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Dear Parents and Guardians

National women's month saw many highlights at school that included the blockbuster Gr. 11 Fashion Show, successful derbies and other sports events, and a busy performing arts programme. A special congratulations to our u14 girls' hockey team for securing gold in their league at the end of the season.

Included in the excitement was our resounding win in *Coronation's* Investor challenge that formed part of their Women's Day celebration. Our team, under the tutelage of Mrs Roxanne Franke, proved to be the top investors of all participating schools nationally, and came away with the R20 000 first prize! We are super proud of their victory in this competition.



Term Assessments

Gr. 12s started their preliminary examinations on Friday, 1 September. We wish them well with their preparations. Gr. 8 to 11 learners started their term

assessments today. Parents should note that these assessments form part of our daily programme – the assessments are not all that we do on these days. Classes continue for the rest of the day and will continue until the last day of term. If your child says anything to the contrary, kindly verify that with the respective grade heads.

Learners who may have missed a school-based assessment during the term will be scheduled, by their teachers, to take these assessments on the following two Saturdays. Learners will be assigned to specific days and this will be communicated accordingly.

Staff News

Welcome to Mrs Zurina van Oudtshoorn and Mrs Jennilee Trent who returned after their accouchement leave. The GSHS family is privileged to have celebrated Mr Sidney Sahadow's 80th birthday on 19 August. He is a fine example to all of us!



Staff Development and Training

All members of staff will attend a workshop on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging on Thursday, 7 September. The workshop will be facilitated by Dr J. Wallace. Learners will dismiss at 13h00 on Thursday. Kindly adjust travel arrangements where necessary.

Staff will not be available for any queries or meetings from 13h00 until 16h00 on the day.

Important dates

07/09 Staff workshop. Learners dismiss at 13h00
20 – 22/09 Gr. 8 and 10 Camps
24/09 Heritage Day

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25/09	Public holiday
26/09	Gr. 8 – 11 Home Language P3 Blisters for Bread
27/09	Gr. 8 – 11 First Additional Language P3 Blisters for Bread
28/9	Cultural and Sport Awards
29/09	School closes
30/09	Gr. 12 Dance



Learner late-coming

Late-coming has reached unacceptably high levels. The majority of latecomers are lifted by parents! We are well aware of traffic congestion and occasional social unrest. We are deeply concerned about this poor example.

Latecomers have a disruptive effect on their classes and teachers. The school needs to protect instruction time, and consequently, these disruptions will no longer be tolerated.

From Wednesday, 13 September, the school day will start with period 1 every day. Homeroom will then follow after period 1, and all the necessary administration and communication will happen at this time.

Latecomers will not be allowed to join a class once a lesson has started. For every lesson or part thereof that a learner arrives late, the learner will

spend an hour after school on that day. Repeated late-coming will be deemed to be serious misconduct. The Disciplinary Committee of the School Governing Body deals with matters of serious misconduct.

Parents are required to ensure that their children arrive at school on time.

Budget 2024

The SGB is preparing the final draft budget that will be available for parents' perusal from 9 October. The Parents' AGM and Budget Meeting will be on 23 October. A meeting notice will be sent in due course.

Food for thought



Stay Blessed!

Marius Ehrenreich

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