



ST. DOMINIC'S COLLEGE

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Dear Parents

ARRANGEMENTS 2024: NEW PUPILS (DAY SCHOLARS) GRADES 1-12

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new parents and pupils into our St Dominic's family. We trust that your child will thrive in his/her first year in our school, and we look forward to welcoming them in 2024.

This letter serves to inform you of the arrangements for the first term and we trust you will find it informative and useful. Please ensure you read it carefully as it contains vital instructions that should not be missed. We have also included additional information with regard to school matters.

New Pupils' Day – ALL GRADE 1s AND GRADE 8s FOR 2024 TO ALSO ATTEND

On Wednesday, 10 January 2024, all our **new** children (and parents) from Grade 1 to Grade 12 are invited to attend New Pupils' Day, which takes place at the High School/Primary School, depending on which Grade your child is being placed. An invitation is enclosed. Please note that we start at the Catholic Church and thereafter we will proceed to the various schools. Children are to wear summer school uniform on this day.

Where do I go on the first day of school?

School starts on Thursday, 11 January 2024, for Term 1. In the Primary School, you will report to your relevant class. You will find out in which class your child has been placed on New Pupils' Day. In the High School, all children are to report to the quad where line-ups occur, across from the High School hall. You will be sorted into your classes at that time.

Pupils must report for line-ups at 07h15 to ensure that school begins at 07h30 at the Primary and High School

Immigrant Status (Gr 6-12 only)

If your child qualifies for immigrant status, please ensure that all the required accompanying documentation is sent to school on the first day, together with the attached form. These documents must be handed in to the Mrs Ndina Kamenos, High School Deputy Head: Academics.

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TEXTBOOKS

School begins on Thursday, 11 January 2024. Please ensure that you have purchased your child's textbooks in time for start of term. Attached is a list of textbook requirements for 2024. These textbooks will be available through the following suppliers:

Protea Books	Bloemfontein	Tel: 051 444 1212
Van Schalk Books	Welkom Pick 'n Pay Centre	Tel: 087 106 4332

Online from Takealot (www.takealot.co.za)
Online from Loot (www.loot.co.za)
Subject Matter Books.com

When purchasing online, please ensure that the correct ISBN number is used as per the textbook lists. These online providers are available for you to purchase the necessary text books at the most affordable prices, at your own convenience. In the Boarding house, your child will be given the opportunity to cover his/her own books in the first week of school, if they are not able to do so during the holidays, but then parents are requested to send enough covering paper, DC-fix/cellophane and cello tape, as well as labels, with your child. Book purchases are parents' responsibility and the College will not be able to facilitate this. Please ensure this is completed before you arrive, as we cannot be held responsible for purchasing and collecting textbooks.

STATIONERY

Primary School: If your child is entering Primary School, please follow the instructions on the attached documentation regarding stationery and workbooks and instructions for covering books.

High School: Please ensure that you do not purchase everything on the list. Check which subjects are applicable to your child and make your purchases accordingly.

In the High School, we do not specify writing materials, however, your child should have a basic pencil box together with essential stationery items which will be needed for classwork as well as projects and posters.

Covering of books for High School: Any paper can be used to cover the exercise books, also with plastic covers and clearly marked with name, grade and subject. Textbooks should preferably be covered with DC fix to prevent wear and tear, and marked with your child's name.

CLOTHING SHOP

The clothing shop is situated on the Primary School campus, close to the tennis courts. It is open every week on Mondays and Thursdays from 16h00 to 17h00 and Tuesdays from 14h00-15h00. The last opportunity to purchase clothing before the school holidays will be on **Thursday, 30 November 2023 from 16h00 to 17h00. Please Note: The clothing shop will remain closed for the duration of the holidays.** The clothing shop will also be open on the following dates for all new/existing parents before the start of the new term:

- **Tuesday, 9 January 2024 from 11h00 to 14h00**
- **Wednesday, 10 January 2024 from 14h00 to 17h00**
- **Thursday, 11 January 2024 from 15h00 to 17h00**

Payment for clothing shop items

The clothing shop is a business that is run independently from the school. Clothing may not be purchased via your school fee account. *The clothing shop has a credit card facility for your convenience.*

Clothing: what to buy

Please note that the following clothing items are not supplied by the clothing shop, and need to be purchased either at a shop such as Woolworths, Edgars, Jet or Pep, or any other school clothing supplier:

- Girls short white socks
- Boys grey school shorts
- Boys grey school trousers
- Belt (for boys)
- School shoes
- Sport shoes (takkies, togs, etc)
- Sports equipment (e.g. tennis rackets, cricket bats, etc)
- Long white sleeve school shirts

Remember that you will also need to purchase extra-mural uniforms for your child as certain sport disciplines require specific socks, skirts or shirts. Mrs Dimmick, in the clothing shop, will be able to advise as to what these purchases should be.

Golf shirt, PT shorts and school tracksuit must also be purchased as your child will need these in the first week of school and for inter-house and sports events. The coloured House shirt is a required extra, but as children are only allocated into Houses once school starts, they can only purchase these shirts after they have been placed. Please budget an additional R80 for the House shirt. Please ensure that your child's clothing/belongings are clearly marked with name and surname.

Grade 8 Orientation: High School

During the second week of school, the Grade 8s will have an Orientation Week, co-ordinated and supervised by the Grade 8 Head. During this time they will get to know the Grade 12s, who in turn, will teach them all about the "ins and outs" of high school life. The programme is aimed at developing relationships and helping the children to settle into the high school quickly in a friendly and entertaining way.

The orientation programme begins with an orientation day on 12 January – see schedule below:

- 11 January : First Day of School. Bring suitcases, all writing books (no text books), etc. to school.
- 12 January : Bring notebook & pen only. Wear PE clothes (tracksuit, golf shirt & shorts with tackies) and bring your lunchbox/tuck money.
- Week of 15-19 January : Orientation week – you will receive instructions during the first week of school on what to wear etc.
- **All others (Gr 9-12)** : ***Pupils will commence with the academic programme from the first day of school and thus are to bring all textbooks, writing books, stationery and school bags to school.***

Communication

Communication is always a matter of priority, so please note the following:

Newsletter

News is distributed via Facebook, Instagram and the weekly newsletter, called the *St Dominic's Chronicles*, which can be accessed using a link from our Facebook page and our website: www.stdominicscollege.com

The welfare of your child is our priority and we assure you of our commitment to providing a quality educational experience across all aspects of your child's care at St Dominic's College. We look forward to a productive and happy relationship with you for many years.

We look forward to seeing all of you on 10 January 2024 at New Pupils' Day.

Yours sincerely



Deena Naidoo
EXECUTIVE HEADMASTER