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Dear Parents

Welcome to each new learner and those returning to Helderberg High School. I trust this will be a year filled with academic success and memories made that will last a lifetime. Each learner is unique and special at our school, our focus is on developing each child's potential, join us in that journey.

MATRICS

We share with great excitement the achievements of our 31 matric learners from 2019. Once again 100% pass rate was achieved, 42 subject A's and 50 subject B's, 4 A-averages, 6 B-averages and 10 C-averages. 77,4% of the 31 learners received a Bachelor's certificate. We are very proud of these learners and would like to encourage our current Grade 12's to commit to a dedicated work ethic from day one this year.

PTA / MEET-A-TEACHER

You are reminded of our first Meet-a-Teacher / PTA meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, 21 January at 18:00. This will give new parents the opportunity to meet the teachers and discuss any matters relating to your children. You will also have the opportunity to meet other parents.

ABSENTEES

If a learner is ill, please notify the school before 8:00. Any learner who becomes ill during school hours or who has a doctor's appointment, must be fetched by a parent and needs to fill in a "Sick / Permission to be absent Form", which is available at reception. Pupils will not be allowed to leave the premises by themselves.

We are not allowed to give any medication to learners. If your child leaves home feeling sick, please send medication with them.

PT

PT uniform, which is obtainable at most clothing stores, is a pair of black shorts or black track suit pants, with a white T-shirt, Girls are required to wear full bathing costumes; board shorts may be worn over them. As this is part of the required Life Orientation programme any learner, who for health reasons is unable to take part in PT, must bring a doctor's certificate.

SPORT ON WEDNESDAYS

For the first 4 weeks from 22 January to 12 February we will have swimming practice for the gala on a Wednesday, directly after school. The learners need to bring their bathing costumes & towels to school. Sport is compulsory. From Wednesday 19 February to 11 March we will be practising athletics, so the learners are allowed to come to school in their PT uniform for these 4 weeks. The athletic practice will be early in the morning to alleviate the heat of the day. The periods will be shortened for these 4 Wednesdays so we will still end normal time at 14:00.

SCHOOL TIMES

Just to recap, school comes out at 14:00 on Mondays to Thursdays and at 13:40 on Fridays.

ACCOUNTS

Please be reminded that school fees for Period #2 are due at the end of this month (January). Your accounts will be emailed at the end of each month, should you not receive an account please contact finance@helderberghe.co.za. All parents (returning and new) who wish to make use of our discounts for fees paid annually, half-yearly or quarterly can notify the office, if you have not done so already. All monthly fees are payable in advance, by the 7th of each month. Interest will be charged on overdue accounts.

SUBJECT CHANGES

Any learners who wish to make a subject change must complete a "Subject Change Form" which is available at the Administration Office. It needs to be completed in full and signed by parents and the relevant Educators. Grade 11 learners need to make changes before **18 March** and Grade 10 before **10 June**.

YEAR PROGRAMME

All learners were issued with a Year Programme at Registration. If you did not receive one please collect one from the Administration Office, or download it from our website.

CIVVIES DAYS AND UNIFORM

Learners who do not conform to the code for 'Civvies Days', will be sent home to change before being allowed back in the classrooms. Girls are to make sure that their skirts are the required length (10cm above the ground when kneeling). Boys' hair must be short at all times and not hanging in their eyes.

We enlist your support in encouraging learners to obey the General Rules and Standards of the school at all times

FUN DAY

Learners are reminded of the fun day on Friday, 24 January. On this day learners will get to know one another on a more personal level and become part of the school family.

LOST AND FOUND

We try our best to find owners of lost and found clothing, but are mostly unsuccessful. If an article of clothing has lain in the office for more than 6 months, we sell it as part of our 2nd hand clothing. Please mark everything with your child's name, especially on their blazers.

UN-SHAVEN AND EARRINGS

In the event that a boy comes to school unshaven, he will be asked to shave immediately. We have razors for sale at R10 each, which will be added to your school account.

Girls wearing earrings will be asked to remove them and replace it with plastic see-through ones also for sale at the office at R25 each, which will also be added to your account.

Even though we love talking to you on the phone, please before you phone the secretary with a question, check our website first, we try to keep it up to date as far as possible.

I look forward to a very successful 2020 as we work together as a team in achieving the best for your child.

Thank you



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