

Dear Grade 10 Epic Parents and Boys

While your sons are ensconced in their grade 10 exams, I thought it would be a good opportunity to email you and remind you about what's coming up wrt to the Epic Training Week and the departure details for Epic.

Just a reminder that the father/ father figure/ parent letter needs to be handed in at the BSU or Admin by 11 November, at the latest. Please let Nicole Lewis know if there is going to be a delay at nlewis@bishops.org.za.

Your boys already have access to their two Epic boxes in G2. All they need to do is collect their boxes at their convenience. Parents are not to collect boxes on behalf of their sons. These food boxes must be handed in at G2 by 17 November, at the latest. Boys have been told about all the specifics around packing and marking their boxes.

The Epic training week takes place from Monday 14 November to Friday 18 November and is compulsory for boys – all of it. It is not a convenient time to book doctors' appointments or help your son pack his bag, the latter should be done over the weekend prior to the Epic Training Week. It will take place during normal school hours. Boys can wear civvies (but this needs to include takkies, shorts and a t-shirt), as the activities they will be doing will mostly be outdoors orientated. Please find attached the schedule for the Epic Training Week.

On Monday/ Tuesday and Wednesday, boys must come to school with their fully packed backpacks, including their food for their first staff hike. This is so they can get their backpacks correctly set up and to check whether their bags are light enough. They must store their bags in the Woodlands Pavilion and should not leave their bags in their houses.

Day to Bring Backpack	Group
Monday	Tafelberg
Monday	Sneeuberg
Monday	Wolfberg
Tuesday	Apex
Tuesday	Brekkranz
Tuesday	Krakadouw

On Wednesday, all boys will hike with their full backpacks, with staff members, on Table Mountain. Details about this hike will be sent out closer to the time.

On Thursday 17 November after school – from 3.30pm - I will be meeting with any parents of boys with special medical concerns. Please would you email me if you are a parent in this boat and we can include you in a 15-minute slot. The Wildmedix will also attend these meetings

The 'Blessing of the Boots' chapel service will take place at 12.30 on Friday, in the Memorial Chapel, at the end of the Epic Training Week, to which you are invited. This is a short service

that will send boys off into the Mountains. We look forward to welcoming you to this service. Boys who wish to attend mosque instead are welcome to do so.

On Sunday at 9am, I meet parents whose sons' have special dietary requirements, for them to give me food to take to the Cederberg. This will take place on the lawns outside the Memorial Chapel. I leave for the Cederberg directly thereafter.

Andrea Rutter (arutter@bishops.org.za) is the Epic Control Centre for the duration of Epic, so if you need to get a message to me, it is best to work through her. She will be sending details about this to you shortly.

Transport arrangements for Epic are simple. Andrea will be sending these out to you as well. Your son will leave for Epic at 6am on 22 November, from Bishops. Depending on what group your son is in, will determine which bus your son should get on. Andrea will co-ordinate this on the day, but it is best to study the arrangements she will send out, so there are no mix ups. Your sons are asked to be at Bishops by 5.30am. The Bishops Entrance is busy being upgraded, so parents are asked to use the bottom gates to enter and exit Bishops on that morning. The Silwood gate will also be open.

Your son must wear his hiking boots on his way to Epic. This is because most groups will either start their first hike or hike into their bases, when they are dropped off. It also prevents boys from forgetting their boots. They will also need to carry their packs. It is advisable to send a packed breakfast for your son for him to eat on the bus.

In terms of **Outreach**, just a reminder about the Pick n Pay deal for EPIC: We have managed to secure a deal with Pick n Pay. They will match whatever items are bought from them, with a proof of purchase slip, so...

- We need a till slip from Pick n Pay to match your purchase.
- Only items from the list below must reflect on the slip.
- The till slip should be handed to Diane Davidson (083 448 9662) or Trudy Hoefnagels (N1) or placed in the box at Admin (the front office).
- **The Pick n Pay deal is valid from 25 October to 11 November 2022.**
- Participating Pick n Pay stores include Constantia, Claremont, Cavendish and Ottery Hyper.

Items

Maths sets	40
Scientific Calculators	40
Sanitary pads	
USBs	200
Soaps	210
Pencils	300
Pens	300

Rulers	300
Erasers	300
Sharpeners	300
Pencil crayonss	300
Classwork books A4	1200
Photocopy paper	8 cases

As always, please let me know if you have any queries.

Almost there!

Kind regards
Graeme Klerck
(Epic Director)