



SEDAVEN TIMES/KRONIEK

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Sedaven High School is to prepare our young people for responsible citizenship in this world and the world to come.



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Dear Parents

PARENT SUPPORT :

Thank you so much for your support with the education of your children. A very special thank you to those parents who responded so promptly when we alerted you to possible academic or other problems and challenges facing your child. It is only as we continue to combine our efforts that we can succeed in our task of guiding and accompanying the children towards responsible adulthood.



ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF SAPA (adjusted) :

“It is not what happens to you that determines how far you will go in life; it is how you handle what happens to you.” Zig Ziglar

Life happens! What we are experiencing now are just moments in life and not life itself, and we should treat it as such. Our focus should move from the problem(s) to how we can deal with it, and still live life to the full.

May these holidays become a time for reflection and planning, and slowing down – make time for the things that you ‘never’ find time for. In this time of reflection. May you realize how much you take for granted and how many things you don’t appreciate enough. This is a time to be grateful for life, despite the hiccups.

Take a couple of minutes and see if there is another way of looking at your problem(s), or handling it in a different way. There is always a way if you’re committed to it. Shift your focus on what you can be grateful for, and how you deal with life. Make God the centre of everything you plan and never leave Him out of the picture in whatever you experience or are working through.

Make it a great festive season with God as your guide and companion.

SCHOOL REPORTS :

Included with this letter is your child's final school report for this year. We trust that it contains good news for you and your child. Please note that the grades on this report have been checked and in some cases, moderated by the Government District Assessment Team and are considered as the official and final grade for the year. If your child did not make the year, please assist him/her in accepting this, and not experience it as the end of the road.

If your child's report is not included in the envelope, please contact the school urgently.

ACHIEVEMENTS :

The school and learners were involved in a variety of activities this year of which you are most certainly aware of by now. Please allow me to share a few of the outstanding achievements of our learners with you:

Top achiever per grade:

Grade 8: Nicole Muradya

Grade 9: Themba Sibeko

Grade 10: Michael Masunda

Grade 11: Lwiito Muyunda

Grade 12: Ntando Chamane



Loyalty: Hleliwe Hlanze

Leadership: Ntando Chamane

Dux-learner: Ntando Chamane

Deputy head girl 2016: Ntando Mahlangu

Deputy head boy 2016: Khwezi Mlobeli

Head girl 2016: Natasha Nkala

Head boy 2016: Sebastiao Correia

Congratulations to you and all the other learners who were acknowledged in some or other way. We are proud of you!

PATHFINDERS :

Please study the attached letter. We also want to draw your attention to the fact that an amount of R 30.00 will be added to your account to cover the basic costs as well as perhaps subsidising camps/outings.

Also please remember to complete the application form.

STATIONERY LISTS :

A stationery list is included in this envelope. It is of the utmost importance that your child returns to school with the necessary stationery. A learner cannot function optimally without the correct writing utensils.

DRESS CODE :

Summer uniform must be worn during the 1st quarter. Parents please ensure that your child has an open neck short sleeve shirt to wear; as well as the correct **SCHOOL SHOES** and socks. **GIRLS MUST WEAR SKIRTS** [Please ensure that the skirt is of the correct length].

In the last few months we had an increasing number of boys who informed us that they cannot shave because of sensitive skins. The school is not keen to start making exceptions with regard to shaving. Please help your sons to find alternative solutions for their sensitive skins.

PREFECTS 2016 :

Please study the letter included in the envelope regarding the leadership camp and leadership training planned for 2016. We pray that God will keep you and equip you with what you need to be the type of leader we know you can be.

CELL PHONES :

As was stated in many previous newsletters, cell phones continue to be a source of frustration at the school. If you allow your child to bring a cell phone to school, the cell phone must be insured and all the legal registration documents must be available. This will assist us in locating missing cell phones, however it is still the responsibility of the learner to take care of his/ her cell phone. Also caution your child in using the cell phone irresponsibly by communicating with strangers and sometimes even so called friends. Please note the following:

- No cell phone may be in a learner's possession at any time during school hours, or during any official appointment such as study hours; worships; meals; Sabbath appointments, etcetera.
- The cell phone may only be used as a means of communication, not as apparatus for listening to music.
- The cell phone may only be used during the following times on a week day (if no official appointment takes place during this time):

06:00 - 06:25

14:30 - 14:50

16:30 - 17:25

21:00 - 21:30

ID DOCUMENTS :

We request that you make arrangements during this holiday for your child to apply for his/her ID document if he/she is 16 years or older. We have to register learners for the external examinations and we cannot do that without a valid ID document. No matriculation certificate will be issued without a valid ID document.

DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENTS :

When an **emergency** arises, we will take your child to the doctor. We request parents to consult your own family doctor in less serious cases. Thank you for taking note of this.

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS :

Most of our activities for the year are indicated on the calendar. You will realize that communication with parents is not an easy task, seeing that many of our parents are from outside the country, but please feel free to contact us when the need arises. Please also consult the school calendar when booking a ticket on a bus or a plane for your child. It is illegal for a parent to allow a child to miss a school day, except when a child can produce a medical certificate.

SHORTENED CALENDAR :

	Open	Close	Out weekends & Long weekends
1st Quarter 2016	Monday 11 th January	17 th March @ 11:00	School closes on 18 February @ 11:00 for out weekend and opens on 22 February
2nd Quarter 2016	Monday 4 th April	24 th June @ 11:00	School closes on 26 April @ 14:00 for out weekend and opens on 3 May.
3rd Quarter 2016	Monday 18 th July	30 th September @ 11:00	School closes on 4 August @ 11:00 for out weekend and opens on 10 August.
4th Quarter 2016	Monday 10 th October	9 th December @ 11:00	

REGISTRATION PROCESS 2016:

New learners must please arrive on Monday 11 January 2016 for their registration. Learners who are already enrolled must register on Tuesday 12 January 2016. **A special orientation is arranged for all new learners on 12 January at 9:00.**

Parents who live close to school and day scholars may register on the 5th, 6th and 7th of January 2016 from 9:00 to 12:00.

Academic classes start on Wednesday the 13th of January 2016. If for some reason a learner cannot arrive on the 11th or 12th of January, the parents should please communicate with the school. Keep in mind that we are under a lot of pressure to accept late applicants and we cannot indefinitely reserve your child's place.

Please note that no learner will be allowed into the dormitories or allowed to attend any classes before he/she has officially been registered (or re-registered) for the new year. REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE COMPLETE BEFORE ANY OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS HAVE BEEN SETTLED AND THE FEES FOR AT LEAST THE FIRST MONTH OF THE NEW YEAR PAID IN ADVANCE.

IN CONCLUSION

May the Lord richly bless our staff and parents in the educational task we have. May we see abundant fruit from our combined efforts.

Kind regards

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