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Dear Parents and Guardians

We are relieved with the President's announcement last evening that we are moving to adjusted Alert Level 1! This has been a long and painful journey to get to this point. We recommend that all adults be vaccinated, knowing that the vaccine saves lives.

Vaccination is probably our best preparation for a possible fourth wave later this year.

We are yet to review further adjustments to our school programme and the current COVID-19 protocols. These will remain in place until further notice.

SGB AGM and 2022 Budget Meeting

Notice of the Budget Meeting was emailed on 21 September. Parents need to register on <https://forms.gle/QRFsnoxrV3JPnV1V6>.

A copy of the draft budget will be forwarded. The meeting link will be emailed to all parents on Wednesday, 20 October.

Term 3 Reports

Gr. 8 and 9 reports have been emailed today. Gr.10 to 12 reports will be emailed on Wednesday, 6 October.

Parents and learners are advised to take a close look at the learners' progress. Several subjects may see a significant improvement compared to Term 2. These improvements are due to two main factors: the intensive intervention programme of the past term, and the nature of the term assessments. Where assessments were project-based,

results were generally higher than for tests and examinations.

Gr. 10 and 11 report focus: Where learner performance is less than satisfactory, despite extra effort/interventions, a subject change may be considered. Applications for subject changes must be submitted by 15 December 2021. Gr. 11s may apply to change one subject, and Gr. 10s two subjects. Such an application must be a last resort; however, we should not persist with a subject that reduces our chances of achieving university entrance.

Gr. 8 and 9 report focus: The building blocks for academic success (Languages and Mathematics) must be in place. Under-performance cannot be addressed and fixed in a higher grade.

Term 4 Preparation

This is an important examination term. Although it is a ten-week term, there are only about four weeks of normal classes before the examinations commence. A good start is needed.

Summer uniform is worn from the start of the term. The *Learner Appearance Policy* and *Learner Code of Conduct* are attached to help with our preparations. Parents are to ensure that learners are appropriately attired.

Important dates

October

- 1 – School closes
Gr. 8 and 9 Term 3 reports emailed
- 5 – World Teachers' Day
- 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

Our vision of success:

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



- 18 – Raffle Draw
 - 21 – SGB AGM and Budget Meeting
 - 22 – Gr. 9 Systemic Assessment
Gr. 12 Valedictory at 14h30
 - 29 – GSHS Talent Showcase
- November
- 1 – Local Govt. Elections (Public holiday)

Fundraising

Raffle:

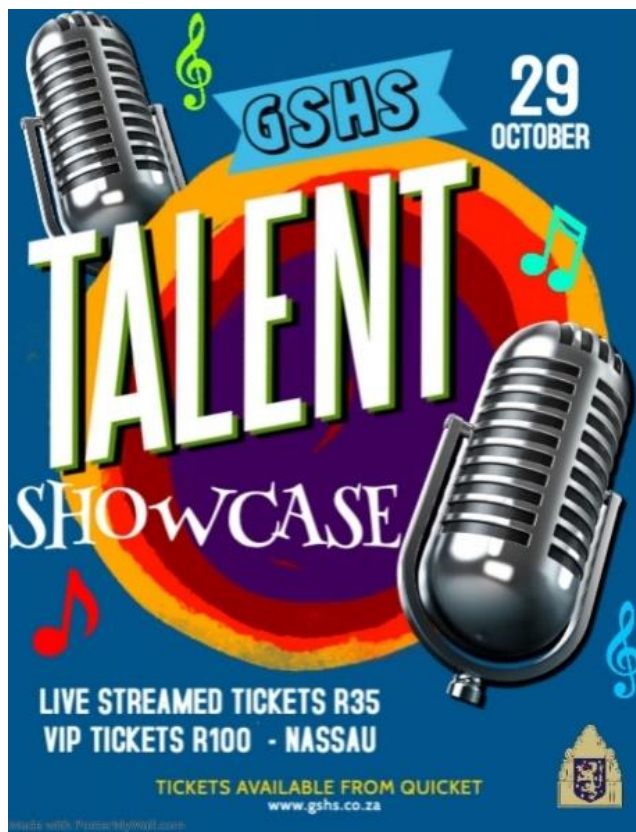
We hope that your child is making good progress with his/her raffle. The closing date has been extended to Thursday, 14 October. The live draw will take place during school assembly on Monday, 18 October.

Charity Walk:

This event was a huge success. Learners had lots of fun and raised funds for the Peninsula School Feeding Scheme. The RCL worked diligently and ensured its success. Thank you to staff learners and sponsors who made it all possible.

GSHS Talent Showcase:

Rehearsals are going very well and the event promises to be a fantastic showcase. Please purchase your tickets here <https://qkt.io/qYTMbb>.



School holidays

This past term has been an incredibly challenging one on many different levels. The exhaustion in the staffroom is palpable. This one-week break for teachers is so necessary, and so deserving.

We acknowledge faculty for their extraordinary efforts in providing quality teaching and learning in a safe, welcoming and nurturing environment.

May they return re-energised for the fourth term.

The front office will be open from Monday to Wednesday (4 – 6 Oct.) and Finance from Tuesday to Thursday (5 – 7 Oct.) from 08h30 to 13h00.

We pray that our learners and their families will be safe during the holidays.

Food for thought



Stay Safe, Healthy and Blessed!

Marius Ehrenreich