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Dear Parents and Guardians

Staff and learners have made a strong start to the fourth term, and we are making the best of the last few days with the Matric Class of 2021. They have two schooldays left! Their valedictory is on Friday afternoon and the NSC Examination starts on 27 October. We wish every matriculant a very successful examination. We are confident that they will make their families and the Groote Schuur family proud.

Tragic News

We received news on Monday that a Gr. 10 learner of 2020, Muzaffar Manuel, died tragically. Although Muzaffar did not return to school in 2021, his grade in particular is deeply saddened by his passing. In a special memorial assembly this morning, our school paid tribute to his memory. Our social worker also had a debriefing session with the Gr. 11s in the afternoon.

We convey our sincere condolences to his family and loved ones, and we offer prayers of support to the broader community that is mourning his passing.

SGB AGM and 2022 Budget Meeting

The virtual meeting is on Thursday 21 October at 6pm.

[Click here to join the meeting.](#)

Please note the following requests:

- ☞ Login to the meeting from 17h45.
- ☞ Switch off your device's audio and video.

- ☞ Complete the attendance register. The link to the register will be posted in the message box.
- ☞ Type any question and comments in the message box. SGB members and staff will attempt to answer questions.
- ☞ The meeting will conclude with resolutions. Attendees will be required to vote on each of the resolutions. Voting will be done online.

COVID-19 Vaccinations

Daily infections and fatalities are appreciably down in recent weeks, and this is very comforting. Life is slowly normalising, however at school we still practice the same protocols as we have done since 2020. Although our timetabled sports periods have resumed, we are not yet playing competitive sport. Our 2022 plans include a comprehensive sports and performing arts programme in a somewhat amended format. Watch this space!

The national vaccination programme is entering an interesting phase with 12 to 18 year-olds now being able to register and receive the vaccine. As more information and statistics on the efficacy of vaccines become available, we are better placed to make our personal choices. Please encourage this discussion in your home, bearing in mind that it is an individual decision that must be taken. Should herd immunity be achieved in December as projected, the 2022 school programme is an exciting prospect.



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.

Our Candle of Hope remains lit while families still mourn the passing of loved ones to COVID.

Learner Leadership

Prefects and the newly elected RCL were inducted at Monday's school assembly. The RCL executive will be elected in the coming week and will be announced in the next newsletter.

Congratulations to the following head prefects:

Heads of School:

Joshua Shimba
Phiwokuhle Ndyaliyane

Deputy Heads:

Jared Sauls
Myasah Al-Absi

Heads of Academics

Lorreen Mtisi (FET)
Imrah Mia (GET)

Head of Environment

Brennan Jackson

Head of Leadership

Faraaz Marlie

Head of Service

Miaad Hendricks

Head of Media

Ropafadzo Mutero

Heads of Sport

Byron Baboo
Amina Hattas

Head of Culture

Rumer Jantjies

Head of Tech Team

Emma Fester

Heads of Monorgan House

Anoeschka Andreas
Lethu Ketabahle

We are immensely proud of our learner leaders. We wish them a very successful and rewarding term of service.

Fundraising

Raffle:

The raffle was scheduled to be drawn on Monday 14 October. The Fundraising Committee of the SGB projected income of

about R300 000. To date, raffles totalling R29 552 was paid in. As a first school fundraiser for the year, this is utterly disappointing. The fundraising budget for the year is a very conservative R135 000. We are woefully short of this target.

We call on every family to respond to our appeal to sell their raffle tickets and return the forms and money to the bursar's office.

GSHS Talent Showcase:

The wait is almost over. The talent showcase is on Friday 29 October. Please purchase your tickets ➡ <https://qkt.io/qYTMbb>.

Important dates

October

- 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)

Food for thought



Stay Safe, Healthy and Blessed!

Marius Ehrenreich