



Friday, 24 June 2022

To: All parents/Guardians

**RE: CYCLE 3 NEWSLETTER**

**1. Academic**

We are grateful to the Almighty who continued enabling us to sail through Cycle 3 and start Cycle 4 without any hindrance.

Grade 8 – 11 assessment was completed successfully and the academic reports will be issued out to learners on Friday 24 July 2022. Grade 12 Mid-Year examinations ended on Friday 17 June 2022.

The following Grade 8-11 learners excelled during cycle 3. We congratulate the learners that excelled in Cycle 3 and continue to urge and support those who never made it to work harder.

<b>GRADE 8</b>	<b>GRADE 9</b>	<b>GRADE 10</b>	<b>GRADE 11</b>
1.Simelane Bahlelelwe: 83.3%	1. Mabuza Aphiwe: 85.0%	1.Simelane Asandze: 77.0%	1.Ndwandwe Gciniwe: 84.0%
2.Madondo Unami: 81.7%	2.Hlophe Siviwe: 78.3%	2.Mnisi Bhekiwe: 75.4%	2.Dlamini Mphilenhle: 76.9%
3.Yende Nkosenhle: 80.9%	3.Munedzi Joel: 78.0%	2.Dlamini Sibongumusa: 75.4%	3.Matsebula Temakholo: 74.7%
4.Du Pont Erica: 79.7%	4.Gina Mukelwe: 77.7%	3.Dlamini Kwazi: 74.7%	4.Maziya Mukelwa: 73.7%
5. Gamedze Swelihle: 78.6%	5.Mabuza Tibusiso: 77.3%	4. Sibanyoni Bandzile: 71.7%	5. Duarte Isaura: 73.4%
		5. Mavuso Mayibongwe: 71.6%	

The school assists underperforming learners using Daily Observation files and extra lessons.

**a. Daily Observation Files**

After every cycle, underperforming learners are put under Daily Observation. Class tutors in consultation, with subject teachers identify the underperforming learners and together with Deputy Academics office make every effort to assist these learners. Every Friday, day scholars take the files to their parents. For boarders, the matron and boarding master represent the parents. Parents of day scholars are kindly requested to check the files. We welcome parents to make appointments for checking and discussing the academic progress of their children.

#### **b. Extra lessons**

During prep time, subject teachers assist the underperforming learners. Preference is given to Mathematics, Accounts and English but other subjects are also attended to whenever there is a need.

### **2. Grade 12 Teachers/Parents consultation**

All Grade 12 parents are invited to school on Thursday 14 July 2022 to discuss their children's academic performance with their subject teachers. The consultation shall begin at 1400 hours and end at 1800 hours. Cycle 3 academic reports shall be handed out on this day.

### **3. Entrance and National Benchmarking Tests for 2023**

A second round of entrance tests will be conducted on Saturday 6 August 2022. The school invites parents wishing to enrol their children in Grades 8 – 10 to register with the school. The Grade 12 National Benchmarking Tests (NBT) shall be conducted on the same day.

### **4. Grade 12 Engineering and Graphics and Technology (EGT)**

The school ran a 20 hours online training on the efficient and effective use of CAD system, particularly AutoCAD. All our learners were successful and were awarded with a competence certificate.

### **5. Grade 11 Education Tour**

The Grade 11 class shall leave for the Gauteng Education Tour on Sunday 8 August and return on Friday 12 August 2022. Parents / Guardians of these learners are reminded to complete the enclosed affidavit form and return it to school not later than Tuesday 5 July 2022.

## **6. Matric Prom/Farewell dinner**

The school will host a farewell dinner for the 2022 Matric class on Saturday 13 August 2022. A detailed programme shall be available at a later date. This is an important day for the matriculates and parents/guardians are kindly reminded to assist them with the necessary requirements.

## **7. Sports and Culture**

The sporting calendar has come back to normal and our learners are fully taking part in the independent schools tournaments. In Cycle 3, the school attended the following sporting tournaments:

- Saturday 28 May 2022: Hockey tournament at Waterford and our junior girls won bronze medals
- Saturday 04 June 2022: Under 16 and 20 Girls soccer and Boys Basketball at Waterford. The senior girls won silver medals.
- Saturday 11 June 2022: Boys soccer at Waterford and Netball at Lobamba. The senior boys won silver medals while the senior girls won bronze medals.
- Saturday 18 June 2022: Cricket at Sisekelo and Junior Basketball at Usuthu. The boys won silver medals.

We are glad that all our learners are enthusiastic about sports and we continue to encourage and support them.

## **8. Discipline**

The school has not had major incidences of indiscipline except for few cases of bullying. One of our ethos is to make Sisekelo school environment conducive to teaching and learning. Therefore, the school frowns at all forms of school violence. The school has an anti-bullying policy which was furnished to all our learners and emailed to all parents /guardians. It is important that we all assist our children to understand all forms of bullying and encouraged them to report it immediately.

## **9. Laptops and Cell phones**

The learners' code of conduct clearly stipulates the use of electronic gadgets at school. These gadgets, if not regulated, disrupts learners' attention in class and may also be used for online bullying. The policy stipulates that the gadgets shall be handed in at the reception on arrival at school and only be used at school when required/supervised by the relevant

subject teacher. Learners who fail to follow this arrangement, end up having their gadgets confiscated until the end of the year.

### **10. Late coming**

There are few incidents of day scholars who arrive late at school. The school expects every learner to be at school by 0700 hours. Parents/guardians are kindly reminded to assist their children to arrive at school on time.

### **11. Grade 11 Interact Club**

In an effort to assist the under privileged in our society, the Grade 11 class carries out various activities to raise money for this cause. These activities include having a tuckshop at school and putting on civilian clothes every last Friday of the month. On these Fridays, each learner contributes E5.00.

### **12. Cycle 4 Timeline**

A detailed timeline with all important dates is enclosed. Notably,

Monday 04 July 2022: Boarders return

Tuesday 05 July 2022: School resumes

Thursday 14 July 2022: Grade 12 Teachers/Parents consultations

Friday 12 August 2022: Term 2 closes

I wish you all an enjoyable mid-term break.

Glory Mabaso  
Head of School