



“To have life more abundantly”

Circular 1 of 2016

12 January 2017

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Dear Parents

Welcome back. Welcome to our Grade 8 parents and pupils and to new parents and pupils in other grades that joined the Edgemean Eagles.

Please take note of the opening assembly address to the pupils:

**[This is a combination of the Senior and Junior assemblies]**

“Good Morning Seniors/Grade 8 and 9s. Welcome back. Before we start assembly, we need to continue the tradition of welcoming our Matrics who are standing in the front. Please make a corridor down the middle. Matrics, please make your way to the Gallery where Ms Williams and her team are awaiting you. Congratulations.

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Thank you matrics – you certainly have started your quest for LEGACY status in the right way. We hope that you will sustain this for the year and that we can officially grant the Grade 12s of 2017 LEGACY STATUS at the end of the year.

2016 seems so far in the past but in reality, it literally was the other day and you were in a lower grade, we were celebrating our 31<sup>st</sup> year and now celebrate our 32<sup>nd</sup> year of existence. A birthday is always a celebration of the year you have had, and for the year you are going to have – basically a celebration of your, or in this case OUR [EHS'] life in a year ie the events that take place in that year.

One of our goals for EHS this year is LEADERSHIP, especially for you the pupil. We all have the ability to be a positive influence and a leader in some aspect of the School's life – the first thing to understand is the bigger picture and that Leadership is about sometimes following and serving. We “strive” to give you the best- we want you to succeed. It is not the old story of “my respect needs to be earned” – it is about having a level of respect for each other and developing that respect – this is a journey you will need to embark upon. In this way, the opportunities will be available to succeed – you will be able to soar – to live up to your expectations, to live up to our values – to HAVE THE EDGE.

We launched the DARE TO SOAR theme in 2014 and we are continuing with our theme of DARE TO SOAR with a 2020 vision to fulfil. When we launched our theme, our mascot was born “EDDIE the EAGLE” – why the EHS Eagles = those who dare to soar – those who dare to succeed!! The eagle reflects characteristics that are inherent in EHS and ones that we are going to explore more fully this year and the years to come: RESPECT, INTEGRITY, PASSION, RESPONSIBILITY and THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE!! CHECK OUT EDDIE!!

*Principal – Mr RG Lawrence B.A. (HDE)*

This year I want us to HAVE THE EDGE. The EAGLE is an amazing bird, fiercely protective of its family!

Remember what I always say: "It is not you that I dislike, it is your behaviour or actions." YOU choose that behaviour/attitude or action – think before you act.

So, what gives EAGLES the Edge? I would like you to answer the question yourself as an eagle.

Grade 8s – you join a school where the opportunity to have life more abundantly is just waiting for you! You are a baby eagle who needs to nourish themselves or perish – and in our case – live up to the promises you made in your application – take the "food" available and so strengthen yourself so that you can DARE TO SOAR. But remember, you are still learning so RESPECT is your value to embrace.

Grade 9s – last year you were our babies and made us so proud - this year you are our fledglings – just about to spread your wings – take up the challenge to HAVE THE EDGE! This year is the year in which to develop that your INTEGRITY and give back to the school.

Grade 10s – last year you were fledglings – baby eagles and many of you started spreading your wings and you made us so proud. This year is the year in which to develop that PASSION as you join the senior part of the school.

Grade 11s – we were encouraged by the fact that so many of you did start strengthening those wings, taking on the RESPONSIBILITY that is your leadership trait – you have a very short time to let everyone see what you can do as an individual and as a grade.

Grade 12s – the last of the 90s – born in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century but truly 21<sup>st</sup> century in all ways!

Some EDGY MOMENTS that took place in 1999:

Jennifer Lopez starts her singing career;  
The EURO was established as a currency;  
The Melissa Worm attacked the internet;  
Bill Gates becomes the wealthiest person in the world;  
Sponge Bob/Square Pants;  
Manchester United win the UEFA Champions League;  
Napster;  
Thabo Mbeki becomes President;  
Grand Theft Auto 2!

The feathers that you have are strong, flexible – you are ready to PURSUE EXCELLENCE. This is a heavy mantra – three hectic terms to leave your legacy – to soar like eagles – to ensure that when you leave, you have taken EHS to another level in achieving that EDGE.

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It is said that “LEADERS ARE LIKE EAGLES, they don’t flock, YOU find them ONE at a time” - I am looking forward to finding our future leaders amongst you and so start giving us the EDGE.”

We are incredibly proud of our Matrics 2016 as they produced excellent matric results. EHS was invited to attend the Western Cape 2016 NSC Awards Ceremony. Jonathan Da Luz, our Top Scholar was rewarded for his hard work and diligence in that he featured in the Top 20 Candidates in the Western Cape [only the top 3 are announced with positions]. We congratulate Jonathan on his fine achievement.

In the greater picture, what it tells us, is that EHS can compete academically with the best in the Western Cape. If one pupil can do it, two can! We call on the 2017 matrics to go one better [or two].

Thank you to our dedicated staff for ensuring that we soared academically – we are well on our way to our 20/20 vision.

Proudly EHS

Mr RG Lawrence  
PRINCIPAL

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### **MESSAGE FROM THE SGB CHAIR**

On behalf of the SGB I would, firstly, like to congratulate to the class of 2016 of their outstanding results. The marked increase in the number of Bachelors passes to over 83% is especially satisfying and impressive. A special mention to the parents of the matriculants. I was at EHS when the results were revealed and the joy, pride (and relief) were palpable. Now it is up to the rest of us to build on these results and keep moving our school forward.

2017 is the year to have the Edge! Put in the effort and you will be rewarded. There are opportunities for everyone to make a contribution so I would like to call on all of our pupils and parents to get involved in the life of the school.

Proudly EHS  
Mr C Potgieter

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## SCHOOL FEES

Annual School Fees for 2017 are R18 520

The discounted rate of R17 594 is applicable if paid in full before the end of February.

The Subject Levies Annual Fee:

Art R220  
Consumer Studies R220  
CAT R400  
IT R400

If you have not renewed your debit order, or if you would like your subject levies included in your monthly debit order, please email your instructions to Mrs Hill:

[mhill@edgemeanhigh.org.za](mailto:mhill@edgemeanhigh.org.za)

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## SPORT

### Interhouse Athletics Trials

The annual Interhouse athletics will be held on Friday, 27 January 2017. Trials for the athletics will be held from Monday, 16 January 2017 leading up to the event.

Learners interested in participating in the athletics must please listen to announcements and check the athletics notice board for all the details regarding the trials. We encourage learners to bring their clothes with them to school during this time.

Please note that in order to be selected for the athletics team for Interschools learners must participate and place at the Interhouse athletics on 27 January 2017.

Thanks

R. van der Berg



## MATHS SUPPORT 2017

- This is not extra lessons.
- It is designed so that learners can ask questions on work not fully understood.
- Homework can also be done during this time.
- Punctuality is essential as the teacher will leave after 5 minutes if nobody has arrived.
- Time: 14:40 – 15:30.

GRADE	TEACHER	VENUE	DAY
11 AND 12	MR STASSEN	B109	TUEDAY & WED
10	MRS MANN	LR2 / A118	WEDNESDAY
9	MS SAUNDERS	C112	WEDNESDAY
8	MS FOSTER	LR2 / A118	MONDAY

- Grade 11 / 12 support will start 17 January 2017.
- Grade 8, 9 and 10 support will start 30 January 2017.

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## 2016 NSC RESULTS

**No. of candidates: 224**

**Pass: 223 (99,6%)**

Bachelor's passes: (university entrance) 83,85%  
(up 7,5%)

### 8 DISTINCTIONS

Tomas Chamberlain  
Jonathan da Luz

### 7 DISTINCTIONS

Zoë Austen  
Nadja Berger  
Simone Loubser  
Aman Nana

### 6 DISTINCTIONS

Jamie Cloete  
Caitlin da Silva  
Katia da Silva  
Daniela di Leva  
Kayleigh du Toit  
Kate Southwood

### 5 DISTINCTIONS

Robert Abels  
Kristen Fulton  
Samantha Laubscher  
Natalie Lawrence  
Lindi Rosser

### 4 DISTINCTIONS

Brendan Bower  
Christopher Briggs  
Emily Cockcroft  
Kristen de Freitas  
John Latsky  
Kelsey Maggott  
Nicole Matthee  
Jason Rossouw  
Stephanie Smith



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