

HERCIE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parent,

SGB Bi-elections: I want to thank parents that availed themselves to participate in the process of electing SGB members for the remaining period of the SGB service. Although we did not reach the quorum, we managed to elect the six parents. The following parents were elected on the evening:

Mr. Jet Mabunda

Mr. Koketso Moeketsi

Ms. Tamara Zwane

Ms. Sylvia Masombuka

Mr. Danny Ramukosi

Mr. Joel Mashike.

I welcome all new members of the governing body and are certain that they will support the school and do all within their powers in the governing body to protect the interest of our learners.

General school attendance: Learner class attendance is a concern across all our grades in particular grade 9 and Grade 10. In some

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Excellence:

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the quality of
being outstanding
or extremely good.*



*We are that we repeatedly do.
Excellence, then, is a not one act,
but a habit.
Aristotle*

instances; we have as many as 20% of the grade not attending school. Kindly provide a medical certificate if your child is ill or a valid reason in writing to the school principal. If a learner is absent for 10 consecutive days without a valid reason(s), then the learner may be deregistered from school. We encourage you to keep school informed in case of prolonged absences from school.

Saturday classes: Grade 10 to Grade 12 Saturday classes are COMPULSORY. The classes are meant to improve learners' performance in all subjects. Kindly make arrangements for your child to attend. Learners are expected to wear full school uniforms and to come prepared for the lessons (School's code of conduct is applicable even to learners conduct when attending extra lessons on Saturdays).

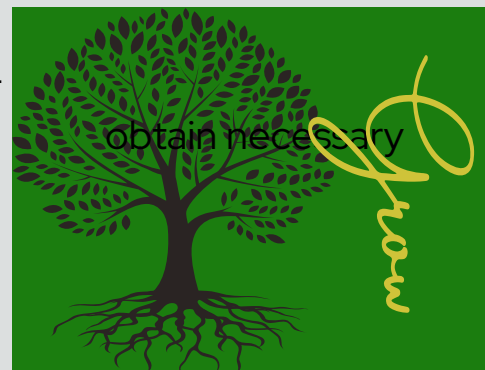
Interschool athletics: Inter-high athletics are to be held on 07 March 2023. Kindly note that only athletes are affected by the arrangement and other learners are to report to school as usual. On this day controlled tests will still take place and a second opportunity will only be given to athletes who participated in the inter-high competition.

Grade 8 Parents clean-up campaign: Clean-up campaign by grade 8 parents is scheduled for 11 March 2023. The session will starts at 08:00 and finishes at 11:00 latest. Activities on that day includes: scrubbing of classrooms, corridors and bathrooms, washing of windows and removal of graffiti. Please bring bucket, mop, broom, gloves, scrubbing brush and washing detergent. We look forward to seeing all our grade 8 parents.

Fees exemption: Our school is a FEE-PAYING SCHOOL as implied by the AGM resolutions. Non payment of school fees has serious implications for the school's functionality. Parents unable to pay school fees due to their economic status may apply for school fee exemptions currently open until 20 March 2023. Kindly note that a certain criterion is applied to grant school fee exemption and applying does not guarantee that it will be granted. See attached list of documents necessary to complete the application. Kindly contact our admissions office to obtain necessary information in this regard.

Conclusion: Your feedback is important for the growth and development of our school. We request that you email any and every feedback without hesitation. Kindly send such to hshercules@gmail.com or Emmanuel.Ramathavha@gdeschools.gov.za. Please do not use rami.et@hotmail.com

Mr E Ramathavha



*Seeking excellence means choosing
to forge your own sword to cut
through the limitations of your own
life.
James A Murpy*

Uit die hoof se kantoor

Liewe ouers,

SBL-tussenverkiesing: Ek wil ouers bedank wat tyd ingeruim het om aan die tussenverkiesing deel te neem. Alhoewel ons weereens nie 'n kworum kon bereik nie, het ons daarin geslaag om ses ouers te verkies. Die volgende ouers is die aand verkies:

Mnr Jet Mabunda

Mnr Koketso Moeketsi

Me Tamara Zwane

Me Sylvia Masombuka

Mnr Danny Ramukosi

Mnr Joel Mashike.

Ons verwelkom alle nuwe lede van die beheerliggaam en is seker dat hulle die skool sal dien en alles binne hul mag sal doen om die belange van ons leerders te beskerm.

Algemene klasbywoning: Leerders se klasbywoning is vir alle grade 'n groot bekommernis. Graad 9 en graad 10 se daaglikse bywoning is regtig skokkend. In sommige gevalle het ons soveel as 20% van die betrokke graad wat afwesig is. Ons versoek dat u kind 'n mediese sertifikaat moet inhandig ingeval u kind skool weens siekte misloop. Indien 'n leerder afwesig is vir 10 opeenvolgende dae sonder 'n geldige rede, dan kan die leerder deregistreer word.

Saterdagklasse: Saterdagklasse vir graad 10 tot graad 12 is VERPLIGTEND. Die klasse het ten doel om leerders se prestasie te verbeter. Klasse is verpligtend en daar word van ouers verwag om toe te sien dat die leerders dit bywoon. Daar word van leerders verwag om in netjiese en volledige skooldrag geklee te wees en om voorbereid vir die lesse te wees. Dissiplinêre stappe sal geneem word teen leerders wat hulself tydens Saterdagklasse swak gedra.

Interskole: Interhoëratletiek word op 7 Maart gehou. Neem asseblief kennis dat slegs atlete deur die reëling geraak word en ander leerders moet soos gewoonlik by die skool aanmeld. Die geskedenleerde toets sal wel plaasvind en 'n tweede geleentheid sal slegs toegestaan word aan atlete wat aan die interhoërkompetiesie deelgeneem.



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*Excellence is the gradual
result of striving to do
better
Pat Riley*

Graad 8-ouers skoonmaakveldtog: 'n Skoonmaakveldtog deur ouers en leerders wat tans in graad 8 is, is vir 11 Maart 2023 geskeduleer. Die sessie sal om 08:00 begin en op die laaste om 11:00 eindig. Aktiwiteite op daardie dag sluit in: skrop van klaskamers, gange en badkamers, vensters was en graffiti-verwydering. Bring asseblief emmers, moppe, besems, handskoene, skropborsels en wasmiddels saam. Ons sien uit daarna om al ons graad 8 ouers te sien.

Subsidie en vrystelling: Ouers wat weens hul ekonomiese status nie skoolgeld kan betaal nie, kan aansoek doen vir vrystellings wat tans oop is tot 20 Maart 2023. Neem asseblief kennis dat daar 'n sekere kriteria vir vrystelling toegepas word en 'n aansoek waarborg nie dat dit wel toegestaan sal word nie. Sien aangehegte lys van dokumente wat nodig is om die aansoek te voltooi. Kontak gerus ons adminkantoor om die nodige inligting in hierdie verband te bekom.

Terugvoer: Ten slotte, u terugvoer is vir die groei en ontwikkeling van ons skool belangrik. U word versoek om nie van rami.et@hotmail.com gebruik te maak nie. Rig asseblief alle navrae, versoeke of voorstelle aan die skoolhoof by die e-posadres: hshercules@gmail.com of Emmanuel.Ramathavha@gdeschool.gov.za.



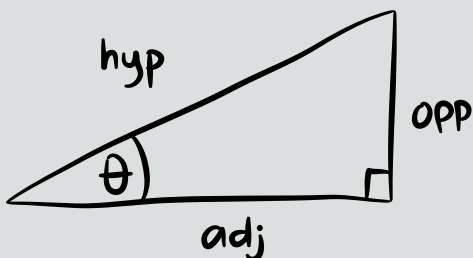
Mrs E Ramathavha

Important dates

- 4 March Saturday classes
- 7 March Inter-high athletics
- 11 March Grade 8 Clean-up campaign
- 11 March Last Saturday classes for the term



Academics



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*Every job is a self portrait
of the person who did it.
Autograph your work with
excellent.
Jessica Guidobana*

Extra Saturday lessons 4th March

Time	Grade 12	Grade 11	Grade 10
08:00 – 10:00	English HL English FAL	No classes	No classes
10:30 – 12:30	Business Studies	No classes	No classes

Afternoon lessons : Only grade 12
14:00 – 16:00

Date	Subject and key
3 March	Life Sciences Key 3
6 March	Life Sciences Key 5
8 March	Business Studies Key 6
10 March	English Home Language Key 5

Parents

As you know we are busy with the term's control tests and assessments. Reading, as you know, is so important. This week we share some info regarding reading.

Why is reading so important?

The benefits of reading:

- It builds vocabulary and improves language skills.
- It promotes cognitive skills.
- The more a child reads, the better they write.
- Teenagers write all the time, not only essays, but in all subjects. They must have writing skill to succeed.
- It can be very beneficial in Mathematics, especially with regard to word sums.
- It improves your child's general knowledge.
- It makes learning easier.



*Punctuality is the first step
towards success
Nishtunishaa*

Time table for the controlled tests: 6 – 10 March

Date	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
6 Mar	Technology	Natural Sciences	History	Business Studies	Geography
7 Mar	Afrikaans: Taal	Social Sciences	EGD / Economics	History	Consumer Studies
8 Mar	English HL	Afrikaans: Taal	Life Sciences	EGD / Economics	CAT
9 Mar	Social Sciences	English HL	Mathematics / Mathematical Literacy	Consumer Studies	English HL / English FAL
10 Mar	Mathematics	Mathematics	Physical Sciences	Tourism	Mathematics / Mathematical Literacy

Why reading is so important (continue)

How can you encourage reading?

- Set an example by reading yourself.
- Make sure you know what he/she is interested in.
- Talk about books and stories.
- Read aloud for your family and encourage your children to read their prescribed books / stories aloud for the family.
- Go to the library and let your child choose books himself.
- Never criticize his choice of books.
- Practice a bookshelf in your child's room.
- Give books as gifts.
- Invest in audiobooks. Teenagers love technology and at the same time promotes the child's auditory skills.
- Remember: Comic books are books too.
- It doesn't matter what your child reads, as long as he reads.



Excellence is not an exception, it is prevailing attitude.
Colin Dowell

DISCIPLINE

Unfortunately we are struggling again with some serious disciplinary issues. Parents, please talk to your child about the dangers of peer pressure. Especially the desire to fit in and be part of the group. Teenagers sometimes go to shocking extremes to make themselves seem acceptable, cool or popular.

You are aware that late arrivals and bunking are punished with bag detention. This takes place on the same day as the offence. Yet there are parents who verbally attack the teachers when they are informed of the detention. Learners who physically fight with teachers or simply refuse to hand over the bags. Of particular concern are learners who inform teachers that parents have told them they don't have to do detention or obey school rules.

Since the beginning of 2023, 34 serious misconduct incidents have been reported to date which includes amongst others:

- theft (of teacher laptops)
- illegal substances (dagga and cocaine)
- fighting
- vandalism
- late coming
- bunking



Hoërskool
Hercules is a no
cell phone zone

*Strive for excellence,
not perfection.
Jackson Brown Jr*

Parents affairs

Contact details

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Parent's Whatsapp group - 079 733 4094

Discipline - hshdiscipline@gmail.com

Admin: dorasamym4@gmail.com

Deputy principal - karenbester15@gmail.com

Clean up project

We appeal to GRADE 8 parents to pin down 11 March in your diary now. Be part of this initiative. Do your part to create a positive learning environment.

What are we going to do?

What should you bring?

Scrabbing of classrooms, corridors and bathrooms, washing of windows and removal of graffiti.



Please bring bucket, mop, broom, gloves, scrubbing brush and washing detergent.

Banking details

ABSA BANK

Account name:

Hoërskool Hercules

Account number:

080390076

Branch code:

632005

Reference:

family code

Send proof of
payment to:

hshercules.finance2@gmail.com



*For by your words you will be justified, and by your word you will be condemned.
Matthews 12:37*

Annexure regarding exemption

- Applications for exemption of school fees must be done yearly
- Only a parent or legal guardian may complete the application
- All info requested must be provided
- Both parents are liable to pay school fees, except if they were exempted
- The following documents must be included with you application
- Note that if any document is lacking, the application will be rejected immediately and NO EXEMPTION WILL BE GRANTED
- NOTE THAT ALL COPIES OR DOCUMENTS MUST BE CERTIFIED BY THE POLICE

- »The latest 3 month's bank statements (if unemployed a verification from the bank of the Bank account)
- »The latest 3 month salary slips
- »Divorce agreement (if divorced)
- »If a learner is in the care of a guardian, a certified affidavit by a social worker or any other person that has the legal authority as well as a court order must be submitted
- »Death certificate if one or both of the parents are deceased
- »Certified Affidavit from Police if unemployed and single
- »Certified Affidavit from Police if the learner is the head of the household
- »Certified Birth Certificate / ID / Immigration / Asylum documents of the learner
- »Verification of address (Electricity Bill)
- »Income and Expenditure Report
- »Latest School Bill