

# HOLY FAMILY COLLEGE



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## DIARY

### 19 May

Funeral for Mrs Agathe Nzeba-Mamattah

### 21 May

HS Mass

### 26 May

Open Day

Scholarship Day

### 1 June

HS mid-year exams begin

**“God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.”**

*Revelation 21:3-4*

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### Mrs Agathe Nzeba-Mamattah

The school mourns the loss of our dear friend, colleague and educator, Mrs Agathe Nzeba-Mamattah.

Agathe, you are dearly missed. Your constant smile was a joy to see, and your deep faith was an inspiration. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with your family, and particularly your husband. May God uphold them in this time of grief.



**Grade 11 Mass at the Cathedral: 17 May**

The Grade 11s joined all the Catholic schools in Johannesburg for the annual Mass at the Cathedral yesterday. This was a wonderful experience, and the learners enjoyed meeting their peers from other Catholic schools.

**School uniform**

A reminder that all learners must wear correct winter uniform. The uniform rules can be found in the school diary.

**Drop-off zone**

Thank you to parents for your co-operation. Although there have been some initial issues the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up seems to be working well.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER****Dates to diarise**

21 May	New extra mural timetable begins
23 May	IEB MATCH Exam Grade 7
31 May	Umalusi visit (for accreditation)
1 June	Exams Grade 4-7

**Exam timetable**

The Intermediate Phase June exam timetable has been issued. Exams will be written between 1 and 8 June for Grades 4-7. The Grade 6s will be writing two additional Department of Education exams in the week of 11 June. All exams will be completed by 12 noon each day, so please arrange transportation for your child as required. Please can parents work with their children to help them draw up study timetables so that they are prepared for all their exams. At times, there are two exams on one day, so the children need to be prepared and not leave all their studying to the day before the exams.

This year we have introduced a short Mathematics times tables exam for Grades 4-6 to encourage the learners to learn their times tables. These times tables exams have all been scheduled before their main Mathematics exam so that they learn the times

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tables before the formal Mathematics exam. Please keep testing the times tables with your child around the house and in the car.

### **IEB MATCH Exam**

This year for the first time our Grade 6s and 7s will be writing the National Independent Examinations Board (IEB) Exams. On Wednesday next week the Grade 7s will write the MATCH exam.

MATCH (Measuring Abilities and Thinking Competencies for High School) is a benchmarking opportunity aimed specifically at Grade 7 learners. It is intended to provide primary schools with an independent assessment of their Grade 7 learners' preparedness for high school in terms of both academic proficiency and the necessary skills base needed for continued success at high school level.

While MATCH is rooted in the CAPS requirements, it also aims to test a learner's understanding of key concepts and their ability to apply these concepts in both familiar and unfamiliar contexts. It is intended to be a true assessment that focuses on the essential skills and the application of knowledge, skills and attitudes required by today's learner.

### **Uniform**

All children should now be in their winter uniform. Please note that beanies, scarves and gloves must all be black. Beanies and gloves are not allowed to be worn in the classroom. Blankets are allowed in the classroom, but they must be the official HFC blankets. NO blankets are to be tied around the children's waists while they are walking around.

We are still seeing learners coming to school with the wrong colour takkies. All takkies must be white or black. No multi-coloured takkies or high tops are allowed. From next week, the wrong takkies will be confiscated as we have informed the children about this rule since the beginning of the first term.

### **Illness**

We have seen several children becoming sick this week with a stomach bug. It appears to be spreading amongst the children. If your child is showing any signs of vomiting or diarrhoea, please keep them at home so that they do not make their friends and classmates sick as well.

### **Lumo Loom rubber bands**

This week several children have brought Lumo Loom bands to school. These bands are strictly forbidden. Any Loom bands found will be confiscated and the child will face disciplinary consequences. These bands are dangerous, and the children can hurt one another by shooting them at someone else. The bands also restrict circulation when worn around the fingers.

### **Intermediate Phase learners making story books**

Each English class in the Intermediate Phase is making a Big Story Book for the children in the Foundation Phase. Once completed, the Intermediate Phase children will take time to go down to the Foundation Phase classes to read them the story books they wrote and illustrated. This task was aimed at encouraging the children to enjoy Creative Writing and we are very proud of the effort they are putting into these books.

### **Grade 6 Class Captains**

This week two new class captains were elected in the Grade 6 class. Congratulations to Upendo Ilunga and Mondeka Mbunda.

### **Quality Kid Badges**

This week we recognise those children who show great sportsmanship. After SOCNET Day it is always great to acknowledge this important value.

Congratulations to these children:

Grade R	Ayabonga Ntozakhe
Grade 1	Sphesihle Mabasa
Grade 2M	Wandile Mfusi
Grade 2O	Lethlabile Mahlangu
Grade 3P	Nontobeko Shabangu
Grade 3T	Kamogelo Mooki
Grade 4M	Libongwe Sibanda
Grade 4N	Karabo Masangana
Grade 5D	Lorenzo Thring
Grade 6P	Dakalo Ramaliwa
Grade 7S	Jaden Hendrickes

### **Extra-mural timetable**

The extra mural timetable for the rest of the term has been handed out to the learners. This new timetable comes into effect from next week. One of the extra-murals offered to Grades 4-7 is the Battle of the Books. Our children enjoy the challenge of reading numerous books so that they can compete against other schools later in the year. If your child loves reading and hasn't joined up yet, Battle of the Books is offered every Tuesday afternoon.

### **Soccer results**

HFC vs Fairsands	HFC vs Crossroads
U10 won 5-2	U9 won 5-1
U11 lost 8-0	U10 won 3-2
Open lost 11-1	U11 won 11-0
	Open won 3-0

Well done on some outstanding results! We are proud of you all.