

EVERYTHING MATTERS

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ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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ST DUNSTAN'S DAY MESSAGE



The Hands That Shaped a Saint

Good morning, everyone, from our youngest in Grade 0 right through to our Grade 12s, and all the staff, parents and guests here today. Happy St Dunstan's Day!

Today we celebrate the person this community is named after: Dunstan.

Now, Dunstan lived over a thousand years ago, back in the year 909 to be exact. That's so long ago that there were no cell phones, no cars, no schools like this one. But even back then, people needed the same things we need: courage, patience, forgiveness and a place to belong.

Let me tell you a story the younger ones might like...

When Dunstan was a young boy, he went to visit a church that was being built. While the workers were busy, little Dunstan climbed up the scaffolding, yes, and when he came down, he had a handful of tools. Not to steal, but because he was curious. He loved to make things with his hands. Later, people said Dunstan could work metal, make bells, write beautiful books and even design churches. He was a blacksmith, an artist, a musician and a priest. Imagine someone who can fix your bike, draw a masterpiece, play the piano and lead a church service. That was Dunstan.

To the Grade 0 - 3s: Dunstan shows us that your hands can do holy things. Colour a picture? Holy. Help tie a friend's shoe? Holy. Build a block tower? Holy. God loves what your hands make.

Now to the Grade 4 - 12s: Dunstan wasn't just a clever artist. He lived in a time of big political fights - kings being cruel, monks forgetting their vows and people lying for power. Dunstan could have stayed in his workshop, making beautiful things in peace. But instead, he stepped out. He told a king, a real, powerful king, that the king was wrong. He confronted violence with calm truth. He was exiled, chased away, then brought back again. And when he became Archbishop of Canterbury, he didn't just sit in a fancy chair. He reformed schools, helped the poor and made sure priests actually knew what they were doing.

Dunstan was tough, but his toughness came from love, not anger. He believed that if you truly love God and people, you cannot stay silent when things are wrong. And he never stopped using his skills, his art, his music, his metalwork, to point people toward goodness. For you in high school: What are the things you're good at? Coding? Writing? Sports? Leading a team? Dunstan says: Don't keep those gifts just for yourself. Use them to build up your school, your family, your community, even when it's hard. Especially when it's hard.

One more quick story, the famous one: The devil, so the legend goes, was bothering Dunstan while he worked in his little cell. The devil appeared in a frightening form. What did Dunstan do? He didn't scream or run. He grabbed his blacksmith's tongs - clang! - and grabbed the devil by the nose. Then he held on and wouldn't let go until the devil promised to leave him alone (Little ones, don't try that at home.) But here's the meaning: The "devil" for us might be fear, laziness, cruelty, or that voice that says "you're not good enough." Dunstan says: Don't run from it. Grab hold of it with the tools God gave you your courage, your faith, your creativity and your friends who believe in you. You are stronger than what scares you.

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So today, on our patronal festival, I want to give three simple challenges, one for each part of our school family:

To our youngest (Grade 0 - 3): Look at your hands today. Thank God for them. Use them to do one kind thing for someone else.

To our middle ones (Grade 4 - 7): Think of one skill or talent you have - drawing, helping, running and listening. This week, use it on purpose to help someone who is struggling.

To our oldest (Grade 8 - 12): Where there is a small injustice or broken thing in your world - a friendship, a club, even a family argument - have the courage to speak one true, kind word this week, even if it's scary.

And to all of us: Let's remember that St Dunstan isn't just a statue or a name on a plaque. He's a friend who shows us that holiness happens in real life - with our hands, our courage and our stubborn, joyful faith.

Let's finish with a short prayer:

God of bells and metal, of books and brave words, thank you for Dunstan's example. Bless these hands: the small ones, the growing ones, the strong ones. Help us to build, to heal, to create, and to stand firm in love. On this St Dunstan's Day, make us saints in our own ordinary, wonderful way. Amen.

Father Jerome Pius



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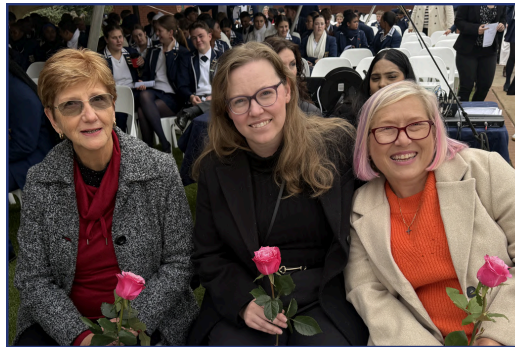


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1917-1918

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DEBATING: NATIONAL LEAGUE

The Junior and Senior Debating Teams competed at the fourth and fifth rounds of the Johannesburg East Debating League Tournament hosted by Hoërskool Jeugland. All the debaters performed exceptionally well, with **Ronin Yeo** and **Vhutuhawe Lalamani** being awarded Best Speaker for their debates and **Saishan Govender** Best Speaker for both his debates.



SAISHAN GOVENDER



RONIN YEO



VHUTUHAWE LALAMANI

SISTER ACT: SAVE THE DATE!




ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE
EST. 1918

SISTER ACT

17TH - 20TH JUNE E JOHN BUTLER AUDITORIUM 18H00 FOR 18H30

ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE, BENONI, SOUTH AFRICA BY ARRANGEMENT WITH DALRO (PTY) LIMITED, PRESENTS "SISTER ACT"

MUSIC BY **ALAN MENKEN** LYRICS BY **GLENN SLATER**
BOOK BY **CHERI STEINKELLNER AND BILL STEINKELLNER**
ADDITIONAL BOOK MATERIAL: **DOUGLAS CARTER BEANE**

BASED ON THE TOUCHSTONE PICTURES MOTION PICTURE "SISTER ACT" WRITTEN BY **JOSEPH HOWARD**



SPORTS: RESULTS

HOCKEY

Boys Teams

vs Hoërskool Marais Viljoen:

U14: lost 3 - 0

U16: lost 2 - 1

1st Team: won 6 - 1

Aitken Cup - 1st Team

vs Edenvale High: won 3 - 1

vs Bryanston High: won 5 - 0

vs St Peter's College: won 5 - 0

vs Krugersdorp High: won 3 - 2

Final vs Hoërskool Kempton Park: lost 4 - 0

Baden Trophy Tournament - U15 Team

vs Northliff High: drew 1 - 1

vs Bryanston High: won 5 - 0

vs Redhill School: won 6 - 1

vs HeronBridge College: won 5 - 0

vs Steyn City: lost 4 - 1

3rd/4th place play-off vs Curro Aurora: lost 2 - 1

Girls Teams

St Peter's College Derby Day

U14: won 2 - 0

U16: lost 5 - 0

1st Team: lost 4 - 0

TENNIS

Boys Teams

vs Leeuwenhof: lost 58 - 14

vs Oosterlig: lost 38 - 34

vs Benoni High: won 41 - 15

Girls Teams

vs Benoni High: won 39 - 15

FOOTBALL

vs Ashbury College

1st Team: drew 1 - 1

SQUASH

vs Hoërskool Hans Moore: won 14 - 4

NETBALL

vs Hoërskool Dr EG Jansen:

U14A: won 35 - 16

U14B: won 21 - 9

U14C: won 20 - 7

U15A: won 19 - 18

U15B: lost 19 - 15

U16A: won 18 - 14

U16B: lost 22 - 11

U17A: lost 24 - 10

U17B: lost 32 - 6

U18A: lost 37 - 19

vs Hoërskool Jeugland:

U14A: won 23 - 11

U14B: won 23 - 11

U15A: won 17 - 14

U15B: drew 12 - 12

U16A: won 21 - 11

U16B: won 20 - 6

U17A: lost 15 - 6

U17B: lost 34 - 4

U18A: lost 25 - 21

vs St Peter's College (Derby Day)

U14A: won 32 - 14

U14B: won 20 - 12

U14C: won 19 - 3

U15A: won 24 - 8

U15B: won 16 - 10

U16A: won 20 - 18

U16B: lost 7 - 14

U17A: won 17 - 16

U17B: lost 7 - 18

1st Team: won 29 - 28

RUGBY 7S

U15B

vs SAHETI: won 28 - 0

vs Dainfern College: won 17 - 0 (Friendly)

U15A

vs Curro Thatchfield: won 10 - 7

vs Amberfield College: won 48 - 0

U17

vs Panthers: lost 35 - 7

vs Dainfern College: won 12 - 5

1st Team

vs Amberfield College: won 29 - 28

vs Curro Thatchfield: won 19 - 14



EQUESTRIAN: SANESA EKURHULENI Q3



EMMY-LOU MILES

1st Level 7 Working Hunter
3rd Level 7 Show Riding



PHIA PRETORIUS

2nd Level 3 Working Hunter



JADE NIDD

1st Level 4 Equitation



TARYN BARRETT

2nd Level 2 Dressage
3rd Level 5 Prix Caprilli



FOOTBALL: VS ASHBURY COLLEGE



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NETBALL: VS HOËRSKOOL JEUGLAND



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NETBALL: VS HOËRSKOOI DR EG JANSEN



BOYS HOCKEY: VS HOËRSKOOI MARAIS VILJOEN



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HOCKEY: U15 BODEN TOURNAMENT



HOCKEY: AITKEN CUP TOURNAMENT



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RUGBY SEVENS



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STUDENT CHOICE AWARDS 2026



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KARTING NEWS



Emma Dowling raced at the PFI International Karting Circuit in the United Kingdom this past weekend. She attained her first international podium finish!

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