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Dear Parents

Who's packing your parachute?

This last story proving the importance of teamwork is about a US jet fighter pilot in Vietnam – Charles Plumb. He had completed 75 combat missions when he was shot down. Plumb was ejected and parachuted into enemy hands, where he spent six years in a Vietnamese prison. One day, a man came up to him and said, “You’re Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!” Plumb was confused and asked how the man knew about that. “I packed your parachute,” the man replied. The man then shook his hand and said, “I guess it worked!” Plumb assured him it had and said, “If your chute hadn’t worked, I wouldn’t be here today.” Plumb thought a lot about that man who held the fate of someone he did not even know, in his hands. He kept pondering how many times he might have seen the guy, and not even said anything because he was a fighter pilot, and the stranger was just a sailor.” Charles Plumb is now a motivational speaker telling this story to hundreds. After telling it, he always asks his audiences, “Who’s packing your parachute?” In our life, be it personal or work related, many people have a hand in our parachutes. Are you taking the time to acknowledge, thank, and reward them? It is very easy to overlook the work of many. It takes a lot of people to create a team.

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NETBALL

Netball on 15th August will be moved to the 22nd of August at Montague Arena. The friendly game will start at 18:00. The fee per game is R60 per player. Learners must be at the arena 30 minutes before the game.

INSPECTION:

Please ensure that you child is dressed in full winter attire, in line with the code of contact. Inspections are done daily to ensure that the learners are always neat and tidy, this also includes the sport uniform.

TEDDY BEAR DRIVE FOR RED CROSS HOSPITAL

We will be collecting new teddy bears (small to medium) to donate to the Children’s Hospital Trust at the Red Cross Hospital. A date will be set when learners can start bringing their donated teddy bears to school.

CAMP:

The camp dates will change to September 5 – 7, 2022 due to the Department of Education's finalized schedule. The location is unchanged. Please remember to fill in the form and send back before the 31 of August 2022.

SOCCER UPDATE:



Well done to the boys!
We are very proud of you!

UNIFORM SALES / CLOTHING BANK:

As parents are aware, uniform sales are done from the school office and it is not the best arrangement. It is for this reason that we are setting up a clothing bank where parents can buy uniform at dedicated times in a space separate from the office.

Please note that the new times to purchase uniform are as follows:

Mondays: 7:15am – 8am & 2pm – 4pm

Tuesday: 2pm – 4pm only

Wednesdays: 2pm – 4pm only

(NO uniform sales on Thursdays or Fridays)

Important Dates:

3 September - Riverside Road Runners and Market Day

5 – 7 September 2022 – Camp for grade 7-11

5 September 2022 – Final LO Exam Grade 12

6 September 2022 – CAT Practical Paper Grade 12

12-26 September 2022 – Test Series and Prelims

28 September 2022 – School close

Grade 12 fundraising events

The grade 12 class will be having fundraising events on the following days. Please allow your child to participate and contribute towards their fundraising campaign. The funds raised will be used towards their Matric farewell. The cost per event will be R10 per learner payable before the event.

Funky hair day 26 August 2022

Message from the Principal Carlien Ellis:

Family rituals...

Do you as a family have family rituals? One of my fondest memories from my childhood is that of Sunday evenings, where I would gaze at the stars with my dad. That is how we earned our tuck shop money! A shooting star would ensure a R5 in my pocket. My mom also used to bake some cookies with us over the Christmas period. Sunday was filled with church and a drive to my grandparents, every Sunday without fail! Now that I am older, I appreciate those rituals even more. They created memories and built our family relationships and bonds.

Rituals also make children feel safe. It forms a bond and family values that you can create and even pass from one generation to the next.

Family dinner time is a valuable ritual - sharing a meal together on one or more nights of the week with no phones, electronics or distractions can create a platform where children share their feelings and concerns but also share their highlights of the day. Rituals like these force families to slow down and connect.

Family rituals do not always have to cost money, we all know the current financial climate we find ourselves in, but it can be as simple as a walk once a week, a movie on Netflix or even a special handshake.

The purpose of rituals is more beneficial than we realize. They create a sense of belonging; children feel safe and can adapt easily to new environments and it ensures bonding time which leads to a happy family. I would like to encourage parents to keep those rituals, create new ones and strengthen family bonds, where children feel loved, valued and a strong sense of identity can be created.

School Schedule:

Monday	22/08	Day 6
Tuesday	23/08	Day 7
Wednesday	24/08	Day 8
Thursday	25/08	Day 9
Friday	26/08	Day 10

Have a lovely long weekend!

High School Staff