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Dear Parents,

You are embarking on a transformative journey that will shape your future and unlock the doors to endless opportunities. High school may seem like a daunting task, but it's also a time of self-discovery, growth, and building the foundation for a successful life ahead. As you navigate through this crucial phase, remember that you have immense potential within you waiting to be unleashed. With dedication, perseverance, and the right mindset, you can achieve greatness.

Believe in Yourself

The first step to achieving success is believing in yourself. Acknowledge your strengths, embrace your uniqueness, and understand that you are capable of great things. Each one of you possesses a unique set of skills, talents, and passions. Embrace them and use them to your advantage. When you believe in yourself, you can conquer any obstacle that comes your way.

Set Clear Goals

Success is not an accident; it is a result of careful planning and hard work. Take the time to set clear, realistic goals for yourself. Define what you want to achieve academically, personally, and professionally. Break down your goals into smaller, manageable tasks and create a roadmap to success. This will give you a sense of direction and purpose, allowing you to stay focused and motivated throughout your high school journey.

Embrace Challenges

High school is filled with challenges, whether it's challenging coursework, difficult exams, or extracurricular commitments. Embrace these challenges as opportunities for growth and learning. Instead of shying away from them, face them head-on with determination and resilience. Remember that challenges are steppingstones that lead to personal and intellectual development. Every obstacle you overcome will make you stronger and more prepared for the future.

Stay Disciplined and Organized

Success requires discipline and organization. Develop good study habits, manage your time effectively, and stay organized. Create a study schedule that allows for regular breaks and ensures that you cover all subjects adequately. Break down your tasks into smaller, manageable chunks and tackle them one at a time. Avoid procrastination, as it only hinders your progress. When you stay disciplined and organized, you'll be amazed at how much you can accomplish.

Seek Support

Remember, you don't have to go through this journey alone. Seek support from your teachers, parents, and peers. They are there to guide and support you. Don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it. High school is a time of growth, and seeking support is a sign of strength, not weakness. Surround yourself with positive influences and find mentors who can inspire and motivate you. Together, you can achieve great things.

Embrace Failure as a Steppingstone

Failure is not the end; it's an opportunity for growth. Don't let setbacks discourage you. Instead, embrace failure as a steppingstone to success. Learn from your mistakes, reflect on what went wrong, and use those lessons to improve and do better. Thomas Edison once said, "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." Embrace this mindset and keep pushing forward, knowing that failure is an essential part of the learning process.

Take Care of Yourself

As you embark on this journey, remember to take care of yourself. High school can be demanding, and it's crucial to prioritize your physical and mental well-being. Get enough sleep, eat a balanced diet, and engage in regular physical activity. Take time for activities that bring you joy and help you relax. Remember, success is not just about academic achievements; it's about living a balanced and fulfilling life.

Celebrate Your Successes

Finally, celebrate your successes, no matter how big or small. Acknowledge your accomplishments and reward yourself for your hard work.

Mr. P. Katzen

Winter School:

Dear Parents, a letter was sent out on May the 30th with information about the winter school program. Please see the attached schedule for more details. The winter school is compulsory for grade 10-12.

Winter School

SESSION 1 (08H30-10H30)

GRADE	MONDAY 26/06	TUESDAY 27/06	WEDNESDAY 28/06	THURSDAY 29/06	FRIDAY 30/06
10	CAT HIST(E1)	LO	PHYSICS B. STUDIES DESIGN (E2)	AFRIKAANS	LO
11	ENGLISH	AFRIKAANS	LIFE SCIENCES VA (E3)	LO	MATH MATH LIT
12	MATH/MATH LIT	MATH/MATH LIT	CAT THEORY VA(E1)	PHYSICS/HIST	CAT PRAC

SESSION 2 (11H00-13H00)

GRADE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10	LIFE SCIENCES VA (E3)	ENGLISH	MATH/LIT	ENG	LIFE SCIENCES VA (E3)
11	MATH MATH LIT	PHYSICS B. STUDIES E(2)	CAT	CAT/HIST(E1)	ENG
12	ENGLISH	AFRIKAANS	LIFE SCIENCES (E3)	LO	B. STUDIES DESIGN (E4)

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!

Winter accessories:

Dear Parents,

We understand that keeping warm is important during the winter months. However, we ask that you please keep in mind our school colors when choosing winter accessories. To ensure that our learners maintain a uniform appearance, the following items are permitted:

- White or maroon scarves
- No beanies

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.

Absent during the exams:

Please provide us with a doctor's note when your child is absent during the exams.

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

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

We will shortly release the new dates for all the webinars that will be taking place in the near future

Principal's message:

Please take note that no learner will be excused from school earlier during the exams. It is our policy that every child needs to be at school during exam time, even when they are not writing. It is not possible to make individual arrangements, as it would be disruptive for the rest of the learners. I urge parents to respect the rules. The school day during the exams for the high school is from 07:55–13:30 and for the primary school from 08:00–13:00. Exams happen between those times. Please ensure that you do not make any appointments during those times.

We celebrated Child Protection Week. All children are vulnerable to abuse. Child protection extends further than services that intervene in situations where a child is at risk of or experiencing harm. Ensuring the safety of children is a legal and ethical responsibility of all who interact professionally or personally with children. Child protection provides an opportunity to unpack and understand why a child's safety is so important. Child protection week aims to create awareness across society to better ensure the protection and care of children.



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:

We are in the final stretch of this term. All learners need to stay focused in order to make use of the last opportunities available to them to excel in the last few exam papers.

We are proud of you!

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Important Upcoming Dates & Events:

09 June – Gr. 7 & 8 Cake Sale

An advertisement for Burgundy Electrical. It features a logo with the letters 'P' and 'E' inside a hexagon. To the right of the logo, the text reads: 'BURGUNDY ELECTRICAL', 'BurgundyElec@yahoo.com', '084 576 6932', and 'Mr Karl J Colwill (M.I.E.)'. At the bottom, it says 'COC'S / ELECTRICAL REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE / CALL OUTS'.

hope you have a good weekend.