



Dear parents, learners, colleagues and staff members of the DSJ

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of our school community a happy New Year. I hope that 2016 will again see constructive and successful cooperation, to the benefit of our school and the children in our care.

Even though we have just started the school year, we have already had numerous events. From 11th to 13th of January 2016, the teachers have had three days of preparation in which they attended many workshops and conferences. The new learners of the English Medium High School were traditionally welcomed by having a braai. On the first official school day, various assemblies took place. On the Friday, the Board of Directors invited all staff members to their annual *Vorstandsbraai*, whilst the new prefects

went away on a camp for the weekend.

The second week of January saw the start of the new grade 1 learners, which was followed by various parent information evenings from the Regentöpfchen right through to the secondary school. Let's see if we can keep this pace up until December!

During the holidays we had wonderful news: the official matric results were published. Our learners once again achieved excellent results, contrary to the countrywide trend. The 46 Matriculants achieved a 100% pass rate and are thus 30% above the country's average and 2% above the IEB's average. 98% achieved a qualification level to be allowed to study for a bachelor's degree, and with this we are 13% above the IEB's average of the private schools. This proves the excellent academic work at our school, both from the teachers as well as the learners. A sincere thank you from me to both teachers and learners for all their hard effort! The most successful learners were Leo Karamanhof and Jessica Hiestermann, who both passed with distinctions.

At the end of January, two of our staff members, Katrien Niemandt Schöttler in Marketing and our General Manager, Jobst Schulte-Brader will be leaving the school. I would like to thank both of them on behalf of the school community for the hard work they put in at the DSJ. We wish them all the very best for their personal and professional future.

In closing I would like to mention that on a regular basis we are still receiving complaints about rude and reckless drivers in our school parking lot; people driving too fast, parking in the wrong areas and are rude to our staff. I would like to ask all of you to be more considerate and keep to the rules that have been put into place. Thank you!

Kindest Regards

Thomas Bachmeier

Principal

## Lernzentrum Books 2016

To ensure a smooth distribution of school books in 2016, please ensure that your library fines from 2015 are paid in full.

## Communicator: Stay Informed

We ask all parents to please download the Communicator onto either your cell phones, tablets or computers. Last minute information, events, pictures, the "Lost and Found List" and much more are regularly updated to ensure that you are always up to date. This can be done by following the link and the instructions found online: <http://www.school-communicator.com/download.php>

## Art Extra Mural acrylics on canvas 2016

Grade 1 – 4: Monday or Thursday 13.00 – 14.20

Grade 5 – 12: Thursday 14.30 – 15.45

Sign up with Annette Wietzorrek (fees do apply)

e-mail: [annette.w@mweb.co.za](mailto:annette.w@mweb.co.za),

webpage: <http://annettewietzorrek.wix.com/artfromtheheart>

Cell: 0834546008

In this art class children learn how to paint from scratch and acquire a deep understanding for the basics in art theory: composition, colour, tonal value, perspective and line. I support every student in developing their personal style and advance them professionally. Artworks of the young painters can be viewed at the infocenter.

## Scifest 2016

Scifest takes place from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> March this year in Grahamstown. The Science Department will once again take a group of pupils at an approximate cost of R3000 pp. Mr Armour wants to travel overnight by train and stay in the boarding establishment of the P.J.Olivier High School, which is situated centrally in the town and a short walk from most venues. Scifest is an annual event and covers all scientific fields. The children can choose their own programme from workshops, lectures, trips, demonstrations, visits, laboratory practicals and shows. If your child is interested in participating this year could you please e-mail Mr Armour a response as soon as possible in order to gauge numbers so that he can book accommodation and reserve train tickets. [armour@dsjmentor.co.za](mailto:armour@dsjmentor.co.za)

## New Oboe / Clarinet Teacher

Peter Jaspan will be available to all students from January 2016 who want to learn how to play or just want to improve their skills on the oboe or the clarinet. Peter Jaspan is the oboist for the Johannesburg Philharmonic Orchestra and for the Johannesburg Festival Orchestra. He teaches flute, oboe, clarinet and saxophone at the National School of Arts. He studied music at the University of the Witwatersrand and continued his studies at the College of the Arts in the California State University, USA.

Should you be interested, please contact Peter Jaspan directly at:

082 345 0936 / 011 482 8796 or

[peterjaspan@afrihost.co.za](mailto:peterjaspan@afrihost.co.za).

## New Recorder Teacher for our DSJmusicians

The DSJ would like to welcome Mr. John Reid Coulter amongst our external music teachers. Mr. Coulter has been teaching the recorder for 35 years, from beginner level all the way up to university level. He completed his studies at the Royal Conservatory in The Hague, Netherlands. In his long career as an instrumental teacher, he already taught at several universities such as Wits, the University of Pretoria, the Northwest University and the University of the Free State.

## Painting with



We are delighted to offer our students lessons by such an experienced teacher and excellent musician.

If interested, please contact John Reid Coulter at

083-336 19 96 or

[ohnreidcoulter@gmail.com](mailto:ohnreidcoulter@gmail.com)

## Printer Cartridge Collection

Please bring your empty printer cartridges to Frau Tasker at Reception. These are collected and fetched by "Green office" who are a job-creation venture that recycle them. A small amount of the proceeds come back to the DSJ. We have recently set up another collection point at the Regenbogen-Kids. Thank you for your support.



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## Have a smooth start!



### PHOENIX CENTRE

The new year has just started and we are already caught up in the day-to-day of school life.

Things are getting exciting at the Phoenix Centre! We are thrilled to be able to support our learners in making plans for the near and more distant future.

#### Carrer Assessments for Grade 12

Mrs Froschauer looks forward to exploring an exciting future with you! On two Saturdays (23/01 and 06/02) she will run the Career Assessments for Grade 12. Please follow this link for more information: [http://www.dsj.co.za/export/sites/dsj/downloads/dsj\\_pdfs/Phoenix-Centre/Grade-12-Career-Assessments-2016.pdf](http://www.dsj.co.za/export/sites/dsj/downloads/dsj_pdfs/Phoenix-Centre/Grade-12-Career-Assessments-2016.pdf)

#### Cup of Concrete: What are you going to be?

Similar to Mrs Froschauer, Dr Hadenfeldt asks Students about the time after Matric/Abitur. In the January issue of *Cup of Concrete* the question will be „Und – was willst du mal werden?“ Please follow the link in order to find the article (in German): <http://www.dsj.co.za/de/education/FoerderzentrumPhoenix/Cup-of-Concrete.html>

#### Advanced Programme Mathematics for Grade 10

Who loves Maths and also considers studying a related subject chooses well in taking on this challenge as preparation for university. There are still places available! Please follow this link to flyer and enrolment form: [http://www.dsj.co.za/export/sites/dsj/downloads/dsj\\_pdfs/Phoenix-Centre/PH-SII-43-15-und-16-APM aths-Klasse-Grade-10-12-Johnson-Fossati.pdf](http://www.dsj.co.za/export/sites/dsj/downloads/dsj_pdfs/Phoenix-Centre/PH-SII-43-15-und-16-APM aths-Klasse-Grade-10-12-Johnson-Fossati.pdf)

#### For enthusiastic young *and* older mathematicians - the kangaroo competition

Mr Konrad will be organising this year's kangaroo competition <http://www.mathe-kaenguru.de/wettbewerb/>. Interested Learners from Grade 5-12 should please pay R40 in an Envelope stating their Name, Class and the Kangaroo Competition, to either Mr Konrad or Mrs Granig. By 17 February. If required it is possible on top of self-study to arrange a group for joint practising within the Phoenix Centre.

#### New in the Phoenix Centre:

Course for supporting German and Maths will in general run for half a year now and most of them are newly organised. This new structure enables the teachers to plan further in advance and to address individual difficulties of the learner more intensively. The new structure also means that usually a course can start with as little as 4 learners.

We wish you a successful school year 2016 and we look forward to learning with you!

Your Phoenix Centre

<http://www.dsj.co.za/en/education/Phoenix.Centre/General-Information.html>



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## German Courses for Parents

In 2016, the DSJ will once again offer German Courses for Parents. Whether you are a beginner or already know a bit, there is something on offer for everyone. The only important thing is that you will need to be willing to study a little like your children and a whole new world will open to you.

### German Language Courses for Parents 2016

(1<sup>st</sup> half of the school year 2016)

#### I **Beginners' Course (with no prior knowledge)**

Start on Thursday, 28 January 2016

17h15 -18h45

19h00 – 20h30

Fees: R650.00 for 15 evenings

Plus R 250.00 for the book (Schritte International 1) and for working material

#### II **Intermediate Course I (Continuation of the Beginners' Courses 2015)**

Start on Monday, 25 January 2016

17h15 – 18h45

Fees: R650.00 for 15 evenings

Plus: R 250.00 for the book ( Schritte International 2) and for working material

#### III **Intermediate Course II (Continuation of the Intermediate Course I 2015)**

Start on Wednesday, 27 January 2016

17h15 – 18h45

19h00-20h30

Fees: R650.00 for 15 evenings

Plus: R 250.00 for the book (Schritte International 3) and for working material

#### IV **Advanced Course**

Start on Tuesday, 26 January

19h00 – 20h30

Fees: R 650.00 for 15 evenings

Plus: R 250.00 for the book (Schritte International 5) and for working material

**Minimum no. of participants for all courses: 8**

For more information please contact Mrs Ulla Misch, Tel: 011 782 7795

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (h): \_\_\_\_\_ (w): \_\_\_\_\_

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Child in Class: \_\_\_\_\_



## Dates to Diarise (Subject to Change)

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|-----------|-------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Wednesday | 3 February  | 17h45-19h30<br>19h15-21h00       | Parent Evening Grade 1 and 2<br>Parent Evening Grade 3 and 4  |
| Friday    | 5 February  |                                  | <b>Basketball:</b> DSJ vs Rosina Boys and Girls @DSJ  |
| Saturday  | 6 February  | 8h00<br>9h00-12h00<br>9h00-12h00 | Grade 11 and 12 Career Assessment<br>Olympiade Training<br>ReadForAfrica (Multimedia Room)  |
| Monday    | 8 February  |                                  | <b>Class Trip Grade 6 Lapalala (Departure)</b><br><b>Class Trip Grade 8 Klein Kariba (Departure)</b><br><b>Class Trip Grade 11 Madidaba (Departure)</b>                                 |
| Tuesday   | 9 February  | 9h30-11h00                       | Fasching  |
| Wednesday | 10 February |                                  | <b>Basketball:</b> Crawford vs DSJ Boys and Girls @ Crawford  |
| Friday    | 12 February |                                  | Valentines Day at the Regenbogen-Kids<br><b>Class Trip Grade 6 Lapalala (Return)</b><br><b>Class Trip Grade 8 Klein Kariba (Return)</b><br><b>Class Trip Grade 11 Madidaba (Return)</b> |
| Saturday  | 13 February | 9h00-12h00                       | Olympiade Training  |
| Monday    | 15 February |                                  | MBC Valentines Day Gift Distributions   |
| Wednesday | 17 February |                                  | Secondary School Schwimmfest  |
| Friday    | 19 February |                                  | <b>Basketball:</b> ALA vs DSJ Boys and Girls @ALA<br>Valentines Ball  |
| Saturday  | 20 February | 9h00-12h00                       | Olympiade Training  |
| Tuesday   | 23 February | 19h00                            | NPS Information Evening Grade 3 and 4   |
| Wednesday | 24 February |                                  | <b>Basketball:</b> DSJ vs Midrand Boys @ DSJ  |
| Friday    | 26 February |                                  | <b>Basketball:</b> Wendywood vs. DSJ Boys and Girls @Wendywood  |
| Saturday  | 27 February | 9h00-12h00                       | Olympiade Training  |
| Monday    | 29 February | 19h00                            | Parent Evening Grade 7  |