



WILLOW ACADEMY

A department of Word of Faith Christian Centre

Equipping learners to develop their individual potential and to further God's Kingdom

Term 1 Newsletter

Wednesday, 15 January 2020

Dear Willow Parents

TIME TO THRIVE

A warm welcome to all our Willovian Parents. This year we have decided that we will not only survive – we will thrive. We will raise the bar; we will rise above the norm. We would like to encourage you with the following scripture:

"Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he."

Proverbs 29:18

In light of this we would like to celebrate with our Matric Class of 2019 for obtaining a 100% pass rate. Special congratulations to the following learners who obtained their Bachelor Pass – Antonio Yaka, Caitlin Ingram and Byron Herron. A special thanks to every teacher who taught the Matrics throughout their school career.

Staff

We waved goodbye to the teachers who left last year, and we would like to welcome our new staff members. We trust they will bring energy and fresh ideas to the Willow Family. Mrs Naylene van Zuydam will be teaching Afrikaans and Social Sciences, and will be the Grade 6V class teacher. Miss Sheree Purdon (Miss Tanner Purdon's sister) will be teaching English, Natural Sciences & Technology and Social Sciences, and will be the Grade 4P class teacher. Miss Adrienne Leonie will be teaching Mathematics, Afrikaans and Life Skills, and will be the Grade 4L teacher.

Parent Evenings

As per our calendar we will be having two parent evenings. On Tuesday, 21 January from 18h00, we will have our Grade R–3 parent evening. All Grade R, Grade 1 plus any new parents must please meet in the hall at 18h00. All Grade 2 and 3 parents (excluding new parents), please meet in your child's classroom where the class teacher will address you.

The Grade 4–12 parent evening will take place on Wednesday, 22 January from 18h00. Grade 4–7 parents please meet in your child’s register classroom, where you will be addressed by the class teacher. The High School parents will meet in the hall. Please ensure that you are on time.

Founder’s Day

FOUNDER’S DAY ASSEMBLY – FRIDAY, 24 JANUARY 2020

As part of our celebrations we will be having a special assembly, which will begin at 10h00 at Word of Faith Christian Centre. We will be transporting all learners to the church and back to school. A letter will go out to all our parents inviting you to this special occasion.

FOUNDER’S DAY BRAAI – FRIDAY, 24 JANUARY 2020

Our Founder’s Day braai will start at 18h00 at Willow Academy. During this event we will be selling boerewors rolls and having fun activities for all the parents and learners. We will also have the junior jive, boere sports, obstacle course and a performance will be done by the Grade 8s. Don’t miss this time to bond with your school!

The boerewors rolls will be sold at R25 per roll – we will send out an order form shortly. Please place your order beforehand as this will help for catering purposes.

Communication

We would kindly ask parents to use our various platforms regarding communication. Currently, our main communication tools are the WhatsApp parent groups and emails. We will be launching the full D6 package as our main communication tool later this year. We will also be using Facebook and Instagram for smaller updates. Please LIKE these pages if you are on social media.

If you need to see a staff member, please contact the office to make an appointment or email them on their school email address.

Our operating hours are between 07h30 to 17h00. We would kindly ask that you respect our teacher’s family time. Unless we have a scheduled meeting or event, our teachers are not obliged to deal with problems after hours.

For us to communicate effectively we would kindly ask that you **UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION ON A REGULAR BASIS**. This will make our lives much simpler.

2020 Calendar

If you have not received a copy of this year's calendar, please feel free to contact the reception office. They will gladly email it to you.

DIARISE THESE DATES FOR TERM 1

Thursday, 16 January	Gr 7 Prefect training day
Thursday, 16 – Saturday, 18 January	High School Prefect camp
	Gr 8 & Gr 12 camp
Monday, 20 January	Sport starts
Tuesday, 21 January	Gr R–3 Parent evening
Wednesday, 22 January	Gr 4–12 Parent evening
Thursday, 23 January	Gr 4–7 Academic assembly
Friday, 24 January	Founder's Day assembly
	Founder's Day braai
Friday, 31 January	Gr 8–12 Academic assembly
Tuesday, 11 February	Class, individual & sibling photos
Friday, 28 – Saturday, 29 February	Chess tournament
Friday, 13 March	Gr R beach outing
Tuesday, 17 March	Lunch hour concert
Friday, 20 March	School closes at 11h00

Last word from the Principal

I would like to encourage all our parents and learners to be consistent. Don't leave things until the last minute. Plan so that you are prepared. All the best for 2020.

Blessings,

C Rademeyer (Mrs)
Principal