



The Glen High School

May 2017

NEWSLETTER 4

Dear Parents

It is truly alarming how fast the term has flown passed! We're already embarking on mid-year exams! I trust that at this point you will be ensuring that your child is preparing for the exams and that he/she has a sound routine which promotes learning. Although your child should be able to work independently, I would like to appeal to you to monitor his/her time management and learning process. Your child needs to be able to recite the content of the work without referring to notes. That is, good, old fashioned learning the work off by heart – yes, that concept is still a learning requirement, despite what your child may tell you. 😊

EXAM INFORMATION



Learners who have exam privileges may attend school as and when they are scheduled to sit for an exam. However, attendance registers will be controlled in the usual manner and learners will be marked absent whenever they are not at school.

All learners who have forfeited exam privileges due to lack of academic achievement or behavioural challenges are compelled to be at school until 13h00. These learners are to have study material at school in order to prepare for the following day's exams.

STAFF INFORMATION

We are experiencing an alarming turnover of teachers! Many teachers are moving from public education to international organisations in order to earn a more sustainable income, while others are attempting to escape the harsh reality of teaching our teens. Sourcing replacement teachers has proved to be extremely difficult. As a community, we need to strategize to find ways to source and retain good teachers at our school, and in the profession.

I would like to welcome the following new teachers to TGHS:

Mrs C. Koen and Mrs M. Smith – Afrikaans department.

Mrs M. Khoza – Mathematics department.

We have also had to bid farewell to the following teachers:

Mr N. Robinson – English department

Miss L. Snyman – Mathematics / Technology departments

DISCIPLINE CHALLENGES

The reality of teaching teenagers is a harsh one, which tends to drain energy and demoralise the most dedicated, passionate teachers. While the majority of our learners comply with school rules and "toe the line", many learners challenge our best intentions. I am appealing to parents to spend quality time with their children and to instill values that will enhance good morals and behaviour. Teach your child accountability and responsibility for the decisions that he/she makes. Ask yourself whether your child is enhancing or detracting from the classroom experience. Please do not brush this appeal aside. Discuss our difficulties with your child and become part of the solution.



2018 GRADE 8 ADMISSIONS

Applications for admission to grade 8 in 2018 are to be completed through the GDE on-line application system. Applications will close on 12 June 2017. If you have a learner in grade 7 it is imperative that you complete the application process timeously. No manual applications are processed by schools. To date, TGHS has received 859 applications for the filling of 230 grade 8 spaces for 2018.

MR AND MISS GLEN 2017

On Friday 12 May we hosted a dynamic, energetic Mr and Miss Glen pageant in the school hall. The event was a stunning, huge success. I would like to thank all staff members and community members who made the occasion one to remember.

Congratulations to the following participants:

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| Mr Glen | - | Mamphiwa Moja |
| Miss Glen | - | Catherine Maponyane |
| 1 st Prince | - | Dotia Mohulatse |
| 1 st Princess | - | Chiedza Kaende |
| 2 nd Prince | - | Laiq Ebrahim |
| 2 nd Princess | - | Rodeska Anderson |



BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all staff members and learners who donated blood this term. 98 units were donated during the course of the day and we are very grateful for the positive impact that it will have on other lives.

TOILET ROLL COLLECTION

TGHS has once again undertaken to make a difference in the community. Thank you to parents, learners and staff who donated toilet rolls to assist Princess High School, a poverty stricken school on the West Rand. 2220 toilet rolls were collected and will be delivered to the school. I have been told by the principal that our donation will benefit the school for an entire term.

LEARNER TRANSPORT



In the last while many tragedies have occurred in our country involving school children being transported in unsafe vehicles. Legislation has been passed prohibiting the conveyance of school children in goods compartments of motor vehicles for reward. I would like to plead with parents to refrain from using the services of anyone whose vehicle is unroadworthy, and to ensure that the driver has valid transport permits. Scrutinize the vehicle used to transport your child, make sure that the vehicle is never overloaded and that the driver is trustworthy. After all, "precious cargo" is in transit.

HERITAGE WEEKEND "CARNAVAL-FESTIVAL"



An amazing, bonanza weekend is planned for 21 – 24 September. The parent fundraising committee has been working very hard to plan and organise a festival / carnival that will be the talk of the town. Please diarise the date and prepare to have the time of your life at TGHS.

More information will be given soon.

REQUESTS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

1. Please do not drop money, books, lunch, homework, assignments etc. off at the school office and ask that it be given to your child.
2. If your child contacts you directly to inform you that he/she is ill, please instruct your child to report to the school office. It becomes a management challenge when parents arrive at the office and admin staff is unaware of any issues.


Yours sincerely



Mrs C. W. Nel
Principal

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