



Promising Futures

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Dear Parents,

SUB: IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Survey

For those that have completed the on-line survey thank you for the feedback. For some of you who may have missed it, the links are shared again:

For parents of Day Scholars- https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y8BBQ08	For Parents of Scholars in Residence (SIR's) - https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y8ZZFCY
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We will be including this data in developing our school improvement plan as well as our strategic plans. Students and teachers will be completing the survey this week.

School Advisory Council

This week we will be sending a nomination form for those interested in becoming part of our School Advisory Council. Depending on the level of interest, we will be having a lucky draw on the upcoming Annual Day to select members. Our goal is to have each division represented so we can collect viewpoints from all areas of the school. If you are interested, please complete the nomination form and return it by the due date.

Exam Results - Senior Grades - Consider this information!

In an analysis of our exam results we would share these findings for your consideration.

1. Scholars (Gr. 12 especially) who attended the Winter Camp last year scored 8-10% higher on average than scholars who did not attend the camp. Attending the winter camp appears to have had a significant impact on exam results. It may be worth considering Winter Camp this year.
2. Scholars in Residence appear to have out performed Day Scholars in the areas of academic achievement, participation in athletics and SIR's make up 80% of the School's student leadership. This would suggest that there are some tangible benefits to being in a boarding. Parents may consider this for all grade levels but especially Grades 11 and 12. Not only does it seem to have many benefits, but it may well better prepare students for leaving home to attend university!

Communication

We have listened to our Parents and will be making an effort to communicate academic concerns more often and earlier in the term.

Beginning soon, on the final working day of each month, teachers will be preparing a simple 'letter of concern' to be sent to parents of scholars who are not performing up to a minimum standard (determined by division Principals- but achievement below 60% is of concern on average). This letter will provide information regarding performance, some reasons why this may be, and strategies teachers have tried to mediate the problem. These letters will be sent to parents from Grades 6-12 by subject. It is possible that a parent may receive one or more of these letters depending on their child's performance in each subject area. If your child is meeting the minimal standard you *will not* receive a 'Letter of Concern'.

School Starting Time

Please note that school begins at 7:45 am. We are seeing an increase in the number of scholars (often the same ones) arriving late to school. Arriving late results in lost instructional time and does impact student success. Please plan around traffic and other delays. It is important that parents stress the importance of being on time for all appointments, it is a life skill we must impress upon our scholars.

Looking forward to doing more collaborative work and meeting everyone on the soon to be held Annual Day!

Best Wishes

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School Director