



NEWSFLASH

Dear Parents/Guardians/Staff and Learners

I wish to personally thank each parent, learner and staff member for his or her unfailing support this year. I trust that the holidays will be a season where we will spend quality time with friends and family. If you are planning to travel, please return safely. We look forward to an exciting and challenging 2021.

I would like to bring a few items to your attention:

VIEWING OF NOVEMBER 2020 EXAM PAPER

Educators will be available at school on Tuesday, 1 December 2020 between 8:00 and 09:00. Learners are encouraged to view these exam papers as part of the learning process.

SCHOOL HOURS

07:30 to 14:00 on Mondays to Thursdays
07:30 to 13:40 on Fridays

Please note that ALL learners **must register between 08:00 and 12:00 on Monday, 18 January 2021.**

REGISTRATION FORMS – available on our website [DOCUMENTS] Tab

In an effort to save time during the registration process, we have attached the majority of the forms to our website under [DOCUMENTS – Registration Day]. These forms will need to be handed in to the respective class educators on 18 January 2021. No learner will be registered without the first month's fees being paid – R4 620,00.

A late registration penalty of R300 will be charged to any learner not registered on 18 January 2021.

Learners need not wear school uniform for registration and once registration is completed, learners may go home. Formal teaching will start on Tuesday, 19 January 2021 with an opening assembly at 07:30 (all learners in blazers).

EDUCATORS – 2021

- Mrs Sybil-Anne van Wyk will teach Mathematics Grade 9A and Maths Lit Gr 10-12
- Farewell to Mr F. von Horsten who retires at the end of this year. We wish him all the best.
- We welcome two new teachers to Helderberg High School:
 - Ms Michelle Sterley - Mathematics Grades 8, 9B & 10.
 - Ms Jessica Maartens who will be teaching Afrikaans FAL to grades 10, 11 & 12.

STATIONERY FORMS

Stationery forms for 2021 are available on the website. Please ensure that your child starts with the correct stationery from day one. If you have not ordered your Arts and Craft & Design equipment from school, you may purchase it from PNA or Waltons.

TEXTBOOKS

All correspondence and information regarding textbooks for 2021 is on our website under the Documents tab. The deadline for new textbook purchases from Books 24/7 is end of November 2020, these books will be delivered directly to the school and will be available at registration. We remind you that TEXTBOOKS ARE NO LONGER SOLD FROM SCHOOL and it is the parent's responsibility to ensure that their child/ren have the correct books to start tuition with on 19 January 2021.

UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child is in full summer uniform. Blazers are compulsory for each Monday morning Assembly (no blazers to be "borrowed from the secretary"). Windbreakers may only be worn in winter or when it is raining. Cut & Sew are our uniform suppliers and can be contacted on 021 851 4120.

PT UNIFORM

Please purchase black shorts for your child. During the first term the sports teams will be chosen, thereafter the school's red or blue t-shirts will be available for purchase from Cut & Sew. Until such time, the learners may wear a plain white t-shirt with their black shorts.

FINANCES 2021

Our school board met last week. Appreciation was expressed to the parent body for their conscientious and committed payment of fees, despite adverse conditions.

We bring the following to your attention:

- Recognising that the school does not receive any assistance from the government, it was noted that a concerted effort has been made from the school management to restrict the increase in fees as much as possible for 2021, therefore:
 - Fees have only been increased by R170 per month from R4 450.00 to R4 620.00 (3.8%).
- Those parents wishing to make use of our discount structure, up to R4 065.60 can be saved on fees paid in advance for the year; half-year and quarterly discounts are also available.
- Our parent body is again strongly encouraged to make a payment during December 2020, for January 2021 fees, to alleviate an excessive financial burden when school starts.
- All foreign students **MUST** ensure that the fees for the year are paid prior to registration.
- **All local students MUST ensure the first month's fees of R4 620 are paid prior to registration. Kindly assist us by making payment well in advance, the beginning of the year is a very busy time for us.**

For any further financial queries please contact Mrs Sterley at finance@helderberghs.co.za, all financial information is on the Applications tab of our website.

COLLECTION OF REPORT CARDS – 2020

Report cards may be collected between 08:00 and 10:00 on Thursday, 10 December 2020. School accounts must be settled in full before your child's report card will be issued, unless financial arrangements have been made with Mrs Sterley.

OFFICE TIMES

The office will close on Friday, 11 December at 12:00.

We will re-open on 14 January 2021 in the mornings (9:00-12:00) for any assistance.

NSC RESULTS

We hope to see all our Grade 12 learners' names in the newspapers. According to the Department, results will be available from the school in February 2021 (date to be advised).

MY SCHOOL CARD

Please support our school by swiping your MySchool card. No forms to fill in, just bring your phone and scan the QR code when we issue the card to you.

List of Business Partners in the Helderberg area:

- **Woolworths** Waterstone Village, Somerset Mall, Somerset West CBD, Gordon's Bay, Sir Lowry's Pass, & The Sanctuary, stores countrywide, as well as Woolworths Online & Woolworths Insurance
- **Engen** False Bay One Stop & Engen Quickshops countrywide
- **Wimpy** at Engen False Bay One Stop on the N2
- **Waltons** Somerset West, Waltons stores countrywide as well as Waltons Online
- **Tafelberg** Meubels/ Furnishers
- **Power24** for prepaid electricity www.power24.co.za
- **Loot** www.loot.co.za
- **Flight Centre** "The Captain's Red Label Holidays" – there is a branch in Somerset Mall
- **WorksheetCloud** www.worksheetcloud.com
- **Dassiesfontein** (on the N2)

After an eventful, yet successful, academic year, we wish you a happy festive season with your family and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday, 18 January 2021.

Regards



MR A.R. BASSON
PRINCIPAL

30 November 2020