

Dear Parents/Guardians

From the Office

A warm welcome back after a well-deserved holiday. I hope that you are well rested and that you spent some quality time with your loved ones.

I took some time to page through our 2019 yearbook. I reflected on all the incredible successes, events and happenings throughout the year and realised that none of that could have been possible without the dedication of every party involved in our school.

Throughout Term 4, over the holidays and at the beginning of the year our dedicated teaching and support staff spent hours planning and preparing for the 2020 school year. If I look at the calendar, it already shows great promise of another year of triumph for Curro Durbanville High School.

We extend a hearty welcome to the new members of the #WolfPack and know that you will very soon experience the family environment that is Curro Durbanville.

What does 2020 bring us? 366 Opportunities. May you grab each one of them with a positive attitude and turn your dreams into realities.

I look forward to engaging with you throughout the year.

ACADEMICS

Textbooks and stationery

Please ensure that your child has all the necessary textbooks (printed or e-books) available. All the lists and order procedures are available on the school's website. It is especially important that Grade 12 learners have all their textbooks available to start preparing their work.

Have regular conversations with your child to ensure they stay up to date with all schoolwork. Help your child to plan for tasks.

A comprehensive assessment programme for Term 1 will be available soon. Keep in mind that the assessments for Terms 1 and 3 consist mostly of formal tests and assignments or projects. In Terms 2 and 4 exams are written. Some learners' marks for Terms 1 and 3 are slightly higher than in Terms 2 and 4. The amount of work learners need to prepare for exams is much more than tests. Most learners' marks for assignments and projects are better than for examinations or tests. The academic report of the first term reflects marks as evaluated by several tasks completed and tests written. In the second term, learners write a complete examination in June and, therefore, the marks could differ from the results as reflected in the March academic report.

Subject changes for Grades 10 to 12 close on Friday, 7 February 2020. We may allow a Grade 10 or 11 learner to change subjects after the June exams if necessary. It will take hard work to catch up on all the work missed. However, we will assist as much as possible.

Accommodation

If you want to apply for accommodation for your child (extra time, a reader, a scribe, etc.) at the IEB, please contact Mrs C Fourie in this regard. Applications for Grade 12 learners must reach her by the end of March. Applications for Grade 11 learners must reach her by the end of August. Only accommodations granted by the IEB will be accepted for examinations.

Communication channels

We want to encourage our parents to follow the correct channels of communication as set out below.

ACADEMIC MATTERS:

Start with the subject teacher. If you are not satisfied, take the matter up with the subject head. After this process has been followed, you are free to contact Ms Elsa Boshoff.

PASTORAL MATTERS:

Start with the guardian teacher. If you are not satisfied, take the matter up with the grade head. After this process has been followed, you are free to contact Ms Isa Swanepoel (Head of Learner Affairs).

SPORTS MATTERS:

Start with the coach. If you are not satisfied, take the matter up with the manager of the specific sport and progress to Mr Darryl Christians (Head of Sport) and the high school head, Mr Riaan Stroebel.

ANY OTHER MATTERS:

Start with the class teacher and progress to the grade head and the high school head, Mr Riaan Stroebel.

Parents are free to contact the high school head, Mr Riaan Stroebel at any time and after that the Executive Head, Mr Dirk van Zyl. Matters that have not followed due course will be referred to the relevant staff member. Our doors are open to our parents.

New high school staff

Four new teachers started at our school this year.



They are: Stephen Adams (Mathematics), Michael Schmitz (Mathematics), Meryl Davidson (Afrikaans Home Language and First Additional Language) and Flip Theunissen (Physical Sciences and Natural Sciences).

Welcome to the Curro family. We wish you everything of the best for 2020 as you settle in at our campus.

Grade 12 results

We wish to congratulate the matric class of 2019 with their excellent results:

- 100% pass rate
- 89% with entry to degree studies
- 10% with entry to diploma studies
- 1% with entry to higher certificate studies
- 66.3 % grade average
- 116 subject distinctions
- 81% of the matric learners have an aggregate of 60% and above.

The following top achievers were invited to the Curro Gala Awards held on 18 January at Emperor's Palace, Johannesburg: **Adri Wessels** (90%), **Regan Damons** (84.14%), **Raphael Voyiatzis** (83.14%), **Michael van Staden** (80.71%), **Carlin Carelse** (80.57%), **Xu Tong Aidan Wang** (80.43%), **Carmen Genade** (80.29%), **Tia French** (80%), **Ilze van der Merwe** (80%), **Jaydon Walters** (80%) and **Peter Kastoor** (80%). **Dharma Bredell** and **Anja Breytenbach** received the award for learners who rose above their circumstances to excel.

Adri Wessels' achievement in the final examination placed him in the Top 1% for Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Advanced Programme Mathematics (AdMaths). He also achieved within the Top 5% in 5 of his subjects as well as distinctions for Life Orientation and English Home Language. Congratulations!

Ten of our matric teachers marked IEB final exam papers at the end of last year. This is outstanding in-service training.

Grade 8 to 11 results of 2019

Congratulations to the following top achievers in the final examination of 2019.

GRADE 8

1	Amber-Leigh Nel	87.9%
2	Megan Naude	87.3%
3	Skye Westerhuis	86%
4	Inühn Fourie	85%
5	Joshua Beckley	83.5%
6	Christof Venter	83.1%
7	Sebastian van der Wolf	82.6%
8	Jenna Eagar	82.4%
9	Shauniquè Kannemeyer	81.5%
10	Matthew Witbooi	81.4%

GRADE 9

1	Jenna Rigby	90.3%
2	Dashayin Gilbert	87.5%
3	Anja Fourie	85.7%
4	Lauren van der Westhuizen	84%
5	Rohan Barnard	83.7%
6	Albert Diedericks	83.4%
7	Ethan de Wet	82.3%
8	Tayla Esau	82.2%
9	Erin Carter	82.15%
10	Lea Abbott	81.3%

GRADE 10

1	Emma Beckley	90%
2	Tiffany Gietzmann	88.9%
3	Joshua Cupido	87.8%
4	Alexander Rall	83.1%
5	Nell Ackermann	82.6%
6	Nina Hipkin	80.9%
7	Leeanne Gietzmann	79.53%
8	Zara Healey	79.5%
9	Ng'oyi Kabaso	79.5%
10	Anneri de Villiers	78.5%

GRADE 11

1	Kyle Janse van Rensburg	85.7%
2	Jamie Wilcox	84.1%
3	Erin Cuff	83.31%
4	Bhavika Patidar	83.25%
5	Marco Erlank	82.5%
6	Elona Fikani	82.2%
7	Michael Woods	81.3%
8	Kiara De Gouveia	81.1%
9	Siyabonga Nhlapo	80.3%
10	Tayla Jearey	80%

Guardian classes 2020

Grade 8: Grade Head: Ms Lucinda Jansen lucinda.j@curro.co.za

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8E1	Ms Jeanne Swart	jswart@curro.co.za
8E2	Ms Lowene Christians	lowene.c@curro.co.za
8E3	Ms Monika Evans	monika.e@curroholdings.co.za
8E4	Mr Sherman Smart	sherman.s@curro.co.za
8E5	Mr Jason Nel	jason.n@curro.co.za

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9E1	Ms Meryl Davidson	meryl.d@curro.co.za
9E2	Mr Stephen Adams	stephen.a@curro.co.za
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9E4	Ms Joni Stoop	joni.s@curro.co.za
9E5	Mr Rohan Smit	rohan.s@curro.co.za

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10AE2	Ms Lauren Frantz	lauren.f@curro.co.za
10AE3	Mr Etienne Pienaar	etienne.p@curro.co.za
10AE4	Mr Jacobus Smit	jacobus.s1@curro.co.za
10AE5	Ms Marilie Bouwer	marilie.b@curro.co.za
10AE6	Ms Hannelie Crous	hannelie.c@curroholdings.co.za

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11AE2	Mr Michael Schmitz	michael.s1@curro.co.za
11AE3	Ms Chanél Fourie	chanel.l@curroholdings.co.za
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11AE5	Ms Liaan Ackerman	liaan.u@curro.co.za
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12AE3	Ms Katherine Nel	katherine.n@curro.co.za
12AE4	Ms Charmaine Matthee	charmaine.m4@curro.co.za
12AE5	Ms Marilize Mathys	marilize.k@curro.co.za
12AE6	Mr Flip Theunissen	flip.t@curro.co.za

More contact details

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FET Phase: Ms Elsa Boshoff elsa.b@curroholdings.co.za

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<i>Mathematical Literacy</i>	Ms Marianna Claassens	marianna.c@curroholdings.co.za
<i>Physical Sciences</i>	Mr Flip Theunissen	flip.t@curro.co
<i>Life Sciences</i>	Ms Joni-Lee Stoop	joni.s@curro.co.za
<i>EMS and Accounting</i>	Ms Lowene Christians	lowene.c@curro.co.za
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<i>Consumer Studies</i>	Ms Hannelie Crous	hannelie.c@curroholdings.co.za
<i>Life Orientation</i>	Ms Chanél Fourie	chanel.l@curroholdings.co.za
<i>Engineering Graphics Design (EGD)</i>	Mr Christo Pretorius	christo.p@curro.co.za
<i>Music</i>	Ms Jeanne Maritz	jeanne.m@curroholdings.co.za

Grade Heads: Ms Isa Swanepoel isa.s01@curroholdings.co.za

Sport: Mr Darryl Christians darryl.c@curro.co.za

High School Head: Mr Riaan Stroebel riaan.s@curroholdings.co.za

CULTURE

Curro Create: From Broadway to Bird Street

We would like to congratulate **Gheran Hattingh** and **Mia Dippenaar** for being selected to participate in *Curro Create's* production of *From Broadway to Bird Street*. The learners are from Curro schools across the country and will perform at this year's US Woordfees. They will be working and performing with some of the country's top musicians and singers. We are extremely proud of both of these learners and wish them the best of luck for their rehearsals.

Curro Create

It is time for Curro Create again, where learners get the opportunity to showcase their talents. Last year our learners performed exceptionally well, and we look forward to seeing what Curro Create 2020 has to offer.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **27 January:** Entries open
- **28 February:** Entries close
- **13 March:** Final day to send in proof of payment
- **31 March to 22 May:** National adjudication takes place.
- **25 June to 12 July:** The National KrypCon

In 2020 we will have one national Kryptonite Concert. All Kryptonite-awarded learners qualify to be invited to be part of this but receiving a Kryptonite certificate does not guarantee a spot in this production.

Information regarding the various performance categories and submission of entry forms will be available on the Culture and Drama boards.

GENERAL

Grade 8 Orientation

The Grade 8 Cubs of 2020 arrived on Monday, 13 January. Their Grade Head and Grade 12 mentors awaited them. The day was filled with fun and exciting activities, and learners also received the information and guidance they needed. The first week was packed with loads of fun, laughter, sunshine and team spirit and of course some confusion! The Grade 8s were instructed to carry a nameboard, as well as a 'baby', for the duration of their orientation.

On Thursday, 16 January they participated in their athletics event and really impressed us with their spirit and enthusiasm throughout the day.

On Friday, 17 January they had a picnic with their mentors, and a relaxing time was had by all.

We are excited for what lies ahead in the next two weeks with concert practices and the camp.

Smartphones in class

As a rule, cellphones are not allowed to be switched on during lessons and may not even be in a learners' possession during a test or an exam. In the latter case, it automatically constitutes cheating.

Learners are instructed to put their phone away once. After that it will be confiscated until the end of the period. For a second offence, the phone will be kept at the office for the day. If it is necessary to address a cellphone issue in class for a third time, the phone is locked in the safe until the parent collects it personally from Mr Riaan Stroebel. We ask parents not to contact their children during class time. We appreciate the cooperation of both the learners and parents in this regard.

Calendar

The 2020 calendar was sent to all parents electronically. Please note that we try to adhere to the dates on the calendar as far as possible. However, a few dates may change owing to unforeseen circumstances.

School times

The high school starts at **07:55** every morning for all Grade 8 to 12 learners. The school day ends at **14:30** from Mondays to Thursdays and at **13:30** on Fridays.

When a learner arrives late, he/she must report to the front office before going to class. This is in order for us to keep our records up to date and accurate.

When a learner is absent, parents/guardians have to inform the school by 8:15. A learner who is absent for two days must present his/her guardian teacher with a doctor's certificate. **If a learner misses a formal assessment, a doctor's certificate must be provided.**

If a learner has to miss school, permission must be obtained well in advance. The grade head must receive a letter, explaining the reasons for the absence. It is the responsibility of the learner to catch up and ensure that they stay up to date with the work.

Process to leave school during the day

In order for a learner to leave school during the day, they must get permission from the grade head who will provide a form that must be signed by every teacher of the classes that will be missed. This form must be returned to the grade head, who will finally sign the form. Only once this form is completed, can the learner ask the secretary to contact their parents. Only the secretary can phone parents to fetch learners who fall ill during the day.

Learners cannot phone their parents and arrange to be fetched without the above process being followed. Parents who arrive to fetch children will unfortunately have to wait until the signing-out process has been completed.

Compulsory parent information meeting – 4 February

Dear parents, this is a reminder of the compulsory parent information evening on Tuesday, 4 February, from 19:00 in the CR van der Merwe Hall. At least one representative from each family should attend. This applies to all Grade 8 – 12s, as Grade specific information will be communicated. Learners do not attend this evening, it is for parents only.

Learner Diversity Leadership Training Conference – 6 March

All Grade 10 - 12 learners in leadership positions, such as Learner Council members, class leaders, sports captains of senior teams, etc., will be expected to attend this leadership training opportunity. This conference will be focused on inclusive leadership and will attempt to focus on very important leadership and soft skills training.

Learner Council 2020

Congratulations once again to the Learner Council of 2020! We wish you a productive and enriching year and we know you will accomplish great things.

Head Boy: Siyabonga Nhlapo

Head Girl: Kiara De Gouveia

Deputy Head Boy: Elona Fikani

Deputy Head Girl: Tayla Jearey

Grade 12:

Matthias Calitz

Marno Carstens

Jarred Hamer

Gheran Hattingh

Isabella Keeves

Liam Mongie

Bhavika Patidar

Jessica Visagie

Grade 11:

Emma Beckley

Iyabazi Rojie

Christopher Swart

Chido Tambara

Grade 10:

Angelica Deel-Smith

Dashayin Gilbert

Class leaders 2020

Grade 9

9A1	Dian Carstens	Lisa Bezuidenhoud
9A2	Mia Dippenaar	Amber-Leigh Nel
9E1	Dylan Roberts	Leah Christie
9E2	Sanah Healy	Leah Thotswana
9E3	Joshua Beckley	Saradh Marsingh
9E4	Shauniqua Kannemeyer	Dylan De Kock
9E5	Leah Twigg	Dylan Flannery

Grade 10

10A1	Albert Diedericks	Henry Shaw
10E1	Bukho Jukuda	Kudzaishe Masuka
10E2	Mbasa Ngoma	Shayne Joseph
10E3	Tayla Esau	Robyn Gordon
10E4	Euan Muller	Cassidy Cupido
10E5	Marcus Hiscock	Mia du Toit

Grade 11

11AE1	Cara du Plessis	Megan Gabrielse
11AE2	Leeanne Gietzmann	Zara Healy
11AE3	Aidan Wilson	Kaleb Demmer
11AE4	Jacqueline Heyns	Joshua Lombard
11AE5	Rhea Naidoo	Anke Botha
11AE6	Zoë Lamohr	Ashley Sykes

Grade 12

12AE1	Carmen-Inge de Bruyn	James Willcox
12AE2	Demi Harris	Jenna-Leigh Warman
12AE3	Danëlle Joshua	Brandan Botha
12AE4	Jenna Kesonk	Dylan Kotze
12AE5	Erin Cuff	Juan-Luc Muller
12AE6	Emma Ricketts	Matthew Williams

Curro School terms

- Term 1: *14 January – 20 March*
- Term 2: *31 March – 12 June*
- Term 3: *7 July – 18 September*
- Term 4: *6 October – 4 December*

Appearance of learners

Any school is judged in its community on several issues. These include academic and sporting results and the facilities of the school. Probably the most visible aspect is the appearance and conduct of the learners. Our children move through the community daily and are observed by many. We want to instil a culture of respect and good manners in our learners. For this to succeed, we need the support of every single parent.

Please help us by enforcing the school's code of conduct and the dress regulations. If a school has a good name in the community, it rubs off on every learner in that school.

Parking

As is the case with all combined schools, our parking and traffic on campus is problematic. Parents will understand that Grade 1 parents will want to drop their children off as close to their classrooms as possible and even walk with them to their classrooms. Grade R parents must accompany their children to the classrooms. We want to make an appeal to our high school parents to drop off and collect their children outside the school gate during peak hours as far as possible. You can still watch them and make sure that they enter the school grounds safely. Take note that no learners are allowed to park their cars on the school grounds. They can, however, make use of the parking area opposite the main gate.

Electronic Communication

Please inform the school of any changes in address, email address or contact numbers so that the details can be changed on our database. Most of our communication will be sent electronically. Please ensure that you are registered on MyHub. You can register on <http://myhub.curro.co.za>.

Clothing store (GRIT Lounge)

Operating hours during the school term:

- Monday: 12:00 – 17:00
- Tuesday: 07:30 – 09:00 and 12:00 – 17:30
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 17:00
- Thursday: 07:30 – 09:00 and 12:00 – 17:30

Clothing store: Contact details

- **Lounge email:** durbanville@gritprocurement.co.za
- **Contact number (Lounge hours only):** 072 547 9956
- **Call Centre number:** 012 741 3460
- **Call Centre email:** queries@gritprocurement.co.za
- **MyHub username/password problems:** 087 285 1699 / 087 285 2071

Facts&Figures

Please be reminded that our second-hand clothing store has moved to a new location. It can now be found next to Coffee@Curro, facing the rugby field.

Changes to our School Management Team (SMT)

There has been a restructuring in our SMT for 2020. Please take note of the following changes:

High School Head: Riaan Stroebel
Academic Head and Head of FET Phase: Elsa Boshoff
Head of Senior Phase: Deon Van Zyl
Head of Technology and Communication: Rohan Smit
Head of Learner Affairs: Isa Swanepoel
Head of Administration: Corné Marais

Ms Corné Marais is a new member of the SMT. We wish her success and fulfilment in her new role.

IMPORTANT DATES: TERM 1

JANUARY

23	Grade 8 and 10: Elevate Study Skills Workshop
25	Interschools Athletics at Coetzenburg Stadium
27	Blood Donation Drive
29-31	Grade 8 – 12 Camps

FEBRUARY

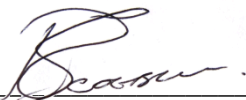
4	Grade 8 – 12 Parent Evening (compulsory)
6	Grade 8 Picnic
7	Subject Changes Close

Thank you for your continued support.

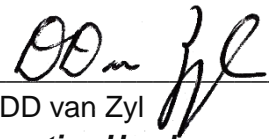
Kind regards



Ms K Human
Newsletter: Coordinator



Mr R Stroebel
Head: High School



Mr DD van Zyl
Executive Head

The MyHUB mobile app is now available



through Google Play store and iStore.



The mobile app allows you to:

- Receive notifications when an email or SMS is sent to your mobile number or email address
- View all communication related to your child/ren based on the profile you provide
- Access GRIT for online uniform orders
- View up-to-date statements
- Make school fees and event payments online quickly and easily
- View calendar events scheduled for your child/ren

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