

# Linpark High School

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**Dear Parent / Guardian**

**Welcome to the newsletter for Term 1 2023.**

The new academic year started with welcoming our Grade 8 fledglings with a **Bell Ringing Ceremony**. This first-ever bell ceremony at Linpark High was witnessed by parents, guardians, SGB members, staff and our circuit manager, Mrs. FD Dlamini. We take this opportunity to welcome our new grade 8 learners to Linpark High and wish them a very successful and enjoyable schooling career.

Wishing you and your child/ward a triumphant 2023 academic year, remember the words of **Abraham Lincoln** "*The best way to predict your future is to create it*".

## **SCHOOL FEES**

We are finding it extremely difficult to meet the school monthly financial commitments, as school fees are coming in at a very slow rate. As a fee-paying school, we are totally dependent on your commitment to pay fees, to ensure quality all-round education for your child/ward. I hereby appeal to all parents/guardians to kindly pay outstanding school fees timeously. To those of you who have met your financial obligation, a big **Thank You**.

## **STAFFING**

We have welcomed the following new staff members to Linpark High: Mrs S. Cassimjee to teach Mathematics and Mathematical Literacy; Ms M. Toddun to teach Mathematics; Mr A. Zakwe to temporary replace Mr P. Connolly who is on study leave, Mr S. Ngwane to teach Electrical Technology and EGD and Ms. L. Maphumulo to teach Physical Science and Technical Science. We also welcomed Ms. N. Shezi as an educator assistant. In Term 1 we bid farewell to Mrs L. Udal who has taken up a position at Maritzburg College; Mr L. Lutchman who has taken up a position at Maritzburg Muslim School; Mr Jay Mahadeopersad who assisted the school to teach Mathematics and Mathematical Literacy. We wish them well in their future endeavors.

## **ACADEMIC MATTERS**

Your child / ward will receive his / her report for term 1. Kindly examine the results your child / ward has achieved. The report shows the results for all assessments for term 1. In the interest of fair and valid assessment, your child/ward had the opportunity to rewrite some tests.

Staying away from school for invalid reasons and coming late to class is one of the causes of poor performance. Kindly ensure that your child/ward attends school daily and is not late to class. Talk to him/her about the importance of punctuality. It is a matter of importance that we strive to improve the academic results at Linpark High School. Grade 12 parents will note that we have included the NSC pass requirements together with the pass that your child/ward has attained in term 1. Use this as a guide to inform your and your child/ward regarding where he or she need to improve in order to improve on the NSC pass. We have also identified high risk learners, i.e. Those who require additional attention and interventions to pass at the end of this academic year. In term 1, the Grade 12 high risk learners and their parents met with me and the grade controller to put mechanisms in place to ensure that they pass the NSC examinations. These interventions will continue for the rest of the year. The reading program that was introduced in 2022 has developed well over the past months. Please encourage your child/ward to read widely and to read a variety of genres.

The junior prize giving ceremony was well attended and supported by the parents. Thank you for your support to the school and your child/ward. It was a pleasure to see so many parents attending the awards.

## COMMUNICATION

Parent/guardian, we require efficient communication with you, especially in times of emergencies. Our main means of communication is through SMS, letters and email. Kindly ensure that you receive letters from your child/ward. Also, please update the school with your correct cell phone and email details.

## SPORTS

### Inter-House Athletics

We hosted a very successful inter-house athletics meeting in term 1. Athletics is being well received by our learners who are starting to excel in the different track and field events.

In term 1 our rugby, swimming, cricket, basketball, soccer teams were engaged in several fixtures and camps.

## SCHOOL JACKETS

The new school jacket is available. Please place your orders in advance and in preparation for the cold winter. Unfortunately, due to increase in supplier costs, the jackets are now R465.00.

## SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

New prefects and RCL were inducted in term 1. We wish them well in their new leadership roles at Linpark High.

### The Head Prefects for 2023 are:

Head Boy: Andile Smith

Deputy Head Boy: Alwande Sokhela

Head Girl: Jody Stompies

Deputy Head Girl: Saneliswe Jezile

### The RCL Executive members for 2023 are:

Chairperson: Fundiswa Sibisi

Deputy Chairperson: Ndimphiwe Mfingwana

Secretary: Lulama Shezi

Treasurer: Mchunu Phumelele

## SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

We also had by-elections for the SGB. Welcome to the new members of the SGB. They are:

Mr S. Mlaba (educator rep); Mr Jo Isaacs (parent); Mr Gerald Madlala (parent); Mr Bonginkosi Makhathini (parent); Mr Sabelo Pieterse (parent); Fundiswa Sibisi (RCL) and Ndimphiwe Mfingwana (RCL). We wish them well and thank them for serving Linpark High.

The SGB executive committee is:

Chairperson: Mr. S. Nzimande

Deputy Chairperson: Mr M. Khanyile

Secretary: Mrs K. Bimulkumar

Treasurer: Mr. Jo Isaacs

## FUNDRAISING

We embarked on our first fundraising activity for 2023. The school hosted a Braai and Dance which was greatly supported by parents, learners, staff, and well-wishers. Apart from being well attended with over 400 people in attendance, the event was well organised. All those who attended had a wonderful evening. Thanks to all organisers and supporters.

### ***Some useful information concerning term 2 2023.***

1. **Uniform:** Kindly ensure that your child/ward conforms to the school dress code. Any deviation from the approved dress code will not be allowed. Appropriate disciplinary measure will be put into place.
2. As Parent /Guardian you are the last person to observe your child when leaving home in the mornings. It is your responsibility to enforce the dress code.

- Boys must be clean shaven, neatly groomed at all times without modern hairstyles. Their grey long pants must be the standard cut, skinny pants are not acceptable.
- Girls' hair must be in accordance with the school code of conduct. The dress length needs to be 4 fingers between the hem of the skirt and the ground when kneeling.
- The slacks must not be a tight fit which reveals all.

## SCHOOL FEES

We express thanks and appreciation to all parents/guardians who always ensure that school fees are paid. This makes it possible for our school to meet its commitments and is functional. Please ensure that your account is not handed over to school lawyers. Make payment arrangements with the Finance Secretary

Parents please **pay school fees** directly in to the School's bank account:

### LINPARK HIGH SCHOOL

ABSA

**BRANCH CODE:** 632005

**ACCOUNT No:** 4101970041

**REFERENCE:** USE CHILD'S FULL NAME & SURNAME AND ADMIN NUMBER!!

**FAX PROOF OF DEPOSIT TO:** 0865168972

***You may also make card payments at school.***

***IMPORTANT REMINDER: Updated cell phone numbers will ensure you receive important messages from the School and will also aid us in case of any emergency your child may experience while here at School.***

***IMPORTANT NOTE: new school email: [reception@lhspmb.co.za](mailto:reception@lhspmb.co.za), [schoolfees@lhspmb.co.za](mailto:schoolfees@lhspmb.co.za), [bursar@lhspmb.co.za](mailto:bursar@lhspmb.co.za), [pa@lhspmb.co.za](mailto:pa@lhspmb.co.za) - Please check out our website for any updates!***

Wishing you and your child/ward a successful Term 2.



**MR A. Mangalparsad**

Principal

