



MIDSTREAM COLLEGE

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SCHOOL MATTERS

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE

The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand.

- Vince Lombardi

I would like to start by congratulating all four of our rugby teams on their performances during the Blue Bulls final last Saturday. Win or lose, you made us all proud and you definitely applied yourselves to the best of your abilities. Good luck to these four teams that all play away this weekend. On the same note, good luck to all our girls' and boys' hockey teams competing in their Noordvaal finals next week.

Learners all received their marked exam scripts back during the week, and their reports will be available on the Parent Portal on 2 August. Feel free to use the upcoming parents' evening if you would like to see any subject teacher. (More detail follows later in this circular.) Good luck to our matrics who are in the final stretch of their high school careers. Carpe Diem, especially the last academic opportunities.

On a sad note, our condolences and prayers go out to all of you who have lost loved ones recently, in particular, Mr Malcolm Dunkeld whose mother passed away on Tuesday night, as well as Ms Xandri Bothma, who lost her father at the start of the holiday. On a positive note, we are very grateful that Mr Rickus Viljoen is back at school and recovering well after his motorcycle accident at the start of the exams.

I believe everyone is aware of the Midstream Smash which kicks off soon. This T20 cricket tournament, involving all three Midstream schools, is truly an occasion not to be missed. Good luck to all of our cross-country athletes, cricket and softball teams with their respective leagues this term. Please also come and support our Midstream schools' concert in the State Theatre on 9 August. All of the best, and do not miss out on this big cultural term. Watch this space!

May the words of Vince Lombardi above be true for every Midstream learner this term. Let's strive for Excellentia in and out of the classroom.

SIGNING OUT

We would like to refer you to the Code of Conduct when signing out learners. The following information has to be provided when e-mailing the grade heads: Learner's name, the date and time, and the reason for the planned absenteeism. It is in the interest of our learners' safety, that they are collected in the office.

GRADE CAMPS

You are reminded of the grade camps which will take place this term:

- Grade 8 (13 – 15 September) Warthog Inn, North West (R1 650)
- Grade 9 (14 – 17 September) Sediba Kwele, North West (R2 200)
- Grade 10 (7 – 15 September) Haenertsburg, Limpopo (R3 975)
- Grade 11 (13 – 16 September) Hazyview, Mpumalanga (R2 910)

ACADEMICS

REPORTS AND PARENTS' EVENING

The second term reports will be available on the Parent Portal on 2 August. We have scheduled a parents' evening for Tuesday, 8 August from 16:00 to 19:00. Please e-mail the relevant subject teachers for an appointment. (The teachers' contact details are available on the school's website.)

GEOGRAPHY OLYMPIAD

Congratulations to Kynan van Zyl who was the Top Gauteng learner and came fifth nationally, and to Heinrich Gerber who came 12th nationally.

MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

Five learners qualified for the third and final round of this national Olympiad. They are: MH Sahib, Ivan Kotzee, Dylan Rodi, Jean Blignaut and Abram Rautenbach.

TERM TESTS ON 11 AUGUST

Women's Day is celebrated on Wednesday, 9 August. Kindly note that there are term tests scheduled for Friday, 11 August and that learners cannot be excused from them for long weekend purposes.

GRADE 9 SUBJECT CHOICE EVENING

The grade 9 subject choice information evening takes place in the hall on 17 August at 18:30. Subject choices for 2024 must be submitted electronically by Monday, 21 August. For subject information and the subject choice form, click on the following link: <https://www.midstreamcollege.co.za/academics/subjects/>

CULTURE

MC³ CONCERT

Midstream College High School, Midstream College Primary School and Midstream Ridge Primary School will present a joint concert in the Pretoria State Theatre on 9 August at 18:30. During this prestigious event, approximately 800 learners from the three schools will participate in a variety of cultural activities.

Tickets can be booked online at Webtickets using the following link:

<https://www.webtickets.co.za/v2/Event.aspx?itemid=1529460568>

ENSEMBLE

During the exams, the Ensemble participated in the Kraal Arts Festival in Centurion. They did us proud and received an A+ and two A++'s for the three performances. They also participated in the Western Cape Virtual Eisteddfod where they received 88% for their performance. Congratulations to everyone who is part of the Ensemble.

MELODIA

Melodia took part in the Western Cape Virtual Eisteddfod. We entered three pieces for adjudication and received 86% overall for our performances. We are very proud of this achievement and look forward to the remainder of our performances this term.

RECOGNITION OF NON-SCHOOL CULTURE

We would like to acknowledge learners who excel in non-school culture activities. You are welcome to send any proof, information and certificates to the head of culture, Dr Steyn de Bod (sdebod@midstreamcollege.co.za).

Ruth Hempson auditioned successfully for the Mzansi Ballet Company's *Swan Lake*, performing at Monte Casino from 17 July to 20 August.

Caitlin Arendse participated in the Stellenbosch International Chamber Music Festival. She played the viola in two chamber groups and played in the festival concert orchestra.

Lukas Combrinck participated in the Grade 8 Afrikaans Individual Speaker Section of the Radikale Redenaars orator's competition earlier this month and has advanced to the Gauteng regional finals that will take place in Boksburg on 5 August.

SPORT

SPORT TOURS

Thank you to all the staff and learners who went on various successful sport tours during the past holiday, i.e. cross-country training camp (North West), u15A cricket (Limpopo), 1st team cricket (Mpumalanga), mountain biking (Limpopo), junior softball (North West), senior softball (KZN) and golf (Mpumalanga). Numerous other teams also practiced in preparation for the coming season.

HOCKEY

Both the boys and girls played a friendly against Kempton Park last week. The results were:

Team	Score
u14A Girls	3 – 1
u14A Boys	4 – 0
u15A Girls	3 – 1
u16A Boys	3 – 1
u16A Girls	3 – 2
1 st Boys	3 – 0
1 st Girls	0 – 4

The u14A girls' team played against a touring team from England on Thursday and won 5 – 0.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Sande Mbatsha (u18) represented Gauteng North A at the national u18 tournament and was selected for the South African u17 high performance squad. Kaylee Marais (u14) represented Gauteng at the Winter National School Sport Championships.

BOYS HOCKEY

The following teams have qualified to represent the Northern Blues in the respective Noordvaal tournaments: u14A (Noordvaal A), u16A (Noordvaal B) and 1st (Noordvaal A).

Adrian Vosloo was named captain of the Gauteng North u16B team, which won the silver medal at the national tournament. After the tournament, he was included in the BRSI Knights team to tour the Netherlands in October.

RUGBY

The Blue Bulls semi-finals took place at the end of last term. The results were as follows:

Team	Opponent	Score
u14A	Pretoria-Noord	13 – 8
u15A	Wonderboom	16 – 7
u16A	HTS John Vorster	17 – 29
1 st	HTS John Vorster	48 – 10

Both the u16 and u19 Pretoria Private Schools teams, the Rooikatte, won their respective VKB Country Districts tournaments. Midstream was well represented in both teams (12 players in the u16 team and nine in the u19s). Louis Verhoef and Anru Cronjé were the respective 15-man captains and Jaedon de Leeuw, the 7's captain. Congratulations also to Mr Nico Basson who was the u16 coach.

The following boys were selected for the VKB SA Country Districts team: Hanno Britz, Du-Juan du Toit, Nicholas Grobler (all u16), Anru Cronjé, Mika Lubbe, Jaedon de Leeuw and Tian Pretorius (all u19). Jaedon was also selected for the 7s team.

The following players were selected for the Blue Bulls provincial teams: Malusi Mahlangu (u15B Rhino team), Neil de Vleeschauwer (u16B Noordvaal team), Jahred Smit (u17A provincial team), Joshua Smit (u18 Academy team) and Hilton Thomas (Craven Week team). Congratulations to Mr Christiaan van der Merwe who was the u16 Grant Khomo team's assistant coach.

We hosted touring teams from St Edmund's College (England) last week. The u14s won 22 – 0 and the u15s 39 – 29.

Results of the Blue Bulls finals which were played last Saturday were as follows:

Team	Opponent	Score
u14A	Centurion	10 – 12
u15A	Centurion	17 – 21
u16A	Pretoria-Noord	46 – 5
1 st	Overkruin	49 – 3

For the first time in our history, all four teams will play in the qualifying round in the Noordvaal Cup this Saturday:

- u14A vs Frikkie Meyer in Thabazimbi
- u15A vs Ben Viljoen in Groblersdal
- u16A vs Wagpos in Brits
- 1st span vs Frikkie Meyer in Thabazimbi

MOUNTAIN BIKING

32 Midstreamers participated in the league race at Curro Serengeti last week. Riders who finished in the top 15 of their age groups were:

Age Group	Rider	Place
Sub-Junior Boys	Wiehan Visser	6 th
Youth 15 Boys	Xandré Pretorius	11 th
Youth 17 Boys	Sebastian Bruyns	6 th
Youth 17 Boys	Ruben Bruyns	14 th
Junior Men	Pieter van Eeden	14 th
Youth 16 Girls	Jané Male	6 th
Youth 16 Girls	Sarah Heher	3 rd
Junior Ladies	Lucy Carroll	3 rd

CROSS-COUNTRY

An inter-provincial cross-country meeting took place in Groblersdal last week. Congratulations to Xavier van der Leek (boys u17) who came 3rd and Rupert Groenewald (boys u14) who came 2nd.

SOCCER

Our 1st team competed in a tournament at Curro Thatchfield last Saturday. We ended third by beating Greenside 1 – 0 in the playoff match.

SOFTBALL

Results of the Softball Day held at Pretoria-Noord last week:

	AHMP	Eldoraigue	Overkruin	Pretoria-Noord	Centurion	Oos-Moot	Akasia
u14A		12 – 12	6 – 9				
u14B	2 – 14	6 – 8					
u14C	9 – 9						
u15A	7 – 12					6 – 12	
u15B					2 – 8	5 – 6	
u16A					6 – 10		6 – 6
u16B					3 – 10	5 – 6	
u19A			6 – 6		0 – 9		
u19B				9 – 4		2 – 8	
u19C				6 – 6			

SQUASH

Gauteng North league results:

Team	Opponent	Score
Midstream Boys 1	Midstream 16A	12 – 5
	Menlopark 1	6 – 12
	PBHS 1	10 – 8
Midstream Boys 2	Menlopark	9 – 6
	PBHS	16 – 2
	Zwartkop	16 – 0
	Midstream 14B	10 – 7
Midstream Boys 3	Eldoraigue	16 – 0
	Eldoraigue B	16 – 0
	Menlopark	11 – 8
	Garsfontein	10 – 6
	PBHS	16 – 2
Midstream Boys 16A	PBHS 1	8 – 11
	Midstream 1	5 – 12
	Menlopark 1	3 – 16
Midstream Boys 14A	Zwartkop B	2 – 16
	PBHS B	12 – 8
	Menlopark B	6 – 9
	Garsfontein B	16 – 2
	Eldoraigue A	8 – 10
Midstream Boys 14B	Zwartkop B	12 – 3
	PBHS B	12 – 4

	Menlopark B	12 – 7
	Midstream B	7 – 10
Midstream Girls 1	Zwartkop 1	16 – 0
	Menlopark 1	16 – 0
Midstream Girls 2	Menlopark C	16 – 0
	Menlopark D	16 – 0
	Eldoraigue	16 – 1
	St Mary's DSG	16 – 0
	Menlopark B	13 – 4

The final league results are as follows:

GIRLS A LEAGUE

- 1st – Midstream A (Awande Malinga, Elzandri Janse van Rensburg, Anushka Janse van Rensburg, Namratha Eswari Niranjana)

GIRLS B LEAGUE

- 1st – Midstream B (Cassey Kemp, Amelia Lubbe, Kathleen de Kock, Kaleigh Reddy)

BOYS A LEAGUE

- Results outstanding

BOYS B LEAGUE

- 3rd – Midstream C (Martin de Koning, Hayden Davy, Nathaniel van Deventer, Johan Swiegers)

BOYS C LEAGUE

- 1st – Midstream D (Andrew Conley, Reabetswe Banda, John Conley, Jordan Sathyanandam)
- 2nd – Midstream E (Stefan Verster, Lukas Combrinck, Edrique Laubscher, Henry du Preez)

BOYS D LEAGUE

- 1st – Midstream F (Vaughn Rowlands, Joaquim Nelson, Sinjon Rowlands, Andrew Botha, Marco van der Westhuizen)

EQUESTRIAN

Jodi Slade represented Gauteng in the SA Youth Championships during the holiday. In Eventing, she came third in her class, while her team won.

RECOGNITION OF NON-SCHOOL SPORT

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

Mountain biking

Congratulations to Pieter van Eeden and Robért Ford who competed in the Berg and Bush race during the July holidays. They won the Bushbaby high school's team competition, and overall, came 4th and 5th respectively.

Nika Nortjé was selected for the Gauteng XCO team that competed in the SA Championships in Pietermaritzburg last weekend. She came 3rd overall in her age group.

Wrestling

Rohan du Plessis will represent South Africa at the u17 World Championships in Turkey from 30 July to 14 August.

Judo

Marco van der Westhuizen will compete in the Commonwealth Championships in Gqeberha in August.

GENERAL SPRINGFEST



LET'S COMMUNICATE:

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