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Hoërskool Voortrekker

Witsie

Affligision

Hoërskool Voortrekker wil die skool van keuse wees met behoud van gehalte opvoedende onderwys in die tradisie van ons skool

Hoërskool Voortrekker streef na te wees die skool van keuse deur middel van 'n vennootskap tussen ouers en onderwysers wat tot die verbetering van ons kinders en die ontwikkeling van hulle tot hulle volle potensiaal deur middel van hoër kwaliteit onderwys, tot die voordeel van die gemeenskap.

13 JANUARY 2023

NEWSLETTER 1 OF 2023

1. WELCOME:

We would like to welcome all our new learners to Voortrekker High School. We wish you a prosperous 2023.

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:

We want to congratulate Ms Fransch, Seedat, Myandu, Mr S Mbatha and Ryn that celebrate their birthdays in January. May they have a wonderful and prosperous year.

5. DANGERS OF SOCIAL 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 3 February 2023. Parents who want to apply for a reduction in school fees must hand in the completed forms **before** Friday 3 March 2023 at the financial office. The prescribed forms are available from the finance office from 23 January 2023. 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 will receive 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, 30 JANUARY 2023.

9. PARENTS EVENINGS(OUERAANDE):

Please take note of the following dates for parent's evenings:
Please read the notice send with learners on the different time frames.
Grade 11 – 12/02/2023
Grade 12 – 19/01/2023

10. SUBJECT CHANGES GR 10.11:

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 timetable constraints some learners cannot be helped. Grade 11 can apply till 24 February and the grade 10 learners can apply till 6 March 2023.

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 and 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 in 2022 the parents accepted the school fees for 2023 as R 14 795.00 for the year. Parents have a choice to pay R14 795.00 for the year or to pay R 1345 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
- b) Dress Code
- c) Whats App policy
- d) YES/NO FORM

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