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**Vision**

Hoërskool Voortrekker strives to be the school of choice whilst retaining quality education in the tradition of our school.

**Mission**

Hoërskool Voortrekker strives 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.

2024

**NEWSLETTER**

Dear Vorie- Parents

This year is drawing to close. We would like to thank the parents who supported their child to reach their full potential in the class and on the sport field. We had wonderful Eisteddfod results and Oscar productions. Hoërskool Voortrekker High is privileged to have learners showing so much talent and dedication.

We also had experienced a lot of challenges with learners who don't following rules and procedures. This has put tremendous strain on our staff. Educators are here to teach learners knowledge and skills. Too many parents expect us to learn manners to the learners and how to follow instructions.

We are urging parents to ensure learners are dress appropriate, do homework and make safe choices. Parents, take responsibility for your child and give the educators time to teach them instead of wasting time on discipline.

Please take note of the following:

**1. Outstanding textbooks.**

Hoërskool Voortrekker High provides textbooks to all learners. These textbooks cost the school R380 per book. Many learners don't take care of the textbooks or lose them during the year. Unfortunately, the parent / guardian will have to reimburse the school if a book is lost or damaged. We urge you to take care of the situation before you collect the report card from school.

Dates for handing in text books:

Grade 8	14 November 2024
Grade 9	15 November 2024
Grade 10	18 November 2024
Grade 11	20 November 2024

**2. School fees for 2025.**

At the AGM meeting the compulsory school fees for 2025 was accepted as R15 600 per year, or R1 560 per month for 10 months. Please note that all the outstanding fees for will be handed over to our debt collectors, Cee-Bee, in March 2025. These debt collectors do add a considerable amount of interest and admin fee. It would be in your best interest to settle the outstanding amount, or plan for down payments at school as soon as possible. Please remember we do accept card payments as well. Take note of the minutes of the AGM, added to this letter.

**3. Code of conduct 2025**

The following rules as indicated in the school code of conduct will be enforced in 2025, with no exceptions:

- Shaving is compulsory
- No civilian clothes may be worn with school clothes, this includes flip flops, slippers, suede shoes, boots, takkies, beanies (in summer, VHS may be worn in winter), hoodies under jersey or school blazer. If there is a crisis with your child's school uniform, the school must be informed by the parent. Learners are also to wear a conventional black belt at all times. Learner found wearing partial or incorrect uniform, at school, will have

- Irregular items confiscated.
- Learners may not attend school if they are under the influence of illegal substance. The parent will be called to fetch them from school.
- Please abide by the hair rules as set out in the code of conduct. The Principal, Deputy Principal or Discipline officer reserve the right to decide on what is acceptable hairstyle and may insist that learners who don't conform are to be fetched from school.
- The school and staff do not take any responsibility for lost or stolen 10:00Cell phones.
- Jewellery: No nose rings, or more than one piercing in the ears will be allowed.
- Boys' pants may not be tailored to be skinny fitting, or zips fitted at the bottom of the legs.
- Girls dress' lengths may be maximum of 4 fingers above knee height, when kneeling. Parents, the very short dresses are making a lot of students uncomfortable.

**THESE RULES WILL BE ENFORCED FROM THE FIRST DAY.**

**4. OFFICE HOURS**

Normal hours: 7:00 – 14:00

- Changes:
- 28 November 2024 7:00 – 9:30
  - 9 December 2024 8:00 – 10:00
  - 10 December 2024 8:00 – 11:00
  - 11 December 2024 7:30 – 12:00
  - 12 December 2024 8:00 – 10:00 (Finance office for payments only)

**10. Gr 8 ORIENTATION DAY**

The parents of new Gr 8 learners are invited to an orientation day on 14 January 2025. Letters, stationary lists and school fee letter may be collected during office hours at reception.

**11. REPORT CARDS**

Please note that each subject is calculated according to subject specific weighting formulas set out by the department in the NPPPPR and Assessment guidelines.

Report Cards may be collected on 11 December 2024 from 7:30 to 10:00.

**12. STATIONARY PACKS:**

Stationary packs are available at school. Please see attached for more information. Please note these packs are voluntary and payment is cash only. Orders must be handed in before 29 November 2024. Only packs paid for will be ordered.

**13. THANK YOU**

We hope that you and your families are all still well. As we now approach the end of another year, we wanted to start by thanking you all as parents and guardians for your support over the last year. We are particularly appreciative for everything that you have been doing to support learning from home. Thank you. We would like to thank once again all the teaching staff who have continued to work exceptionally hard to ensure that the students are able to study. Nothing can replace the impact of students being in school to receive the direct instruction and immediate feedback from their teachers, the use of WhatsApp groups has enabled us to provide the students with valuable information.

Please do remember to contact us if you need any support. In the meantime, we send our very best wishes to you and your families for a safe, happy and restful break.

Vorie Greetings

Mrs A F Black  
Principal