



# Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

Riverside College stands in gratitude and celebration that the pandemic along with the hardships that it brought to many is now over. The decision to go back to our roots and start implementing and elevating the experiences for all learners and teachers again was the best decision ever! We did this by bringing back all field trips, excursions and cultural outings for all learners. Some of the events we hosted this term included our long-standing annual Art Auction, Africa Day celebrations and also the sporting events that we were a part of. We want to create that wholesome feeling of happiness again, so that our learners can get on with the task of passing and achieving their ultimate goals and dreams!

As I sat here trying to decide what message I wanted to end this term with I was once again struck by the simple power of gratitude! Yes, we could approach each day with fear, anger, resentment and even envy, but would that leave us feeling good about ourselves, about the people we share our lives with or the people we work with? Would it improve the way we treat and deal with the teachers, caretakers and other significant role players that we have chosen to help us bring up our children or look after our elderly parents? Would this help us to be better law-abiding citizens or even more courteous and respectable road users? Would this make you a better person, parent or partner?

Being an adult and a parent is often be very challenging and even difficult, but so too is being a child and a young adult when the only example you have comes from someone who sees everything as negative and unfair, so it all depends on what you are focusing your energy on...Shifting your perspective and starting your day from a position of gratitude can and does make all the difference in the world!

It is so easy to get bogged down by the mundane tasks of parenting and living life that we often lose sight of the bigger picture – which is ultimately to live a respectable, fun filled, well balanced and productive life as a caring member of a healed society. A society that we have helped to heal through our focused efforts to be the positive change that we would like to see in the world around us.

Please remember that each day is a new opportunity to make a positive impact and difference not only in your child's life but also your own and by maintaining a positive outlook, you are creating a more enjoyable, fulfilling and loving environment for you and your children.

A positive attitude is a self-fulfilling prophecy: the more you embrace it, the more happiness and success you will experience in your daily life and human encounters.

## **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)

## **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.

- 21<sup>st</sup> of July PJ Day.
- 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept Rainbow Day for Spring Day.

## **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](mailto:info@riversidecollege.co.za) and [hello@riversidecollege.co.za](mailto: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**

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:**

I would like to thank everyone who played a part in making this a successful term. We all worked hard and pushed through, and I hope the reports reflect that.

To the staff members, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your dedication and commitment to our learners. You give so much of yourselves, and you deserve a break. Enjoy your time with your families and do what makes you happy.

To the learners, I wish you a happy holiday filled with lots of fun and laughter. Thank you for being the light in our days. Thank you for your love and commitment to your schoolwork. We cherish each and every one of you.

To the parents, I want to thank you for your support and commitment to our school. We appreciate that we can always count on you. I hope you have a good rest and a break from the routine.

***I hope you enjoy your holidays in good spirits and come back refreshed and rejuvenated.***

#### **Important Upcoming Dates & Events:**

#### **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

#### **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



Happy Holidays!  
Staff and management.