



SAGEWOOD SCHOOL

Educating the Whole Child

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Dear Parents/Guardians

PREPARATORY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO. 1, 2012

Welcome to the learners and parents who are joining Sagewood School for the first time! May you have a happy and fruitful stay at Sagewood Preparatory!

I found this article quite inspiring and thought that I would share it with you.

Parenting Resolutions for 2012

By Claire Marketos

<http://www.inspiredparenting.co.za>

As the New Year begins we naturally look forward to better times with our family, pledging to make changes to improve our life in some way. Our hopes and dreams for a better future motivates us to optimistically move forward, yet we soon find ourselves succumbing to old unwanted behaviours wondering why it is so difficult to make the changes we desire.

Determination alone doesn't seem to help when it comes to parenting, and despite our best efforts, we find ourselves at odds with our children. How then do we have the happy successful family we dreamt of? The secret lies in how well we are able to meet the needs of our children. Here are 3 steps to start the connection.

- 1. Wake up every day and decide on a small thing you can do to show your children that they are your top priority. You may want to tell them, send them an SMS, phone them during the day, or help them with something that is important to them.*
- 2. Exchange Discipline for Discussion. When you are tempted to punish, find ways of discussing what happened and how changes can be made. Avoid taking sides, but rather mediate, encouraging your children to express their feelings and acknowledge the feelings of others.*
- 3. Choose to be a yes rather than no parent. When you are tempted to say no, find a way to say yes." Yes, I will take you to the movies this weekend but I can't take you right now. Yes you may have that toy/ gadget. Place it on your Christmas/ birthday list. Help me work out a plan to save the money to buy you what you want. Yes, I will make a plan to watch one of your sport's matches/ballet performances this week."*

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The greatest gift you have are your children. The greatest challenge you have in life is maintaining a positive connection with them. The greatest rewards you will experience in life are fulfilling relationships with wonderful adults whom you nurtured and who reflect your love.

2012 STAFFING:

On behalf of the “Sagewood Family”, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the following staff members who have joined Sagewood School this year:

- Ms Leesharn Rose – Grade 1 Orange
- Ms Lynn Ross – Grade 1 Red (Grade Head for Grade Ones)
- Ms Claire Ketcher – Grade 2 Green
- Ms Chanet Niemandt – Grade 2 Yellow
- Ms Sithembile Mkhwanazi – Grade 3 Blue
- Ms Katherine Kruger – Grade 3 Green
- Ms Ruth Brookes – Grade 3 Red
- Ms Melanie Govender – Grade 4 Yellow
- Ms Harriet Ndlovu – isiZulu
- Mr Strini Chetty – Grade 7 Green (Faculty Head for Languages)
- Ms Nora Moremi – Grade 4 aftercare
- Ms Shervani Mariemuthoo – Grade 5/6/7 aftercare
- Ms Musa Sayi – Grade 2 aftercare

SPORTS:

The inter-house (red house vs yellow house) swimming gala for **Grade 3 – 7** learners is scheduled for Friday, 20th January 2011. All new learners will be allocated a house by Friday 13th January 2012. Learners must bring their swimming costumes, towel, swimming cap and goggles (if needed). Learners must wear their PT shorts/skorts and red/yellow t-shirts to school. All Grade 3 – 7 learners are expected to participate. Only learners with a letter from the parent/doctor will be exempt. The programme will start at 8:00 and end at 13:00

The inter-house field events will take place on Thursday, 26th January 2012 from 11:30 to 14:00. Due to the extreme heat we have been experiencing over the past few weeks, we request that every learner wear a cap when involved in any outdoor activity. We are aware that the uniform shop does not have stock of the Sagewood caps and will allow the learners to wear any blue/white/black cap until the new stock arrives.

Please find attached a copy of the afternoon activity programme. Please fill in the details and send back the reply slip by Monday, 16th January 2012.

CAMPS:

Camps for the year have been booked and it is mandatory that all learners from Grade 3 to 7 attend. You will be billed over the period February to July. The dates, venue and fees for the grades are listed below:

Grade 3:	15 October – 17 October 2012 to Achterberg near Krugersdorp	:	R915,00
Grade 4:	15 October – 17 October 2012 to Konka near Magaliesburg	:	R930,00
Grade 5:	15 October – 17 October 2012 to Klein Kariba near Bela Bela	:	R1 015,00
Grade 6:	15 October – 18 October 2012 to Ukutula Game Lodge near Brits	:	R1 220,00
Grade 7:	15 October – 19 October 2012 to Serobe Adventure near Parys	:	R1 180,00



Grade 1 and 2 learners will go on day trips. Further information regarding the camps/trips will be sent to you closer to the time.

CALENDAR:

Attached is a copy of the calendar for Term 1. Please schedule your holidays around these dates so that your child does not miss any school days.

SCHOOL TIMES: (put into a table format)

Please take note of the new school times:

GRADE	DAYS	STARTS	ENDS
3 - 7	Mondays - Thursdays	07:40	14:05
3 - 7	Fridays	07:40	13:05
2	Mondays - Thursdays	07:40	13:05
2	Fridays	07:40	12:25

Grade 1 ends at 12:00 until the end of January. Thereafter the same times as that of Grade 2.

WAITING CLASS:

For your convenience, there will be a waiting class available for **Term one** for Grade one learners only in room 125 from 07:00 to 07:40. Ms Thara Ramdhin will be the teacher in charge of the waiting class.

PARENT'S MEETING:

The first parents' meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 21st January 2012 at 14:00. This is an information session and it is important that all parents attend.

CYCLE TEST:

Please find attached a copy of the cycle test dates for Grade 4 – 7 learners.

SILENT READING:

In our endeavour to improve our Literacy at Sagewood Preparatory, we have introduced a silent reading programme which will take place on Fridays. This programme is applicable for Grade 3 – 7 learners. Every child must bring some reading material which he/she can read during this period. Your support in ensuring that our child has a book/magazine to read will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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