



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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11 April 2017

Dear Parents

At the end of a long and busy first quarter, it is my privilege to greet you and share a few important bits of information with you.

SCHOOL REPORTS:

Your child received his/her report today. In most cases the results are positive. The formal assessment for the first quarter of the year, consists of an assignment or project and a test. The test covered a small portion of the curriculum.

Unfortunately, the picture changes completely at the end of the second quarter. Many learners experienced challenges when writing exams. Please discuss ways to approach and deal with examinations with your child. Most important is to be well-prepared for the examinations.

Please refer to the pass requirements below:

- **Grades 8 and 9**
50% in English Home Language
40% in Afrikaans / IsiZulu FAL
40% in Mathematics
40% in any other 3 subjects
- **Grades 10 to 12**
40% in English Home Language
40% in any TWO other subjects
30% in any other THREE subjects



LEARNERS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL:

Parents of day scholars must please inform the school before 07h30 in the morning if your child will be absent from school. Firstly, it is important information for our records, and secondly, for safety purposes. You might think that your child is at school and we at school might think he/she is at home, whilst your child could be in danger.

TEACHERS' AND LEARNERS' AWARDS: MATRIC CLASS OF 2016

At the awards ceremonies for our district, Sedibeng East, the following teachers and learner received recognition:

Mrs M Coetzee : Consumer Studies

Mrs S Ncube : IsiZulu FAL

Ntando Mahlangu : best performing learner in IsiZulu in the district (Average 90%).



Congratulations to each of you. You made us proud.

PARENTS OF GRADE 12 LEARNERS:

Please take note of the following:

I started with a workshop on study methods. Only a few learners were interested. In many cases the marks of the grade 12 learners are not good enough to guarantee a bachelors pass at the end of the year. Please encourage your child to catch up on some studying during the holidays.

- The midyear examinations will cover at least 75% of the curriculum, which means that the academic year is almost over for them.



- Dates for the examinations:
 - Midyear : 02 June – 30 June
 - Preparatory : 30 August – 30 September
 - Final NSC exam: 17 October to 29 November

MATRIC BANQUET:

This event is planned for 4 August at 17:30. This is a special event for you and your child. Please plan to attend.

Also encourage your child to be on time. It is a sign of disrespect when a person is late for an appointment.

Further to bear in mind that the dress code is the same as usual. Please familiarize yourself with what is expected by studying the dress code in the Code of Conduct. We do not want to be embarrassed.

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

The season to wear the winter school uniform stretches from 1 May – 31 August. Please ensure that your child has the necessary clothing, including school tie and blazer for formal uniform.

- The learners have the tendency to ask someone to narrow the legs of the pants. This is not allowed at all. Your child will be punished if he/she does not wear the regular fit school pants.
- The hem of girls' skirts / dresses (casual wear) must be 10 centimetres or less from the floor when kneeling. Please check that the clothing complies to the standards set before the learners returns for the second quarter.

SCHOOL PHOTOS:

School photos will be taken on the 8th May 2017. The cost per package is R140.00 and includes various sizes of individual photos and one class photo.

Group photos can be taken upon request. The photo money must be paid in by 05 May. No photos can be taken if the money is not paid in.

FETCHING LEARNERS FROM SCHOOL:

Please remember to send an email to the principal (cc the dormitory deans) when you plan to fetch your child from school for the weekend. When planning to ask ex-learners to transport your child, it is important to contact the school. The tendency to fetch learners for one day of the weekend only, is not encouraged by the school.

SPORTS DAY:

We had a very successful and enjoyable sports day at the Army Gymnasium on the 10th March 2017.



The results were as follows:

Winning team : Kudu
2nd position: Impala
3rd position: Eland
4th position: Springbok



OUTREACH ACTIVITIES:

- Blanket drive:
The grade 11 and 12 learners started this initiative last year. We are collecting blankets to distribute on 21 May 2017. Please donate blankets or money to support them in this initiative.
- Operation GIVE:
The school collects towels, toiletries, bedding and non-perishable items to distribute. Please send any item you are willing to donate towards this initiative to the school with your child. A monetary contribution is also welcome.

GRADE 9 LEARNERS: SUBJECT CHOICES:

Parents, please read the attached letter. We are in the process of guiding your child. However, it is very important to discuss the importance of making the correct choices for him/her, not merely following the popular tendency of choosing Mathematic and Physical Sciences.

MENUS AND LUNCH BOXES: DORMITES

Included here is one of a few menus that will be used from next term onwards. Please feel free to send us your input.

Remember, your child is allowed to make a sandwich for himself / herself at breakfast and supper. However, the sandwich can only be taken out in a lunch box. Please provide a lunch box for your child to make it possible for him/her to enjoy a sandwich during break or early evening.

OUTING TO GOLD REEF CITY:

In a bid to raise funds for the matric class, the grade 10 class has organized a trip to Gold Reef City on 14th May 2017. The trip will cost R300 which includes transport and entrance fee. Please kindly provide extra pocket money for your child to buy lunch / snacks at the amusement park.

PARENTS OF LEARNERS STAYING IN THE DORMITORY:

Parents must please make use of out – weekends and long weekends to attend to learners' needs for special doctor visits and the buying of uniform, etcetera. Some learners return from home with a request to be taken for some of these appointments in the afternoon. This impacts on the learner missing out on study time, as well as taking a staff member from their duties at school.

ID DOCUMENTS (grade 10-12 learners)

In order for the school to register your child your child for the examinations, a valid ID document is needed. Please start this process as soon as your child turns 16.

CLIENT SURVEY:

Every year we request parents to please complete the survey form. This will assist us in maintaining or improving our services. Thank you for spending time completing the form and sending it back to the school.

SCHOOL HOURS:

Please ensure that your child (if not staying in the dormitories or using school transport) is at school at 07:10. Assembly starts at 07:15 already. School ends at 13:55 from Monday to Thursday and 13:30 on a Friday. Also note the times for the afternoon activities attached.

BUS SERVICE:

We are currently in the process of signing a new contract to transport learners to and from school. The new routes are not yet available and more details will be sent with learners by closing of the 1st term.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused during the 1st quarter.



STUDENT ACCOUNTS:

Learners may be refused entry to school and dorms if the account has an outstanding balance of greater than R2 500.

- **Parents – day students**

Parents of day scholars are encouraged to visit the Admin Office on Monday, 01st May 2017 between 12 noon and 5pm in order to discuss accounting matters, to make payment if required and to obtain the required entry slip.

- **Parents – dorm students**

Parents of day scholars are required to visit the Admin Office on Monday, 01st May 2017 between 12 noon and 5pm in order to discuss accounting matters, to make payment if required and to obtain the required entry slip.

Business hours

Monday 01st May 2017

Admin Office	12:00 to 17:00	(Noon to 5pm)
Dorms	12:00 to 18:00	(Noon to 6pm)

Please note: Gates will be locked at 18:00 (6pm)

The following letters / forms are attached to the newsletter. Please take careful note of the information:

- Pathfinder camp
- Afternoon programme for the academic assistance.
- Sports programme for the 2nd quarter
- Letter for grade 9 parents
- Client survey
- Menu

Thank you for your kind support.

Mrs A Beukes
PRINCIPAL