

## ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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### A MESSAGE FROM MR ALAN LACHENICHT



Information Evenings for Grade 8-11 parents were held in the last two weeks. For parents that were unable to attend, it is useful to highlight important information that was discussed, especially regarding academic considerations.

The Grade 8s have integrated well into the school. The camp provided the opportunity for Preparatory students to interact with students from external primary schools, form new friendships and create a sense of unity in the grade. I am sure that the students are enjoying their new-found freedom, but with this comes the responsibility to act independently and to be organised.

The Grade 9s position in the school between the 'new' Grade 8s and the 'senior' Grade 10s, coupled with dealing with the complexities of adolescence, creates for a very interesting year. At the assembly last week, when the Grade 8 and 9 students were asked to put the chairs away after the assembly, there was a collective groan from the Grade 9s in response to being asked to do a task that they believe should have been done by the Grade 8s. Grade 9 is an extremely important year for the students to select subjects for Grade 10. The Life Orientation department does excellent work preparing the students for this, and parents should be involved in this process.

In Grade 10, although students have hopefully chosen subjects that they enjoy and can cope with, the volume of work and the depth at which the content is covered increases dramatically. Focus is also placed on developing problem-solving and critical thinking skills, and applying knowledge as opposed to rote learning. Developing a work ethic to deal with these demands is important; revising work on a daily basis and allocating time for academics on weekends and during holidays becomes necessary to keep up to date in all subjects. From Grade 10 - 12, preparing thoroughly for tests and examinations is vital, as examination marks count 75% towards the student's overall results.

In Grade 11, students should have developed their own work ethic that is intrinsically motivated, and this needs to be sustained throughout the year. Students must prepare to the best of their ability for the final Grade 11 exams, as Universities use these marks to allocate preliminary placements to various courses and degrees.

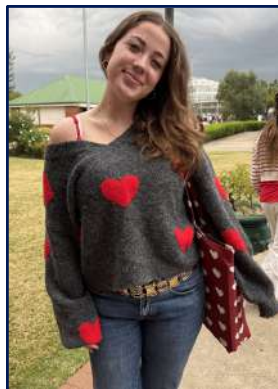
Listed below are important practices that should become second nature to students in all grades:

- *Academic goals must be set for each term, with an honest review of performance and a continual re-setting of goals. Small gains over time will lead to an overall improvement - this is illustrated by the fact that most students produce their best results in the matric final examinations.*
- *Students should approach their subject teacher if they are experiencing difficulties with a subject, and the teacher will provide assistance and support to the student. Students are encouraged to attend academic support, which is available after school before extra-murals start, from 14:15 to 15:00, according to the schedule on the App.*
- *Although academics is the core business of the school, involvement in sport and cultural activities provide a necessary balance for an holistic educational experience. Coupled with this should be a real commitment from all students to 'live out' the school values of service, humility, integrity, respect, truth, courage and love.*

I wish all students a happy and fulfilling year.



# VALENTINE'S DAY



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**EVERY  
THING  
MATTERS**



# MATRIC JACKETS



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# SPORTS: RESULTS

## CRICKET

### 1<sup>st</sup> Team T20 vs St Peter's College

SDC won the toss and elected to bat

SDC: 110 for 9 in 20 overs

Joshua Cook: 28 runs off 30 balls

St Peter's College: 113 for 1 in 19 overs

Joshua Cook: 1 wicket for 30 runs in 4 overs

SDC lost by 9 wickets

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Team T20 vs Curro Krugersdorp

Curro Krugersdorp won the toss and elected to bat

Curro Krugersdorp: 210 for 7 in 20 overs

Justin Summers: 3 wickets for 24 runs in 4 overs

SDC: 115 all out

Joshua Long: 61 runs off 28 balls

SDC lost by 95 runs

### U15 T20 vs Torah Academy

SDC won the toss and elected to bowl

Torah Academy: 146 all out

Roderigo Ascençãõ: 2 wickets for 29 runs in 4 overs

SDC: 120 for 8 in 20 overs

Tatum White: 58 runs off 46 balls

SDC lost by 26 runs

### U15 50 Over vs Hoërskool Dinamika

Hoërskool Dinamika won the toss and elected to bowl

SDC: 217 for 6 after 50 overs

Gerhard Nel: 50 runs off 60 balls

Garrick Hardy: 55 runs off 130 balls

Hoërskool Dinamika: 124 all out

Roderigo Ascençãõ: 6 wickets for 25 runs in 10 overs

SDC won by 74 runs

## SWIMMING

### Gala at Veritas College

1<sup>st</sup> St Dominic's / Christian Brothers' College A 351

2<sup>nd</sup> St Dunstan's College 318

3<sup>rd</sup> Ashton International College 283

4<sup>th</sup> Hoërskool Hans Moore 265

5<sup>th</sup> St Dominic's / Christian Brothers' College B 202

6<sup>th</sup> School Of Achievement 173

7<sup>th</sup> Veritas College 158

8<sup>th</sup> Ridgewood College 85

9<sup>th</sup> Curro Edenvale 80

### Gauteng Co-Ed Gala Hosted at St Dunstan's College

The Gala was cancelled due to lightning but the results were as follows up to and including Event 29:

1<sup>st</sup> St Dunstan's College 213

2<sup>nd</sup> Hoërskool Marais Viljoen 199

3<sup>rd</sup> Marist Brothers Linmeyer 191

4<sup>th</sup> Crawford International 174

5<sup>th</sup> Trinityhouse Glenvista 121

6<sup>th</sup> Sir John Adamson High School 58

7<sup>th</sup> Mondeor High School 16

# ATHLETICS NEWS D17 TEAM LIST

Faith Ani - Shotput

Sia Bouwers - 800m

Dene Geldenhuis - 100m, 200m, Long Jump

Layla Nel - Long Jump

Miané Pistorius - High Jump

Chelsea van Dyk - 800m, 1500m, 3000m

Kaylan White - High Jump

Gareth Jonas - 800m, 1500m, 3000m

Gerhard Nel - Javelin

Brayden Periasamy - High Jump, Long Jump

Itumeleng Tsomele - 100m, 200m

Taylah Cobbett - 100m, 200m

Gabriella Gonçalves - 100m, 400m, Long Jump

Ruvimbo Mupeti - Shotput

Gemma Rigele - 200m, 400m, High Jump

Amelia Smit - 800m

Jayden Aucamp - Long Jump

Ramalepe Mametsa - High Jump

Keagan Merfield - 3000m

Hayden Chaplin - 800m

Buddy Zackey - 100m, 200m, 400m



Taylah Cobbett and Gareth Jonas participated in the CGA Open Track and Field League Meeting with results as follows:

Taylah Cobbett: 1<sup>st</sup> U18 Womens' 100m and 2<sup>nd</sup> U18 Womens' 200m

Gareth Jonas: 2<sup>nd</sup> 800m

# **SPORTS: RESULTS CONTINUED**

## **TENNIS**

### **Boys Teams**

B Team vs Parktown Boys' High School B: Lost 47 - 46

A Team vs St Benedict's College - not completed due to lightning

### **Girls Teams**

A Team vs Bryanston High School: Won 5 - 4

B Team vs Bryanston High School: Lost 40 - 23

## **SQUASH**

### **Girls Team**

Ul6 Girls vs Pretoria Girls High School: Won 14 - 1

### **Boys Team**

vs Christian Brothers College - Won 11 - 7

## **GOLF NEWS**



Ethan Lewis shot a 79 at State Mines Golf Course to achieve a 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Ekurhuleni Golf Union Boys' B Division.



# **ROWING – JEPPE HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS**

## **JUNIOR REGATTA**

JM 14A Single: Silver – Luca Medurić

JM 14A Single: Bronze – Blake Fick

JM 14A Double: Gold – Blake Fick and Luca Medurić

JM 14C Single: Silver – Brodie Fick (St Dunstan's Preparatory)

JW 15B Single: Silver – Sarah Kidson

JW 15B Double: Silver – Sarah Kidson and Tshilidzi Mudau



# **EQUESTRIAN: SANESA EKURHULENI Q1**



**EMMY-LOU MILES**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Level 7 Equitation  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Level 7 Show Riding



**PHIA PRETORIUS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Level 3 Working Hunter



**JADE NIDD**

1<sup>st</sup> Level 4 Equitation  
2<sup>nd</sup> Level 7 Working Hunter  
3<sup>rd</sup> Level 5 Working Hunter



**GEMMA MCALPINE**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Level 0 Dressage (both classes)  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Level 0 Prix Caprilli (both classes)

# **SERVICE CLUB: BENONI MONKEY AND BIRD PARK**



# CONSUMER STUDIES: GRADE 11



## DATES TO DIARISE



ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE  
EST 1918

Every Donation Matters

## FOOD DRIVE

Collection Date: Friday, 13th March  
Please bring all donations to Mrs Ritchie

### GR 8s-9s

Dry Soup Mix, Packets of soups, Rice, Pasta, Lentils, Spill Pails

### GR 10s

(Canned Goods) Chopped Tomatoes, Spiced Mince, Mixed Vegetables, Mixed Beans and Legumes, Soups (Cream style or broth-based)

### GR 11s

Cooking Oil, Stock powder/LiFe - Salt & pepper, Dried herbs, Garlic/onion powder

### GR 12s

Bread, Fresh fruit, Margarine or Butter spread

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY  
TIME: 08:15 FOR 08:30  
VENUE: THE JARDINE PAVILION CRICKET OVAL

RSVP: SCAN THE QR CODE



Parents are welcome to attend - please park in the parking alongside the squash courts

## We Are Cashless

Please remember that St Dunstan's has implemented a cashless system school wide since the beginning of the year. All transactions, including purchasing T-shirts and hats, USBs, etc. are now made through the Karri App. Kindly ensure the Karri App is downloaded and ready to use.



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THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2026  
E07SE: KATSE, R00M

PAYMENT VIA KARRI APP (QR CODE PROVIDED) - PAYMENT BEFORE 17 FEBRUARY PLEASE  
@19:00 R495 PP - LIGHT DINNER AND SUPPLIES INCLUDED  
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RSVP: [JWHITELAW@STDUNSTANS.CO.ZA](mailto:JWHITELAW@STDUNSTANS.CO.ZA)



## Paint & Sip Night





# EASTER SPORTS FESTIVAL



## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES 2026

T W E N T Y T W E N T Y S I X

Opening Function: 1 April 2026    Fixtures: 2 April 2026 | 4 April 2026 | 6 April 2026

### GOLD SPONSOR - R60 000 OR THE VALUE THEREOF

- Branding on a selected high-traffic area - food court, recovery zone, or student chill zone
- Branding on select Festival communications
- 50% grandstand branding
- 2 on-field or courtside banners
- Branding on Festival schedules/fixtures
- 4 VIP passes.
- A stand at the Festival
- Pre-Festival social media exposure relevant to sponsorship
- Pre-Festival communication to visiting schools
- Branding on selected goodie bag items
- Festival App Listing

### MEDIC SPONSOR - R50 000 OR THE VALUE THEREOF

- Branding on a selected high-traffic area - medical areas and recovery zone
- Branding on select Festival communications
- 50% grandstand branding
- 2 on-field or courtside banners per arena
- Branding on Festival schedules/fixtures
- 4 VIP passes.
- A stand at the Festival
- Pre-Festival social media exposure relevant to sponsorship
- Pre-Festival communication to visiting schools
- Branding on selected goodie bag items
- Festival App listing

### UMPIRE/REF SPONSOR- R50 000 OR THE VALUE THEREOF

- Branded clothing for each umpire/referee to be worn while working at the Festival
- Branding on select Festival communications
- 50% grandstand branding
- 2 on-field or courtside banners per arena
- Branding on Festival schedules/fixtures
- 4 VIP passes.
- A stand at the Festival
- Pre-Festival social media exposure relevant to sponsorship
- Pre-Festival communication to visiting schools
- Branding on selected goodie bag items
- Festival App listing

### SILVER SPONSOR - R30 000 OR THE VALUE THEREOF

- Branding on perimeter fencing
- 1 banner per chosen sports arena
- Inclusion in online sponsor thank-you posts
- Branding on Festival app sponsor section
- 2 VIP passes
- A stand at the Festival
- Pre-Festival social media exposure relevant to sponsorship
- Festival App listing

### BRONZE SPONSOR - R15 000

- Branding on one festival banner location
- Logo featured on website sponsor page
- Social media thank-you post
- Pre-festival social media exposure relevant to sponsorship
- Festival App Listing

### SUPPORTER SPONSOR - R5 000-R10 000

- Logo included on group "Friends of the Festival" banner
- Social media appreciation post
- Pre-Festival social media exposure relevant to sponsorship
- Festival App listing

### COMBINATION SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

Should you want to take advantage of the exciting sponsorship opportunities at the St Dunstan's Easter Sports Festival, the Easter Sports Festival sponsorship team is available to discuss your specific branding and marketing requirements.

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