



ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL, WELKOM

Educating for Life

15 May 2024

Dear Parents

RE: PARENTS CIRCULAR 3 / 2024

As we approach the June examinations and the end of the term, we thought it to be appropriate to share some important information and arrangements which might impact on our parents' daily planning and routine.

1. Academics

Before the 17th of May 2024 our parents should have received their Grade 4 – 12 children's midterm reports which reflect on the results of the most recent formal assessments. In many cases it was evident that the required effort and commitment was lacking and that our learners are not performing at the levels they should.



We know it was quite a hectic term in terms of all the activities taking place, but now it is time to remind our learners that our core business remains the academics. We have, therefore, decided to stall our extramural programme for now, to allow our learners to properly start preparing for the coming examinations. We will continue to have our homework class from 14:00 – 16:00 in the afternoons, but we would recommend that learners rather go home and study in a familiar environment that is more conducive to effective study.

2. Examinations

The Grade 12s already start their examinations on the 24th of May 2024 and will follow the timetable given to them at the start of term 2. The Grade 11s will start on the 28th of May and the rest of the school will follow on the 30th of May 2024, and again it must be mentioned that the timetable was given to the learners at the start of this term. Also take note that as from the 30th of May the school will come out at 11:00 again to afford our learners maximum time to prepare for the next day.

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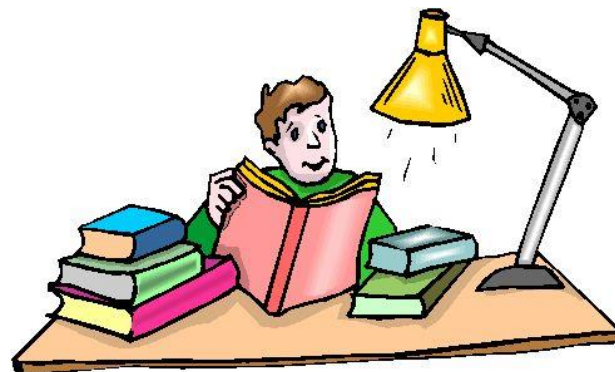


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During the duration of the examinations, learners will be allowed to wear their tracksuits. We usually allow this during the June examinations to combat the severe cold temperatures, which we have not experienced thus far.

Also, important to note is the fact that should learners be absent during any formal assessment (June examinations included), a medical certificate must be submitted upon return, which will justify the use of a reliable statistical formula to calculate an approximate mark. In the absence of the medical certificate the specific learner will forfeit the opportunity to obtain a mark for the paper in question.



Learners will also be reminded on a constant basis about the rules that govern the examination and which protect the credibility of our results. Any dishonesty and / or deviation that might be regarded as an irregularity might lead to a learner's paper being disqualified.

3. Board matters

Again, we request parents to nominate a possible candidate or to avail themselves for the one vacancy on the Board for a parent representative. It is of utmost importance that we maintain a functional and a vibrant Board. Therefore, we require the services of a parent willing to serve and to share their expertise.



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4. Finances

A word of appreciation towards our parents who pay their school fees diligently and therefore enable us to run a school that is functional and operational. With regard to "arrear account", parents must take note that the Board has adopted an approach of zero tolerance.



5. PTA Fundraiser

Parents must please diarize the 19th of July 2024. We are planning a Bingo-evening that promises a lot of fun for the whole family and friends. We intend to have a lot of prizes to be won during the course of the evening and we are relying on your support. The details of this event will be forwarded to our parents in due course, but for now it is just important to book the date for the whole family!



6. Dates to remember

17 May	Gr 4 – 12 Midterm reports
22 May	Gr 10 + 11 Life Science outing to Midrand
24 May	Gr 12 learners start with exams (till 13 June)
28 May	Gr 11 learners start with exams (till 14 June)
29 May	National Election Day – Public Holiday
30 May	Gr 4 – 10 learners start with exams (till 14 June)
30 May	Gr 1 – 12 learners school end at 11:00!
11 June	Board of Governors' meeting for Term 2
14 – 18 June	Gr 12 Ecology Field Excursion to St Lucia
14 June	End of Term 2!
17 June	Youth Day 16/06/2024 – Public holiday

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9 July

12 July

16 July

17 July

19 July

18 August

10 September

11 September

17 September

18 + 19 September

20 September

Start of Term 3

Gr 1 – 12 Hand out Academic Reports

Gr 1 – 12 Teachers' and Parents' consultation evening

Gr 4 – 12 Formal Assembly at 1 Toronto

PTA Bingo evening at 1 Toronto

Gr 1 – 12 Thanksgiving Church Service @ St Matthias

Gr 12 IEB Life Orientation CAT Part B Exam @ 1 Toronto

Gr 12 IEB Life Science PAT Exam

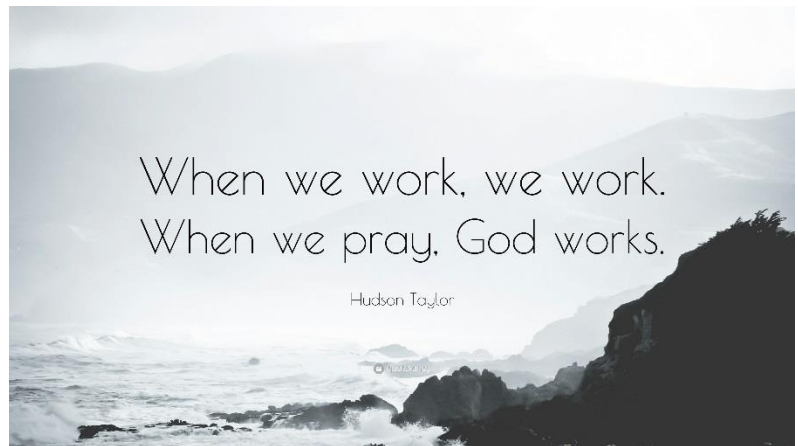
Board of Governors meeting (Term 3)

Gr 1 – 12 Photo Days

End of Term 3!

May God bless our St Andrew's family and make His face to shine upon us!

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