

January 2021

Dear Parents, Staff Members & Learners



Welcome back to all of our staff, parents and learners! We hope that everyone had a fabulous break and that we are all ready to hit the ground running.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

As per the letter issued to all parents earlier this week, our 'on premises' schooling will resume on Monday 1 February, as per government guidelines. Online schooling will not take place at the moment but learners should ensure that they can access their Microsoft Teams account for use throughout the year. Should you have any queries regarding the use of Microsoft Teams please contact admin@besacademy.co.za.

Please note that parents must please wait for your child/ children to have their temperature taken at the school gate before departing, in case there is a need for your child to return home.

MATRIC RESULTS

Congratulations to our Class of 2020 on completing their school careers. We are sure you are all eagerly awaiting your results which will be released by the IEB on Friday 19 February. Printed results may be collected from BESA on the morning of 19 February between 8:00 and 10:00.

IEB MATRIC REGISTRATION 2021

2021 Matric parents are reminded that the IEB registration process needs to be finalised by the end of February. The registration fee of R 7 400 should be paid into the school account by Friday 26 February. Any learners who do more than the required set of 7 subjects will need to pay an R1 230 for each.

THE GRADE 8 ORIENTATION EXPERIENCE 2021

Unfortunately we have been forced to make alternative arrangements for our Grade 8 Orientation day owing to the revised school dates. A letter was sent out which details the new arrangements, please contact Mrs Preddy in the front office if you did not receive it. When circumstances allow, we will definitely make time to ensure that our Grade 8s receive a proper BESA welcome.

Owing to the alteration of our dates for term 1, unfortunately our Parent Orientation meeting scheduled for Saturday 30 January will now take place at a later date. Details will be provided in due course.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Joshua Du Toit who has received his SA JKA Gauteng Colours in Youth Elite Brown/ Black Kumite u/16. He was also Graded to 1st Dan Black Belt. What a fantastic achievement Josh! We are so proud of you.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

DATE	FUNCTION	TIMES	PEOPLE INVOLVED
Saturday 30 January Postponed	Parents Orientation Meeting	08:00 – 15:00	All Grade 8 -12 Parents
	Grade 8 Bring & Braai	12:00 – 15:00	All new Grade 8 Learners & Prefects
Monday 1 February	First Day of Term 1	07:50 – 14:30	All learners & Staff
Thursday 18 February	Start of Cycle Tests Term 1	08:00 – 09:00	All learners
	Individual Photos	During class time	All learners (Black golf shirt to be worn)
Friday 19 February	Grade 12 Information Evening	17:00 – 18:30	Grade 12 learners and parents
Saturday 20 February	BESA Parents Orientation Meeting and Honour's Awards	8:00 – 11:00	All Grade 8 -12 Parents Learners by Invitation
	Grade 8 Bring & Braai	11:00 – 15:00	All new Grade 8 Learners & Prefects

2020 HONOURS MORNING AWARDS

Current Covid-19 guidelines unfortunately do not allow for us to celebrate the achievements of the 2020 academic year as we have customarily done in the past.

We have thus decided to honour our top achievers at a ceremony to be held at BESA on Friday 19 February (Grade 12 2021) and Saturday 20 February (Grade 9 – 11 2021), which coincides with our Orientation Meeting for parents of all grades. A separate ceremony will be held per grade following the Orientation Meeting, where learners will be called upon to receive their award. Invitations will be issued to learners who will be receiving awards.



Our Grade 12s of 2020 will be invited to receive their awards on the morning of Friday 19 February between 8:00 and 10:00, when their results are released by the IEB.

PARENT ORIENTATION MEETINGS 2021

As a new initiative, we would like to invite each and every parent to attend an Orientation meeting where you can meet your child's teachers for the year, enjoy the awards ceremony for the 2020 academic year and enjoy a picnic / bring 'n braai thereafter.

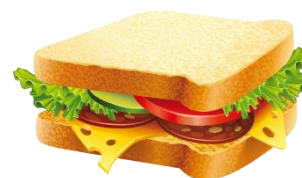
The Orientation meetings for each respective grade will take place on Saturday 20 February between 8:00 and 13:30 – spaced an hour apart for social distancing measures and to adhere to group meeting regulations. We would like to invite every parent to attend.

The schedule is as follows:

Grade 11: 8:00 – 8:30
 Grade 10: 9:00 – 9:30
 Grade 9: 10:00 – 10:30
 Grade 8: 11:00 – 11:30

FLOUR POWER

Flour Power provides sandwiches for children at Aloe Ridge Primary School on a weekly basis. Interested learners are welcome to help make the sandwiches on a Friday morning before school. Your time will be credited to your Community Service hours.



We are in need of donations: butter, peanut butter, jam and cheese spread. Please support our outreach. For further information, please contact Ms. Kirchner.

CYCLE TEST TIMETABLE: TERM 1

DATE	GRADE 8	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
Thursday 11 February	English	Afrikaans			
Thursday 18 February	Afrikaans	English	English	Mathematics / Mathematical Literacy	Physical Science / Life Science / History
Thursday 25 February	Mathematics	Science & Biology	EGD / Life Sciences / History	English	Afrikaans
Tuesday 2 March	History & Geography	Mathematics	Geography / Physical Sciences / Visual Arts	Afrikaans	Mathematics / Mathematical Literacy
Thursday 4 March	Science & Biology	EMS	Afrikaans	Physical Sciences / Tourism / History	Business Studies / Visual Art
Thursday 11 March	EMS	Technology	Business Studies / Accounting / Tourism	EGD / Life Sciences / History	English
Thursday 18 March	Technology	History & Geography	Mathematics / Mathematical Literacy	Business Studies / Visual Art	Geography / Accounting / EGD

- Grade 8 History & Biology tests will be written during class time during the same week of the NS/ SS cycle test.
- Grade 9 Science & Geography tests will be written during class time during the same week of the NS/ SS cycle test.

MUSIC LESSONS

Piano and Violin lessons take place at BESA every Monday afternoon. We will also be introducing guitar and banjo lessons in the near future!



We would love for more learners to join in and either learn to play a new instrument or brush up on skills already learnt.

For more information please speak to Mrs Büser.

DRESSING CORRECTLY

Parents, please ensure that all learners arrive at school with the correct school uniform, hair and nails. All rules will be enforced as per the code of conduct of which both parents and learners are aware.

Daily detention will take place as well as Friday detention for repeat offenders. Official warnings will be issued to learners who fail to comply.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the majority of our learners who are always well dressed and neatly presented.



Please note: While girls are allowed to have a basic French manicure, please refer to the picture (left) as an indication as to the length and type of tip accepted.

Nails which protrude over the fingertips will be deemed as too long.

We appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

SCHOOL SHOP

PRICE LIST UNIFORM 2021 AVAILABLE ON SITE		BEANIE PLAIN BLACK R50	
R700 SOFT THERM JACKET PRE-ORDERED FROM SUPPLIER	R200 SCHOOL GOLFER	BESA TRUCKER R100	
METAL WATER BOTTLE R170	HOUSE SHIRT R150	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">School uniform will be on sale on Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 1st break when learners can try on the items of clothing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please ensure that your child's name is written on each item of clothing, especially jackets which are often removed and forgotten. A name written on the tag will allow us to easily locate the owner should the item be misplaced.</p> </div>	
LEADER GOLFER (MATIC ONLY) R220	TRACK PANTS R260		FLEECE FULL ZIP (PHASING OUT) R270
LEARNERS ARE REQUIRED TO COUPLE THEIR UNIFORM WITH PLAIN BLUE JEANS	R50 GLOVES SCARF PLAIN BLACK R60		BESA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

BLOOD DRIVE

We normally welcome the South African National Blood Service to BESA on a quarterly basis but this has been put on hold owing to Covid-19 regulations.



We would still like to encourage anyone over the age of 16, who weighs at least 50kgs to donate blood and save a life.

LETTER FROM PERFECT STORAGE LOCKER RENTALS 2021

Dear Parents,

BESA Leadership Academy has lockers available for rent annually.

All students will be allocated lockers on a first come first serve basis. Learners will not necessarily receive the same locker allocated previously. Locker numbers may be requested, and if available for 2021 it will be allocated to you.

Rentals for 2021 will be as follows:

Standard Lockers

Annual once off payment : R615.00 (payable by no later than 1 January 2021)

Bi-Annual rate : R315.00 x 2 (payable by 1 January ; second instalment 1 July)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1b1ae7JZp3X4KmDJ-hY1SNUMpgtS6yGgkKBmK1ZjilBE/edit?usp=sharing>

Please follow the link should you wish to sign up.

CALL OUT FEES:

Although we are trying to keep the costs down and not have increases we are experiencing a high level of call outs. We have therefore decided that instead of increasing the rental we will be charging a call out fee in certain instances.

All lockers that have issues must be reported as soon as possible and they will be rectified by the weekend that follows the enquiry, this carries a R250.00 call out fee.

However, should it be an emergency and you need the locker fixed immediately we will charge a call out fee of R350.00.

QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, ACCOUNTS AND GENERAL INQUIRIES:

Please can I ask all parents who have anything to discuss pertaining to the lockers, to please email or WhatsApp me instead of calling me, as I am often on the road or in meetings. It is difficult to remember everyone who calls. It is easier for me to have email or WhatsApp proof of any questions/concerns in order for me to rectify appropriately.

Email: perfectstorageinfo@gmail.com (for all correspondence)

Whatsapp: 082 334 0889 (for lockers that need fixing, or to reset codes)

Accounts: Sylvi 072 637 4142

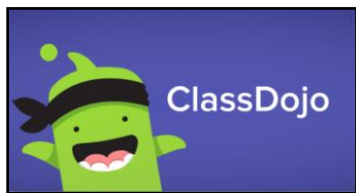
*We thank you for your continued support thus far, and look forward to a successful year ahead.
Yours sincerely*

*Kelly Goosen
PERFECT STORAGE*

PRINCIPAL PLUS (D6) APP

Invitations have been sent to our new parents to download the D6 Plus app. This system is used for the issuing of report marks at the end of each term but is also useful for viewing the school calendar and remaining informed of upcoming events. Parents are also able to view school accounts via the app. Please let us know if you did not receive the invitation sent in early January.

CLASS DOJO APP



We have sent invites to all new parents. Kindly let us know if you have not received an invitation to join our Dojo as we would like each and every parent connected. Please send an email to asarkis@besacademy.co.za and we will get you up and running in no time.

This app enables subject teachers and parents to communicate more efficiently and effectively via text, photographs and videos. The app will also be used to reward points to our learners who excel and follow through on what is expected of them. Negative points may also be given to learners who fail to adhere to what is expected of them, but we hope these will be few and far between. You will remain informed of your child's activities and progress every step of the way.

CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION FOR 2021

Please use admin@besacademy.co.za for any general emails and admin related enquiries. Please **do not send emails to the besacademy@gmail.com account** as this account is no longer in daily use. Please contact Mrs S. Preddy in the office on the school number 087 654 BESA (2372)

Parents are requested to please contact the Grade Heads for any queries or matters relating to your child unless the query is specific to a certain subject, then please feel free to contact the teacher concerned directly via ClassDojo. This system enables us to provide you with feedback as soon as possible.

Grade 8: Mr D Lawrenz / Mrs L Büser
Grade 9: Mr Fourie
Grade 10: Mr Jacobs
Grade 11: Mrs J Botten
Grade 12: Mrs T Botha / Mr J Khan

Staff school email addresses are as follows:

Mrs André – randre@besacademy.co.za	Ms Archery – rarchery@besacademy.co.za
Ms Berriman – kberriman@besacademy.co.za	Mrs L Botha – lbotha@besacademy.co.za
Mrs T Botha – tbotha@besacademy.co.za	Mrs Botten – jbotten@besacademy.co.za
Mrs Büser – lbuser@besacademy.co.za	Mrs Coetzee – dcoetzee@besacademy.co.za
Mr Fourie – hfourie@besacademy.co.za	Mr Jacobs – mjacobs@besacademy.co.za
Mr Khan – jkhan@besacademy.co.za	Mrs Kirchner – bkirchner@besacademy.co.za
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Mr C Preddy – cpreddy@besacademy.co.za	Mr D Preddy – dpreddy@besacademy.co.za
Mrs C Preddy (finance) – finance@besacademy.co.za	Mrs S Preddy (admin) – admin@besacademy.co.za
Mr Rufus – vrufus@besacademy.co.za	Miss Sarkis (admin) – asarkis@besacademy.co.za
Ms Wilkins – twilkins@besacademy.co.za	

TERM DATES FOR 2021

Term 1: Monday 1 February to Wednesday 31 March
Term 2: Tuesday 13 April to Friday 25 June
Term 3: Tuesday 13 July to Thursday 23 September
Term 4: Tuesday 5 October to Wednesday 8 December



SCHOOL TIMES FOR TERM 1

Monday to Thursday 07:45 – 14:30
Friday 07:45 – 13:30

All learners are expected to report for assembly and roll call by 07:45 every day.

LEARNERS WHO DRIVE THEMSELVES TO SCHOOL

It is school policy that a certified copy of your driver's licence is kept on our records. This is required in order to put our minds at ease and to cover our legal obligations. Please give this document to Mrs Preddy in the office. Learners who fail to do so will not be allowed to park their car on the school premises.



NOVELS & OTHER GOOD READS

If you have any 'good reads' that are suitable for teenage learners, especially classics, please consider donating them to our "Book Nook".

We are constantly trying to encourage our learners to read. There are quite a few learners who loan books from the "Book Nook" regularly. All donations will be gratefully accepted. Please may we ask that you do not send books that are in poor condition or that contain adult content.



For World Read Aloud day on Wednesday 3 February, we are asking our learners to donate an English novel to the school. Learners who donate a book may wear civvies for the day. The books will be put to use within our book nook or donated to other worthy organisations.

GRADE 8 APPLICATIONS FOR 2022

Parents who intend enrolling children for 2022 are invited to apply over the next few weeks. While preference will be given to current families, the normal enrolment process applies to all applicants. Application forms can be obtained from the school office or by email request (admin@besacademy.co.za). Please do not delay!

FINANCIAL MATTERS

A very big **THANK YOU** to all of our parents who pay school fees in terms of your agreement with the school. We really do appreciate your timeous payments.

Parents are reminded that school fee payments are to be made by the 5th of each month, so the payment for February 2020 is due shortly. If you are unsure of your required payment amount, please email finance@besacademy.co.za. We will happily assist.

Our banking information is as follows:

BESA Leadership Academy
First National Bank Bracken City
Branch code: 252242
Account number: 62249103251 (Current/Cheque account)

Please use your child's name & surname as a reference on your payments.

CONDOLENCES



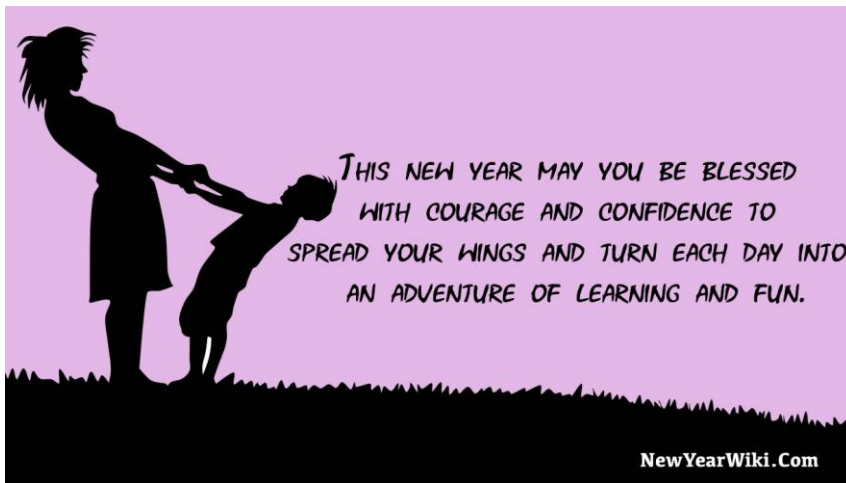
On Tuesday evening, 26 January, one of our former staff members, Mister Ray McKelvin passed away after a long battle with cancer.

Mr McKelvin devoted his life to the education of countless learners during his almost 50 years of service at Alberton High School, Bracken High School and BESA Leadership Academy as an educator, Principal and confidant.

Always the voice of reason and a pillar of strength and wisdom, he will be fondly remembered and sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, children and grandchildren.

Farewell Mr Mac...

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...



Kind regards
The BESA Team