate. Over the last few days, infection figures were considerably down to between 3000 and 5000 infections. The fatality rate, however, remains very worrying.

Our school mourns the untimely passing of Matthew Allison, Class of 2015, due to COVID-19. We also mourn the passing of parents and grandparents to the pandemic.

Our school programme under the adjusted regulations remains the same as before until further notice. We rather err on the side of safety and caution.

SGB AGM and 2022 Budget Meeting

The SGB will issue notice of the above meeting on 21 September 2021. This meeting will be conducted on MS Teams. Parents can participate in the safety of their homes. Please make every effort to attend. The meeting link will be emailed to parents on Wednesday, 20 October.

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

Adjustment to school times during the last week

Learners will dismiss at 13h00 from Monday 27/9 to Thursday 30/9. On Friday 1/10 learners will dismiss at 11h00. Learners will enjoy one break.

On these afternoons, staff will focus on professional development and their planning for 2022.

Absence from Assessments

This matter was discussed during the various parent meetings. Kindly refer to the minutes/recording of your respective meeting for the information.

Learners who are sick or isolating may have assessments postponed. However, this is only granted where there is a doctor's note. Parents need to communicate with Grade Heads or Homeroom tutors when their children are absent.

Important dates

September

- 24 – Heritage Day
- 27 – 30 School dismisses at 13h00
- 28 – 30 Inter-house Charity Walk Gr. 11, 10 and 8

October

- 1 – Inter-house Charity Walk Gr. 9
School closes at 11h00
Gr. 8 and 9 Term 3 reports emailed
- 6 – Gr. 10 to 12 Term 3 reports emailed
- 7 – 2022 Draft Budget available to be viewed
- 11 – Term 4 starts
- 14 – All Raffles returned to Homeroom teacher
- 18 – Raffle Draw
- 21 – SGB AGM and Budget Meeting
- 29 – GSHS Talent Showcase

Social Media concerns

We have had to deal with a few of these in the last while. When social media violations are reported, we advise parents to first report it to the South African Police Service. Learners need to understand that they may be charged with *crimen injuria*, among other possible charges. School management and the SGB take a hard line in such matters and apply harsh consequences. Since such a charge constitutes serious misconduct, it may

result in an application for expulsion from school.

Fundraising

Raffle:

Your child received a raffle form with a unique number. The value of each raffle form issued is R400. The closing date has been extended to Thursday, 14 October. The live draw will take place during school assembly on Monday, 18 October.

Charity Walk:

This event is in aid of the Peninsula School Feeding Scheme and it is our school's contribution to the *Blisters for Bread* campaign. Only learners who purchase their "race tickets" may participate.



Please note the following:

- ☞ On the day of their event, a grade may come to school in their house sports kit. This is house golfer, navy PE shorts or skort, and tracksuit. No other clothing may be worn.
- ☞ Learners must bring their books as per the timetable for those periods that they will be in class. Learners will be informed about this on the day prior to their respective events.
- ☞ School starts at 8h00.

We invite parent volunteers to assist on the

days of the event – 28 September to 1 October. Please contact Mr M. Gallant if you are able to assist. mgallant@gshs.co.za

GSHS Talent Showcase:

Our talented learners have not been on stage for such a very long time. They cannot wait to celebrate their talents, and to satisfy their hunger to perform. Purchase your tickets here <https://qkt.io/qYTMbb> to join the celebration.



Food for thought



Stay Safe, Healthy and Blessed!

Marius Ehrenreich