



# ARENA PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL

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## MESSAGE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Warmest Greetings to all parents, guardians and learners. Its with great pleasure – The Management, Educators and Governing Body - welcome you to Term 4 2024. I hope you had a relaxing and peaceful break. Its back to school and I hope you are geared up and looking forward to this most important term.

### 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.

#### BOYS:

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.

#### GIRLS:

Length of GIRLS DRESSES is becoming a real challenge. DRESSES must be on the knee or just below.

GIRLS' HAIR must be neat and tidy. Long hair must be tied/plaited. NO open hairstyles, braids or extensions.

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.

#### 2. ATTENDANCE AND LATECOMING :

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

#### 3. LATE-COMING

There has been a big reduction of late-coming. Improvement noted.

Parents please refrain from shouting abuse at educators and prefects when your child is late – that is not becoming.

From this term and going forward DETENTION WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE 2<sup>ND</sup> BREAK ON FRIDAYS for chronic late-comers.

It is evident that learners that attend school regularly perform better academically and frequent absenteeism retards progress. REMEMBER that this is the FINAL EXAM TERM and learners need to be in school for syllabi completion and intensive revision.

#### 4. SCHOOL FEES :

It is very disappointing that only 40% of SCHOOL FEES have been recovered. In 2024 School Fees were reduced from R4800 to R4200. Discounts(R1000 & R500) were offered throughout the year but not all parents took advantage of this.

#### SENIOR MANAGEMENT: DEPARTMENTAL HEADS: ADMIN STAFF:

L.R. MUDLEY (Principal), L. JOSHUA (Deputy Principal), P. K. RAMKISSOON (Deputy Principal)  
S. CHINNAPPEN, P. MORRIS, K.S. MKHASIBE, A. JAGLAL, S. A. MOODLEY  
P. RAMDHANI, S. MATTHEWS, S. M. P. KHUZWAYO

#### UNPAID FEES :

1. 2023 OUTSTANDING fees must be paid by 4 October 2024 thereafter it will be handed over to the Debt Collector.
2. 2024 OUTSTANDING fees must be paid by 8 November 2024 thereafter it will be handed over to the Debt Collector.

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. Also remember RE-REGISTRATION will be adversely affected if your school fees are not updated.

THE ABOVE DOES NOT APPLY TO CONCESSIONS AND PAYMENT PLANS.

#### 5 STAFFING :

Please note that we are 1 AFRIKAANS FAL educator short at this point in time.

#### 6 RENOVATIONS :

The following renovations have been completed/ are in progress:

- Girls' and Boys' toilets have been completely renovated
- CCTV cameras and PA system completely installed
- Grass cutting and trimming of trees
- New doors/frames and locks for certain classes

#### PROJECTS FOR THE NEAR FUTURE:

- Painting of school buildings and classrooms
- Concreting of arid areas – increasing number of benches

#### **\*\* NB: CCTV CAMERA INSTALLATION**

CCTV Cameras have been installed. The entire school premises will be covered. This is to deter learners from smoking, substance abuse, fighting, ill-discipline, bunking, vandalism, damage to school property etc. Parents/Guardians please advise and educate your children about the consequences for disregarding the above.

#### 7 UNIFORM :

Sale of uniform during 2<sup>nd</sup> break only – see Mr. A. Jaglal

#### 8 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 so far in 2024. We wish our Grade 12 all the best in the upcoming NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE OCT/NOV 2024 EXAM.

MAY 2024 BE A WONDERFUL YEAR FOR ALL.

LRMUDLEY

L R MUDLEY  
PRINCIPAL