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NORMAN HENSILWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

ACADEMIC YEAR ENDS

Dear Parents and Pupils

2011 will go down in our history as another memorable and eventful year. Academically, our results continue to show that really good work is happening in the classes and that learning complements teaching.

The opening of West Campus has been the highlight of the year and the following subjects

will be taught on West Campus in 2012: Accounting, Business, Studies, EMS, Geography and Life Sciences [Mrs Bezuidenhout's classes].

The IT conversion of the school has been made possible through Asset Finance [ABSA] and the loan [R 1,3 million] will be paid off over the next three years. I am extremely excited about the prospects of trans-

forming teaching and learning even further now that we will have the IT as a tool to deliver the curriculum.

I wish to thank each pupil, parent and teacher who have delivered their best during 2011. There is still much room for improvement. Congratulations to those pupils who deliver their very best, sometimes under difficult circumstances.

SCHOOL FEES AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS FOR 2012

School fees have been set at **R 12 000 [R 1 200 per month] for 2012**. This is an increase of R150 per month.

Payment is as follows:

1. By end of January: 15 % rebate.
2. By end February: 10 % rebate
3. By end Term 1: 5 % rebate.
4. Ten monthly instal-

ments of R 1 200 February—November.

A Capital Development Fee of R 750 per family is compulsory. Parents who pay this by the end of Term 1 get a R 250 rebate.

It is becoming increasingly more expensive to lead a school of Henshilwood's quality and parents are re-

minded that school fees are our primary source of income. It is a statutory obligation to pay school fees.

I wish to thank the majority of parents who pay on time, without fail. However, if 10 % default, we are left with bills of R 1 million. Payment of fees is a necessity. Please pay your school fees on time.

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SCHOOL STARTS ON 11 JANUARY 2012. I WISH TO REMIND PARENTS THAT ALL PUPILS MUST BE ATTIRED APPROPRIATELY AND THAT ALL OF THE OTHER ASPECTS OF WHAT MAKES US PROUD [e.g. SHAVING AND CUTTING OF HAIR] HAPPENS BEFORE THE 11th. PUPILS MUST WEAR THE BRAND WITH PRIDE.

GOVERNING BODY ELECTIONS 2012: ADVOCACY

Due to begin on **1 March** and must be completed by **23 March**.

The following comprise the SGB for a THREE-YEAR period:

1. 7 parent members
2. 2 educators
3. 2 pupils [rci]
4. 1 administrator
5. Principal [ex-officio]

The SGB must, from within its ranks, elect the following: **Chairperson** [a parent member]; **Deputy Chairperson** [a parent member]; **Treasurer** [a parent member preferably]; **Secretary** [any member]. We look forward to many of our parents stepping up to the plate and making a significant difference in the life of Henshilwood between 2012 and 2015.

ACADEMIC TOP TEN AND RESULTS 2011

| GRADE 8 | GRADE 9 | GRADE 10 | GRADE 11 |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 1. K. Barker | 1. B. Lee | 1. J. Jacobs | 1. S. Hoosen |
| 2. I. Sambo | 2. B. v.d. Posch | 2. K. Isaacs/M. Faulmann | 2. Kallyn Daniels |
| 3. D. Gould | 3. K. Adams | 3. Z. Carelse/R. Swartz | 3. Kaylyn Daniels |
| 4. C. Arendse | 4. T. Adams/L. Mally | 4. T. Evon | 4. R. Rahim |
| 5. D. Stanford | 5. Ashleigh Martin | 5. R. Arenz | 5. N. C. Smith/F. Jabaar |
| 6. K. Dankers | 6. M. Leonards | 6. R. Bolters | 6. A. April/S. Crouse |
| 7. C. Heuvel | 7. L. Kharwa/S. Poggenpoel | 7. C. Solomons | 7. Z. Fakier |
| 8. M. Johns | 8. Ashly Martin | 8. Z. Munshi/C. Johannes | 8. K. Jacobs |
| 9. Z. Bergsma | 9. I. Geduld | 9. C. Williams/M. Salie | 9. S. Benjamin/C. Dawson/Q. Ederies/K. Majiet/L. Muller |
| 10. K. Van Dalen | 10. K. Liddle | 10. Z. Samodien/A. Ismail | 10. D. Engelbrecht |
| No. who wrote: 226 | No. who wrote: 169 | No. who wrote: 153 | No. who wrote: 138 |
| No. who passed: 226 | No. who passed: 166 | No. who passed: 148 | No. who passed: 138 |
| Pass rate = 100 % | Pass rate = 98 % | Pass rate = 97 % | Pass rate = 100 % |



It has been proven that textbooks improve a child's academic success rate.

TEXTBOOKS FOR 2012

By now most parents will have paid for their textbooks for 2012. Some of the textbooks are loaned by the school and have a school stamp and your child's name in the textbook.

I wish to request that all parents ensure that their children look after their textbooks. The school

covers its textbooks with strong plastic and urges parents to ensure that their children do the same with their books.

In addition, school loan books are NOT to be left in classrooms. Too many pupils claim that their books have been stolen when they, in fact, have been

derelict in looking after their books. School textbooks belong to the school and must be returned on the day an exam is written. The replacement fee is R 150. We cannot afford to finance shrinkage.

Looking after one's books says so much about one's character.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

We have submitted two names to serve on the **Cape Town Junior City Council**. Before we reveal the names we need to wait and see whether or not our application has been successful.

Youth Ambassador Leadership Camp: this will take place from 10—15 December at Potberg Environmental Centre.

The programme is spearheaded by MEC Dan Plato. The following pupils will be participating at various levels: Carly Abrahams, Courtney Williams, Zoe Carelse and Jesrael Jacobs. You can access the part one video report back on the webpage [Leadership Development].

ENKE: this is an edu-

cation and networking initiative. Its aim is to reduce inequality in South Africa by connecting and inspiring young people. The training programme will span a period of 9 months in 2012.

If any parents have any contacts of training programmes for our pupils please let us know.



Leadership is not a zero sum commodity to be hoarded by a few. It must have a wide base to involve as many pupils as possible.

LAUNCH OF OUR PTA

I am excited to announce that ALL fundraising for 2012 [except the Fashion Show] will be managed by the newly established PTA.

The Grade 11s will no longer be raising funds for their Ball in their Matric year. All fundraising is now in the hands of the PTA. This means that we need to establish grade committees to assist in our drive to raise funds. Targets need to be set and projects need to be managed. Parents and pupils will also know how the moneys raised will be spent.

I urge as many parents as possible to attend the inaugural meeting on

14 January 2012 @ 18H30

Together, staff, parents and pupils can drive fundraising to extend further opportunities to our pupils.

PLENARY MEETINGS FOR ALL GRADES IN 2012

In 2012 Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 will have separate plenary sessions with Mrs Otto and I [including the grade heads and HR teachers]. The plenaries will take the form of information-sharing and will ease the transition into the new grade for your child.

Please take note of

the following dates and times:

Grade 12: 18 January 18H30—20H00

Grade 11: 1 February 18H30—20H00

Grade 10: 25 January 18H30—20H00

Grade 9: 8 February 18H30—20H00

An attendance register will be available. We trust that you value your child's academic year enough to be at the meeting with us.



REJECT MEDIOCRITY AND EMBRACE EXCELLENCE.

Staffing Matters

The school bids farewell to **Mr Dagnin**. I wish to thank him for teaching at our school for the past six months. Our best wishes accompany him.

Karrimors [Branded]

With immediate effect, the only karrimors that may be used at school are the ones branded with the NHHS logo. This applies to ALL new Grade 8s and new pupils. Gr. 9—12 pupils who buy new karrimors [must purchase the branded ones available at School & Leisure.

We are working hard to [again up our game in the branding dept.

CONSTANTIA HOUSE

As a result of our expansion, we have had to create a 4th House. It will be called 'Constantia' and will be represented by the colour green. Reallocation has to be done and parents whose children are placed in Constantia House are requested to purchase the green golf shirt for inter-house purposes. I apologize for this added expense but in a school growing to 1100 we had no option but to create the 4th house. We look forward to seeing **Constantia House** establishing itself and giving **Alphen, Maynard and Silverhurst** a good run for their money!

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BLESSINGS FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND AT CHRISTMAS

I wish to thank Ms Otto, the Board of Governors, the School's Leadership Team, the Staff [teaching and non-teaching], the pupils and their parents for an amazing year. We have made history again and continue to challenge ourselves to reach for better things each time we engage.

2012 will come with its demands and challenges to embrace excellence and everything that it promises for our lives.

I wish Ms Hendricks [the

Bursar] well as she embarks on her marriage. Ms Hendricks' new name will be Mrs Dollie. We congratulate Ms T. Daniels who got married on the 26th of November. Her new name is Mrs Rossouw. We bless Mrs Meyer as she leaves us on January 16 to have her baby. She will be back in May.

Please pray for Mr Adams as he recovers from his heart operation. Also pray for Mrs Hey who had a stroke last week and is in

a poorly condition in hospital.

I wish all Christian families a blessed Christmas. May 2012 bring all families hope, love and peace. God Bless.

David J. Millar 2011/12/08

