



The Glen High School

22 April 2021

Greetings to The Glen Family



Wow, we're at the end of Term 1! For teachers, it's been a tough year thus far – we started doing planning and preparation 3 weeks before learners began on the 15th of February, and now, 13 weeks later, we need rest and restoration. We are honestly struggling to cope with meeting curricular requirements while learners attend school every second day. Teachers are stressing about being able to do justice to the quality of teaching and learning while far too many learners employ a nonchalant, relaxed attitude towards their studies. We are anticipating the upcoming rest and relaxation with much excitement.

The school community has been blessed with good health for most staff and learners throughout the term. Covid-19 has not affected schooling this year, for which we are most thankful. We continue to apply stringent Covid-19 safety protocols throughout the school, but a weakness exists in our system in that once learners leave the school premises, far too many of them disregard all precautions and place themselves and others at risk of infection. With the school holiday upon us, many families will be travelling and enjoying social gatherings. I appeal to all members of our community to be extra cautious and conscientious of protecting themselves against possible infections.



SGB elections

SGB elections were concluded on 29 March 2021. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all staff members who were involved in the planning and organization of the elections. All the hard work and effort that went to ensuring that the process was concluded in a structured, professional manner was much appreciated.

The following members form part of the newly elected SGB who will be working industriously to ensure good governance of The Glen High School for the next 3-year period:

Chairperson:	Mr A. Watts
Vice chairperson:	Mr K. Govender
Treasurer:	Ms T. Phalatsi
Secretary:	Ms L. Mahlangu
Other Parents:	Ms A. Gamede, Ms D. Stigling, Mr J. Hadzhi, Ms N. Buthelezi-Maphumulo, Mr Z. Mhlambo
Principal:	Ms C. Nel
Educators:	Mr C. Hanyane, Ms C. Lawrence, Mr S. Windell
Non-educator:	Mr L. Makhata
Learners:	Miss Dineo Mashigo, Mr Ntime Legoabe



Head Prefects

I would like to extend heartfelt acknowledgement and congratulations to learners who were elected to leadership roles in the Council of Pupils Discipline Committee. We are proud to commend:

Head boy:	Oratiloe Makena
Head girl:	Thandeka Matjeni
Heads of Clan Campbell:	Onthatile Mashego and Kelebogile Morena
Heads of Clan Gordon:	Boikanyo Lentsa and Lungelo Sibeko
Heads of Clan McDonald:	Rego Sebolai and Siyabonga Mabunda
Heads of Clan Stewart:	Junior Mpoana and Thando Manyasha
Head of Safe School Committee:	Tapiwa Matanga



The Glen features on District Council of Learners

We are very proud to announce that Mrs S. Masilela is one of two teachers in the Tshwane South District who has been elected to represent schools as Teacher Liaison Officer and Karabo Moeletsi (Gr12) has been elected as the Deputy Secretary for the District's RCL. Well done, Ladies!

Extra-curricular Activities



Sport and cultural activities have resumed, but no spectators are allowed. The resumption of sport has been greeted with joy by our learners who are participating enthusiastically. It is a pleasure to observe the delight that our learners are exhibiting in being back on the sport fields.

There is a large number of learners who congregate outside the school in the afternoon while awaiting their transport. Parents are requested to make transport arrangement to accommodate the school/sport times so as to avoid learners lingering in groups and being exposed to unnecessary health risks.



First Term Academic Reports Delayed

Please be advised that the South African School Administration Management System (SASAMS) that is supplied by GDE has required updates to incorporate curricular changes due to the impact of Covid-19 on teaching plans and assessments.

The patch which updates the software has been delayed and will impact data capture and reports generation. Therefore, capturing of marks and the issuing of academic reports can only be accomplished once software updates are finalized. Parents will receive term 1 academic reports during the early part of term 2.

Move from old D6 platform to D6 Connect

Parents have been sent links to download the latest version of the D6 School Communicator. I appeal to all parents to convert to the updated D6 Connect as soon as possible so that better communication options can be utilized. We will post messages on both platforms for a short period to allow parents time to make the change, but will be discontinuing the old version by mid-May.



Application for exemption from the payment of school fees

The Glen High School is a public fee-paying school, and as such parents have a legal obligation to pay fees. In the event that parents are unable to meet the financial obligations to the school, they are asked to contact Mrs M. Pienaar, schoolfees@theglenhs.co.za or 012 348 8625, to make financial arrangements.

Visiting the school

Parents are reminded to visit the school **by appointment only** in order to limit the number of people on the premises. If at all possible, please try to interact with staff via email or telephonically rather than in person.

In closing, I would like to thank the teachers and all staff of TGHS for the enormous effort they have expended to ensure good quality teaching and learning. I appreciate that each one of them is giving heart and soul to the development of the children of The Glen. May our staff and learners be refreshed by the short break ahead.



Kind regards,
Mrs C. W. Nel
Principal