



# ARENA PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

## **RE: Term One – Notice 02 – 2026**

Please be informed of the following important information pertaining to Term One 2026.

### **1. Parent information meetings:**

- Arena Park Secondary will be hosting special Parent Information Meetings this term.
- The aim of these meetings is to enlighten parents/guardians on the assessments which are due for the term, homework, the exam scope for subjects and the pass requirements per grade.
- **Please take note of the following dates and times regarding the meetings:**
  - **Grade 12 – Thursday, 12 February 2026 (6.30pm – 7.30pm)**
  - **Grades 10 & 11 – Thursday, 19 February 2026 (6.30pm – 7.30pm)**
  - **Grade 8 & 9 – Thursday, 26 February 2026 (6.30pm – 7.30pm)**
- The meetings above will take place at the Arena Park Regional Hall.
- Due to space constraints, we require the attendance of **one** parent/guardian and their child/ward.
- Attendance to these meetings is compulsory as parents/guardians will receive a handbook containing all the relevant academic information for the term.
- Learners must be attired in **FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM**. Any learners not adhering to this rule will be removed from the meeting and asked to return when they are attired in uniform.

### **2. Paper Ream Collection:**

- It is disappointing to note that the response to the paper ream collection has been very poor thus far.
- Paper is used on a daily basis to print worksheets and support materials for learners.
- Proof of payments for paper must be printed and sent to school with your child/ward.

### **3. Matric Morning Classes:**

- All Grade 12 learners are involved in morning classes which start at 6.45am and end at 7.30am.
- These lessons are compulsory for all Grade 12 learners and non-attendance & late-coming will not be tolerated.
- Learners who are chronic absentees from these lessons will be reported to the SEM.

#### **4. Fundraising Events:**

##### **4.1 Valentine's Day Fundraiser:**

- Arena Park Secondary will be hosting a Valentine's Day fundraising event on Friday, 13 February 2026.

##### **i. Civvies Day:**

- Learners will be allowed to dress in their civvies for the day.
- Cost to participate is R20-00 per learner.
- **Dress Code for learners:**
  - **Males:**
    - Jeans, Takkies and T-Shirts/Golfers
    - No Earrings allowed.
  - **Females:**
    - Jeans, Takkies, T-shirts/Golfers
    - No "Crop" tops and "Strappy" tops allowed
  - Learners are requested to follow a modest dress code.
  - "ripped" jeans for both males and females are **NOT** allowed.

##### **ii. Mr and Miss Valentine:**

- Learners will have the opportunity to participate in a modelling competition.
- One male and female learner will be chosen as Mr and Miss Valentine.
- Cost per entrant is R50-00.
- Winners will each receive a R200-00 cash voucher.

##### **iii. Bake Sale:**

- The learners of Grade 10C will be hosting a bake sale.
- Valentines themed cupcakes, pastries and cake slices will be available for sale.
- Tickets can be purchased from the 10C form Educator, Ms. P. Dorasamy.

##### **iv. Lucky Draws:**

- Learners will have the opportunity to participate in a Lucky Draw.
- Cost per line is R10-00.
- 5 draws will take place on the day.
- Winners for each draw will each receive a cash voucher of R200-00.

##### **v. Raffles:**

- Grade 11 will be raffling Valentine's themed items valued at R800 and over.
- Learners from these classes will visit your child/ward's class and exhibit these items.
- Cost per raffle ticket is R10-00 (Medium Prize) and R20-00. (Large Prize)

##### **vi. Tuckshop:**

- The school tuckshop will be preparing special meals for the day.
- Burgers and Hotdogs will be on sale. Learners can pre-order and collect on the day.
- NO OUTSIDE SERVICE PROVIDERS WILL BE ALLOWED.

As this is our first fundraiser for the year, we look forward to your child/ward's participation. We have implemented the following measures to ensure the safety of your child/ward.

- **Increased security:**
  - We have hired extra security guards for the event.
  - Pro-Secure will be patrolling the boundary of the school and Arena Park CPF members will be assisting on the day.
- **Prohibited Items:**
  - Only items sanctioned by the school will be allowed onto the school premises.
  - Any learners found contravening this rule (possession of alcohol, narcotics and weapons) will be removed from the event immediately.
  - Should any learners be found in possession of these items, SGB disciplinary processes will follow.

#### **4.2 Ding-a-lings Productions:**

- Arena Park Secondary will be hosting the always entertaining Ding-a-lings for a side-splitting comedy show.
- "Husband Hotline" will take place on Friday, 06 March 2026 at the Arena Park Regional Hall, starting at 7.30pm.
- Tickets cost R100 (unreserved) and R150 (reserved) and can be purchased directly from school or BP – RK Khan Circle (opposite Chatsworth Stadium).
- Come on parents/guardians and join us for a fun night filled with laughter and hilarious ding-a-ling antics.
- A tuckshop will be available on the evening.

#### **4.3 Annual Prom 2026:**

- Arena Park Secondary will be hosting its annual Prom on Friday, 22 May 2026.
- Our Grade 11 learners will have the opportunity to showcase themselves on the carpet.
- Learners and Parents will receive more information in the following week.

#### **5. Attendance, Punctuality and Leave-taking:**

- It is imperative that all learners are at school on a daily basis.
- Trivial reasons for absence and leave-taking will not be tolerated.
- Learner attendance is tracked daily and parents of learners with chronic absenteeism will be required to meet with the principal and school governing body to explain.
- School starts promptly at 7.30am and learners need to be in school no later 7.20am.
- Educators and Prefects are on duty at the two main entrances and record learners who are late.
- Learners with chronic punctuality issues will serve detention and perform community service (within the school) as per the code of conduct.
- We are currently experiencing an absentee rate of 25% per week. Parents/Guardians need to take responsibility for attendance as chronic absenteeism retards progress of learners.

## 6. Uniform Code:

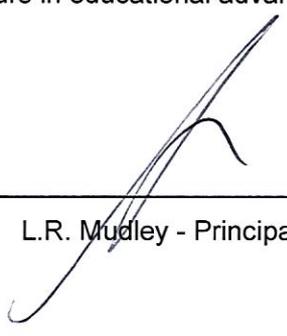
- Parents/Guardians, please ensure that your child/ward is properly attired for school.
- It has become quite clear that many parents/guardians have not familiarised themselves with the School's Code of Conduct regarding uniform.
- It was disappointing to note that some learners have defaulted with regards to uniform already in the new year. Learners are warned against using fancy coloured jackets, having long unkempt hair, beards, use of white socks (boys), dress length and multiple ear-rings (girls).
- Regarding girls, no braids, weaves or extensions are allowed, and long hair must be neatly plaited.
- **NO MAKEUP IS ALLOWED.**
- Grade inspections will be carried out at the assembly. All defaulting learners will be sanctioned as per the Code of Conduct.
- ***Offending learners will be sent home to rectify issues.***

## 7. March Testing Programme:

- Please take note that the March testing programme for Grade 8 – 12 learners will commence on Thursday, 12 March 2026 and end on Thursday, 26 March 2026.
- Learners will receive their draft timetables by Friday, 13 February 2026, so that they have adequate time to prepare for the testing programme.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in respect to the above.

Yours in educational advancement



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