



EFFINGHAM SECONDARY SCHOOL

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TO : ALL PARENTS & LEARNERS

Dear Parent / Learner

We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable vacation. We had another successful academic year at Effingham Secondary School. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and co-operation during the past year.

I would like to welcome you to the 2022 Academic year and I look forward to your continued support. Before we start with matters of 2022, there are a few matters that we need to bring to your attention:

1. PASS RATE FOR GRADE 12 - 2021 NSC EXAMS

Our Class of 2021 has produced excellent results and achieved a 90.3% pass rate in the National Senior Certificate Examination with a 47.4 % Bachelors Pass and a 29.1% Diploma Pass. Well done to the Class of 2021. The National pass rate was 76.8% and The KZN Provincial Pass rate was 76.8% and the Umlazi District Pass rate was 80%. We surpassed all of these. A detailed analysis of the results is attached to this newsletter.

2. SPEECH AND AWARDS DAY

Our Annual Speech & Awards Day was held on Friday 28 January 2022. The Covid 19 pandemic restricted our invitation to parents. Only the parents of our grade 12 awardees, our grades 8 to 11 highest achievers and our grade 12 awardees were hosted at this function.

3. STAFF MATTERS

3.1 It is with great pleasure that we welcome and announce that Mr A Maharaj has been appointed as the principal of our school. On behalf of the Staff, Learners and the SGB, we congratulate Mr A Maharaj on his appointment. We wish him well in his new position.

3.2 We congratulate Mrs T Chandarman and Mr A Gunpath on their appointments as Departmental Heads in Commerce and Mathematics & Science respectively. We wish them everything of the best in their new posts.

3.3 We would like to welcome Mr V Dorasamy who has joined our Humanities Team as a Geography Educator.

4. GRADE 8 ORIENTATION MEETING AND GRADE 12 FIRST MEETING

Our grades 8 and 12 Orientation took place on Saturday 29 January 2022. We would like to place on record our heartfelt gratitude to all those parents who attended these meetings. This augurs well for the kind of partnership that we would like to foster at Effingham Secondary School between the

school and the parents. At the same time, I must record my disappointment towards those parents who did not deem it necessary to attend. Both learners and parents lost an opportunity to hear Dr J Naidoo talk on the challenges of High School and coping skills for both parents and learners.

5. TEXTBOOKS

There are a large number of learners who have not returned their loan textbooks to the school. This is a very selfish deed and you have deprived some learners of textbooks. Learners who have not returned textbooks will not receive textbooks until they return/ make payment for the loss thereof.

6. SCHOOL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Kindly note that we practise a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to the implementation of the Code of Conduct especially in respect of The Dress Code, Grooming and Late Coming.

Last year saw many learners disobey the Code of Conduct which led to a general decline in the discipline at school and which adversely affected the academic performance of many learners.

Learners are not permitted to bring CELLPHONES to school. If a learner disobeys this rule and her/

7. SUBJECT CHANGES FOR LEARNERS IN GRADES 10 TO 11

Grades 10 and 11: Changes will be subject to the Physical and Human resources of our school.

Grade 12: The date for this application for a subject change in Grade 12 closed on 31 January 2022.

8. TIMETABLES AND FORM CLASS ALLOCATIONS

A working timetable for 2022 is presently being followed. A few learners in Grades 10 & 11 have requested changes in their subjects. This will necessitate a timetable change and possible form class changes. Form class allocation has been finalized. Parents are advised not to call the school requesting that their child be placed in a particular class or group. This will not be entertained.

Further, parents must note that subject teacher allocations are done after consultation with the educators and explanations of why a particular teacher is teaching or not teaching a particular class will not be offered to any parent. It is our belief that all teachers are capable of delivering the curriculum and children's preferences will not be entertained.

9. OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES

Make an appointment with the SGB to work out a payment plan. Failure to meet with the SGB will result in defaulting parents being handed over to an attorney for legal action to garnish salaries/ listing on the Credit Bureau.

10. SCHOOL FEES FOR 2022

The school fees for 2022 is R4500.00. This must be paid in on or before 31 May 2022. The first Installment of R2000.00 is due by the end of January 2022.

The following payment structure has been put in place to assist parents:

1.	Payment Plan 1 [Instalments]	
1.1.	Initial payment upon re-registration / registration	R 2 000,00
1.2.	Instalment 2 – 28 February 2022	R 500,00
1.3.	Instalment 3 – 31 March 2022	R 500,00
1.4.	Instalment 4 – 28 April 2022	R 500,00
1.5.	Instalment 5 – 31 May 2022	R 500,00

- 1.6. Instalment 6 – 30 June 2022 R 500,00
2. Payment Plan 2 [Early Payment Discount: R400:00]
2.1 Pay the Full amount by 28 February 2022 and pay only R 4 100,00

3. Payment Plan 3

If any of the above plans are not suitable, kindly call at school and confirm a payment arrangement with the Finance Clerk. The Finance Clerk is available from 09h00 – 10h30 daily. This must be done by 28 February 2022.

B. CONCESSIONS

1. If you are unable to pay school fees, you are requested to make an application for a concession. Contact the Bursar, Mrs Kershni Govender, on finance@effinghamsecodary.co.za
2. The applications must be lodged with the Bursar on or before 28 February 2022. Note: A new application for concession must be made for each academic year.
3. You may be required to attend an interview with the SGB to finalize concessions.

PLEASE PAY YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL FEES – IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

OUR SCHOOL'S BANKING DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME : EFFINGHAM SECONDARY SCHOOL
ACCOUNT NUMBER : 05 242 12 52
BANK : STANDARD BANK
BRANCH : BRIARDENE
BRANCH CODE : 043626
TYPE OF ACCOUNT : CURRENT
REFERENCE : CHILD'S NAME & GRADE & ADMIN NO.

NB: It is essential for the school's recording purposes that the following information be filled in on the deposit slip (under depositor's details) – the child's admin number and name (as per identity document) and his or her Grade & Division, e.g., 8A.

11. DUPLICATING PAPER AND TWO EXERCISE BOOKS PER SUBJECT

Each learner is to supply the school with two reams of duplicating paper and two 72-page exercise books per subject for tests and examinations. [See stationery List]

12. TARGETS

We are targeting that 60% of the learners get over 60% in each subject and a subject pass rate of 100%. This is only attainable if all parties [teachers / learners and parents] work in unison.

13. SCHOOL GOVERING BODY MATTERS

I would like to place on record my sincere thanks and appreciation for the dedication and hard work put in by the SGB.

SGB BY-ELECTION

Please be informed that there will be a By-election. The Notice for the meeting for this By-election will be sent to parents soon.

14. TUCK SHOP

Our Tuck shop has been closed due to Covid 19 protocols. We are now in a position to reopen the tuck shop.

We hereby invite Tenders to lease the tuck shop. The tender process will be posted on our website and Facebook page. All applicants are requested to forward their interest in writing, directly to the principal. This must be dropped off at school by latest 25 February 2022.

15. SASAMS/ IT VACANCY

Our school has a vacancy for an IT person who is highly competent in SASAMS. Knowledge in generating the school time table, facilitating the posting of information on the school's website and Facebook page will be an advantage. Please forward CVs to principal@effinghamsecondary.co.za by 11 February 2022

16. RETURN OF ALL PUPILS TO SCHOOL – MEDIA RELEASE BY DBE

According to the Media Release dated 1 February 2022, all schools are to return to full time learning from 7 February 2022. Please note that the alternate day time table will end on Friday 4 February 2022. All pupils will attend school from Monday to Friday. All Pupils (Groups 1 &2) will return to school on Monday 7 February 2022.

17. REREGISTRATION FORMS

Some learners have not handed in their reregistration forms to their respective Form Teachers. If your child has not done so, please ask him/ her to do so urgently.

18. SCHOOL GATES

Our school gates will be officially open from 7h00 for learners. This is the time that members of management will report to school officially. Please note that if your child enters our school premises before 7h00, there will be no educator present at school to monitor her/him.

19. PARKING FACILITIES FOR VISITORS

Our parking area has very limited space. This space is occupied by cars belonging to our staff. Visitors will have to park outside the school premises and use the pedestrian gate to enter. Visitors will be screened by the guard on duty, before being allowed entry.

Yours in Education



A Maharaj [Principal]