



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 27 Feb– Inter-High Gala @ Saheti
- 4 Mar – Individual photos
- 1 Mar – last cycle exam for term 1
- 5 Mar - Open day for prospective 2020 Grade 8's 16h30-18h00
- 5 Mar – English Olympiad
- 5 Mar – Prestige Gala @ Delville
- 15 Mar– last day of term 1
- 2 April– 1st day of term 2
- 3 April - Parents Evening A-L 18h00 -20h00
- 4 April - Parents Evening M-Z 18h00 -20h00

Dear Parents

Term one is already almost over and we trust that all our new parents and pupils have settled in to the routine of our busy school.

Honours Evening

This very special event took place on the 5th February and is the school's opportunity to acknowledge and commend our top academic and sporting achievers. Congratulations to all Honours Evening attendees.

D6 Communicator

We remind all parents new and old to download the D6 Communicator. This is our main means of communication with our parents. Go to the link on our school's web site.

Lightning procedure and Extramurals

The very welcome and necessary February rains have disrupted some of our extramural activities of the summer term but on clear afternoons it is always a pleasure to see our pupils participating in the various activities that our school has to offer.

Our sympathies are extended to Crawford Sandton on the unfortunate lightning strike that occurred at their school. It is a timeous reminder to all of us on how cautious we all need to be. Below is a guide on procedures to be taken in the event of lightning:

1. Coaches should be aware of the lightning siren and monitor lightning activity during bad weather.
2. **Coaches, staff and pupils** should heed the lightning siren when it is activated. **All pupils** are to leave the fields immediately and go under cover of the school building and find suitable shelter.
3. The players may only return to the fields/courts after the lightning siren gives the all-clear signal when no lightning activity in the area is detected for the required period.
4. **Pupils in the loop road** area are reminded that the siren applies to them as well and they are to enter the school premises and **wait under cover on the school concourse** until the all-clear siren goes off.
5. No one may take cover under trees or be out in the open once the lightning siren has been activated.

My School Card

I would like to use this opportunity to encourage new Grade 8 parents and our existing parents who have not yet joined the My School Card to do so. It is with monies

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QUOTE FOR THE MONTH OF LOVE

"Love takes off masks that we fear we cannot live without and know we cannot live within." *James Arthur Baldwin*

from the My School Card that we were able to purchase the lightning siren in 2014. A letter did go home to our Grade 8 parents informing you that application forms are available at the school. You can also go online and register or change your beneficiary on the My School site.

Reminder of the Procedure to be followed when contacting the school.

All parents are reminded of the process of consultation in place at the school to facilitate a speedy response. The Grade Head for your child is the first person you should contact should you have an academic concern related to a particular learning area or anything related to your child's well-being. Should your child be absent it is vital that the school office is contacted on the day, before 09h00. This should be followed by a medical certificate, should your child be missing an exam or assessment, which they must hand to their Grade Head in the first instance, on their return to school.

Open Day 5 March 16h30 – 18h00 – For 2020 Grade 8s

Our Open Day is on the 5th March from 16h30 – 18h00. We remind all our existing parents with Grade 7 children to ensure that they register on line at www.gdeadmissions.gov.za and in time, in order to get a waiting list number for the 2020 intake. Supporting documents must then be submitted to the school.

Yours in education

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Hyde Park High Pupils donate blood

The school's pupils and staff are committed to the blood donor program and over 50 learners that qualified, registered to donate to the South African National Blood Service on 8th February 2019. Danielle Ciara Smith, Motolani Peters and Calista Ramsamy all Grade 11 learners, were successful first time donors and were extremely proud to participate at this blood drive and make a difference to someone's life. They enthusiastically said they would be donating regularly in the future.



Congratulations to our Blue Tie Senior Councillors for 2019



VALENTINE'S DAY



SWEET VALENTINES

Hyde Park High School had a special Valentine's Day in aid of the Matric Dance Committee fund. The pupils were encouraged to pay R5,00 to "pimp their uniform" and this was their opportunity to express themselves with flashes of pink, red and white by embellishing their uniforms to reflect the spirit of the day.



From the sports desk

This term has had all the summer sporting codes out on the fields and in the pool, with early season training having started for netball and hockey.

Table Tennis



Our Table Tennis pupils were given a professional lesson by Gauteng League players recently. The boys and girls hung onto every word of advice and we are confident that this will help them with their table tennis technical skills.

Cricket

Our Cricket teams are battling to get a game in between the rain and soggy pitches. The 2^{nds} and U15s played against King David Victory park recently and both teams lost their matches.

Swimming

The season has been very disappointing with rain disruptions and galas being cancelled due to the weather.

INTERHIGH GALA - WED 27TH FEB

Even though we have not had much gala experience our swimmers have been training hard and we would like to wish them all the best for Interhigh at Saheti. We will be swimming against Boksburg, Hoërskool Linden, Hoërskool Marais Viljoen and Trinity Little Falls. This annual event is attended by all members of the swimming team and they are transported to and from the swimming stadium by the school. There is a tuck shop at the venue should this be needed. Swimmers will return to school by around 17h00.

Public Speaking

Our Grade 11 Public Speaking pupils participated in the Annual Festival of the College of Speech And Drama Teachers event which took place here at Hyde Park High on the 12th February. Hyde Park achieved a B+ and we are extremely proud of their strong presentation.



Waterpolo

Girls

The Girls Waterpolo team played against Kingsmead and Krugersdorp High recently and are proving to be a strong team to beat. They beat Kingsmead 7-6 and had a convincing win of 20-6 against Krugersdorp High.



Waterpolo practice boys vs girls

Boys

The Waterpolo Boys beat Krugersdorp High 8-7 and lost to Randpark High after a hotly contested match.

Tennis

The season has been slow with several matches being cancelled and practice being affected by the weather. The players have however been enthusiastically involved in this extramural and hope to have some match results worth mentioning soon.



HPHS Girls at tennis practice



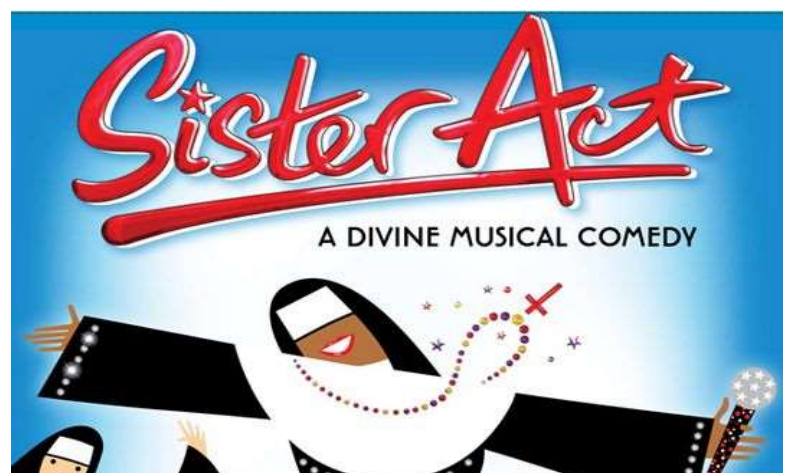
MAJOR PRODUCTION : SISTER ACT

Rehearsals are under way and the cast of our annual production are hard at work to stage a slick and hugely entertaining performance of Sister Act, which takes place towards the middle of next term from the 2nd to 4th May 2019.

Below: Nompilo Hlabangani under the guidance of coach Ms A Cummins, rehearsing for her role as Deloris, one of the leads of the 2019 Major Production – **Sister Act**.



SAVE THE DATE !!!!
2 - 4 MAY 2019
HPHS MAJOR MUSICAL
PRODUCTION





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