FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

The following article was sent to me by a parent and gives one a lot of food for thought.

OBITUARY

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, **Common Sense**, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were lost long ago in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as knowing when to come in and out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, life isn’t always fair and maybe it was my fault.

**Common Sense** lived by simple, sound financial policies (don’t spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

**Common Sense** lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they themselves failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or a Band Aid to a student but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant or wanted to have an abortion.

**Common Sense** lost the will to live as churches became businesses and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

**Common Sense** took a beating when you couldn’t defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

**Common Sense** was preceded in his death by his parents, **Truth and Trust**, his wife, **Discretion**; his daughter, **Responsibility** and his son **Reason**. He is survived by his three stepbrothers; I **Know my Rights; Someone Else is to Blame** and I’m a **Victim**.

Not many attended the funeral because so few realized that he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on.

Wishing you all a very pleasant week ahead.

T Rae
Principal.
THANK YOU – to Mrs Gray who supervised a study session for the Ballet girls on Thursday. We appreciate you giving of your time.

CONDOLENCES – Our deepest sympathy to the Khanyile and Naidoo families on the passing of family members Our prayers and thoughts are with them at this time.

LOST PROPERTY- We are accumulating a ‘fortunes worth” of lost property which is not being claimed and can’t be returned because nothing is labelled. We are running out of space and are sending all remaining items to the School Shop for resale.

EXAMINATIONS- The Grade 4-7 learners will continue writing their examinations on 27 May and 28 May.

ON-LINE ADMISSIONS FOR 2020- PLEASE NOTE THE ONLINE SYSTEM OPENED ON MONDAY 20 MAY 2019. REMINDER TO ALL GRADE R PARENTS TO PLEASE GO ONTO THE GDE WEBSITE AND REGISTER. WEB ADDRESS gdeadmissions.gov.za.

CHESS NEWS- We welcome back Mrs Hallatt, and say “thanks” to Miss Govender for filling in during her absence. Ethan and Jonathan Hamza and Kushi Chahar did well at the district finals in Midrand on Saturday, scoring 1.5, 2.5, and 3.5 respectively. Kushi and Jonathan came 8th and 9th respectively in their sections. The top 7 in each section are invited to the Provincial Finals this Saturday (24th May) at the Tshwane Events Centre (Unfortunately right in the middle of exams!) and so if 1 or 2 of the top 7 drops out our Fairways player might get an invitation! In any event, well done to all of you! There will be a break from chess for this week and Monday next week (Maybe also Thursday next week – Check with Mrs Hallatt) because of exams. Eddie Price (011)782-7544

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