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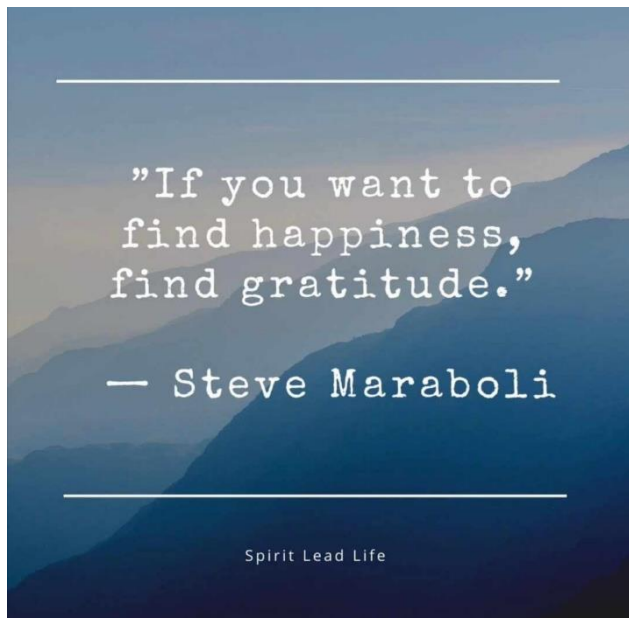
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Dear Parents and Guardians

October is **Teacher Appreciation Month**! 5 October is World Teachers' Day! In 2023, UNESCO's World Teachers' Day celebrations will focus on the theme "**The teachers we need for the education we want. The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage**".



Teachers are an often undervalued and unappreciated resource in South African society, and the WCED encourages learners and the broader community to show their appreciation to their teachers. Follow this link to see examples of teachers being appreciated. Be inspired to do the same for GSHS teachers when we have our Teacher Appreciation Day on 13 October.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16OyJ03H80F5drh7h7kMqQLLwfYVnwVwv/view?usp=drivesdk>

Severe Weather

Successive natural phenomena during the month of September delayed the onset of spring and jolted us to pay attention. First an unusual tsunami-like springtide ravaged the southern Cape coastline and rearranged pristine beaches and holiday destinations. Soon after a Level 9 orange warning storm dumped upward of 200 mm of rain in 24 hours in parts of the Overberg and Boland, causing widespread devastation and flooding. The upside, thankfully, is the learning that is being stimulated by everyone consulting Google to understand these weather systems. Perhaps a greater interest in Geography will also be noticeable over time.

Term 3 Academic results

Your child's report is attached. Reports were issued on Friday. Gold certificates (80%+ aggregate) were awarded at Grade assemblies. Further recognition will be awarded at next week's Grade assemblies.

Gr. 10 to 12 returned a pleasing set of results, however Gr. 8 and 9 results showed marginal improvements over previous years. The results are being analysed, and appropriate interventions will be implemented in Term 4.

Gr. 12 results are very encouraging with 86% of learners achieving bachelors' passes. Seven learners did not meet the pass requirements. Gr. 12 learners' daily school attendance, diligent study and revision over especially the next two weeks will largely determine the school's NSC results.

Late-coming

The school programme was disrupted by learners' late arrival for school. These instances of late-coming do not refer to days of traffic snarl ups or blockades, or public transport stayaways.

As many as 60 learners arrived late on a day, many of them travelling with their parents. Since our intervention, this number is down to below ten. We applaud parents and learners for their positive

Our vision of success:

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

response to what was a dire situation, and we acknowledge everyone for the efforts they are making to ensure that learners arrive on time. Punctuality will always be a key life skill, and it has to exemplify our practise.

Important Term 4 dates

October

- 09 Final draft Budget for 2024 available
- 10 School starts at 8h00 with Day 2
- 13 Teacher Appreciation Day
- 13 Gr. 9 Spring Social
- 14 Gr. 8 High Tea
- 18 Top 20 Athletics Summer Derby 16h00
- 19 Gr. 12 Academic Awards and Prefect announcement 18h30
- 20 Gr. 12 Valedictory 10h30 – 12h30
Gr. 8 to 11 close at 11h00
- 23 Parents Budget meeting 18h00
- 27 Sunset Picnic with Jazz 18h00
- 30 NSC Examination starts

November

- 1 & 2 Gr. 8 2024 Information sessions 15h00
- 08 FET Examinations commence
- 15 GET Examinations commence

2024 Budget – 23 October

The meeting notice is attached. The draft budget is being displayed at the Finance Office for your perusal. Parents are encouraged to attend this important meeting to contribute to the important conversation about the school's development plans.

Summer Uniform

Kindly consult the Appearance Policy for the summer uniform as it will be compulsory from Monday, 16 October.

Food for thought



Stay Blessed!

Marius Ehrenreich