



# Skool van Voortrekkers

## Mission

Die Skool van Voortrekkers wil die skool van keuse wees wat behoud van gehalte opvoedende onderrig in die tradisie van ons skool.

Die Skool van Voortrekkers streef na 'n skool van keuse te wees deur 'n gelyke verhouding van ouers en leerders te hê, wat tot die ontwikkeling van elke kind en die bevordering van kwaliteit onderrig, tot die voordeel van die gemeenskap.

31 January 2022

Dear Parents

NEWSLETTER: 2 OF 2022

### 1. ATHLETICS

We participated against Dinwiddie High and Sion academy Tuesday. The Circuit meeting will be on 14 February. Only athletes will be allowed to attend this meeting.

### 2. Gr-12 learners:

There will be Mathematics and Life Science classes for the gr 12 learners on Friday. Please note of the program send by teachers. These classes are compulsory as explained at the Gr-12 parents evening.

### 3. BIRTHDAY WISHES

Mr S Mbatha had his birthday on 26 January. Our best wishes accompany him.

### 4. VACCINATIONS

#### Background and Context:

On 23 March 2020, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced a new measure to combat the spread of the Covid-19 coronavirus in South Africa – a three-week nationwide lockdown with severe restrictions on travel and movement. The President said more needed to be done to avoid “an enormous catastrophe” among the population. Since then, a major vaccination programme was undertaken in a phased based rollout strategy. The Minister of Health announced that all children 12-17 years and older will be eligible to receive Pfizer vaccine as follows:

- 12-17 year olds will receive one dose and 42 days thereafter a booster dose (2<sup>nd</sup> dose) and 18 year olds and older will receive their first dose and 42 days thereafter their 2<sup>nd</sup> dose. A booster dose (3<sup>rd</sup> dose) will be received after 180 days.
- School staff and community members may receive 1<sup>st</sup> Inj or 2<sup>nd</sup> Pfizer vaccine as their first dose (unvaccinated) or their booster dose (after receiving their 1<sup>st</sup> Inj or 2<sup>nd</sup> Pfizer dose whichever may be the case)

The Gauteng Provincial Covid Command Centre (PCCC) has approved the Department of Health’s (GDOH) proposal to implement a school zone-based vaccination programme as part of the broader Gauteng City Regions’ Vaccination Strategy with Gauteng Department of Education (GDE) and Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs playing an active role in urgently implementing it to increase the vaccination rates within the province.

A systematic structured and timetable-based booking approach to ensure that learners aged 12 and above, the school community, and school, not yet vaccinated or eligible to receive their booster doses, are vaccinated at identified schools.

To successfully vaccinate the learners and the surrounding communities, a joint project team consisting of officials from the above departments at provincial, regional and district levels have been established to oversee the implementation of the project.

Please be informed of the following:

- The immediate approach will be to target learners and communities at the schools in the areas where the vaccination coverage is currently below the Provincial Average during the January-March 2022 period;
- Identified schools will be informed by their District-based vaccination teams of the scheduled vaccination date(s) and to prepare accordingly;
- Clinical Operators and Departmental staff have been deployed to facilitate the vaccination programme;

The following are requested from GDE Districts and identified schools:

- Districts to identify an official to jointly lead and coordinate with DoH the district-level implementation of the programme;
- GDE Districts to inform, advocate and communicate the necessary vaccination information and logistical arrangements needed to the identified schools;
- Districts to gather daily vaccination stats from the identified school vaccination site;
- Schools to assign one SMT member at each school to act as the school’s wellness and vaccination official for the duration of the vaccination project which is anticipated to be from January -March 2022;
- Identified schools to inform their learners and parents of the current vaccination drive and encourage them to be vaccinated;
- Schools to issue COVID-19 vaccination consent forms to learners aged 12 years and older and principals must ensure the duly signed consent forms are kept safe and secure for record keeping purposes;

Some schools will be supplied with a mobile clinic but all schools should ensure that, where possible, a classroom(s)/ hall be made available for the vaccination; Schools are to provide administrative support as well as the social distancing and queue marshalling utilising the PVEIs deployed at their schools;

All eligible learners, staff and community members should be encouraged to be vaccinated to ensure an uninterrupted teaching and learning programme for 2022 at schools and a safe and healthy environment in all our school communities.

### 5. READ, READ, READ

We are implementing reading time everyday at school. Learners are requested to bring their novels of English or Afrikaans to read during this time. Donations of novels that can be kept in classes, would be very welcome.

### 6. GRADE ASSESSMENT PLANS

Please find attached the preliminary grade assessment plan for each grade. These plans may be adapted during the term.

### 7. MERIT AWARDS EVENING

A learner will be awarded a diploma if the learners obtained a 80% or higher on his/her final report of 2021. These diplomas will be handed out during school time on 3 February. All trophy winners will be invited to a awards evening on Thursday night. Please adhere to all covid protocols.



*Hoërskool Voortrekker*

**Wigie**

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**Admission**

Die skool Voortrekker stryfs to be the school of choice through an equal partnership between parent and educators resulting in the enrichment of our children and the development of each one to his/her full potential through quality education, to the benefit of the community.

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24 January 2022

NEWSLETTER 2 OF 2022

**1. WELCOME:**

We would like to welcome all our new learners to Voortrekker High School. We wish you a prosperous 2022.

**2.**

**USE OF CANNABIS (DAGGA) IS ILLEGAL AT SCHOOL:**

The Constitutional court is very clear that dealing or using cannabis in a public place is prohibited and regarded as a criminal offence. Therefore all dagga related incidents at the school will be referred to the SAPS. No learner may enter the school premises in possession of or under the influence of dagga.

**3.**

**LATE COMING:**

The school starts at 07:40. Learners arriving late need to report to gate 1 in Station street. All learners arriving late will receive 50 demerits and do additional English exercises. The school gates will be locked at 07:50. Learners arriving after 7:50 will only be allowed if accompanied by a parent. This is a great concern as learners miss a great deal of work. Please assist us in this regard.

**4.**

**BIRTHDAYS / VERJAARSDAE:**

We want to congratulate Ms Fransch, Greyling, and Myandu that celebrated their birthdays on the 8, 12 and 14 January 2022. May they have a wonderful and prosperous year.

**5.**

**DANGERS OF SOCIAL MEDIA / GEVARE VAN SOSIALE MEDIA:**

We urge parents to assist in teaching your children about the dangers of social media. Learners use social media to post personal issues and do not realize that all information on social media can be used against them for various reasons. We constantly deal with cases where bullying takes place due to social media. Parents will receive a policy on the use of Whats App groups. Please read and sign this.

**6.**

**FOOD DELIVERIES:**

No learner is allowed to order food from fast food franchises to be delivered to the school. Our administrative staff is not here for take-away convenience.

**7.**

**SCHOOL FEE REDUCTIONS:**

All school fees for January should be paid by no later than Monday 4 February 2022. Parents who want to apply for a reduction in school fees must hand in the completed forms **before** Friday 4 March 2022 at the financial office. The prescribed forms are available from the finance office from 24 January 2022. All applications are assessed according to the official formula as stipulated in the Norms and Standards for School Funding. The school makes use of an external auditor approved by the Governing Body to evaluate each application. It is imperative that all relevant documentation be made available and that the application form is completed in full. Furthermore, the form must be handed in as soon as possible. **No late applications will be considered.** The Governing Body has the legal right to exact payment from you. Please make sure that the proof of income is attached to the form.

Please note that we have started on a new financial program. Please be patient with us while we are getting started.

**8.**

**CODE OF CONDUCT:**

The Code of Conduct for learners is the core of discipline in our school. It is our parental duty to ensure that our children adhere to all aspects of the code. All learners have received a copy. Read through the contents with your child. It is disappointing to note that many parents just drop their children at school and expect us to take over their parental duties. **The teaching staff is responsible for education and parents are responsible for upbringing, manners and behaviour.** Please do not neglect your role as a parent. Please sign declaration as proof of acceptance and return it to school before Monday, 31 JANUARY 2022.

**9.**

**PARENTS EVENINGS/OUERAANDE:**

Please take note of the following dates for parent's evenings:  
**Grade 11 - 10/07/2022**  
**Grade 12 - 20/01/2022**

**10.**

**SUBJECT CHANGES GR10, 11:**

We are inundated with requests for subject changes. The principal can only make recommendations to the Department for subject changes to be approved. We always try to act in the best interest of the learner. We can help some learners, but due to timeable constraints, some learners cannot be helped. Grade 11 can apply until 23 February and the grade 10 learners can apply until 4 March 2022.

**11.**

**TEXTBOOKS:**

Textbooks were handed out all learners. We implore you to make sure all textbooks are covered with plastic and well-looked after. Textbooks are very costly and it is worrying to note that some learners do not look after their textbooks. **If a textbook is ruined, we will bill you as parent R350.00 per textbook at the end of the school year. Please assist us in taking care of educational material. Each learner has received a signed a textbook list.**

Please make an effort to check your child's homework, by signing in the book.

**13.**

**SCHOOL FEES:**

At the Annual General Meeting on in 2021, the parents accepted the school fees for 2022 as R 14 652.00 for the year. Parents have a choice to pay R 14 652.00 for the year or to pay R 1532 for 11 months. We urge you please not to fall behind as this results in financial hardship for the school.

**14.**

**ATTACHED FORMS:**

Attached you will receive the following documents:  
a) Code of Conduct (sign and return)  
b) Dress Code  
c) Whats App policy (sign and return)

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**A.F. BLACK**  
**PRINCIPAL**

8. FINANCIAL PROGRAM

We have started on a new financial program. We ask parent to please be patient with us while sorting out the conversion errors.

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10. FORMS TO BE SIGNED RETURNED

- Code of Conduct
- Whats App policy
- Health form
- Vaccination form
- Indemnity form
- YES/NO form

11. PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK

31 Jan	Academic afternoon
1 Febr	Athletics practise till 15:30.
2 Febr	Athletics practise till 15:30.
3 Febr	Athletics practise till 15:30
4 Febr	Awards evening

Vorie Regards

Mrs A Black  
Principal