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Dear Bosmansdam High School community

The 50-year history of Bosmansdam High is a proud and illustrious one. Five headmasters have led the school, each guiding the school to new levels of excellence.

The School Governing Body of Bosmansdam High is delighted to announce the appointment of Gert Van Tonder as Headmaster of Bosmansdam High School on the retirement of Mr Danie Human at the end of 2020.

On his retirement, Mr D.R Human left a legacy of excellence of which we are all proud. The School Governing Body recognised the importance of ensuring that the best and most suitably qualified candidate be recruited to build on this legacy.

This process has now finally been completed, and we are pleased to announce that Mr Gert Van Tonder will take up his position as Headmaster from 1 May 2021. Mr Van Tonder is currently Assistant Director of e-learning at Metro Central Educational District.

Mr Van Tonder shares the values and ethos of our school and we look forward to welcoming him officially to Bosmansdam High School from next term.

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COVID AND SAFETY

This is a sensitive and worrying time for all families, especially the Bosmansdam family. We are therefore writing to you to, once again, to emphasise the importance of observing Covid-19 protocols.

For our safety, your safety and our community's safety, I appeal to you to explain to your child how they should conduct themselves during this pandemic. Please be assured that all current Public Health advice is being followed at our school and that whole-school sanitization takes place on a daily basis. Hands are sanitised before and after class and all protocols relating to the management of the virus is in place. However, you must appreciate that our staff cannot monitor 400-500 learners every minute of the school day. We need everyone to take responsibility for their actions and to act in a responsible way.

We would like you to remind them of the following:

- Wash hands regularly for 20 seconds - with soap and water, or using alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin.

- If you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for 7 days from when your symptoms started. This will help protect others in your community whilst you are infectious. Please inform the school.
- Stay at least 1 metre (about 2 steps) away from other people.
- Stay away as much as possible from vulnerable individuals such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions.
- Keep to the left in passages and maintain, at least, one metre between you and the person in front of you.
- Do not congregate in large groups and, once again, maintain the one metre social distance.

Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

TEST SERIES ARRANGEMENTS: GRADE 8 - 12

Due to the current Covid-19 regulations, we have been forced to make extraordinary arrangements to run a test series as mandated by the Department of Education. Parents must please study these arrangements carefully and we apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused.

The official dates of the Term 1 test series are 12 April 2021 to 23 April 2021. However, there are tests that will be written between **15 March 2021 and 9 April 2021 during normal school times.**

PLEASE NOTE: Learners will write only on their allocated days.

- Grade 10 to 12 papers that are written between **15 March 2021 and 9 April 2021** will start at 8:15 in the hall.
- Learners who are not at school because of their colour group will be informed of the times and attend school in civvies.
- **The colour group (blue/red) that does not attend school on the day when the test is written will and must go home once the test has been completed.**
- **Learners that attend school on that day must go to lessons (normal timetable will be followed) after the paper has been written.**
- Learners with comorbidities and exempted learners will write in Deidre McGregor's room (EE8).
- Subject teachers will inform parents of the assessment via sms two days before the SBA is written.
- Learners who are not writing will attend lessons as per normal. It is critically important for your child's education that they attend school, especially under Covid restrictions.
- School will close at 14:30

Official Start to the test series 12 April - 23 April

Session 1 - Grade 8 and 9

8:00 - 10:00

Learners will be dismissed after the session and **MUST** go home in order to maintain the 50% capacity. *Please ensure that travel arrangements are made accordingly.* Learners must report for screening from **6:45 to 7:55**.

Session 2 - Grade 10 to 12

11:00 - 13:00

Learners will be dismissed after the session and **MUST** go home. *Please ensure that travel arrangements are made accordingly.*

Learners must report for screening from **10:30 to 10:55**.

Test venues assigned according to the class splits will be placed on the glass **door next to the library** as well on the **notice board by Mr Dirks' office (Deputy-principal's office)**.

Learners with co-morbidities and exemptions

- Learners with approved co-morbidities and exemptions will write in **EE8 and Timeout** with Ms Deidre McGregor and Ms Michelle Loughran respectively. These learners will start **30 minutes before** other learners and therefore **end 30 minutes before**. This is to comply with assessment and Covid-19 guidelines as issued by the DBE.
- Please study the test timetable carefully. Normal school rules and examination rules apply. It is important that your child is at school on their allocated days

We thank you for your support during these difficult times.

EXAMINATION RULES

- A candidate's examination results may be declared null and void by the Headmaster/ Irregularity Committee if:
 - He or she takes into the examination room, or has in his or her possession while in the examination room, a cellular telephone or any Bluetooth device,
 - Has in his / her possession during the examination session, any book, memorandum, notes or any other paper whatsoever, with the exception of his or her stationery and the stationery issued to him or her by the invigilator during the examination session,
 - During the course of the examination he or she helps or tries to help another candidate, or gets or tries to get help from another candidate or any other person, or in any way communicates or tries to communicate with another candidate.
 - Any other person impersonates him or her at the examinations.
 - He or she behaves in an unruly, threatening, aggressive or intimidating manner towards an invigilator, disrupts the examination or disobeys an Instruction of an Invigilator.
 - He or she obtains information before the examination about the contents of the question paper set for the examination.
 - He or she removes any answer sheet from the examination room.
- When answering the examination questions, candidates must confine themselves strictly to the questions set. If they make any personal, improper or otherwise impertinent remarks whatsoever, the Headmaster may penalize them at his discretion.
- Students may appear in front of an Irregularity Committee if any of the above guidelines are not met.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT: PROPER SLEEPING ROUTINE

With the alternate day model for schooling followed by Grade 8 to 11, we have found that learners are exhausted and often sleep in class. Are you allowing your child to stay up too late if they are not scheduled for school the next day? If so, then this disruption in their sleep routine can have dire effects on their learning.

Benefits of a Good Night's Sleep

- They are better able to absorb and retain the information learned in school.
- They are more likely to be energetic and healthy.
- They are more likely to have a positive attitude toward life.
- They have a healthier immune system.
- They have improved mental health.
- They are more likely to get better grades in school.

CIVVIES DAY

On 16 March 1971, Bosmansdam High School officially opened its doors. This coming Tuesday, 16 March 2021, marks our 50th birthday! Due to the pandemic's restrictions, we are not able to implement our initial plans; however, we will still celebrate the occasion with a 70's themed civvies day. Participation costs R10 and we kindly request that you encourage and assist your child to be part of the celebration. Due to the alternate day learner attendance, Grade 8 - 11 learners who attend school on Wednesday, 17 March 2021, will be allowed to wear civvies on that day. Matrics may wear civvies on both days should they pay R20. Come on Knights, get groovy!

ENGEN PARTNERSHIP AND FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

We are very excited to inform you that we have partnered with Engen Edgemean, who will be supporting us throughout 2021 and beyond. Every time you Fuel Up/Fill Up at Engen Edgemean, our school benefits!

Please follow the process below to ensure that we maximize this wonderful partnership:

1. Visit Engen Edgemean at 7 Edgemean Drive for your next fuel up.
2. Ask your attendant for a receipt.
3. Write BMDHS/Knights/Bosmansdam **High School** on the back.
4. Place your receipt in the Bosmansdam High School box or ask your attendant to assist.

We strongly encourage you and your friends to start using Engen Edgemean as soon as possible so that we can start benefiting from this wonderful partnership.

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To all parents, teachers & friends


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