



ST FRANCIS COLLEGE

13 Jan 2016

NEWSLETTER 1

Dear parents

Welcome to the 2016 academic year. This year promises to be another busy year at St Francis College where we are committed to raising our standards yet higher. We show this commitment to raising standards by starting to teach at 09:15 on the first day of school.

NEW STAFF

We welcome three new teachers to St Francis: Mr Meyer (Gr 7 Afrikaans and Gr 8 and 9 SS), Ms Beukes (Gr 11 English and Gr 7 Maths and SS) and Ms Bourbon (Senior Phase English and LO). We hope that they will soon feel part of the St Francis family and that learners will be inspired by their teaching.

CLASS OF 2015

We are very proud of last year's matrics. Again, they achieved a 100% pass. This is the sixth successive year that we have achieved this feat. Even more special was that 71,7% achieved Bachelor's passes, 23,3% achieved Diploma passes with the remaining learners achieving Higher Certificate passes. The following learners achieved distinctions:

- Mwana Mwale: Mathematics, LO, Business Studies, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences
- Lumka Sityata: English, Afrikaans, LO, Business Studies, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences
- Gontse Tsagane: English, Mathematics, LO, Accounting
- Thandeka Malange: English, Afrikaans, Mathematics, Life Sciences
- Albert Makuwaza: Mathematics
- Jabulani Mashiane: Mathematical Literacy
- Sechabelo Mashigo: Accounting
- Melinda Mhora: Business Studies
- Somahle Nkabinde: LO
- Sebastian Thosago: Accounting

Congratulations to you all. We are proud of you and I am sure your parents are proud too.

TEXTBOOKS AND STATIONERY

All learners have been issued with stationery and homework diaries. We expect all learners to take pride in the appearance of their books. This will reflect in their academic achievements.

Textbooks are being issued to those learners who have paid. If you have not yet paid, please do so as soon as possible so that your child can learn and work effectively. With payday around the corner please make every effort to send the money for textbooks to school. We need every learner to have textbooks by the middle of February.

INDEMNITY FORMS, REAMS OF PAPER AND EXAMINATION PADS

Please return your child's completed indemnity form to the school urgently. This form provides us with important contact information for the parents if we need to contact you.

A big thank you to the many parents who have sent in a ream (500 sheets 80 g/m²) of A4 copier paper and the examination pads. We require each learner to bring two examination pads to school.

PARENTS' MEETING

Please attend the general parents' meeting on We 20 Jan at 18:00 in the school hall. I will provide inform about how the school functions, how we plan to manage the schools' academic performance and how this will affect your child. I will introduce the members of staff to you so that you can identify your child's teachers.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees for January are due. Please remember that a discount of 10% is offered if the fees are paid in full by mid-February.

CYCLE TESTS

Date	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
26 January	English	NS	Afrikaans	English	Afrikaans	Sci/Acc
2 February	EMS	Maths	English	Afrikaans	Sci/Acc	Maths/Lit
9 February	Afrikaans	Afrikaans	Maths	Maths	LS	English
16 February	Maths	English	NS	Sci/Acc	BS	LS
23 February	SS	SS	EMS	BS	Maths/Lit	Afrikaans
1 March	NS	EMS	SS	LS	English	BS

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

We are going to try again to send newsletters by email. If you would like to receive the newsletters electronically please send an email to stfrancisbenoni@gmail.com. Please include your name and surname and your child's first name and surname in the email. We will then send newsletters and other communications directly to your email address.

IMPORTANT DATES

Please note the following dates. I will inform parents of any additional events or changes in date.

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION
Wed 13/01/2016 08:00	GDE Term 1 opens	
Fri 15/01/2016 13:30	New learner orientation	
Tue 19/01/2016 08:00	Inter-house athletics	
Wed 20/01/2016 18:00	General Parents' Meeting	Hall
Tue 26/01/2016 08:00	Cycle test 1	
Tue 02/02/2016 08:00	Cycle test 2	
Tue 09/02/2016 08:00	Cycle test 3	
Wed 10/02/2016 08:00	Inter-high Athletics	Boksburg stadium
Tue 16/02/2016 08:00	Cycle test 4	
Fri 19/02/2016 08:00	Rocking Future Roadshow	Hall
Tue 23/02/2016 08:00	Cycle test 5	
Tue 01/03/2016 08:00	Cycle test 6	
Fri 18/03/2016 12:00	GDE Term 1 closes	

Kind regards,

P W Harris
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