

18 January
2024



FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome back after a well-deserved holiday. We wish every Midstream parent and learner a blessed 2024. Be involved from the beginning of the year and share in the joy of childrearing with us!

IMPORTANT DATES

Please click on the button below for the important dates



SCHOOL HOURS

School hours are as follows:
Grade 1 and 2: 07:45 – 13:15
Grade 3 – 7: 07:45 – 13:45.

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS MEETING 2024

The Inter-house Athletics Meeting for 2024 will take place on Friday, 19 January from 08:30. Your child is most welcome to participate in the various items.

Every child must please wear a hat and apply sunscreen regularly during the athletics meeting.

Parents are welcome to attend the event as spectators.

PROGRAMME



LOCKERS

Lockers are available in 2024 for all Grade 4 to 7 learners that apply for a locker. Once all the lockers have been allocated to the Grade 4 to 7 learners, Grade 3 learners will then also be given the opportunity to reserve a locker. The application for lockers will close on Friday, 26 January 2024. Lockers will then be allocated to the respective learners on Monday, 29 January 2024. Learners can reserve their lockers for 2024 by applying for a locker using the following links:

Locker



PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

The parent information evening will take place on Wednesday, 24 January at 18:30 in the hall, and thereafter parents will move to their children's register classes.



SCIENCE TEXTBOOKS

As in the past, the Science textbooks (Science Dissected) are ordered directly from the publishers by the school to eliminate the middleman and keep the costs lower. It is the school's own textbook and can unfortunately not be purchased from another publisher. For this reason, you are not able to order this textbook from MC Primary Bookshop. An amount of R253-00 for a Grade 4 to 7 Science textbook will be debited to your February 2024 statement.



MATHEMATICS TEXTBOOKS

As in the past with Science, the Mathematics textbook (Podium Mathematics) is ordered directly from the publishers by the school to eliminate the middleman and keep the costs lower. This textbook was written for the school and can unfortunately not be purchased from another publisher. For this reason, you are not able to order this textbook from MC Primary Bookshop. An amount of R275-00 for a Grade 4 and 5 Mathematics textbook will be debited to your January 2024 statement.

TECHNOLOGY TEXTBOOKS

The Technology textbook for 2024 is ordered by the school and will be invoiced to your school account at the end of February 2024.

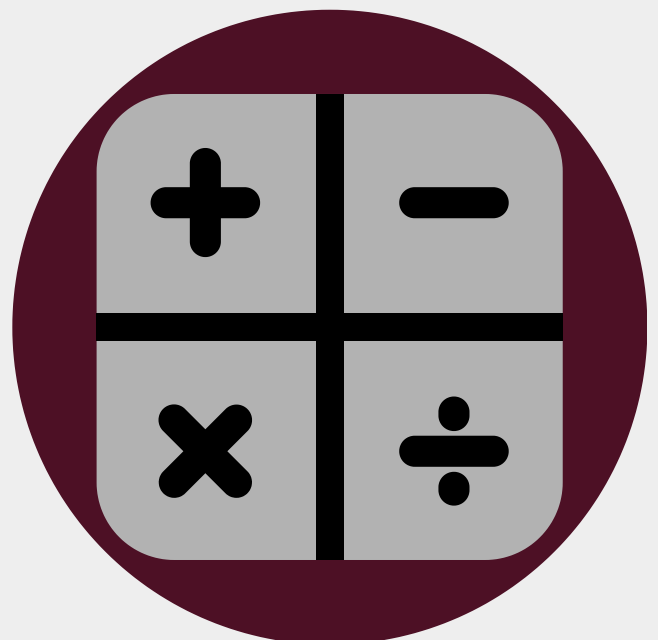
The price for the textbooks for Grade 4 to 6 is R121-00 and for the Grade 7 textbook it will be R176-00.

See the order list of all the materials needed for practical projects and information below for Grade 4 and 5 for this year. These materials may be purchased directly from Eventology or you may purchase them elsewhere. Orders can take up to a week to get ready for collection. The school will not be involved in this process.

Please click on the links below to access the order list for each grade.

Grade 4 

Grade 5 



CHESS

Chess is a game of the mind that challenges the logic and attention to detail of the players. We are fortunate to have dedicated, professional coaches who guide our children as they grow their chess skills. Children from Grade 1 through to Grade 7 are welcome at our afternoon chess practices.

Practice times are as follows for Chess:

Tuesdays:

Grade 1 and 2: 13:30 – 14:00

Grade 3, 4 and 5: 14:00 – 15:00

Grade 6 and 7: 15:00 – 16:00



Chess practices will start on Tuesday, 23 January 2024 in Block 4, LG01 and LG02.

If your child is in Grade 1 or Grade 2, please complete the Google Form below.

Google Form



For more information, please email Mrs Mandy Deim (mandyd@midstreamcollege.co.za).

ATLETIEK

With the athletics season fast approaching, we would like to bring a few arrangements to your attention which we have put in place to make the communication between the school and parents more effective.

We will be creating three WhatsApp groups that parents can join where all the information will be shared with you. These groups are created for specific grades and we request that you only join the group that is relevant to your child. This year we will not be handing out any hard copy letters to the athletes that have been selected for the team. We have replaced the previously used letters with the following procedures.

- Information about the week's athletics meeting will be posted on the WhatsApp group.
- The team list for the meeting will be posted on the WhatsApp group.
- The programme for the meeting will be placed on the WhatsApp group.

Each parent will then be able to see which item/s their child will participate in and at what time the item/s will take place.

We believe that these steps will help in improving the communication between the school and parents.

Please find the links below:

Grade 1 – 3



Grade 4 – 5



Grade 6 – 7



More information



2024 SWIMMING

SWIMMING INFORMATION EVENING

The swimming information evening will take place on Monday, 22 January at 18:30 in the auditorium. Parents of U8 – U13 swimmers are invited to attend the information evening.

INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING GALA (U8 – U13)

The Inter-house Swimming Gala will take place on Friday, 26 January. The gala will start at 14:30 and swimmers can start warming up from 14:00.

U8 swimmers (Grade 2s)

Your child qualifies to be part of the school's swimming team from U8. If your child can swim **one or more** of the following strokes with ease and uninterrupted over a distance of 25 m, he/she is welcome to participate in the Inter-house Swimming Gala.

- Freestyle
- Breaststroke
- Backstroke

You can enter your child by completing the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/dLKkJtq2nQ369bjBA>. Entries close on **Tuesday, 23 January at 14:00**. Unfortunately, no late entries can be accepted.



U9 – U13 swimmers

If your child can swim **two or more** of the following strokes with ease and uninterrupted over a distance of 50 m, he/she is welcome to participate in the Inter-house Swimming Gala.

- Freestyle
- Breaststroke
- Backstroke
- Butterfly (from U11 – U13)

You can enter your child by completing the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/dLKkJtq2nQ369bjBA>. Entries close on **Tuesday, 23 January at 14:00**. Unfortunately, no late entries can be accepted.



Swimming practice 2024

Swimming practices are held from Mondays – Thursdays.

Mondays	
U8	13:30 – 14:10
U9 – U13	14:15 – 15:15
Tuesdays	
U8	13:30 – 14:10
U9 – U13	14:15 – 15:15
Wednesdays	
U8	13:30 – 14:10
U9 – U13	14:15 – 15:15
Thursdays	
U8	13:30 – 14:10
U9 – U13	14:15 – 15:15



Non-club swimmers must attend at least **two** of the above swimming practices.

Club swimmers must attend at least one of the above swimming practices.

Swimmers should please consider the training days and times, when planning other activities.

TENNIS 2024

Tennis practice for 2024 stays unchanged and will start on 22 January (Grade 2 – 7) and 29 January (Grade 1). The times are:

Mondays: 13:30 – 14:00, Grade 1
14:00 – 15:00, Grade 2 to 5, non-team members
15:00 – 16:00, Grade 6 and 7, non-team members

Wednesdays: 14:00 – 15:00, Grade 2 to 7, non-team members

Fridays: 13:30 – 14:00, Grade 1
14:00 – 15:00, U11 compulsory team practice
15:00 – 16:00, U13 compulsory team practice



One or both practices for Grade 1s and non-team members may be attended. All information will be given on the official WhatsApp groups, as well as in the school newsletter. Feel free to contact Nicoline Wildenboer (nicolinew@midstreamcollege.co.za) with enquiries.

Please join the following Tennis WhatsApp groups, by using the following links:

Grade 1: 

Grade 2 – 7: 

REVUE

The Revue auditions are around the corner, and we encourage learners to attend the auditions. We are excited in anticipation of your attendance.

The information and dates relating to the auditions will appear in next week's newsletter.

Important notice:

We have made a change in the division of our grade groups with regards to the junior and senior group participation for the year ahead.

The decision to apply this new division this year already is simply to enable us to remain competitive, and to adapt to the new trend that is being implemented by other schools in the competitions. There are already schools that participated with/according to this division last year.

The grade group divisions are therefore as follows:

JUNIOR REVUE – Grade 2 to Grade 4 learners

SENIOR REVUE – Grade 5 to Grade 7 learners

We hope that many learners (both girls and a lot of boys) will arrive for the Revue auditions. It's a fun-filled experience for the learners to be part of the Revue group each year.

Planned competitions – 8 Beats, Kaleidoskope, Centurion Arts Festival and possibly the SA Champs competition.

We look forward to the new Revue season.

TUCK IN



Visit us at school or online for healthy lunches and lunchbox options, as well as many more tasty snacks. We can also cater for all your birthday party needs!

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