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High School
NEWS LETTER

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1. FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE HEAD

Dear Parents/Guardians

Every morning when I drive through the high school gates, an enormous feeling of gratitude enfolds me. I am grateful that the Lord has placed me here to lead and guide my staff and learners. I am grateful that parents believe in Curro Thatchfield and that they are giving us the opportunity to mould their children for the future. I am grateful for being part of a community that looks out and cares for one another. I am grateful for parents who stand up for our school and its beliefs. I am grateful for ... and the list goes on and on.

I trust that all our mothers enjoyed a very special Mother's Day and were spoilt by their loved ones. Dads, don't despair – we are working on something for you as well, and details will soon be sent out.

Our learners have already started with their mid-year examinations and we believe that our school's motto will become true for our learners, i.e. ***Per Ardua Ad Alta – through hard work great heights are achieved.*** I would like to remind our parents that with the many public holidays we've experienced, no additional 'time off' may be allowed. Please note that we aim to work each and every day, until the last day of the term, as I am sure all our learners would like to achieve good results. Good luck to all our learners!

Remember that our staff is always available for academic assistance during the examination period. All that learners need to do is make an appointment with the teacher and then attend the lesson. This is normally done on an individual basis where learners can really address their problems in a certain subject.

All our learners must by now be wearing their full winter uniform. Please ensure that your child wears the correct winter uniform and does not 'mix-and-match' summer/winter clothing items. It is also now when learners start wearing beanies. Kindly note that the only beanie to be worn is the Curro beanie. Girls are only allowed to wear opaque tights. Parents, please assist us in making sure that our learners look **smart** and portray our values all the time.





Our Grade 11 Motor Festival fundraiser was a huge success with many new ideas shared for an even better Festival next year.

I would also like to remind you of our High School outreach programme for term 2 – see details below:



By now you should have received the link to complete our annual survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z83RLXS>). Please support us in completing the survey, as this will help us in making strategic decisions for the future.

Have you had an experience with a teacher at school who really went the extra mile or did something extraordinary? Please do not hesitate to send us an email and share this experience with us. Complimenting a teacher is always highly appreciated, and I would like to personally commend teachers for helping us in making Curro Thatchfield *The School of Choice*.

Mrs Mariene Gerber

2. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF HIGH SCHOOL

During these past few weeks, we had our third successful **blood drive** of the year. Thank you to all the learners who gave so selflessly. One pint of blood has the potential to save three lives!

We also hosted our fifth annual **Careers Day** on 7 May. There were 28 different institutions who came to inform our learners about the different opportunities they might choose from once they have finished school.

Our Grade 8s are looking forward to do their **Outreach** to the Woodrock Animal Shelter on 11 June. They will be helping with orphaned animals and are encouraged to bring along any item on the prescribed list.

Our winter **sports activities** are in full swing. Hockey, netball, soccer and rugby teams are competing on a weekly basis in their respective leagues. We are very proud of their results. Our chess team has also entered a chess league and is doing really well.



Congratulations to our **Culture** department. Not only did they host a very successful Curro Superheroes competition (eisteddfod), but our learners did extremely well. As soon as we have the official results, we will share them with you.

All learners are busy with exams and I request that you please support your child by ensuring that they prepare adequately for the exam.

Mr Danie van Schalkwyk

3. PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

The Parent Advisory Committee acts as a go-between for parents and management of the school. They are also there to assist with building relationships amongst parents and to be brand ambassadors for our school. Herewith the details of the high school PAC members:

Name and surname	Email address
Marothi Thosago (chairperson)	Warena.thosago@outlook.com
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Please feel free to contact them with any suggestions, concerns, challenges, etc. Together we are working hard to make sure that Curro Thatchfield High School is becoming the *School of Choice*.

4. DATES TO DIARISE

Please take note of the following important dates for the rest of the term:

Date	Activity
Monday, 27 May	Exams start for Grade 8 to 9 learners
Wednesday, 12 June	Curro STEAM event at Aurora Donuts-for-Dads in high school hall
Friday, 14 June	School closes for term 2 – reports published on MY HUB High School Educational Tour to Russia Grade 12 Holiday school 1 to 5 July 2019 Drummie Nationals from 22 to 26 June 2019
Sunday, 16 June	Father's Day and Youth Day
Tuesday, 9 July	School re-opens for learners



5. GENERAL

We would like to congratulate Miss Anita Bouwer – now Mrs Schmidt – (Grade 10ABO) who tied the knot during the holidays. May you have a long and happy marriage.

Staff matters

Tablets and textbooks

We remind you once again that, in order for your child to make the best of his/her academic year, it is of utmost importance that you **purchase the required textbooks/workbooks**. This year you had the option to either purchase hardcopy books or e-books. There is still a vast number of learners who do not have textbooks. We are concerned about how learners will prepare properly for their examinations without the necessary resources.

The number of learners loitering on school premises after school hours is of great concern. Aside from the obvious safety concerns, learners are wasting valuable time that could be spent on homework or preparing for a test. We urgently need your support in this regard by ensuring that you check up on your children's whereabouts after school.

Learners on premises after hours

Changing of personal details

You are urgently requested to please log on to MyHub and **check your personal details**, i.e. telephone numbers, email address, etc. Should there be some changes, you can now update it personally with the latest information. It is important that you please keep your details updated as we might, from time to time, need to get hold of you regarding an incident at school.

Thank you to all our learners for looking smart and proudly Curro when arriving at school in the mornings. Just a reminder to the girls to make sure that their dresses are of an acceptable length. We also expect of our boys to be cleanly shaven, please. If there is any doubt regarding general appearance, please contact the school for advice.

General appearance of learners

School leavers

In the unfortunate event that you need to leave our Curro family, please make sure that you **schedule an appointment with the Executive Head**. Once a discussion has taken place, the school leaver process will be actioned. In the same breath, I want to invite you to please visit me should you decide to remove your child based on hearsay. I want to assist you in making an informed decision and not to react on negative perceptions cultivated by others.

By visiting our Curro Thatchfield Facebook page regularly, you will stay up to date with all the activities that are taking place at our school. Interesting articles and photos are posted regularly and you will be amazed to see how busy we are!

Facebook page

Please don't forget to 'like' our posts.

<https://www.facebook.com/CurroThatchfield/>



6. IN CONCLUSION

The next **C** that we implement in our 21st-century teaching method is that of **CHARACTER**. Character refers to qualities of the individual that are essential for being personally effective in a complex world. This includes: grit, tenacity, perseverance, resilience, reliability and honesty. In applying character as underlying content, we believe that learners who leave Curro Thatchfield will be able to sustain themselves in the world beyond the classroom.

Lastly, I leave you with this quote to ponder on ...



Kind regards

MRS MARLENE GERBER
EXECUTIVE HEAD

MR DANIE VAN SCHALKWYK
HEAD OF HIGH SCHOOL



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Name of account: Curro Thatchfield

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Reference: Family code

Please note that school fees are due in advance on the 2nd of every month for 12 months (e.g. July school fees are payable on 2 July)

NB: A R150 payment allocation fine will be added to all accounts that do not use the family code as reference when making an EFT payment.

External providers

Grit Concept Lounge

thatchfield@grit.co.za

Located in the high school admin office

Monday to Thursday: 07:30 – 09:00 and 12:30 – 16:00

Friday: 07:30 – 09:00

Afro School Suppliers

ldreyer@afroschool.co.za or 011 708 6334

Educational support team

Educational Psychologist

Elmarie Moss-Dormehl: 082 920 4929

Occupational therapist

Karen Liebenberg: 083 651 0876

Speech therapist

Liesl Turner: 072 124 7646

lieslturner@vodamail.co.za

Play therapist

Anita Potgieter: 084 632 1313

anita.l.potgieter@gmail.com

If you think your child might suffer from depression, contact

South African Depression and Anxiety Group (SADAG) 08:00 – 20:00

0800 567 567 or 0800 205 026 or 0800 708 090 and 0800 121 314 or

SMS 31393 and they will call you back.

Urban Life church services on Sundays in the primary school hall at 10:00

danie@urbanlife.org.za

www.urbanlife.org.za

3C Ministries on Sundays in the high school hall at 08:00