



# Riverside College

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**Dear Parents,**

An 87-Year-Old College Student Named Rose

The first day of school our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know. I stood up to look around when a gentle hand touched my shoulder. I turned around to find a wrinkled, little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being. She said, "Hi handsome. My name is Rose. I'm eighty-seven years old. Can I give you a hug?" I laughed and enthusiastically responded, "Of course you may!" and she gave me a giant squeeze. "Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?" I asked. She jokingly replied, "I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, and have a couple of kids..." "No seriously," I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age. "I always dreamed of having a college education and now I'm getting one!" she told me. After class we walked to the student union building and shared a chocolate milkshake. We became instant friends. Every day for the next three months, we would leave class together and talk nonstop. I was always mesmerized listening to this "time machine" as she shared her wisdom and experience with me. Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went. She loved to dress up and she reveled in the attention bestowed upon her from the other students. She was living it up. At the end of the semester, we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet. I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium. As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her three by five cards on the floor. Frustrated and a little embarrassed she leaned into the microphone and simply said, "I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for Lent and this whiskey is killing me! I'll never get my speech back in order so let me just tell you what I know."

As we laughed, she cleared her throat and began, "We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing. There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy, and achieving success. You have to laugh and find humor every day. You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die. We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it! There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up.

If you are nineteen years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, you will turn twenty years old. If I am eighty-seven years old and stay in bed for a year and never do anything, I will turn eighty-eight. Anybody can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability.

The idea is to grow up by always finding opportunity in change.

Have no regrets.

The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets."

She concluded her speech by courageously singing "The Rose."

She challenged each of us to study the lyrics and live them out in our daily lives.

At the year's end Rose finished the college degree she had begun all those years ago. One week after graduation Rose died peacefully in her sleep.

Over two thousand college students attended her funeral in tribute to the wonderful woman who taught by example that it's never too late to be all you can possibly be.

**REMEMBER, GROWING OLDER IS MANDATORY. GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL.**

We make a Living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.

Miss Jonker

## **Important dates**

Term 4	12 October – 08 December (Teachers 15/12)
Prize-giving Evening	10 November
15 November	School comes out at 13:30 for High School Learners

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**Examination dates**

Matric NSC exams 27 Oct – 1 December

Grade 7 – 11 exams 15 Nov – 03 Dec

**Important Information**

Your child needs to have a mask on at all times that covers their nose and mouth. Each individual also needs to regularly wash their hands and sanitize. They are not allowed to physically touch, kiss, hug, or share food with one another. Our safety protocols are there to keep everyone safe and we need everyone to play their part!

**Masks are not an excuse to have facial hair, so please note that your son still needs to be clean shaven at all times.**

**Carols by Candlelight**

On the evenings of the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of December we will be hosting an Angelic Carols by Candlelight event at Riverside College. Please be so kind as to donate all empty 2L plastic bottles that we would like to use as holders for our candles. We hope that you are all as excited as we are to make this festive event an experience to remember. This event is for the parents, teachers and learners of not only Riverside College but also our community. Please spread the word and invite all your friends and family members to join us and add their voices to our choir.

**Santa's Shoebox**

After all the anxiety, anguish and pain experienced by so many during the pandemic, we would like to change the narrative and bring some love and joy to the less fortunate children at the Durbanville Children's Home this Christmas, with our very own Santa's Shoebox campaign. We are asking parents who are able and willing, to help us spread a little Christmas magic with a shoebox of goodies for these children. We have girls and boys of all ages in the home and it would be an amazing experience to share our hearts and our magic with them. It would give us the greatest pleasure to help spread the love and make a child's dream of having something small to look forward to this Christmas come true. It is not the size or the cost of things that count or matter to those that cannot provide for themselves, but rather the fact that someone else took the time and made the effort for them that warms the heart and soul of the receiver, especially when it come to children.

We will soon send a letter out with all the details and information regarding this project.

**Prize-giving Evening**

There will be a prize-giving on the 10th of November in the evening. Invitations will follow shortly.

**Extra lessons**

Take note that extra lessons commenced on the 18th of October 2021. Your child would have received a letter for the extra classes. Anyone is welcome to join.

**Funky Friday – 12 November**

On 12th November we will be having a Funky Friday where all learners should come to school with either a funky hat or crazy pair of socks added to their summer uniform. The learners can either choose to wear funky socks or a crazy hat or even BOTH!

**Message from the Principal Mr. Dave Swart**

Please remember that we are entering a very important and stressful period of year end exams. In order for your child to perform optimally, they need to be supported in more than just academics, you need to ensure that they get enough sleep, that they eat well balanced nutritious food and that they have enough time and a peaceful space in which to prepare for their exams/assessments.

They need to know that they can do this! Talk to your child and make sure that they are mentally prepared and ready for the exams. Ask if they need assistance, if they are feeling prepared or if they are anxious, in which case you need to give them the support and encouragement that they need to help them get into a space where they are feeling confident to write their exams.

If you need assistance with this then you need to ask for help and we will do what we can to assist them from our side. The last year has been a stressful one, and our children have had to adapt to so many different situations, but they have done extremely well in doing so and now we need to give them what they need in order to end this year on a high and a positive note.

**School Schedule:**

Monday	8 November	Day 1	07h55 – 15h15
Tuesday	9 November	Day 2	07h55 – 15h15
Wednesday	10 November	Day 3	07h55 – 15h15
Thursday	11 November	Day 4	07h55 – 15h15
Friday	12 November	Day 5	07h55 – 14h00

Have a lovely weekend!  
High School Staff