

MIDSTREAM COLLEGE

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SCHOOL MATTERS

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE

The June exams are around the corner and learners have a study day next Friday. My best wishes to every learner and parent with the challenges of the exam, especially with the winter sport programme still continuing. (Details regarding the exam, as well as practice times and matches during the exam, follow later in this circular.)

Feedback from parents is invaluable to us, so I would like to encourage you all to complete the OISESA questionnaire that will be available online from today for the next week. OISESA is the newly founded quality assurer of ISASA schools. Today, learners will complete a similar questionnaire. Both of these questionnaires are totally anonymous. We would love to hear where we err and can improve, and obviously where we get things right. (More details, and the link to the questionnaire will follow later in this circular.)

I would like to thank the parents who serve on my consulting forum, where we discuss school-related matters quarterly. The forum currently consists of the following members: Mss Veona Chaithram, Celanchia Froneman, Lungile Langa, Messrs Lloyd Cele, Lovers Machogo, Rev. Christopher Judelsohn and Drs Adriette Dekker and Suren Govender.

Furthermore, I would like to appeal to parents to support us in encouraging learners to be involved in school-related activities in the afternoons. Currently, there are too many learners loitering between classes after school which hinders extra classes, orals and cultural activities. Learners must be on the sports field, at their cultural activities or in classroom by 14:15. They are also welcome to study in the media centre, next to the tuckshop or at the tables under the trees after school.

Lastly, I would like to invite grade 8 to 12 parents to our next Coffee-with-Carel session. During this informal visit to the College Hub, we have the opportunity to get to know each other better and talk about the dynamic College environment. This session is scheduled for Thursday, 8 June at 07:30. Should you wish to attend, kindly e-mail Ms Debbi Westwood by 5 June (dwestwood@midstreamcollege.co.za).

OISESA

Midstream College is currently undergoing a self-evaluation process under the guidance of OISESA (Office of Independent Schools Evaluations Southern Africa). This entails compiling a comprehensive self-study report through critical reflection. As part of this process, surveys are used to provide direction, highlighting strengths and identifying areas of improvement.

The following link https://forms.office.com/r/d3ExCZyWzc will take you to a confidential survey. This survey will provide us with important information with the eye on self-improvement. Thank you for taking the time to complete and submit it. This should take you less than ten minutes to do.

ACADEMICS

2022 MATRIC CERTIFICATES

The 2022 matric certificates have arrived and may be collected from the school office from 07:00 to 15:00.

JUNE EXAMINATION ARRANGEMENTS

Kindly take note of the following:

- Learners are to be at the exam venue 30 minutes before the session starts.
- Normal school rules (which includes appearance) apply during the exam.
- Learners may wear either full winter uniform or a full school tracksuit during the exams.
- Learners will only be excused from a paper due to serious illness, in which case a **medical certificate** must be sent to the head of academics, Mr Leonard Swart as soon as possible (Iswart@midstreamcollege.co.za).
- Learners may not be in possession of any notes, a cell phone or smart watch.
- Learners have permission to study at home for the duration of the examination. They
 only have to be at school when they write a paper. If, however, you would like your child
 to study at school, they are welcome to report to the library.

Good luck with the exams.

CULTURE

PRETORIA PUBLIC SPEAKING FESTIVAL

Congratulations to all our learners who participated in the Pretoria Public Speaking Festival last week. Well done to the following learners:

Learner	Division	Place
Reuben Blom	Junior Individual	4 th
Kelsie Moses	Junior Individual	8 th

Learner	Division	Place
Lisa Strauss, Caitlin Arendse, Lisa Rautenbach & Adam Marincowitz	Grade 8 team	3 rd
Kashvi Chathury, Jadyn Murugas, Lené Liebenberg & Mandisa Molebatsi	Grade 9 team	3 rd

ATKV ORATORS

Congratulations to the following speakers that progressed to the ATKV semi-final which will be held at Menlopark tomorrow.

Learner	Grade	Section		
Adam Marincowitz	8	Addisionele Taal	Voorbereid	
Ivan Kymdell	8	Huistaal	Voorbereid	
Lisa Rautenbach	8	Huistaal	Onvoorbereid	
Lukas Combrinck	8	Huistaal	Voorbereid	
Lené Liebenberg	9	Huistaal	Onvoorbereid	
Lin-Mari Rudolph	9	Huistaal	Onvoorbereid	
Alexander Brits	10	Addisionele Taal	Voorbereid	
Katinka Rhoodie	10	Huistaal	Voorbereid	
Tiana Swart	10	Huistaal	Voorbereid	
Sedibana Ngoasheng	11	Addisionele Taal	Voorbereid	
Ilana Moolman	12	Huistaal	Voorbereid	
Maserati Mabase	12	Addisionele Taal	Voorbereid	

MELODIA

On 18 May Melodia took part in the ATKV-Applous competition for the first time. We took part in the non-competitive section and received excellent comments from the five judges. They unanimously recommended that we take part in the competitive merit section in 2024. Melodia's last performance for the term is on 3 June where they will participate in the competitive section at the Kraal Arts Festival.

ENSEMBLE

The Ensemble has grown from 12 learners last year to 23 this year. They participated in the Pretoria Eisteddfod, their first competition for the year, and received a B⁺. We look forward to their participation in a few more competitions this year.

SPORT

GENERAL

We are extremely proud of how well our learners are performing on the sport fields. Thank you also to every parent for your support. The time, motivation and effort you put in, does not go unnoticed and definitely contributes to our growth and achievements!

Kindly note that we have to complete a number of league matches during the June exams. We therefore request your support of the learners so that they can fulfil both their academic and sporting responsibilities.

Date	Activity 1	Activity 2	Activity 3
Fri,	Girls hockey vs Oos-Moot		
2 June	(home)		
Sat,	Girls hockey vs Oos-Moot	Equestrian Qualifier 4	Rugby vs Pretoria-
3 June	(home)	(Eaton Farm)	Noord (home)
Sat,	Netball playoffs	Girls hockey	Rugby vs Wonderboom
10 June	(Curro Hazeldean)	A & B team playoffs	(away)
Thurs,	Squash Top Schools		
15 June	(Pretoria Country Club)		
Fri,	Squash Top Schools	Girls hockey	
16 June	(Pretoria Country Club)	A & B team playoffs	
Sat,	Squash Top Schools	Girls hockey A & B	
17 June	(Pretoria Country Club)	team playoffs	
Wed,	Rugby		
21 June	Blue Bulls semi-final		

CROSS-COUNTRY

Several of our athletes competed in the league race at Eldoraigne last Friday. Noteworthy results were:

Age Group	Athlete	Place
Girls u14	Carmia van den Berg	13 th
Girls u14	Caitlin Arendse	14 th
Girls u16	Jané Male	7 th
Junior ladies	Sabine von Westernhagen	2 nd
Boys u14	Rupert Groenewald	2 nd
Boys u15	Waldo Breytenbach	16 th
Boys u17	Juan Breytenbach	4 th
Junior men	Eben de Wit	8 th

The team results at the relay meeting held at Menlopark last week were:

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Team	Opponents	Place		
Junior Girls		15 th		
Senior Girls	23 schools from Gauteng, as well as Rustenburg, Nelspruit, Potchefstroom and Secunda	10 th		
Junior Boys		7 th		
Senior Boys		6 th		

CHESS

Two teams competed in the famous Arnold Classic team competition last weekend and did exceptionally well.

Team	Players	Place
Maroon	Shravan Rampersadh, Sauvan Govender, Naradh Telukdarie, Nathaniel van Deventer, Ethan van der Merwe & Gareth Prinsloo	9 th out of 17 teams
Teal	Shayur Vather, Jean Blignaut, Jacques Myburgh, Luke Reyneke, Nico Visser & Arman Bhudai	1 st out of 17 teams

Recent team results:

Team	Opponents	Result	Opponents	Results
u15A	Zwartkop	4½ – 1½	Waterkloof	3-3
u15B	Centurion Secondary	4 – 2	AHS	2 – 4
u17A	Zwartkop	1-5	Pinnacle	5½ - ½
u19A	Zwartkop	4 – 2	Waterkloof	2½ – 3½

SQUASH

The College made history with a record number of 31 players who competed in the Northens Junior Squash Association's closed championship. Participation in this tournament is compulsory to be eligible for inter-provincial teams.

The top 3 results in the respective age groups were:

GIRLS			BOYS			
Age	Player	Place		Age	Player	Place
u14B	Abigail Dean	3 rd		u14C	Henry du Preez	3 rd
u14B	Nickezel Grobler	2 nd		u14C	Edrique Laubscher	1 st
u14B	Kathleen de Kock	1 st		u14B	Nathaniel van	3 rd
					Deventer	
u14A	Sarah de Villiers	3 rd		u16C	Reabetswe Banda	2 nd
u14A	Anushka Janse van	2 nd		u16B	Gerhard van der	2 nd
	Rensburg				Westhuizen	
u16B	Cassey Kemp	1 st		u16B	Wian de Bruin	1 st
u16A	Elzandri Janse van	1 st		u16A	CA Froneman	2 nd
	Rensburg					
u19B	Namratha Eswari	2 nd		u19C	Menelisi Mbatha	2 nd
	Niranjan					
u19A	Kiara Poole	3 rd		u19B	Louis van Wyngaard	2 nd
u19A	Awande Malinga	1 st				

We are proud of the 19 players who have been selected to represent Gauteng North in the inter-provincial tournament from 24 to 28 June.

AGE	GIRLS	BOYS
u14	Abigail Dean, Nickezel Grobler, Kaleigh Reddy, Kathleen de Kock, Amelia Lubbe, Sarah de Villiers & Anushka Janse van Rensburg	Martin de Koning & Hayden Davy

AGE	GIRLS	BOYS
u16	Cassey Kemp & Elzandri Janse van Rensburg	CA Froneman, Wian de Bruin, Aurick Sheosunker, Gerhard van der Westhuizen & Euan Groenewald
u19	Kiara Poole & Namratha Eswari Niranjan	Louis van Wyngaard

GOLF

Our first team participated in the prestigious Woodlands tournament at the Royal Johannesburg and Kensington Golf Club, ending 6th out of 12 schools.

CRICKET

The Midstream *Cricket Smash* will take place in August. This is a tournament involving u12 to u15 players from Midstream College Primary, Midstream Ridge Primary and Midstream College. Four teams of mixed ages will be selected by coaches from the schools and then take part in a T20 format tournament that will be played under lights. This is definitely an exciting addition to our sporting calendar.

TENNIS

Team	Opponents	Result	Opponents	Result
Girls u15A	AHS B	6 – 1		
Boys u15A	Menlopark A	2 – 5	AHS A	1-6
Girls u15B	Montana B	49 – 17	Hatfield A	34 – 33
Boys u15B	Wilgers A	49 – 19		
Girls u19A	Curro Hazeldean A	21 – 46		
Boys u19A	Menlopark B	37 – 30	Zwartkop A	32 – 35
Boys u19A	Waterkloof C	43 – 24		
Boys u19B	AHS E	46 – 21	Crawford A	40 – 28

WINTER SPORT

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NETBALL						
Team	Pretoria- Noord	Prestige	Wonderboom	PHSG	Cornwall Hill	
u14A	29 – 10	24 – 16	21 – 8	39 – 9	17 – 11	
u14B	34 – 9	35 – 5	22 – 8	40 – 3	23 – 12	
u14C	42 – 1	22 – 3	17 – 7	26 – 6	13 – 1	
u14D		16 – 5	19 – 0	23 – 5		
u15A	32 – 14	29 – 6	19 – 18	27 – 4	19 – 23	
u15B	28 – 4	38 – 3	17 – 15	18 – 3	24 – 12	
u15C		11 – 9	11 – 3		0 – 15	
u16A	34 – 12	40 – 11	29 – 10	45 – 5	30 – 8	
u16B	40 – 0	27 – 5	26 – 2	39 – 4	31 – 4	
u16C			15 – 6	31 – 2		
u17A	26 – 12	21 – 4	21 – 11	20 – 7	16 – 8	
2 nd	27 – 3	28 – 9	30 – 15	30 – 6	19 – 7	
1 st	34 – 19	31 – 28	31 – 7	29 – 16	26 – 27	

	GIRLS HOCKEY		BOYS HOCKEY				
Team	Montana	Water- kloof	Zwartkop	Suther- land	Montana	St Albans	Menlo- park
u14A	4 – 0	0-1	4 – 0	7 – 0			13 – 0
u14B	4 – 0	0 - 0	0-1			2 – 3	
u14C		0 – 2	0-1	1-0		0-0	
u15A	0-0	0 - 4					
u15B	3 – 0	1-3					
u15C		0-1					
u16A	2 – 1	0 – 5	0 – 2	2-1			4 – 0
u16B	2-0	0 - 4	5-0			0 – 2	
u16C		0-1		0 – 5	0 – 2	0 – 2	
3 rd		0-3					
2 nd	1-1	1 – 2	0-2			1-4	
1 st	8 – 0	0-0	0-0	2-3	6 – 0		3 – 2

Girls Hockey

We are very proud of the following girls who have been included in the Northens provincial teams:

U14	U16	U18
Amelia Lubbe	Brigitte Beukes	Ashley Williams
Aphelele Mbatsha		Jaden Scholtz
Caitlin Arendse		Tehya Naidoo
		Sande Mbatsha

RUGBY				
Team	HTS John Vorster	Tuine		
u14A	33 – 0	69 – 5		
u14B	19 – 0	15 – 7 (vs Zwartkop C)		
u15A	25 – 5	41 – 0		
u15B	18 – 13	13 – 33 (vs Zwartkop C)		
u16A	5 – 12	23 – 0		
3 rd	12 – 42			
2 nd	10 – 19	20 – 14		
1 st	92 – 0	59 – 7		

RECOGNITION OF NON-SCHOOL SPORT

We would like to acknowledge learners who excel in non-school sport. You are welcome to send any proof, information or certificates to the head of sport, Mr Henry Verster (hverster@midstreamcollege.co.za).

Underwater Hockey

Congratulations to Ethan Mitchell (grade 10) who received his Gauteng colours. He represented the province in the u19A league at the junior national championships, where the Gauteng team achieved an overall second place.

Karate

Maya Robberts (grade 9) took part in the Gauteng JKA Championships and was included in the team to compete in the Pan-African JKA Championships. Congratulations!

GENERAL

SPRINGFEST



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Thursday, 22 June 2023