



# HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Newsletter 2 Term 1**

**3 FEBRUARY 2025**



## **'Coffee on the go' truck temporary closure!**

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Coffee truck will be closed for the rest of the week. Kindly make sure your child has a packed lunch for their school day. Please do not have food delivered to your child at school. **No Uber Eats or Mr Delivery please.**

## **Academic News**

The assessment forecast for all SBA activities will be sent out via the WhatsApp groups.

## **Support Lessons**

Support lessons started on **Monday 27 January** and will continue till **6 March**, the timetable was sent out via the WhatsApp groups on **23 January**. These lessons are important for all learners to attend especially if they have been identified by the teacher. Please ensure your child attends.

## **Learner Absence**

If learners are absent or late, please inform the office so teachers can be informed. Please note that in terms of GDE Circular 30 of 2000, learners are compelled to attend school during the formal assessment period (tests, exams and PAT). A learner may only be absent from formal assessments under the following conditions, as stipulated in the GDE examination policy, and must provide the appropriate doctor's letter or documentation:

*Serious illness, close family bereavement, provincial or national sports/cultural event, court or other official agency appointment, suspension or acts of nature.*

## **Admin matters**

Please make use of the admin block for messages & emails to the staff. If you contact the School Secretaries, they will gladly assist you. If your personal information has changed, please inform the admin office as well.

## **Extra-murals**

Please encourage your child to get involved in sport and culture programs. Extra murals will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons being either practise or a fixture.

We will notify parents via letters of when and where the fixtures will take place the week before.

The extra murals for this term are **Swimming and Chess**

## School Camp 2025

In true Orion style, we kicked off 2025 with a bang with our annual High School camp. This year we went to Buffelspoort resort. 33 learners attended the camp, and they all had fun.

They took part in team building and bonding activities, guided by the exceptional camp facilitators. Our learners slept in newly renovated chalets and commented on how good the food was. learners' behavior was excellent. We enjoyed good weather, and it only rained at night, so we had to do an indoor stalk the lantern, which turned out to be a lot of fun.

**The feedback we got from the learners is that this camp was the best camp ever.**



### UP COMING EVENTS

#### February

- |             |                                   |
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| 14 February | Valentines Civvies Day (R20)      |
|             | Valentines Dances (18h00 -21h30)  |
| 28 February | Interhouse Gala (Parents welcome) |

#### March

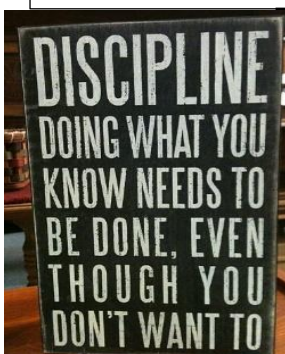
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| 14 March      | Inter school gala              |
| 10 – 18 March | Cycle Test Week                |
| 19 March      | Funky hair day / hat day (R20) |
| 20 March      | Term ends                      |
| 28 March      | Reports will be emailed        |



### DEMERITS and DETENTION:

Demerits and detentions will be issued to learners who do not take responsibility for academics and whose behaviour is not in line with the Orion College Code of Conduct.

Parents and the learner will be informed in writing when DETENTION will take place.





## Fundraiser for Randburg SPCA

During the Carols by Candlelight, two of Orion's learners sold candles to raise much needed funds for the SPCA in Randburg. Ne'amah Abdelgewad and her brother, Ahmad, collected pet food and funds for the SPCA in Randburg raising more than R5000. We would like to thank all the parents of Orion for supporting this worthy cause. The SPCA was very appreciative and sent this note to thank us.

Good day,

Thank you so much for the amazing donation that we received from Orion College towards the care of our animals at the Randburg SPCA.

This is our busiest time of year in terms of our workload and the amount of animals we get in. We are so reliant on the support from our community to help us do the work that we need to do to support the animals in our care and in the community.

We are so appreciative of the time and energy that went into raising these funds for the animals. Thank you to staff and students. We are so grateful for the donation!

**Kind Regards,**

Lyndall Ngwenya

Randburg SPCA - 011 462 1610/50

## REMINDERS

### CELL PHONES

The use of cell phones is permitted, but under the following conditions:

- Learners are solely responsible for the safekeeping of their phones.
- Learners must use the phones responsibly – cyberbullying will not be tolerated.
- Learners must hand in their phones at the beginning of the lesson, the phones will be handed back at the end of the lessons.
- Learners will only be allowed to use their phones if a parent member gives them permission to do so.

If you are concerned about your learner's cell phone use at night when they need to sleep, you can download the app "Family Link" from play store.

With this app, you as parent will be able to control your learner's cell phone.

### Uber eats

Learners ARE **NOT ALLOWED** to order Uber eats.



# UNIFORM CODE

	Summer	Winter
<b>Girls Uniform</b> Monday Wednesday Thursday	White Orion short sleeve shirt. Navy skort. White socks, black school shoes. Orion cap or hat. Sleeveless Orion jersey (optional).	White long sleeve shirt (no logo). Navy skort with navy tights or grey trousers. White socks, black school shoes. Orion jersey (new white jersey from Term 2) and Orion school jacket. Navy gloves, scarf and beanie (optional).
<b>Boys Uniform</b> Monday Wednesday Thursday	White Orion short sleeve shirt. Grey shorts. Grey striped Orion socks, black school shoes. Orion cap or hat. Sleeveless Orion jersey (optional).	White long sleeve shirt (no logo). Long grey trousers. Grey striped Orion socks, black school shoes. Orion Jersey (new white jersey from Term 2) and Orion School Jacket. Navy gloves, scarf and beanie (optional).
<b>PE Kit</b> Tuesday	White Orion golf shirt, navy quantec shorts. White socks, plain black or white takkies (no colours).	Orion tracksuit, white Orion golf shirt. White socks, plain black or white takkies (no colours).
<b>Blazer and Tie</b>	Orion blazer worn all year and <b>tie to be worn in winter</b> . Long grey trousers can be worn all year (optional).	
<b>Casual Fridays</b>	Navy or white Orion golf shirt with plain blue jeans (not faded or torn). White socks with plain black or white takkies or black school shoes.	
	<b>NO HOODIES OR NON- UNIFORM ITEMS WILL BE ALLOWED</b>	

## 2024 YEARBOOK – orders still open!

The Yearbook is still being finalised. We anticipate that it will be ready sometime in February. If you haven't already ordered your copy, there is still time to place your order for just R300.

### FINANCE DEPARTMENT REMINDER

*Payments must be made **MONTHLY, in advance, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month.***

Please quote the **FAMILY CODE** and **SURNAME** when making payments as indicated on the statement.

#### **LATE PAYMENTS:**

Please note that should a parent fail to comply with the regulations regarding the payment of tuition fees, the school will implement the following procedure:

- **One month** in arrears – notice of outstanding amount will be sent out.
- **Two months** in arrears – child will be suspended.
- **Three months** in arrears – contract will be terminated, account handed over for collection.

# **GENERAL INFORMATION FROM THE PARENT INFORMATION EVENING:**

## **Accommodations:**

Learner is identified and referred to the School Based Support Team

Support Needs Assessment (SNA) is completed

GDE Screening tool is conducted

Application compiled and submitted by the Educational Psychologist and SBST to the district

Approval lasts for the phase (3 years)

New application & approval needed for grade 12

## **Communication Procedure:**

1<sup>st</sup> Register or subject teacher

2<sup>nd</sup> HOD of that phase

3<sup>rd</sup> Deputy Principal

4<sup>th</sup> Executive Principal via appointment

## **Class attendance:**

Learners are expected to attend school every day.

Learners who are absent frequently (more 20 days per year) will not be progressed or condoned to the next grade even if they otherwise qualify.

This means if the department allows schools to increase your child's marks in order for him or her to pass, his or her absenteeism will cause the child to remain in his or her current grade

If your child is absent for a formal assessment, on a Monday or Friday or for more than 2 consecutive days we will need a doctor's letter when your child returns to school. Your child will be responsible to catch up all the work missed during his or her absenteeism

Assessments missed during absenteeism will be written as and when the school can arrange it.

## **WhatsApp Groups:**

Please make sure that you are on the WhatsApp group for your child's grade.

Newsletters and Circulars are sent home from at least twice a month. If there is a reply slip to be completed, please complete it and send it back to school. Otherwise, all newsletters will be sent out via the various WhatsApp Groups.



Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Tunley'.

**Mrs. M. Tunley**

**Deputy Principal of the High School**

ORION COLLEGE PRESENTS

# LOVE & PASSION

*Valentine's Day  
Party*

DANCE, MUSIC & GOOD FOOD

FRIDAY

**14TH**

FEB, 2025

18H00 - 21H30

ORION COLLEGE HALL

**TICKET PRICES**

**R30 p/p**

**R50 per couple**

FOOD & SNACKS WILL BE ON SALE.