

MARYVALE COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Guardians

1. OPEN DAY ALL YEAR ROUND

Please share the link with family and friends, visit the school's YouTube channel to watch a virtual tour of the school from the comfort of your own home.

<https://youtu.be/C-7D5BrqYhl>

A similar video marketing the High School will also be available shortly.

2. COVID Protocols

Please ensure that learners attend school wearing masks and that they have a spare mask in case the mask they wearing is damaged. The school has a limited number of masks for emergency purposes. As from Thursday 27 May 2021 separate entrances have been opened for learners coming to school. Grade 8 & 9 learners will enter the school through the gate at the school hall and all other grades through the main entrance where all COVID protocols will continue to be followed.

3. SPORT

We hosted friendly soccer game with our old boys on Wednesday the 19th May 2021. It was a great game despite losing to the old boys 5-2.

Due to the recent spike in infections, we have suspended scheduled matches. We know that the learners are disappointed but their safety is of paramount importance. We will still be keeping our learners busy at extra murals with extra lessons, and teaching fitness and skills.

4. Academic Support

The assessments conducted during the first term have revealed that the COVID pandemic lock down and the rotation of learners has had a detrimental impact on some of our learner's academic performance despite employing e-methodologies and other virtual learning in our teaching. We have thus intensified our extra-curricular programme to include additional academic support to learners. Teachers are committed to ensure that learners get all the support they deserve.

The school has also partnered with Maths4All and parents and learners who are presently experiencing a backlog in mathematics may contact them on 067 843 4246 or on info@maths4all.org.za.

Maths4All offer:

- Maths extra lessons starting on Saturday 12 June 2021
- Only 10 learners per class
- Knowledgeable, keen and kind tutors



- Affordable fees at R500 per month
- Convenient venue – Maryvale College

5. Academic Awards

Despite the challenges we encountered many of our learners performed extremely well and received academic certificates at a special awards assembly. Congratulations are extended to all these learners. You make us proud!

6. School Fees

Please ensure that your school fees remain up to date to ensure that we are able to offer quality education. School fees in the arrears may imply that your child may not return to school after the mid-term break.

A reminder that as from 1 June 2021 we will be implementing a cashless school environment as it pertains to school fees.

7. Blood Drive

The school is hosting a Blood drive on Thursday 3 June 2021 from 10h00-12h00. The following are required for those who would like to donate blood:

- Be 16 Years older (Must bring proof of ID)
- Weigh more than 50 kg
- Lead a sexually safe lifestyle
- Be a committed regular donor
- Be healthy
- Eat a meal or snack before donating blood.

8. Collecting Learners after school.

Please collect your children after school or after their extra-curricular activity. Learners that are not collected will be kept in after school class at an hourly cost to parents. The safety of our learners remains of paramount importance to us.

9. Grade 11 Mass

As a result of the COVID pandemic we will be unable to meet for our Grade 11 Mass with other Catholic schools this year. Mr Ally has arranged to hold a short Mass in our school hall with our Grade 11 learners. The Mass will be recorded, as with all other participating schools, and forwarded to the Catholic Office.

10. Mid-term Break

We close at 12:00 on Thursday 3 June 2021 and return to school on Tuesday 8 June 2021.

Wishing our learners, a great mid-term break.

Yours in education



Dr R. Looyen
College Principal

