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NEWSLETTER

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INTRODUCTION

Greetings in the name of our soon returning Saviour Jesus Christ, Ebenezer.

This newsletter shares mainly January to June highlights and some expectations for next two terms.

The school opened its doors to learners on the 12th of January 2022 for all grades while observing COVID 19 restrictions. So all learners returned to the physical on that day following COVID 19 regulations.

STAFFING

There were changes in the school leadership whereby our deputy principal stepped down and replaced by Mr Brian Chabata. New qualified and experienced teachers were hired due to an increase in enrolment coupled with the replacement of those teachers who did not return in 2021 after getting some greener pastures. Currently, we have a stable teaching staff. All our teachers are still with the school since February 2021.

RESULTS

We started the year 2021 while in the middle of the COVID 19 pandemic, however, our learners, teachers and parents' determination and resiliency has yielded success. Our school is very proud of you through the outstanding achievements in all our examination classes for 2021 as they achieved as follows:

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| 1. Grade 12 | 88% |
| 2. Grade 7 Cambridge | 83% |
| 3. Grade 9 Cambridge | NO candidates registered |
| 4. Grade 11 Cambridge (IGCSE) | 100% |

We thank the learners, parents, educators and the Almighty God

NB. The Matric 88% pass rate is enough as per Gauteng Department of Education standard which is pegged at 84%

GRADE 10-12 LEARNERS, PARENTS & TEACHERS' INFORMATION MEETINGS

We would like to thank all parents who managed to attend our first term physical informative meeting for Grade 10, 11 and 12 and urge all parents to attend such planning meetings. However, we noted with sadness the poor attendance of these meetings which were held the second week of in January 2022 where attended by fewer parents. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss the required support for these grades We are kindly encouraging you as parents to work with the school in order for our children to produce their best. The school is encouraging all parents to attend school meetings whether physically or online. After the

reopening of term 2 the school will invite parents of grade 10, 11 and 12 to a stakeholders' meeting in April 2022 to discuss results and the wayforward.

REPORTING FOR TERM 1

Term 1 reports for Foundation phase were issued on the closing day (17 2022) whilst the rest of the grades received their reports on the second week of reopening in April 2022 after quality assured by the department. All our reports for Grade 10, 11 and 12 are issued after certified by the department yet they cannot be issued anyhow.

ACADEMIC

- Parents, please buy your children textbooks for us to be able to assist them effectively in their studies.
- 50% is the pass mark at Taalnet.
- Term one examinations started end of March 2022 and always encourage learners to cooperate with educators as we do all in our power to cover the curriculum. The Grade 12 syllabus will be finished by the end of June 2022 and in term 3 it will be revision. We thank you parents for your support and for ensuring your children are doing their homework and school work.
- Grade 11 and 12 started their extra lessons on 15 January 2022 and the attendance has been good even though they are some who have a tendency of not attending Saturday classes.
- As a Christian school we take seriously the reading of the Bible to all learners. We plead with parents to buy Bibles for learners. They can use them during our Taalnet Church services that are offered termly on zoom from our Chaplaincy's desk. So far one such service has been held this term.

REWRITES STUDENTS

The school has enrolled the rewrites with SBAs and are attending fulltime and are following the normal programme of assessment. However, some of them are not attending lessons regularly. In this instance we encourage teachers to have attendance registers to monitor their attendance.

HOLIDAY STUDY CAMPS

In our meetings with the examination classes in January and February 2022, it was agreed the school was going to have study camps during the three holidays and we are going to have some Months long study camp in the coming terms. So far the first camp will start on the 19th of March 2022. The subsidised fee for the Group study camp for March is R1500. We would like to thank all parents for supporting this initiative as it is aimed at improving our learners' results.

STATIONARY

It is our school policy for all students to buy stationary according to a given list per grade. The school want to thank all the parents who managed to buy the required stationary and we are appealing to those with outstanding stationary to buy and give the class teachers. In the beginning of term 2, the school will take measures against those learners who did not bring stationary. Currently these learners are benefiting from what others have brought. Therefore we are giving you a gentle reminder to send your child with printing paper for photocopying and printing.

CIVVIES

The school is holding civvies days on a monthly basis and the civvies money is R20 per month. The civvies money helps to buy things that benefit our learners. Some of the money goes towards Arts Festivals, prize giving days, pads, masks, sports affiliation, feeding of learners during sports, utensils and equipment for use by students and teachers during sports and other events. A little amount goes towards Charity. The donation is going to be handed over by representatives of learners and teachers. You get to know the name of the organisation in our next Newsletter since we are still consulting. We have noted with sadness that some of the learners have a trend of absenting themselves during civvies days. Some use the money given by parents for civvies particularly the high school learners. This is unacceptable as they benefit from the primary learners who pay their civvies monthly. Furthermore, the civvies calendar for the year was e-mailed to all parents and every time we have a civvies we send reminders before the day of the civvies. If you do not have copies of the calendar, the school has, kindly come and collect it. Our civvies books are open for scrutiny by the SGB and the school financial committee.

FEES/LEVIES

Parents you are reminded that the school has financial commitments it must meet on a monthly basis. These include rental, salaries and other overheads and without money it would be difficult to offer the services much needed by our learners, it is within this spirit that we thank all parents for doing their best through payment of fees on time. In line with best practice outlined in the 2022 Application form and Admission policy, all levies for the year are payable before or on the first day of the month of study for learners to be granted access into the school and never to miss tuition. Parents who made payment arrangements have been given up to the end of month through a payment agreed signed between the parent, principal and the Administrator to ensure that all fees/levies are paid up. This means from 01 July 2022, all fees/levies will be paid before or on the first of the month and failure to do this, the school WILL EXCLUDE the learner as the parents would have violated their agreement with the school. This follows 2020/21 lessons which saw the school being owed more than R1 000 000-00 in fees/levies. **ALL LEARNERS** with outstanding fees/levies **MUST NOT COME BACK TO SCHOOL** until they are paid up next term

SGB MEETINGS

SGB meetings were held three times this term as follows

1. New SGB was elected into office on the 3rd of February 2022
2. SGB members introduced to parents during a parents' meeting on 05 February 2022
3. SGB members with the CEO will be held on 17 March 2022

EMAIL & WHATSUP COMMUNICATION

We urge parents to receive financial statements through their emails so supply us with such for quick and safe communication via admin@taalct.co.za. Also, we request those not on school WhatsApp to please join so we communicate quickly with the principal 0846555928 and administrator via 0646071586.

PROPERTY

We call parents to join the school in encouraging learners to look after the school and their property. As per school policy, all learners who damage school property or steal from the school, the parent will have to replace it. Any queries you are referred to the school finance department.

SCHOOL TOURS

The school's Trips took place on the 4th of March 2022 and it was a success. We would like to thank both parents and teachers for their role in the success of this trip.

DISCIPLINE

The school believes strongly that raising up learners is a joint responsibility for parents, community and school. In 2022 we had **few** disciplinary hearings. We applaud our learners for generally behaving well without major problems with regard to discipline. However, we have noted with concern that there are unruly students in the school. Very soon we will invite their parents to school for a serious talk. If they can't change their behaviour, unfortunately as much as we like them we can't keep them in the school. As a school we are here to protect learners who want to learn. We encourage parents to be visible and support the school in this regard. Moving forward we look towards working together so we can raise proud, competent and responsible learners.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The school has noted with concern the increasing number of some learners using grey trousers. Let it be clear that grey trousers are not part of our uniform. All learners must put on proper uniforms on a daily basis. No learner will be allowed in the school without putting on the proper uniform as from 05 April 2022.

USE OF CELLPHONES

The use of cellphone at school by Grade 10-12 learners without the teachers' permission is not allowed. Grade R-9 learners are not allowed to have cellphones at school. Any learner caught violating the code of conduct regarding the use of cellphones will bear the following consequences;

1. The cellphone confiscated and only be returned to the parent after paying a fine of R250 to the fundraising committee.
2. Cellphones are supposed to be off at all times during lessons.
3. Any lost or stolen Cellphone at school is the responsibility of the learner.

LATE COMING, BUNKING OF LESSONS

The school is concerned with the late coming by some of our learners. We discovered that learners come late but some are late because the parent brings them to school late. Our lessons start at 07:30 every day. However, some learners arrive at school after 07:45. As from 05 April 2022, any learner arriving at 07:45 without prior communication from the parent **MUST** return home and come early the following day. It must not be a daily occurrence that the parent cover up for a late child. We will invite parents of learners who bunked lessons for lessons a hearing.

BOARDING FACILITIES

We are pleased to let you know that the school has a boarding facilities for boys. The facility is affordable and can be used as a solutions to problem of late coming experienced by some of our learners.

COVID 19 REGULATIONS

As we are all in the middle of the COVID 19 pandemic, there is need to adhere to all COVID 19 Regulations include but not limited to the following;

- Wearing of masks properly all the times.
- Washing hands with soap and running water.
- Sanitising of hands.
- Observing and maintaining social distancing at all times
- When a child is having flulike symptoms must stay at home.
- If a child has been exposed to a family member with COVID must be isolated.

- If a child/teacher is COVID 19 positive she/he must inform the school and isolate and only can return to school with a COVID negative report.
- Make sure that a child gets out of the house with the mask on
- In all situations, please notify the school

DEVELOPMENTS

In pursuit to have world class classrooms, the school is proud to let its parents know that it managed to construct the second floor with eight new classrooms which are already functional and plans are on foot to establish a library and a Computer lab. The school has installed a number of CCTV cameras. The school has managed to acquire more furniture for both learners and teachers in the form of tables and chairs.

LEARNERS LOITERING IN SCHOOL AND TOWN

No learner is allowed outside classroom without a permission card. We had noted some learners were not attending lessons in 2020/21 yet were seen loitering in town. In this regard, as Taalnet family, whenever you see a learner in our school uniform in town during school time please approach and get their names or call and report them to the school. This also applies to learners seen doing things that bring the name of the school into disrepute. If possible, take photos and send us.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All contact sports have resumed in 2022 with the approval of Gauteng Department of Education (GDE) with effect from January 2022. So far the school has held inter-houses and Taalnet Group of schools athletics completion on the 8th of March 2022. Taalnet Kempton got position 1 in the afore mentioned competition. These activities were while observing social distances and other COVID 19 regulations.

ADMISSIONS

- 2023 Admissions is starting very soon
- Re-admission forms will be issued to learners on reopening and to be returned by the 31th of July 2022.
- Those who are on WhatsApp and Facebook will see these 2023 Admission forms.
- New Admission and Readmission fees and school fees structure for 2023 will be out next term

CONCLUSION

We hope to continue working together in the best interest of our children's education this year.

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