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“Semper Sursum - Always Aim High”

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To the UFS Community,

What an absolute delight it has been to see our children engaged in the extensive sport and co-curricular programme! I am pleased with the fact that we have managed to secure many high calibre external coaches to augment our capacity, and it has been good to see them engaging with our students!

There is no doubt that the past two years have been incredibly disruptive and have led to a degree of disconnection between parents and school life. Now that life seems to be a little more normal, we can begin hosting events that build our sense of community. We look forward to sharing more in this regard – watch this space!

Our teachers and school leadership work tirelessly to bring about valuable, meaningful and sustained changes to our educational programme and we are all fully committed to bringing the very best out in every single student. I appreciate the many compliments we have received in the opening weeks and it is always a great pleasure to be able to pass these on to the relevant people. Please never hesitate to call on your child’s class / subject / tutor teacher for support or assistance. Please do respect their personal and family time though and limit communication to before 17h00.

It appears many parents missed last week’s newsletter and so I include the following information again in this week’s edition:

We have received a number of queries about a bus service for the Manzini and Matsapha areas. As such, we would like to gauge the viability of such a service. We are thus asking parents who would like to make use of a service as outlined below, to commit their interest by writing to our Head of Transport, Mr Wayne Sparham, at transport@usutuschool.com

Route Information;

- Depart from the Total filling station in Moneni (Carson Wheels) at 06h00.
- Then collects from Galp central filling station. (Centre of Manzini).
- Then to Mahhala Bigtree (Matsapha) and collect there at approximately 06h30.
- Proceed to school.
- Afternoon route will be door to door drop offs.

The fitting of the school shop has been completed. This facility, housed in the new administration building, will provide a wonderful sense of convenience to parents and students, and we look forward to stocking, and opening it over the course of the next few weeks.

I am pleased to report that we are in the final stages of finalising a Service Level Agreement with a new catering firm. We are using this time productively to address a few shortcomings in the kitchen layout and adequacy of equipment.

Our school campus is really looking magnificent. Mr Mandla Dlamini, our Estate Manager, and his team of support staff have worked with great energy and determination to bring our buildings and grounds to current condition, and they deserve public accolade for this. It was a pleasure to be able to express our appreciation to these valued staff members with pizzas and cold drinks last Friday afternoon.

A large part of our rebranding process has been to achieve seamless consistency between the Primary and High School in all areas. One final aspect we have had to address is the issue of different house names between Primary and High, and the fact that we have four houses in the former and three in the latter. The decision to drop the High School house names of Griffin, Wyvern and Pegasus and to integrate the longstanding Primary School house names makes perfect sense from a cultural identity perspective. Analysis of the numbers of boys and girls in each group shows that we do not have sufficient numbers across all age groups to warrant four houses in the school. The decision to thus revert to the school's original and longstanding three house names of Ingwe, Ndlovu and Lebusisi, once again, makes perfect sense. The implication of this means that students who have been in Bhejane have been re-allocated to one of the three former house names in a manner that provides equitable distribution of boys and girls in each age group in each house. Our school leaders have addressed this with the students and so there is a clear understanding of the rationale and dynamics involved here. We look forward now to a long and sustainable house structure that can grow from strength to strength.

I wish you all a very blessed weekend.

Yours in Education,



Gareth Allman
Executive Principal

