



EDGEMEAD | HIGH SCHOOL

“To have life more abundantly”

Circular 1 of 2018

18 January 2018



Dear Parents

Welcome back and welcome to the Grade 8 parents. We trust that the five year journey will be exciting and that the children will take the opportunity to Have Life More Abundantly.

My apologies to the Grade 8 parents wrt the uniform shortage – our suppliers simply let us down.

Thank you for all the support wrt the new hair regulations. Please read these and work through them with your child. Even with the open approach we will need to deal with a few to ensure they adhere to the new regulations. This will happen over the next week. All queries can be directed to Mr de Kock, Head of Discipline.

We would like to appeal to parents to provide their children with a bottle of water and waterless hand sanitizer.

Herewith my opening address to the school:

“Good Morning Seniors/Juniors. Welcome back and we look forward to celebrating our 33rd year with you. We all start a year with a new approach because we learn from the previous year. Each year is a journey, always with goals – some of these goals come with us from the previous year. The journey of EHS is based on a struggle that took place many years ago, and it is where our tradition started and from where we get our vision: TO HAVE LIFE MORE ABUNDANTLY.

We all know that going into the unknown is difficult, and that is where you are now. Your unknown is the new grade you are entering, the unknown peers that will be in your classes and a new challenging level of work. For the Grade 8s, a new everything.

I want you to watch this video – [parents – go to the following link, watch, and then continue reading]. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nJJa9f0I8XQ>

You may be asking – what has this got to do with me? I am glad you asked that question:

It has to do with all our values: Let's equate what he does with what you can do in your EHS environment and so be a true Edgemedian:

RESPECT: *respect for all aspects of life on this planet. Being polite and caring is a major strength, not a weakness. If what you are about to do is something that you would like someone to do for you and it would make you smile, then commit to it. Look after our plants and grounds – the more we care, the more we will benefit, the more we will smile when surrounded by the beauty of nature. Don't leave your litter lying around, don't carelessly walk through the plants or break off parts of trees/plants – RESPECT what is available for you to enjoy. So, if you don't finish the water in your bottle, or you see a bottle of water left behind, open it and empty it on a plant. Pick up the litter, even if it is not yours – create the environment in which you want to be.*

INTEGRITY: *To do the right thing when no-one is watching, and if they are, not to be influenced by their judgment, be it either through words or actions. If you persist doing the right thing, good will come of it and perhaps those around you who first criticised you, will come to understand your integrity. Do what you know is right – help those around you, be it plant, animal or human – even if sometimes they are grumpy and others look at you with disbelief. Be the better person.*

PASSION: *to never give up – to continue doing what you know is right even if the outcomes are not positive immediately. PASSION – it needs to be sustained for success to be the final victor. Don't give up, even if at first there is no result or there is resistance. Success is not for the faint-hearted – it takes commitment, a passion.*

RESPONSIBILITY: *not only to yourself, but to everyone and everything around you. Help those younger than you – they also have dreams, want the opportunity to succeed – as seniors, mentor the juniors. Towards each other, ensure that every person in your classes, in extra-mural activities and during the school day, have the opportunity to be happy.*

PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE: *strive for this excellence to make you a better person, so that your values and outlook on life will influence those around you. Strive for excellence for the world around you.*

Pursuit of Excellence at EHS is to have life more abundantly. If we all pursue excellence, EHS pursues excellences, and will achieve excellence in many aspects.

I hope you all took note that at no point did he stop looking after his mental, physical and spiritual well-being – in order to share as he did, he needed to be strong in all three spheres – and most importantly, he was extremely humble and happy.

This year, lets focus on VALUING our VALUES – embrace them more into your school life and soon you will be living them more abundantly.

We would like to welcome back our staff and trust they will have a wonderful year.

A special welcome to our new staff

NEW STAFF	NEW STAFF	CONGRATULATIONS
• Mr P Bates (English/History) • Ms M Engelbrecht (English/History/LO) • Ms L Foster (Maths/Maths Lit/Physics) • Ms T Holt (CAT/Grade 8 IT/LO) • Ms M Janse van Vuuren (Afrikaans/LO)	• Ms B Odendaal (Technology/Natural Science/Maths Lit) • Ms B Paulo – (Life and Natural Sciences) • Ms D Savoia – (English) • Ms J-M Vermuelen – (Afrikaans/LO) • Ms M Engelbrecht – Learnership (Afrik)	Child Matriculated © Mrs Gina Engaged Ms Verster Pregnant Mrs Erasmus

May we all have a wonderful 2018.

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22 JANUARY – 28 JANUARY 2018

Week B

Monday 22	:	Academic Awards Ceremony – 19:00
Tuesday 23	:	Grade 8s to come to school in sports clothes
Wednesday 24	:	Grade 12 Top Achievers Evening 17:00 – 19:00
Thursday 25	:	Grade 10 and 11 Academic Orientation Evening 18:30 – 20:00
Friday 26	:	Grade 8 Games Day 13:00 - 14:30

29 JANUARY – 2 FEBRUARY 2018

WEEK A

Monday 29	:	Grade 8 and 9 Academic Orientation Evening 18:30 – 21:00
Tuesday 30	:	Grade 10 and 11 Top Achievers Evening 18:00 – 20:00
Wednesday 31	:	Pupils sign up for Clubs and Societies
Friday 2	:	Interhouse Athletics



SCHOOL SHOP

School shirts and shirt pockets are now in stock.

Parents will be notified via sms when all other shortages are delivered.

Contact Ms Crossley for any queries on:
ccrossley@edgemedhigh.org.za

SUMMER SPORT SIGN UP

Reminder to all pupils to sign up for summer sport via the webpage – on the sports page (password is: summer sport 2018)

MATHS MEDIC

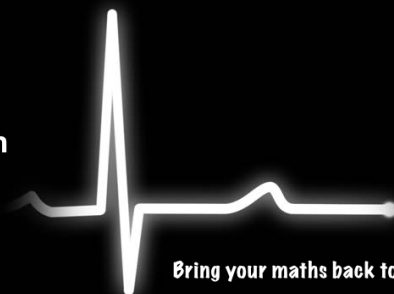
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From the Finance Department

School fees for 2018

Annual Fee per learner is R20 910 if paid in full before the 28 February the discounted amount will be R19 865 per learner.

Please remember:

- School fees are due in advance at the beginning of the school year. However, to reduce this financial burden the school will accept 10 equal payments starting from the **31 January to 31 October**.
- The following subjects have an annual levy: CAT/IT R400 Consumer Studies/Art R220 (Grades 10-12 only)
- Marimba R2 400 for the year... or R600 per term due and payable on the first day of term

Our banking details are as follows:

Edgemean High School
Standard Bank - Parow Branch
Account Number: 071 652 787
Branch Code: 031110
REF: This will be either your FAMILY CODE or ADMIN NO:

Please contact Mrs Hill for any queries: mhill@edgemeanhigh.org.za or 021 558 1132 ext 216.

LOCKERS

Please take note of the following:

Any maintenance issue regarding lockers to be addressed to Mr Grant:
bgrant@edgemeanhigh.org.za

Any administration issues:
Mrs Johnstone:
bjohnstone@edgemeanhigh.org.za

ASSESSMENT TIMETABLE

Please note the assessment timetable will be sent out to all parents via email on Friday. All pupils will receive a hardcopy.

ACADEMIC NEWS

GRADE 10 AND 11 SUBJECT CHANGES

Parents of Grade 10 & 11 learners are reminded that the National Senior Certificate (NSC) is a three year qualification and that each subject must be offered in Grade 10, 11 and 12.

- The subjects of all Grade 11 learners should be **finalised by the end of the first term 2018 for their NSC examinations in 2019.**
- NO subject changes are allowed in the Grade 12 year (or later than the end of Term 1 of Grade 11).
- Grade 10 learners may change two subjects before the end of Term 2 (June) – provided there is space.

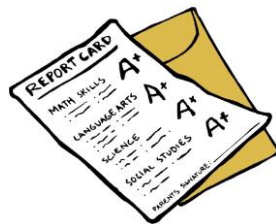
Especially Grade 11 learners that struggle with Mathematics / Physical Science have to take note.

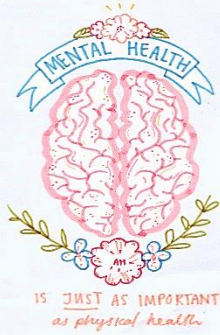
GRADE 12 – 2017 NSC RESULTS

We would like to congratulate all our Matrics from 2017 on their outstanding results.

A special circular will go out next week to congratulate all Top Achievers for 2017 after the Academic Awards Evening

on Monday 22 January.





Edge Psyched

*By Lindsey Lewis, School Counsellor &
Melany Black, Educational Psychologist*

Tips to get teens motivated for the new school year.

It can be challenging to discover motivation after more than a month of summer holidaying. Spirits will definitely be dampened and focusing will prove to be difficult as we struggle to switch from holiday mode to real-life mode.

The number one problem with teens going back to school is that they are often not sure what the lessons they're learning are going to be used for in the future. Social anxiety also peaks during adolescents, as teens are overwhelmed by how they will be perceived by their peers. It is thus crucial to cultivate the idea that the lessons they're about to embark at school are linked to the exciting world around them and that each new day at school will be less daunting than the previous one.

Here are a few helpful tips to help ease your teen into the new school year:

- **Pull your children away from the screen and take them on an exciting learning adventure** - Using outings as opportunities to show them how the lessons they are taking can be implemented in their future. For example, seeing how skyscrapers and architectural buildings were built with maths, taking your teen to a cooking class to see how the culinary arts work, visiting the planetarium and connecting it to the science they'll be learning.
- **Take note of their interests and hobbies:** If your teen has a specific hobby or interests, it can be used to form a good basis for learning. Whether it's rock climbing, building empires on a computer or even pottery. Motivation for the new schooling year could be generated by linking these hobbies to subjects they will be learning at school this year.
- **Talk to them about the world of work** - They might not be interested in the specific subjects now, but the skills they learn in each subject will help them in their studies

and job opportunities to come. Emphasise the importance of a Nations Senior Certificate (NSC) and start discussions early about study fields they are interested in. Let them job shadow, talk to people in their field of interest and start to experience what life will be like after school.

- **Let them know it is okay to make mistakes** - Mistakes shape us. If we use failures and mistakes as learning opportunities, we often come out the other end better people.
- **Friends** - Though the holiday is coming to an end, every child has one positive motivation to return to school - **seeing their friends**. This might seem like a counter-intuitive way to motivate your children to become enthusiastic about learning, but school is more than the lessons taught in the classroom, it's also about learning how to interact with others.

Remember that school is just one environment that your teen will find themselves in. It does not define them and is not a prediction of what the rest of their lives will be like. Believe in them and encourage them to take opportunities to learn and grow. Encourage them to get involved in the school's life, encourage them to get out of their comfort zones. Encourage them to interact with different people, to be challenged, speak their mind and stand up for what they belief in. Lastly, encourage them to foster friendships where they are respected and valued for who they are... quirks and all😊

Warm wishes for 2018, may it be a year of new adventures and life in abundance.

For more tips and motivational videos see the following links:

- www.essentials.co.za/lifestyle/motivating-children-new-school-year
- www.content.wisestep.com/education-important-top-reasons
- www.youtube.com/watch?v=7XXbyvdLgVM
- www.youtube.com/watch?v=5diEq1gTE4Y

