

## EDENVALE HIGH SCHOOL FROM GOOD TO GREAT

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# NEWSLETTER

#### **Dear Parents and Learners**

During Block Test, our focus moves to academic achievement, and rightly so, since it determines the progress of our learners. However, I wish to glance back at our school community's involvement in extramural activities. In this regard, I commend parents who support their children in their ventures outside the classroom, as these extracurricular activities are positive and purposeful. The benefits of being involved in cultural and sporting activities abound, and contribute to the overall happiness of a teenager. Here at Edenvale High we are blessed to offer a broad spectrum of extra murals that cater to a wide variety of personalities... and allow children to excel in different spheres. I believe that a child who immerses him- or herself in school life after hours, is a more balanced AND happier individual.

#### The MAIN benefits:

- ⇒ It develops social skills friendships form when people work towards a common goal. What a bonus!
- $\Rightarrow$  It teaches discipline, goal setting, teamwork, critical thinking and how to speak or behave in public.
- ⇒ It improves overall academic performance, because it stimulates brain function and concentration.
- ⇒ It develops a sense of commitment, since teammates hold one another accountable.
- $\Rightarrow$  It strengthens resilience.
- $\Rightarrow$  It helps to reduce stress, whilst developing body and mind.
- ⇒ The success that follows improves self-confidence, which results in a healthy self-esteem.
- $\Rightarrow$  It enhances general well-being and health as it boosts one's mood, which provides a positive mindset.
- $\Rightarrow$  An individual learns to deal with both failure and success.
- $\Rightarrow$  It can help with time management, leadership skills and initiative.

Please encourage your child to become involved in school life – it brings pleasure and teaches numerous skills, whilst simultaneously enhancing the individual's resume. I listen to children when travelling together on the bus... it makes me realise that they are exposed to many different views, cultures and ideas. When this is linked to volunteer work or service programmes, it broadens their perspective of the world. I see the smiling, content learner in the classroom, while the parent sees the active, satisfied youngster who is healthy and fully occupied outside the classroom.

Preparation for life cannot be attained in the classroom only. Join activities to get to know your fellow Edenvalers!

I support Les Brown's words: "If you set goals and go after them with all the determination you can muster, your gifts will take you places that will amaze you."

Mrs Blom HOD English

Source: https://lakshyaschool.in/top-9-benefitsof extracurricular-activities-in-school/



On 9 February Mr van Zyl attended the annual Ekurhuleni North District Awards.

Two of our educators were placed first in their subject in the Ekurhuleni North District:

**Economics:** 

Mrs A van Wyk

**Computer Applications Technology:** 

Mrs K Boggenpoel

Two educators placed first in their subject in the City of Ekurhuleni:

History:

Ms C McLellan and Mr P Swanepoel

Overall Edenvale High placed 2nd in the Ekurhuleni North District as a top achieving school and placed 5th in the City of Ekurhuleni for best performing high school.



	REMES TO
Wed 28 February	Interhigh Gala A team – Delville
Mon 4 March	Normal classes resume after block tests – Day 1
Wed 6 March	SGB elections 18:00
Sat 9 March	EHS has got Talent 18:00
Mon 11 March	Individual Photographs. Full school uniform to be worn, no tracksuits, no Matric jackets
Mon 11 March	Monologues – 18:00
Tues 12 March	Interhouse cross country 14:10
Fri 15 March	Open Day 16:00 – 18:30
Wed 20 March	Mathematics / Mathematical Literacy assessment Grade 8 – 12.
	This is a compulsory assessment. If a learner is absent, he or she needs to produce a
	doctor's letter; otherwise zero will be given.
Wed 20 March	Reports will be sent by email
Wed 3 April	Term 2 begins
Tues 9 April	Parent's evening Gr 8 – 12: 16:00 – 18:45.
	This is an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher for a brief interaction (max 5 minutes).

#### **UPDATING OF INFORMATION**

Please note, if you are needing to correct any information pertaining to change of address, contact number or email address, please send this information to Mrs Enell; <u>jenell@edenvalehigh.co.za</u>. The school works from one main central database. Any updates done to details linked to your d6 does not carry through to SMART. The school must be contacted directly.

#### **ATTENTION PARENTS**

One of the school's projects is to feed the sterilised feral cats that live on the school property. We would appreciate any donations of tinned or dry food. Donations may be handed in at the front office. All contributions are gratefully accepted.





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#### Reminder Governing Body Elections

Parents are reminded that the Governing Body Nomination and Election meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 starting at 18:00 in the school hall. Parents are urged to make a special effort to attend, because an election cannot be held unless there is a **QUORUM OF AT LEAST 15% OF ELIGIBLE PARENTS** present.

Nomination forms will be available from the front office from the **29th of FEBRUARY 2024** and can be handed in at the front office between **4th and 6th of MARCH 2024**.

Due to new information given to us by the Department of Education -Proxies are no longer allowed.

The election meeting will be held on the same day as the nomination meeting mentioned above.

Please Note: You need to bring an Identification document (Green Barcode ID Book or Smart Card) with you to be eligible to vote.

- · Please bring your own pen.
- · Registration will take place in the hall foyer from 18.00 18.30pm
- $\cdot$  When registering, you will need to know what CLASS and GRADE your eldest child is in.  $\cdot$
- Only TWO parents per learner are eligible to vote (1 vote each).
- · Please make sure once you have registered that you receive a blue ticket.

Complete the reply slip and send it back with your child to school no later than 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.

Mr. Van Zyl Principal





### **SPORTS/CULTURAL RESULTS**

#### Swimming:

Gala 3 A team: **1st Heron Bridge** 2nd EHS **3rd Fourways** 4th Curro



Gala 4 A team: 1st EHS 2nd Benoni **3rd Crawford Sandton** 4th Hyde Park

#### Gala 3 B team: 1st EHS 2nd Our Lady of Lebanon **3rd Sir John Adamson** 4th Alma Mater **5th Queens**

Gala 4 B team: EHS placed 3rd out of 7 schools.

#### Junior Cricket:

vs Springs Boys High: won by 7 wickets

#### **Girls Tennis:**

vs Edenglen won 35 - 29 vs Bryanston won 28 - 13

**Boys Tennis:** 

vs Roosevelt won 6 - 5

#### **Hockey Boys friendly:**

vs St Dunstan's Drew 0 - 0

#### **Hockey Girls friendly:**

vs St Dunstan's won 1 - 0

#### Junior Public Speaking:

#### Grade 9: 1 Sara Lazarus 2 Keabetswe Mafotoka 3 Naomi Jordan

Event 1: A team: Received an A B team: Received a B

Grade 8: 1 Madison Giloi 2 Layla Bux 3 Konke Zama

#### Senior Public Speaking:

#### Grade 10:

#### A Team:

Received an A+ and winners of the event:

- Ethan Payne •
- Lerato Maake
- **Kay-Leigh Govender**

#### B Team:

Received a B+ and placed 3rd:

- Urja Jayram
- **Calista Panaino**
- Daena Le Sueur

#### Matric Trophy Team:

- **Event 1: Received a B+ the highest** mark awarded.
- Event 2: Received a B+

#### **Individual Speaker:**

Mutsa Momberume attained an A+ for his Individual Speaker delivery.







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