



SEDAVEN TIMES/KRONIEK

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 Parents

PARENT SUPPORT:

Thank you so much for your support with the education of your children. A very special thank you to those parents who responded so promptly when we alerted you to possible academic or other problems and challenges your child faced. It is only as we continue to combine our efforts that we can succeed in our task of guiding and accompanying the children towards responsible adulthood.



WHERE ARE YOU PITCHING YOUR TENT?

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. Colossians 3:1, 2.

Many who should be setting their tents nearer to the land of Canaan are pitching their camp nearer to Egypt. They are not living in the light of the Sun of Righteousness. Many attend places of amusement to gratify the taste, but no spiritual strength is gained by so doing, and you will find yourself on the losing side. To encourage the love of amusement is to discourage the love of religious exercises, for the heart becomes so crowded with trifling, with what is pleasing to the natural heart, that there is no room for Jesus....

It requires the faith that works by love and purifies the soul to meet the mind of God. There are those who believe in Christ; they do not think Him an impostor; they believe the Bible to be a revelation of His divine character. They admire its holy doctrines, and revere the name, the only name given under heaven whereby men can be saved, and yet, with all this knowledge, they may be as truly ignorant of the grace of God as the veriest sinner. They have not opened the heart to let Jesus in.

What shall I say for the benefit of the youth? Will you open your hearts to Jesus, that His love, His mercy, may fill the chambers of your soul, that you may sing and make melody in your hearts unto God? O if all your affections were given unto Jesus, you would learn the language and the songs of Canaan!

In the worldling you expect to see lightness, trifling, vanity, immorality, jesting, and joking, but let it not so much as be named among you who are risen with Christ.... We must now elevate our thoughts and come to learn in the school of the Master.

As we near the close of time, the current of evil will set more and more decidedly toward perdition. We can be safe only as we hold firmly to the hand of Jesus, constantly looking to the Author and Finisher of our faith. He is our mighty Helper.

This text is from the devotional book That I May Know Him by Ellen G. White.



SCHOOL REPORTS:

Your child's final school report for this year will be available on 7 December 2016. We trust that it will contain good news for you and your child.

Please note that the grades on this report have been checked and in some cases, moderated by the Government District Assessment Team and are considered as the official and final grade for the year.

If your child did not make the year, please assist him/her in accepting this, and not experience it as the end of the road.

Those parents whose school account is in arrears will not receive the school report automatically. Please contact the business manager urgently.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

The school and learners were involved in a variety of activities this year. You are most certainly aware of all the activities by now. Many of our learners were acknowledged for their contributions and/or achievements. Some of the awards were handed out this morning. Another group will receive their recognition this evening. I will publish these achievements in the first newsletter of 2017.



Congratulations to all the learners who were acknowledged in some or other way. We are proud of you!

PATHFINDERS:

Please study the attached letter.

STATIONERY LISTS:

A stationery list is attached to this newsletter. It is of the utmost importance that your child returns to school with the necessary stationery. A learner cannot function optimally without the correct writing utensils.

DRESS CODE:

Summer uniform must be worn during the 1st quarter. Parents, please ensure that your child has an open neck short sleeve shirt to wear; as well as the correct **SCHOOL SHOES** and socks. **GIRLS MUST WEAR SKIRTS** [Please ensure that the skirt is of the correct length front and back].

In the last few months we had an increasing number of boys who informed us that they cannot shave because of sensitive skins. The school is not

keen on making exceptions with regard to shaving. Please help your sons to find alternative solutions for their sensitive skins.

PREFECTS 2017:

Girls

Njabulo Buthelezi
Chenaimoyo Chiwaya
Mpilonhle Dladla
Ana Liassaca
Nyasha Maruma
Violet Muri
Tamara Nyatsambo
Sandi Shange
Isabel Taka

Boys

Emmanuel Chaki
José Chilembo
Zaduma Cita
Delani Khambule
Michael Masunda
Sipho Mavimbela
Makabongwe Kubheka

Congratulations to all the newly elected prefects. We pray that God will keep you and equip you with what you need to be the type of leader we know you can be. We are planning a leadership camp from the 5th to the 8th of January 2017. More information will be shared with you soon.

A word of appreciation to all the prefects of 2016. May you go from strength to strength in using the leadership qualities you are blessed with.

CELL PHONES:

As was stated in many previous newsletters, cell phones continue to be a source of frustration at the school. If you allow your child to bring a cell phone to school, the cell phone must be insured and all the legal registration documents must be available. This will assist us in locating missing cell phones, however it is still the responsibility of the learner to take care of his/ her cell phone. Also caution your child in using the cell phone irresponsibly by communicating with strangers and sometimes even so called friends. Please note the following:

- No cell phone may be in a learner's possession at any time during school hours, or during any official appointment such as study hours; worships; meals; Sabbath appointments, etcetera.
- The cell phone may only be used as a means of communication, not as apparatus for listening to music.
- The cell phone may only be used during the following times on a week day (if no official appointment takes place during this time):
 - 06:00 - 06:25
 - 14:30 - 14:50
 - 16:30 - 17:25
 - 21:00 - 21:30

ID DOCUMENTS:

We request that you make arrangements during this holiday for your child to apply for his/her ID document if he/she is 16 years or older. We have to register learners for the external examinations and we cannot do that without a valid ID document. No matriculation certificate will be issued without a valid ID document.

DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

When an **emergency** arises, we will take your child to the doctor. We request parents to consult their own family doctor in less serious cases. They have a record of previous treatments of your child and will best assist him/her. Thank you for taking note of this.

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Most of our activities for the year are indicated on the calendar. You will realize that communication with parents is not an easy task, seeing that many of our parents are from outside the country, but please feel free to contact us when the need arises.

Please also consult the school calendar when booking a ticket on a bus or a plane for your child. It is illegal for a parent to allow a child to miss a school day, except when a child can produce a medical certificate.

SHORTENED CALENDAR:

	Open	Close	Out weekends & Long weekends
1st Quarter 2017	Monday 9 January	11 April @ 11:00	School closes on 16 February @ 11:00 for out weekend and opens on 19 February
2nd Quarter 2017	Tuesday 2 May	30 June @ 11:00	We had to make the 1 st quarter slightly longer and the 2 nd quarter shorter to minimize the up and down travelling of the parents due to the many public holidays in April/May.
3rd Quarter 2017	Monday 24 July	29 September @ 11:00	School closes on 8 August @ 11:00 for out weekend and opens on 13 August.
4th Quarter 2017	Monday 9 October	7 December @ 11:00	

REGISTRATION PROCESS 2017:

New learners must please arrive on Monday 9 January 2017 for their registration. Learners who are already enrolled must register on Tuesday 10 January 2017.

A special orientation is arranged for all new learners on 10 January from 9:00 to 15:00.

Please wear a white t-shirt, a pair of jeans and takkies for the orientation.

Parents who live close to school and day scholars may register on the 4th and 5th of January 2017 from 9:00 to 12:00.

Academic classes start on Wednesday the 11th of January 2017. If for some reason a learner cannot arrive on the 9th or 10th of January, the parents should please communicate with the school. Keep in mind that we are under a lot of pressure to accept late applicants and we cannot indefinitely reserve your child's place.

Please note that no learner will be allowed into the dormitories or allowed to attend any classes before he/she has officially been registered (or re-registered) for the new year. REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE COMPLETE BEFORE ANY OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS HAVE BEEN SETTLED AND THE FEES FOR AT LEAST THE FIRST MONTH OF THE NEW YEAR PAID IN ADVANCE.

SUPPLIERS OF THE SCHOOL UNIFORM:

Our suppliers (Bombays) are re-opening their shop in Heidelberg on the 1st of December 2016. The address is 40C Ueckermann Street (Old ABSA Bank Building). For the convenience of the parents, the shop will be open on the 7th and 8th of January 2017.

IN CONCLUSION

May the Lord richly bless our staff and parents in the educational task we have. May we see abundant fruit from our combined efforts.

Kind regards

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