



# SEDAVEN MIDYEAR

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

## MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of Sedaven High School is to prepare our young people for responsible citizenship in this world and the world to come !*

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Dear Parent

At last! The midyear school holidays are here!  
Lazy days in the beautiful, sunny South Africa. But...? But, here it comes.  
No peaceful days for parents and our matriculants.  
Parents have the extra responsibility to take care of the young people 24/7 for the next 23 days.

Matriculants need to study in preparation for the examinations commencing on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2015

Dear parent, please use a few minutes of your valuable time to read the following:

Corrie ten Boom once wrote, "Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?" As parents we should be asking ourselves, "Is prayer for our children a normal part of our daily lives ... or is it something we do only when we feel helpless?"

The truth is, we can never pray enough. We need power from God to do all He has called us to do, and so do our children. In addition, we are raising our children in a world with values contrary to our own – a world that seeks to attack and destroy our children. And so much of the attack is out of our control. We can't defend them against all of these attacks, but we can always pray!

With all of the needs children have, many parents wonder if prayer is actually their **greatest** need. This often stems from a very common misunderstanding. As parents we fall into the trap of believing that we are the ones providing food, clothing, and shelter. We think we are the ones giving them the love and care they need, building character into their lives, and teaching them spiritual truths. While we are often used by God as the vehicle for these needs, it is always God who provides all things, and it is God who is responsible for moving in their hearts (Matthew 6:25-33).

Even the most well intended parents cannot force their children to accept their love and care. While most children will not be denied a free home and free food, not all will see these as tangible acts of love.

God is at work in the lives and hearts of your children. He is the One who restrains your children, and you, from being the worst among sinners. God orchestrates the events in their lives, and ultimately they will come to faith only when His Spirit draws them.

**Praying for our children:** Even when we realize the importance of praying for our children, we often allow ourselves to be deterred, even discouraged, in the process. Here are a few suggestions to help you pray for your children with effectiveness and power:

- A. Acknowledge before God that your children belong first to Him, then to you. Acknowledge that His love for them is even greater than your love for them.  
Acknowledge that He can and does influence them more than you do.  
Acknowledge your own dependence upon Him to fulfil the calling He has given you as a parent (John 15:5).
- B. Be an example of Christian integrity for your children. Don't be their excuse for not doing as they ought. Be available to pray *with*, and not just **for**, your children. Be trustworthy as a model of Christlikeness for them. Recall what Paul said in 1 Corinthians 11:1: "Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ." The calling is this: Be what you desire them to be.

C. Consistency is key. Don't give up on them. Allow consistency to characterize your prayer life for them as well as your love and care of them. Consider using a prayer guide such as *While They Were Sleeping* or a book like *How a Man Prays For His Family* to encourage regular prayer. Don't allow the behaviour of your children to draw you away from praying. They will feel your lack of consistency; they will feel your consistency as well (Psalm 1).

It really can be that simple - and that challenging - all at once. As complicated as parenting can be, how sad it is to know so many who have forgotten the simple and uncomplicated blessing of praying as parents. As we pursue effective parenting techniques, we have to remember the basic call to pray ... to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

There comes a time when our children may not express their love to us in the same way. It may seem as though they are pulling away. Don't allow this tendency to create a distance. Pursue your children with great  **fervour**. Pursue God on your children's behalf all the more. Stick it out, both in action and in prayer, until you release them from your home and into their own lives as adults.

As you do this, you will communicate to your children that they always have someone on their side fighting in their corner. They'll know you mean it, and it will give them great confidence. They may not always appreciate it. They may even try to push it away. If they do, consider these words from evangelist Charles Spurgeon: "If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies. If they will perish let them perish with our arms about their knees. Let no one go there, unwarned and unprayed for."



### PARENTS' MEETING: 19 JULY 2015

Parents/guardians have the opportunity to interact with the teachers on Sunday 19 July 2015 from 15:00 – 17:30. Please limit the time you spend with your child's teacher to a maximum of 7 minutes. This will give more parents the opportunity to interact with the teachers.

Thus note that there will not be a general meeting. If you have burning issues, please feel free to contact Mrs Beukes. She will also be available in her office for consultation from 11:00 – 18:00 on Sunday 19 July.

### PARENTS OF GRADE 12 LEARNERS

Mrs Beukes is planning to have a short information sharing/motivational meeting with the grade 12 learners and their parents on the day of the parents' meeting. This will take place on 19 July 2015 from 15:00 -15:30.

### RE-APPLICATION: 2016

Will your child return to Sedaven High School in 2016? Please assist us in our planning to complete the attached re-application form.

The re-application process is as follows:

- A one page re-application form is to be filled in and submitted to the school any time from now to 31 July 2015.
- Re-application forms will only be processed if the school account is **current**.
- After 31 July all current learners whose re-application **have not been processed** will forfeit their registration and will have to follow the full application procedure again (including the R 1200.00 registration fee).

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER

19 July	Parents interact with teachers
20 July	School re-opens for 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter
27 July – 1 August	Week of spiritual emphasis
6 August @ 17:30	Matric banquet Matric PREPARATORY examinations commence
7 – 10 August	Out weekend
15 August	"Operation GIVE"
26 August	Guardian evening
4 September	Spring day/fun day/sports day
13 September	Health expo
2 October	School closes

## FETCHING AND RETURNING DORMITORY LEARNERS

We are kindly reminding parents that the following arrangements are in place and will be enforced strictly.

- The parents must fax or email a written permission/request to Mrs Beukes (copy to the deans) before the learners will be allowed to leave campus.
- Learners who leave the school over weekends must be signed out of the dormitories before 18:00 on a Friday and must be back in the dormitories before 18:00 on a Sunday. Failure to adhere to these arrangements will inevitably lead to embarrassment.
- If you experience a challenge on your way to the school, please inform the dean that you will not make it for 18:00. This must however be the exception, not the norm.  
If you arrive after 18:00, the dormitory will be locked. The dean is engaged in the dormitory programme and will **ONLY BE ABLE TO ATTEND TO YOU AFTER 20:30.**
- Learners may not leave school during school hours if they are not properly signed out at the school. After school hours, dormitory learners must be signed out at their respective dormitories.
- A learner may never sign himself/herself out. The responsible adult must personally sign the register. If you want an uncle, aunt or other relative to fetch the child, you must please notify the dormitory dean. We cannot release the child into the care of an unknown person.

## LOAD SHEDDING

To minimize the effect of load shedding on the smooth running of the school programme, we are in the process of installing wiring to use generators for the hall and the dormitories. This however will not cover all the areas. I therefore request parents to buy a re-chargeable light for your child to assist in having more light available.

This unplanned cost of ± R 50 000.00 can be softened by parents' donations.

## TOWN TRIP

We encourage learners going to town on a Friday to move along in a group or at least with one other person. If you do not want your child to be allowed to go to town, please inform us by sending an email to Mrs Beukes (copy to dean).

## DAY SCHOLARS

Day scholars remaining at school in the afternoon to attend extra classes or study hour, **must be fetched not later than 17:00.** This request is for safety and disciplinary purposes.



## MATRIC FAREWELL BANQUET

This prestigious event will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2015. **This is a special event for you, your child and the school.** We are looking forward to seeing you there so please plan to attend.

DATE : 6 August 2015.

TIME : 17:30 for 18:00.

VENUE : To be confirmed.

DRESS : Formal (**according to Seventh-day Adventist standards**)



More information to follow soon.

## SUBJECT CHOICES: GRADE 9 LEARNERS

Parents, please complete the attached subject choice form for your child for grade 10. It will assist us in our planning for 2016.

## GRADE 11 WAITERS AND WAITRESSES

Certain grade 11 learners volunteered to be waiters at the matric farewell banquet. They must obtain certain clothes for themselves. We would like the parents to help them to get the correct outfit. We want them to buy the clothes they would be able to use again, so that they don't waste any money.

Thank you very much for your help in this matter.

Mr Loveland and Mrs Coetzee.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos have been taken. Learners know which items are available and the cost thereof. If they order an item or items, please ensure that they return with the correct amount of money next term. We will work on a strict cash only basis. We would like to have all their money paid in by 31 July.

Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Mr Loveland.

## PATHFINDERS

We gave each Pathfinder an order form for the part(s) of the formal uniform they need. Will you please ensure that the money is paid in, in order for us to supply the uniform to the Pathfinders. We would like each Pathfinder to have the full Pathfinder uniform as required by the Northern Conference's Pathfinder Club by the end of August 2015.

We are also busy with the bird and music honours. For the music honour we would like each Pathfinder to have a recorder. They are available at music shops or Cash Crusaders. Some toy shops also have it in stock. They vary between R30 and R90 depending on the quality. Would you please ensure that your child has one next term?

Thank you very much for your support.

Mrs Coetzee and Mr Loveland.

## ELECTRICITY USAGE

During winter months the increased electrical usage, mainly due to heaters, causes and overload on the electrical infrastructure. The school appeals to all concerned to assist in limiting potential damage such overloading can cause. Please adhere to the policy regarding electrical appliances.

## TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

**The school is not responsible to arrange transport or to purchase tickets for any learner.** The school will provide transport to or from Park Station in Johannesburg and to or from the Johannesburg Airport, only if the learner can provide assurance that such arrangement has been made. All travel arrangements must be made at least **ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE**.

## JCB INITIATIVE: "OPERATION GIVE"

Isaiah 58:7 True fasting.

Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter-when you see the naked, to clothe him, and no to turn away .....? (Holy Bible – NIV)

Among the ideals of Biblical teachings continually advocated by preachers are the notions of feeding the hungry and clothing the naked. Giving is also becoming an observable act exhibited more often in our communities. The Sedavenites Spiritual Students Committee has set aside the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2015 as a day for visiting and helping disadvantaged families in the communities around the school. All Sedavenites will be expected to participate by giving voluntary either food or clothes or any possible stuff to support the cause under "Operation Give".

## SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Thank you to all parents who faithfully keep their accounts up to date. Some accounts however, are significantly behind. **We do not have any alternative but to ask such parents to withdraw their child until such time as their accounts have been paid up.**

Please do not drop your child off or send your child to school without coming to the business office to settle your account. It may lead to serious embarrassment if we must send your child home. All learners require a "**Clearance Slip**" to gain access to the dormitory and to classes.

The offices will be open on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2015 from 12:00 to 18:00. Please remember that your child must be in the dormitory by 18:00.

We would like to remind parents that the school fees are to be paid **STRICTLY IN ADVANCE**.

**BANK : Standard Bank of SA  
CODE : 051 001  
ACCOUNT NO : 30948177  
REF : ie TOM001**



May God bless you.

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