

Dear Grade 10 Parents

Thank you for attending my talk on Epic 2023 last Tuesday evening. Below are the key points, summarized for you.

The Epic Website can be found [Here](#). Please click on the 'Parent Communication and Documents' link to find all current correspondence. Here you will also find the Epic Presentation I used.

This is the link to the Consent form: [Consent Form 2023](#). Please ensure that this is filled in, signed and returned to Nicole Lewis in the B.S.U. by the end of May: nlewis@bishops.org.za

[Here](#) is a link to how to update your son's medical details, dietary requirements and medical conditions. It is vital that you go to the parent portal and check these details and submit them by the end of May.

If your son is a Diocesan Scholar or an Allan Gray scholar, you will not be billed for Epic. We also have some equipment for your sons.

I will send all necessary correspondence at the appropriate time, so there is no need for you to do anything significant until I have told you to. Although it is good to get your son boots as soon as possible, I do understand that some boys are growing rather rapidly, and so you might wish to wait a while! Hi-tec provides each boy with a 20% off voucher, which I will give to the boys early next term, when Chris de Bruin does his Boots Talk to them. However, I do have them already, so if you'd like to make use of one sooner than that, simply send your son my way and I'll give him one.

Please volunteer for the Parents' Committee by emailing me. Thanks to those who have already done so. The Parents' Committee will be responsible for trying to meet the wish lists of our two partner schools and will co-ordinate some of the activities that our boys will do with the learners from those two schools. Packages are often put together for the staff and learners by the committee, as well.

If you have a vehicle that we can use on Epic, particularly a bakkie, Twin-cab or 4X4, please would you let me know soonest. I would be most grateful! We need several vehicles to get staff, like rangers and Epic Directors around the Cederberg safely.

Please also let me know if you have any concerns around the fathers'/ significant paternal figures' final night. We are more than willing to accommodate uncles/ older brothers etc. And remember to book off the afternoon and evening of Tuesday 5 December and the morning of 6 December, for when you collect your charge from the Cederberg.

Something I did not elaborate on in my address was dietary concerns. We buy Halaal meat, for those who require it, from Wembly for Epic and take it to the Cederberg. This meat is put at all the bases for Halaal boys and there is plenty of it. Parents are also permitted to provide the meals/ meal substitutes for their sons who are Halaal/ Vegan/ Vegetarian/ Gluten-intolerant/ Kosher etc. and the Epic will reimburse you for these meals. However, the detail around this will happen much closer to Epic. Boys with specific preferences will not be specifically catered for e.g. doesn't like seafood/ lamb, but a plan will always be made to help in this regard, as there are a lot of different food options at the bases.

Today I sent an email to your sons asking them who they would like to partner with on Epic. I also sent an email to those boys who have been identified as 'boys of concern' around fitness/ weight/ etc. and am meeting with them tomorrow. So the process is now firmly underway, although we only really focus on Epic from term 3.

Please feel free to contact me via email about any other concerns or questions.

Kind regards Graeme Klerck
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