Life is all about perception. Positive versus negative. Whichever you choose will affect and more likely reflect your outcomes.

Sonya Teclai – Thegoodvibe.co

I would like to welcome back every learner, parent and teacher; may 2020 be a special year for all of you. I hope the matrics will have a fun-filled and enjoyable last year at the College. A special word of welcome to all the new grade 9 to 11 learners in our fold. The wannabe grade eights are still in the process of earning the right to be Midstream College learners. I would like to invite the grade 8 parents to their inauguration in the hall next Thursday evening (30 January) at 18:30.

I would further like to invite grade 8 parents to your first opportunity to have Coffee-with-Carel. During this open agenda meeting with me, we get the chance to meet each other and chat about the dynamic College environment. It is scheduled in the staff room for Thursday, 6 February from 07:30 to 08:30. Please notify Debbi at dwestwood@midstreamcollege.co.za if you would like to attend. Grade 9 to 12 parents will have their opportunity on Thursday, 13 February.

I would like to congratulate the Midstream matric class of 2019 on their exceptional results. We are very proud of their 100% pass, 99.4% university degree exemption and their 512 distinctions. A special word of congratulations to Jordan Fitzjohn on her 10 distinctions. (More details about the results to follow later in this circular.) Jordan, and five of her classmates, also made it on the IEB’s honours lists.

Talking about results, I would like to put a few perceptions to bed. We outperformed all other government co-ed and boys’ schools, as well as all private schools in the greater Pretoria area. Our average distinction per candidate ratio is close to three, far more than all the established schools around us. We are not only proud of our top performers, but of the whole class of 2019. We also very seldom fail learners from grade 8 to 11, hence our throughput rate is one of the highest in the country. Rumours that learners will score more distinctions in neighbouring schools were also laid to rest and the results proved the exact opposite. In 2019, almost 300 former learners from Midstream were enrolled at the University of Pretoria alone. Please contact our academic head, Mr Leonard Swart for more detail and comparisons.

Focus on the positives in 2020! Carpe Diem!
GRADE 8 LEARNERS

Our grade 8 learners have adapted well in the first few days. The grade heads, Mr Adrian Hossell and Ms Carolien Verster, together with the Midstream Council are currently busy with their orientation programme. Parents are welcome to contact them for any information. We would like to remind our grade 8 parents of the inauguration function in the hall on Thursday, 30 January at 18:30.

SCUBA

If you would like your child to participate in the Midstream College scuba dive course, please send an e-mail to Ms Michelle van Niekerk at mvanniekerk@midstreamcollege.co.za by 31 January 2020.

Academics

MATRIC RESULTS

The class of 2019 was simply awesome, producing even better results than the brilliant results of the year before. They achieved a 100% pass rate and the 180 matrics amassed 512 distinctions (2,84 per candidate). 99,4% met the requirements for Bachelor’s Degree studies at a university. We are particularly proud of our top achievers (number of distinctions in brackets): Jordan Fitzjohn (10), Megan Anderson (9), Lisa Kruyshaar (9), Lizelle Liebenberg (8), Kayla Lombard (8), Christine Maree (8), Karli Smith (8) and Matthew Truter (8). A further ten candidates each received seven distinctions.

The following learners were in the top 1% of all IEB candidates in individual subjects: Lisa Kruyshaar (Afrikaans Eerste Addisionele Taal, Life Sciences, Maths, Tourism), Jordan Fitzjohn (Afrikaans Eerste Addisionele Taal, Tourism), Matthew Truter (Accounting, Physical Sciences), Marcel Blignaut (Afrikaans Eerste Addisionele Taal, Geography), Ariana Naudé (Afrikaans Eerste Addisionele Taal, Engineering Graphics and Design), Tishca de Coning (Afrikaans Huistaal, English First Additional Language), Stefan Alberts (Afrikaans Eerste Addisionele Taal, Maths), Mart Kotzé (Afrikaans Eerste Addisionele Taal, Life Orientation), Lize van Schalkwyk (Afrikaans Eerste Addisionele Taal), Lizelle Liebenberg (Afrikaans Eerste Addisionele Taal), Kayla Lombard (Afrikaans Eerste Addisionele Taal), Zabeth Wessels (Afrikaans Eerste Addisionele Taal, Donald van der Westhuizen (Afrikaans Eerste Addisionele Taal), Cathrine Oelschig (Afrikaans Eerste Addisionele Taal, Gunther de Coning (Computer Applications Technology), Willie Schoeman (Engineering Graphics and Design), Zander Reynders (Engineering Graphics and Design), Liandri du Toit (English First Additional Language), Christine Maree (English First Additional Language), Chelsea van Antwerp (Life Orientation), Rynhard Fourie (Maths), Wilnelie Niemand (Tourism) and Mandi Janse van Rensburg (Tourism).

Jordan, Gunther, Tishca, Lisa, Wilnelie and Matthew were placed on the IEB Top Achievers list with their superb achievements. This is the third most of all IEB schools! (Please refer to our website for more detailed results.)

MID-YEAR AND FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Kindly note that both abovementioned examinations will run until the last day of the term (see the school diary) and that all learners will write on that day. Parents who are planning holidays abroad must especially take note of this, as no learner can be excused from scheduled examinations for holiday purposes. Your cooperation in this regard is appreciated.
CELL PHONES
While learners are permitted to bring their phones to school, they may no longer be visible during academic classes – they have to be on silent and in their cases. Cell phones may therefore not be used as academic devices, for that purpose they need to have a tablet. Your cooperation in this regard will be appreciated, as the phones can be a serious distraction in class.

EXTRA CLASSES
All staff members are available to assist learners with academic enquiries on Mondays from 14:15 to 15:15.

Culture

GENERAL INFORMATION
Auditions and trials for a number of culture groups and competitions have already started. Please visit our website should you require more information.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NON-SCHOOL CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
We would like to acknowledge these achievements. Kindly send all relevant information to Ms Danelle du Preez (ddupreez@midstreamcollege.co.za).

ORATORS
The internal orators’ competitions start next week. Here are the dates:

- Monday, 27 January Afrikaans unprepared
- Thursday, 30 January English unprepared
- Wednesday, 5 February English prepared
- Thursday, 6 February Afrikaans prepared

Because the organisers of external orators’ competitions often limit our number of entries, we unfortunately have to give preference to learners who participate in the internal orators’ competitions.

Should you have any queries, you are welcome to contact the following teachers:

- Afrikaans redenaars Ms Sharon de Bod (sadebod@midstreamcollege.co.za)
- English orators Ms Caitlin Page (cpage@midstreamcollege.co.za)

Sport

The athletics season kicked off with the inter-house meeting, which will be followed by the meeting at the UJ Stadium tomorrow. Note that the school will close at 13:00 to accommodate the athletes who have to travel to Johannesburg.

Both the u/15 and first cricket teams were involved in tournaments early in January and are already involved in a T20 competition and the Finsbury Series. Good luck to them for their matches against Potchefstroom Gimnasium this weekend.
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### TENNIS

Congratulations to the following players on their performances: Christiaan Grové (won the Gauteng East doubles); Isabella Basson (runner-up in the TSA u/16 doubles and winner of the singles) and Devin Badenhorst (second win at an ITF tournament, this time in Kenya).

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NON-SCHOOL SPORT

We would like to acknowledge learners’ achievements in non-school sport. You are requested to send relevant details to Mr Hans van Vreden (hvanvreden@midstreamcollege.co.za).
General

SPRINGFEST
Our annual festival takes place on Saturday, 12 September. We have already booked a star-studded line-up for the day. Save this date on your calendar as you are definitely going to miss out if you do not join us this year for a day of fun in the sun.

LET’S COMMUNICATE
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