



## SCHOOL MATTERS FROM THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE

Life is full of beauty. Notice it. Notice the bumble bee, the small child, and the smiling faces. Smell the rain, and feel the wind. Live your life to the fullest potential, and fight for your dreams.

Ashley Smith

After the scorching heat of January, the cooler weather brought much needed relief and the cooler days even help the learners to pay more attention in the Maths classes. The above reference to smiling faces made me think of our new grade 8s at their concert and consequent inauguration ceremony. We truly have a positive group! Keep your feet on the ground and reach for the stars – Carpe Diem.

Tonight, our academic achievers are honoured at our annual academic prize-giving. Congratulations, your pursuit of intellectual curiosity and Excellentia, has borne fruit. Our sports programme is fully underway and I hope to see as many of you as possible at our home athletics meeting next Friday, 10 February. All of the best to the swimmers in the run-up to their inter-high at Hillcrest on Monday, 13 February.

Communication is a skill that you can learn. It's like riding a bicycle or typing. If you're willing to work at it, you can rapidly improve the quality of every part of your life.

Brian Tracy

One of our objectives at the College is to improve the learners' communication skills. This is undoubtedly the key to success in a life littered with challenges. For some good communication is as easy as typing and cycling (a requirement for Odyssey), but for others it does not come as easily. We believe in an open-door policy, so please feel free to contact the relevant teachers or coaches should you have any queries. A heartfelt word of thanks to the parents who are communicating with us. I am on record as having said on many occasions that we can only address problems that we are aware of.

I would like to invite every grade 8 parent to your first opportunity to attend a Coffee-with-Carel session. During this informal visit in the College Hub, we have the opportunity to get to know each other better and talk about the dynamic College environment. The session is

scheduled for next Thursday, 9 February at 07:30. Should you wish to attend, kindly notify Debbi (dwestwood@midstreamcollege.co.za). The grade 9 to 12 parents will have their opportunity on Thursday, 16 February.

## GRADE 12 INFORMATION EVENING

We would like to invite the grade 12 parents and learners to our information evening in the hall on Thursday, 16 February at 18:30. Important grade 12 matters such academics, university applications and the matric farewell will be discussed and we hope to see you all there.

## PARENTS' PRAYER GROUP

The group of parents who regularly pray for the school invites any parent interested in joining the group to send an e-mail to Ms Carolien Verster (cverster@midstreamcollege.co.za). Your information will then be forwarded to the group coordinator.

# ACADEMICS

## TEXTBOOKS

Parents who have not yet ordered their children's e-books or hard copy textbooks are urged to do so without further delay. The textbook lists are available on the school's website.

## 2023 GRADE 12 IEB FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Matric parents are reminded of the IEB fee of R8 080 per candidate for the National Senior Certificate Examination. Additional subjects are charged at R1 399 per subject, Further Studies Mathematics (Standard – Paper 1 only) at R791 and Further Studies Mathematics (Extended – Paper 1 & 2) at R1 160. Your account will be debited accordingly.

# CULTURE

## INTERNAL ORATORS: UNPREPARED

Congratulations to the following learners:

	ENGLISH – UNPREPARED	AFRIKAANS – ONVOORBEREID
<b>Place</b>	<b>Grade 8</b>	<b>Grade 8</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lisa Rautenbach	Lisa Rautenbach
2 <sup>nd</sup>	MH Sahib	Milan Pöhl
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tsiko Ravhuhali	Ivan Kymdell
	<b>Grade 9</b>	<b>Grade 9</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lené Liebenberg	Lené Liebenberg
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lin-Mari Rudolph	Kaylin Knoetze
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kashvi Chathury	Lin-Mari Rudolph
	<b>Grade 10</b>	<b>Grade 10</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Dayuri Moopanar	Lente Groenewald
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Renate Maré	Tiana Swart
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Onalerona Rabotho & Shayur Vather	Kendra van Wyk
	<b>ENGLISH – UNPREPARED</b>	<b>AFRIKAANS – ONVOORBEREID</b>

	Grade 11	Grade 11
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sedibana Ngoasheng	Cara-Renette Ponting
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hugo Kotzee & Karla Alberts	Karla Alberts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nisha Gwindiri	Zané Boonzaaier
	Grade 12	Grade 12
1 <sup>st</sup>	Benita Mwambenu	Leané Claasen
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Angelo Haya	Ingrid Barnard
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Zoë Joubert	Anushke Niemand

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NON-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: CULTURE

### ROYAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Congratulations to Anika Malan who passed her Grade 6 violin exam with distinction and her Grade 7 piano exam with merit.

## SPORT

### GENERAL

The summer sport season is in full swing and we are excited about the athletics and swimming prospects. In the meantime, the cricket continues and other sports like tennis, equestrian and squash are preparing for the year ahead. The pre-season programmes for the winter sports have also kicked off, with the fixtures commencing early in March, once the swimming and athletics inter-high meetings have taken place. Herewith a few important dates:

FEBRUARY		
9/02 – 11/02	Boland Landbou Boys u15 tennis tournament	Boland Landbou
Friday 10/02	Athletics: Home meeting	Midstream College
Saturday 11/02	Cricket: Finsbury Series vs Hans Moore	u15A (home) 1 <sup>st</sup> (away)
Monday 13/02	Swimming: Inter-high	Hillcrest
Saturday 18/02	Cricket: Finsbury Series vs Potch Gimnasium	u14A (home) u15A (away) 1 <sup>st</sup> (home)
Friday 24/02	Athletics: Inter-high	Pilditch
Monday 27/02	Winter sport trials	Midstream College
MARCH		
3/03 – 6/03	Menlo Mixit Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament	Sun City
Friday 10/03	Winter sport vs Northcliff (away)	Friday: Netball & boys hockey
Saturday 11/03		Saturday: Girls hockey & rugby
Tuesday 14/03	Winter sport vs Cornwall Hill (home)	Tuesday: Netball & boys hockey
Wednesday 15/03		Wednesday: Girls hockey & rugby

### CRICKET

Recent results were as follows:

Opponent & Result		Comments
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>		
Midstream 184/6 Lost by 40 runs	Old Boys 224/9	Jean Holtzhausen 3/21 Iwan van Eeden 50 n.o.
Midstream 212/ 8 Lost by 7 wickets	Monument 218/3	Christiaan Maré 50 n.o.
Midstream 139 Lost by 125 runs	Montana 264	Jeanré Lourens 43
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>		
Midstream 150/6 Lost by 10 runs	Monument 159	Conré van den Berg 39 & 3/28 in 4 overs Grant Muller 3/18 in 4 overs
<b>U15A</b>		
Midstream 146/6 Won by 4 wickets	Monument 145	Rikus Cilliers 3/21 in 7 overs Gerhard van der Westhuizen 2/7 in 2 overs Christian Olwage 2/32 in 7 overs Ryan Strauss 63 n.o. Jonathan Wiseman 21 n.o.
Midstream 227/9 Won by 50 runs	Montana 177	Rikus Cilliers 57 & 4/30 in 10 overs Gerhard van der Westhuizen 53 Jonathan Wiseman 4/39 in 8 overs

## ATHLETICS

Our first inter-schools meeting (Noordheuwel, Lichtenburg and Rustenburg) took place on a tartan track at Noordheuwel last week. The Midstream athletes performed well and numerous personal best times and distances were improved.

Individual performances (above 800 on the ASA table):

Athlete	Age Group	Event	ASA point
Rupert Groenewald	Boys 14	3 000 m	884
Juan Breytenbach	Boys 17	3 000 m	854
Amy Nel	Girls 14	Shotput	852
Hilton Thomas	Boys 19	400 m	850
Ashley Williams	Girls 19	200 m	839
		100 m	825
		400 m	817
Anika le Roux	Girls 17	100 m H	815
		400 m H	815
		200 m	809
Zabine von Westernhagen	Girls 17	3 000 m	814
Lente Groenewald	Girls 16	800 m	809
Danielle Rossouw	Girls 17	800 m	804

## SQUASH

Congratulations to our 27 squash players who competed in the NJSA Gauteng North tournament this past weekend. The following players achieved the best results in the various sections:

Age Group	Player	Place
Girls u14A	Anushka Janse van Rensburg	1 <sup>st</sup> (Pool 1)
Girls u14A	Sarah de Villiers	1 <sup>st</sup> (Pool 2)
Boys u14A	Martin de Koning	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Boys u14B	Hayden Davy	1 <sup>st</sup>
Girls u16A	Elzandri Janse van Rensburg	1 <sup>st</sup>
Boys u16A	CA Froneman	2 <sup>nd</sup> (Pool 2)
Boys u16B	Euan Groenewald	1 <sup>st</sup>
Boys u16C	Reabetswe Banda	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Girls u19A	Kiara Poole	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Boys u19B	Louis van Wyngaard	2 <sup>nd</sup>

## TENNIS

Congratulations to our tennis players who competed in the Gauteng North High Schools Championships recently. The following players achieved the best results in their respective sections:

Age Group	Player	Place
Girls u15	Elmay Breet	9 <sup>th</sup>
Boys u15	Pierre de la Port	12 <sup>th</sup>

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NON-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: SPORT

### INDOOR NETBALL

Congratulations to Carli Stander (grade 9) who was chosen for the u15 Gauteng North team to compete in an inter-provincial tournament in March.

### CYCLING

Pieter van Eeden (grade 11) was awarded junior Gauteng North district colours. Well done.

### FLY FISHING

We are proud of Marc van Rooyen (grade 9) who has been invited to compete in the South African Championships.

#### LET'S COMMUNICATE:

For all circulars, as well as other information, you may visit or contact us at:

- [www.midstreamcollege.co.za](http://www.midstreamcollege.co.za)
- Facebook (search Midstream College)
- Instagram (midstream\_college)

#### NEXT CIRCULAR

Thursday, 16 February 2023