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**NEWSLETTER I OF 2024**

**1. WELCOME:**

We would like to welcome all our new learners to Voortrekker High School. We wish you a prosperous 2024.

**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. Random searches may be performed. Please read the Code of Conduct in this regard.

**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. 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 Rym 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 2024. Parents who want to apply for a reduction in school fees must hand in the completed forms before Thursday 1 February 2024 at the financial office. The prescribed forms are available from the finance office from 1 March 2024. **Parent must collect this form personally, between 7:00 and 15:00, due to an informal information discussion regarding completion of form.** 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

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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 send out the first school fee statement. Fees are payable in advance.

**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, 29 JANUARY 2024.

**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 – 08/02/2024  
Grade 12 – 22/01/2024

**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 2024.

**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.**

Due to increase in admissions numbers in grade 8, we are awaiting new order of textbooks to arrive. Please be patient if your child have not yet received all the necessary textbooks.

**Please try to check your child's homework, by signing in the book.**

**12. SCHOOL FEES:**

At the Annual General Meeting in 2023 the parents accepted the school fees for 2024 as R 15 000.00 for the year. Parents have a choice to pay R15 000 for the year or to pay R 1500 for 10 months. We urge you please not to fall behind as this results in financial hardship for the school. All fees must be paid in full before end of October 2024.

**13. OUTSTANDING FORMS:**

Gr 8 parents please ensure that we have received your child's transfer card form primary school and final report card.

**Please note that your child may be in danger of losing their place in the school if they don't hand in a valid study permit with their passport. You only have till 20 March to get updated documentation.**

**14. APPEALS**

All appeals are processed. If you need more information, please make an appointment with Mr Joubert of Mrs Thorpe.

**15. GOL**

HS Voortrekker have a computer centre available for learners to access the internet or do printing. This centre is in Room 65 and open Mondays to Thursdays from 14:15 to 15:15. Printing is done at R2 per page.

**16. SAFETY**

There are unwanted criminals in town and by the train station that rob our learners of cell phones and their schoolbags. Please let your child wait inside the school premises while waiting for their transport. Learners walking to the taxi rank must please walk in groups.

**17. ATTACHED FORMS:**

Attached you will receive the following documents:

- a) Code of Conduct (sign and return)
- b) Dress Code
- c) WhatsApp policy (sign and return)
- d) YES/NO FORM (Only gr 8)

Warm regards



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PRINCIPAL**