

# **GARDENS COMMERCIAL HIGH SCHOOL**

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## Message from the Principal

After almost two years, we finally have all our learners back at school at the same time. The majority of learners are co-operating well with educators to ensure that they get the most out of this opportunity. There are a few learners who have not adjusted their mindsets and are not focused on using the opportunity to learn and catch up on lost time. I urge parents to regularly check-in with their children and make sure that they understand how much teaching time has been lost in the past two years. Learners must come to school ready to work hard and learn as much as they can.

This was a very busy week, with many activities being relaunched as we try to move to 'normal' schooling. Some extra-murals, PT classes and the first sport match in two years have taken place this week.

This Saturday we will also have close to 160 learners at school participating in extra-classes and leadership development. There will also be extra classes for grade 12 Economics from next Saturday.

#### **RCL Elections**

Over the last few weeks we held elections for learners to represent their grade on the Representative Council of Leaners. We would like to congratulate the following learners who were elected to represent grades 9 to 12:

### Grade 12

- Lelethu Govuza
- Julia Mukemba
- Liyema Tshangela

#### Grade 10

- Paul Sili
- Tashreegah Hendricks
- Lilitha Mamani











## Grade 11

- Ziko Magengenene
- Delaney Musariri
- Iman Fakir

#### Grade 9

- Alakhe Kwepile
- Kiera Saunders
- Zufaa Jacobs









The grade 8 elections will take place once they have had an opportunity to get to know each other better.

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### **Prefects**

We would like to congratulate Shakirah Dhanse and Mary Mhone on their respective appointments as Head Prefects for 2022. We wish them everything of the best in this role.



## **Extra-Mural Day**

This week saw the start of our extra-mural programme. Initially, we were not going to make it compulsory due to Covid-19 and the rotational timetable. Now that all learners are back at school, we believe that we need to make extra-murals compulsory to ensure we fulfil our mission of developing holistic learners. We have, therefore, re-introduced an extra-mural day, which will take place every Tuesday starting this coming week. On Tuesdays, classes will end at 13:25, followed by each learner being required to participate in an extra-mural activity until at least 3pm.



#### Extra-mural activities on offer:

NetballTouch RugbyComputer ClubHikingSwimmingFitness ClubYogaTrivia ClubBoys SoccerKarateDebatingArt Club

Girls Soccer Choir Gardening
Lawn Bowls Quizzes Sewing Club

#### **Extra Mathematics Classes**

Every Saturday there will be extra mathematics classes at school from 9am to 11am, for all grade 8 and 9 learners who are struggling with mathematics. These classes are compulsory for all learners who do not achieve 40% in the previous year/term. Learners who obtained more than 40%, but would like to improve their marks may also join the classes. These classes are held in partnership with SANZAF, who provide the tutors and a snack for each learner.



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PWC, the accounting firm, will also be tutoring our grade 12 mathematics learners and the top 5 grade

11 mathematics learners. These classes will take place

on Fridays, immediately after school, at their offices

at the Waterfront.
These classes are
held in
partnership with
the Dream
Factory
Foundation.



## **Matric Brunch**

Today we held our annual Matric Brunch, where the grade 12 class of 2022 were addressed by Anathi Gongotha, our top matric candidate in 2021 with an achievement of 5 subject distinctions and an overall distinction for his aggregate. The brunch is held annually to celebrate the milestone of reaching grade 12 and also serves as an opportunity to reflect on the past 11 years. We also used the occasion to motivate our matrics to focus over the next few months and to make the necessary sacrifices in order to be successful at the end of the year.













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## **Grade 9 Picnic**

The grade 9 learners also held a picnic today to celebrate their 100% pass rate in grade 8. We wish them everything of the best for the year ahead and hope that they will be able to achieve a 100% pass rate again at the end of grade 9.



## **Leadership Development**

Starting this Saturday, 40 learners from grade 8 to 11, identified as future leaders, will be attending a 6-week leadership course. All these learners have displayed leadership abilities and will be developed to make them strong leaders in the future.

On Saturday our prefects will also be attending a Team-building session hosted by SANZAF. This session will be offered by trained facilitators who present various activities designed to improve communication and team work amongst the prefects.

## Valentine's Day

The grade 12 learners will be using Valentine's Day, **Monday 14 February**, as a fundraiser for their Matric Ball. Learners will therefore be allowed to wear civvies on the day at a cost of R10. Learners must wear red and white/black/denim.

## **Conclusion**

Parents must monitor the Term 1 Assessment Timetable closely and ensure that their children are at school on assessment days and thoroughly prepared for each assessment.

Kind Regards

Principal

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