



# ARENA PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL

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MESSAGE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Warmest Greetings to all parents, guardians and learners. It's with great pleasure – The Management, Educators and Governing Body - welcome you to the school year 2024. I hope you had a wonderful festive season and a fantastic start to the New Year. Its back to school and I hope you are geared up and looking forward to it.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

## 1. DRESS CODE:

All learners must follow the Uniform Code. Every year without fail we have learners that defy the dress code. Parents you are responsible for the way your child is attired and you need to make sure that there is no deviation.

Most times we have serious problems with the Boys' attire – long hair, indifferent haircuts, shaven eyebrows, earrings, goatees, narrow bottom pants and white socks.

All of the above is NOT allowed. Any defiance will result in the learners being sent home to rectify the situation.

Parents to avoid this make sure your child is properly attired so that they can enjoy the first day.

## 2. ATTENDANCE AND LATECOMING:

School starts at 7.30am and terminates at 2.30pm. Learners should be in school by 7.25am.

In 2023 the average attendance per day was 85%. It means that 15% of learners were absent each day – this converts to  $15\% \times 1154(\text{Roll}) = 173$  learners. The worst attendance was Grade 12 – averaging 78% per day.

It is evident that learners that attend school regularly perform better academically and frequent absenteeism retards progress. An investigation will be conducted on frequent absentees and a report will be forwarded to the Department of Education. **CHILDREN NEED TO BE AT SCHOOL.**

## 3. SCHOOL FEES:

It is absolutely heartwarming to know that many parents/guardians have updated their school fees and taken advantage of the discounts.

Further discounts are available till the end of MARCH.

Remember ARENA PARK SECONDARY is a self-sufficient school and we depend on payment of school fees and fund-raisers – I trust you will honour your responsibility if you are in employment.

## 4. STAFFING:

Please note that we are 3 educators short at this point in time – 2 Afrikaans educators and one Maths/Maths Lit educator. It is very challenging when a school of this magnitude is short staffed.

**SENIOR MANAGEMENT:** L.R. MUDLEY (Principal), L. JOSHUA (Deputy Principal), S. A. MOODLEY (Act. Deputy Principal)

**DEPARTMENTAL HEADS:** S. CHINNAPPEN, P. MORRIS, K.S. MKHASIBE, MR. A. JAGLAL, G. GOVINDSAMY (Act)

**ADMIN. STAFF:** P. RAMDHANI, S. MATTHEWS, S. M. P. KHUZWAYO

## 5. RENOVATIONS:

The following renovations are in progress:

- Educators' toilets
- Support staff quarters
- Cleaning of roof and gutters
- Painting of Admin block
- Grass cutting and trimming of trees
- New covers for distribution boards
- New doors, frames and locks for certain classes

## PROJECTS FOR THE NEAR FUTURE:

- Installation of fans in each classroom
- Painting of classrooms
- Concreting of certain arid areas
- Improving drainage
- More benches

## 6. UNIFORM:


Sale of uniform from 10-13 January from 8.00am – 12.30pm

## 7. CONCLUSION:

I want to place on record my sincere thanks and gratitude to all role-players and stake-holders for the hard work, support, commitment and dedication that you have displayed in 2023. We hope our Grade 12 of 2023 will do well and make us proud.

MAY 2024 BE A WONDERFUL YEAR FOR ALL.

GOD BLESS ARENA PARK SECONDARY



Principal: Mr. L.R. Mudley