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Dear Parents,

Recently I re-watched one of my favourite films of all time - Mulan (the animated version with the talking dragon, of course). As I was watching the film (as an almost 30-year-old woman), I was struck by the true meaning of the story: Mulan's father was too old and frail to fight in the war against the enemy, and Mulan chose to sacrifice the life she had to protect him and honour her family. Courage, strength and sacrifice: this would be her new legacy.

I reflected on my own relationship with my father. He came from less than stellar circumstances, yet he actively chose to create a better life for our family. As a child, I never fully understood why he would work until late hours of the night or why he could not watch our favourite TV show with me because he had to work. He was building his own legacy; he was building something for us as a family.

A legacy is the long-lasting impact a particular event or decision has on those who come after us. Mulan chose to create a legacy of bravery, and my father chose to cultivate a legacy of sacrifice in order to put me in a position of success and peace. You are capable of creating the legacy you will leave behind. The choices you make now, will impact yourself and those you will inevitably leave behind.

Ask yourself: ***What will I leave behind? What will my legacy be?***

Ms. M. Scheepers

Blazer Mondays:

A friendly reminder - All High School learners are expected to wear their blazers to school on Monday mornings for their weekly assembly. We are cultivating and entrenching the values and ethos of our school and in doing so this will be a compulsory requirement henceforth.

Please ensure that blazers are clean, marked with your child's name and that **all** buttons are sewn onto the blazer. Buttons are available in the office at R20 a button.

We look forward to seeing our learners looking smart and proud!

Important Upcoming Dates & Events:

31 May – June Exam Starts
02 June – Extra Murals end
02 June – Gr. 7 & 8 Cake Sale
07 June – Intermediate Phase exam start
12 June – Foundation Phase assessment start

Extra lessons:

Extra lessons for this term will end on the 26 of May 2023.

Grade 12 Fundraising Events:

The Grade 12 class of 2023 has put together a list of fundraisers they would like to host for their matric farewell. The cost is R20 per event.

- 15th of June Dress up as the first letter of your name.
- 21st of July PJ Day.

- 1st of Sept Rainbow Day for Spring Day.

Exams:

All the best for the upcoming exams. We believe that you will do your best.



Absentees Notice

Flu season is upon us, and absenteeism is expected. As a friendly reminder, please notify the office by sending an e-mail to both Info@riversidecollege.co.za and hello@riversidecollege.co.za if your child will be absent from school. This will help us to ensure that your child's absence is recorded and that they do not fall behind in their schoolwork.

UPCOMING PARENT WEBINARS

STOP Bullying – 13 June

<https://www.webtickets.co.za/Event.aspx?itemid=450000504>

Legacy Project:

The Riverside College Legacy Project is a way for current and past learners to be remembered as being a part of the history, the traditions and the legacies that have formed the identity of Riverside College.

An institution remains just that when people are not given a space and an opportunity to be who they are meant to be, and this is why Riverside College is not just an institution, but the portal through which many individuals have passed on their way to the future that they envisioned for themselves while building on the traditions and the history of this wonderful school.

In honouring these many boys and girls and the journey that they undertook at Riverside, we would like to offer this opportunity for them to leave a piece of themselves behind for those who will follow in the footprints that they are leaving or have left.

The Legacy plaque is available to any learner who attends Riverside College or has done so in the past. The way a child can leave their legacy for others to be inspired by is to purchase one of the following:

- Plaque outside a particular class (i.e.: a child's name & year on a plaque outside Gr 1 or Gr 12 for instance)
- A buddy bench for the garden
- Planting a tree in your honour with a plaque
- A Plaque in a general traffic area of the school
- Sponsoring a notice board or honours board.



Mr. Swart is hosting a number of parenting webinars over the next few weeks. During NALA parent feedback sessions many parents wanted guidance on a range of parenting struggles and it is with this in mind that Mr. Swart is inviting the parents of Riverside College to book their spots.

Tickets for these webinars can be booked via ticketweb. Each webinar has it's own link for booking, please be sure that you use the correct link.

Netball Match results:

Our High School netball girls played an excellent match on Monday afternoon, and they won! We are proud of them and know that this is the start of a winning streak for the girls that we will work hard on maintaining!

Principal's message:

Please don't miss out on the art auction and Africa Food Fair taking place tonight at school. If you have not purchased a ticket, there is still time. News #19 26 May SNR

2023 Term Dates:

Term 2

Start Date: Learners – 12 Apr
26 April- 1 May school mid term

End Date: Learners – 21 Jun

Term 3:

Start Date: Learners – 19 July
10, 11 Aug mid term

End Date: Learners - 28 Sept

Term 4:

Start Date: Learners – 11 Oct

End Date: Learners- 13 Dec

time before this evening. Tickets will be sold at the door for the Africa Food Fair! Tickets are R20 per plate of tasters. ***Please join us.*** With all the hard work and dedication that went into this evening and these events, we know that it is going to deliver. This evening promises to be a night filled with delicious food and laughter, followed by the Art Auction. The learners have worked hard and had so much fun producing the beautiful sculptures on auction tonight!

I would like to thank all the parents who contributed to a successful evening. I appreciate it, and I am very grateful for your support.

We are reaching the end of the term. Exams and assessments are starting soon. Please ensure that your child is well prepared by supporting them at home. Encourage them to study, prepare a healthy meal, and create a positive studying environment. All learners have received their timetables as well as examination rules. The learners also provided me with a study roster to prepare themselves for the upcoming exams.

We will be having an open day on Saturday June 3rd. Please spread the word among your friends. We still have space in most of our classes. It will be an honour for us to have their children in our school.

Thank you for honouring your financial commitment to our school. We appreciate it.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Have a blessed weekend!

2024 Term Dates:

Term 1

Term starts: Learners – 17 Jan

End date: Learners – 20 March

Term 2

Term starts: Learners – 10 Apr

End date: Learners – 14 June

Term 3

Term starts: Learners – 10 July

End date: Learners – 20 Sept

Term 4

Term starts: Learners – 09 Oct

End date: Learners – 06 Dec

