



ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL, WELKOM

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23 July 2025

Dear Parents

RE: PARENTS CIRCULAR 4 / 2025

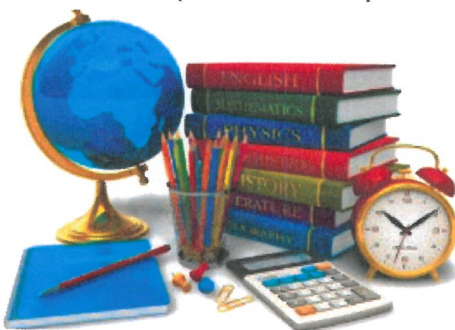
As we embark on the second half of our 2025 journey, we need to address a few important matters, while also renewing and reaffirming our shared commitment as partners in the pursuit of a meaningful future for the younger generation.



1. Academics:

Our learners will receive their academic reports on Friday, 25 July 2025. We encourage families to hold a meeting to reflect on the results together. It is essential for parents, learners and teachers to discuss any unsatisfactory results and explore possible interventions during the scheduled time on Tuesday, 29 July 2025. With half the year already behind us, we are in a strong position to identify both positive and negative trends and take appropriate action. It is very important that we, as teachers and parents, continue to nurture a culture of achievement and excellence, while rejecting complacency and mediocrity.

Our parents must please take note that there will be no mid-term reports issued during the third term due to the fact that the 3rd term reports will already be issued on the 22nd of September. We especially wish our Grade 12 class all of the best as they are now at the last stage of preparations for their final examinations.



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2. Council Elections:

It is once again time to elect new Student Council members who will serve for the upcoming year. The Student Council has long held a position of high esteem within our school and we encourage learners to make thoughtful decisions when nominating potential candidates. We also encourage potential candidates who are interested in serving to make themselves available. While some may feel hesitant due to the possibility of disappointment, we must teach our learners that one cannot win a race without first entering it - and that perseverance is an important key to success in life.



3. Board of Governors Election:

In accordance with the school's constitution, new Board members need to be elected for the next three-year term. The nomination period will run from 11 – 22 August 2025, after which nominees will be given an opportunity to introduce themselves to the electorate. Electronic voting will take place on the 4th of September 2025. We ask all parents to ensure that their contact details are up to date on our system to enable maximum participation.

Once again, we appeal to our parents to consider serving on this vital governance structure to help ensure that our school remains well-governed and sustainable.

Board of Governors nomination forms are available at the school office.

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4. Ndlovu Youth Choir Performance:

We are privileged and honoured to host the world-renowned Ndlovu Youth Choir on the 18th of September 2025 at 1 Toronto. Our own school choir will also be privileged to share the stage with this super choir in what promises to be a truly memorable, once-off event!

Tickets will be available online for the whole community, and with only 500 unreserved seats, we expect a scramble to secure a ticket. We, therefore, urge our parents to purchase tickets immediately once the link is shared to avoid disappointment.



5. Finances:



As usual, I am appealing to our parents to honour their financial commitments to the school by paying fees diligently and punctually. Should you experience unforeseen financial difficulties, please take advantage of our open-door policy to discuss possible long-term solutions.

Ignoring financial obligations will not resolve the matter and will inevitably lead to long-term debt or, ultimately, a final notice and the need to seek alternative schooling arrangements.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the vast majority of our parents who prioritize their children's education and continue to meet their financial responsibilities without fail.



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6. **General:**

We are extremely proud to announce that Lesego Mosiane achieved 1st place in the Lejweleputswa District, 7th place in the Free State and 10th place in South Africa in the most recent Afrikaans (First Additional Language) Olympiad! Congratulations to Lesego on this outstanding accomplishment!



7. **Dates Available** (sport match dates will be sent closer to the time)

Friday, 25 July	Gr 1 – 12 Academic Reports handed out
Monday, 28 July	Gr 10 – 12 Free State Science Olympiad
Tuesday, 29 July	Gr 4 – 6 Natural Science Olympiad
Tuesday, 29 July	Gr 10 – 11 Life Sciences Olympiad
Tuesday, 29 July	Gr 1 – 12 Parents' evening 17:00 – 18:30
Wednesday, 30 July	Gr 4 – 12 Formal Assembly at Toronto 07:30
Wednesday, 30 July	Gr 7 – 9 Natural Science Olympiad
Wednesday, 30 July	Gr 10 – 12 Proverto Accounting Olympiad Round 2
Thursday, 31 July	Gr 10 – 11 Physical Sciences Olympiad
Friday, 1 August	Announce 2025 / 2026 Council
Friday, 1 August	Daycare fundraiser (civvies – R5 & Cappuccino + Cupcake sale)
Saturday, 2 August	U/10 Soccer & Hockey St Helena knockout tournament
Friday, 15 August	Council Induction
Friday, 15 – 16 Aug	Gr 4 – 12 Regional Expo
Saturday, 16 August	U/12 Soccer St Helena knockout tournament
Saturday, 16 August	U/13 Hockey St Helena knockout tournament
Sunday, 17 August	Thanksgiving Service at St Matthias Church 18:00



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Saturday, 23 August	U/14 Soccer St Helena knockout tournament
Saturday, 23 August	Gr 9 Psychometric Testing 08:00 – 14:00
Saturday, 23 August	Hockey Welkom Volkskool Tournament (U/7 – U/13)
Saturday, 23 August	Gr 10 Life Science trip to Golden Gate
Saturday, 23 August	Mediclinic fun run 18:00

Thursday, 28 Aug – 25 Sept Grade 12 Preliminary Exams

Saturday, 30 August Goldfields Mall Exhibition & Choir Performance

Monday, 1 – 5 September	St Dominic's SAMs festival
Saturday, 6 September	Soccer U/15 + U/19 vs St Andrew's Bloemfontein + Hoopstad Academy

Thursday, 18 September Ndlovu Choir Festival at 1 Toronto

Monday, 22 September	Gr 1 – 11 Academic Reports handed out
Tuesday, 23 September	5-a-side tournament fundraiser 10:00 – 16:00
Thursday, 25 September	Gr 4 – 11 Formal Assembly at Toronto 07:30
Friday, 26 September	End of Term 3
Friday, 26 September	Matric Farewell
Friday, 26 – 28 September	Sesotho Revision camp
Tuesday, 14 October	Start of Term 4

God bless



Mr G HINRICHS
Principal

GIVE THANKS

to the Lord, for he is good.
His love endures forever.

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