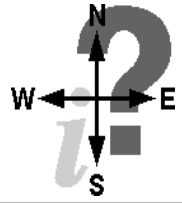




# St Stithians Girls' College

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## ACADEMICS

### GRADE 8 & 9 PARENTS & GIRLS

Meet the "Academic Subject" Teacher evening

**Wednesday 1 April 17:30 – 19:30**

Meet in the Anne van Zyl (Main) Quad

### GRADE 10,11,12 PARENTS & GIRLS

Meet the "Academic Subject" Teacher evening

**Tuesday 7 April 17:30 – 19:30**

Meet in the Anne van Zyl (Main) Quad

All parents and their daughters are please to attend our formal "meet the teacher evenings" in April. These are an opportunity for you and your daughter to connect with each of your daughter's subject teachers, if you have not already done so. Concerns can be raised and your daughter's academic progress this year will be discussed. Girls are to wear uniform or their sports kit. Please remember that all parents need to see their teachers so if you require a connect time longer than 5 minutes please make an appointment with that teacher concerned for another occasion.

We would like to remind everyone about the lines of communication when one wishes to address concerns regarding your daughter's academic progress:

- The subject teacher should be the first person to be contacted. Please make an appointment or email staff in order to discuss subject specific concerns.
- Should the matter require further intervention then the Head of Department for that subject may be contacted.
- If the matter still cannot be resolved then please feel free to contact the Academic Deputy, Mrs Borello. We encourage our girls to be proactive in trying to resolve their concerns by approaching their teachers directly and asking for help.

*Mrs Borello*                      *Academic Deputy Head*

## LITTER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

We are waging war on litter at our school and running a two week programme where the cleaning staff have been instructed to only clear litter if it has been placed in bins. Please encourage your daughters to keep the school clean – it is not acceptable for others to have to pick up after them! Your support would be appreciated with this important life lesson.

## CANSA SHAVATHON/ SPRAYATHON

Support the CANSA organisation and spray or shave your head - R50 donation at school - 26 February.

## CAR ACCESS STICKERS

If your daughter is the eldest child at St Stithians she will have signed for 2 car stickers dated 2009 from her grade director two weeks ago in Grade Barazza.

- Please ensure that these stickers are placed in the inside right hand side of the car windscreen as soon as possible to prevent the inconvenience of having to sign in when entering our school gates. We are trying to prevent the rat race of cars using our school as a short cut as well as preventing access to undesirables. I refer you to the Rector's newsletter on this point highlighting safety issues.
- If you have an extended family or your daughter has her drivers' licence or use a lift service – please ask the driver to bring an identity document when signing for additional stickers from our reception. Remember that although this may seem to be administrative – we are concerned with the safety of our learners.

## LIGHTNING SIREN

We cannot stress this enough...

We have just installed a more effective system that will not go off unless lighting is VERY close by. Please heed this siren and take cover in cars or in the shelter of a brick building, not under trees or tall metal objects. The warning siren is one long wail – the all clear siren is now 3 blasts. Please do not ignore the warning!

## THEFT & LOST PROPERTY

Girls are still leaving their bags around the campus, on the shelving outside classrooms and in bathrooms but not in their locked lockers. We are also disappointed that our possessions are not safe at school. Any item left unattended is an invitation to those who do not have the same values.

Please use the locker rooms which will now be left open so that those attending extra murals can still access their bags after the activity and need not take them with them. Many girls did not clear their lockers last year – the items have been in the lost property cage since December. Mrs Malinga is in charge of lost property and has sorted these items which are now in her classroom. Please encourage girls to check the lost property cage first before reporting items as "stolen". These items left unclaimed will go to needy communities.

## MORE DATES TO DIARISE

Interhouse Aquatics    26 Feb SHAVATHON  
Half term                26 Feb from 12:00 to 07:30 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
2010 Gr 8 Scholarship    7 Mar – Academic Exam  
Major Production        12-14 Mar