



MIDSTREAM COLLEGE

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SCHOOL MATTERS

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE

Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts.

Winston Churchill

I would like to pay tribute to every parent, teacher and learner who had the courage to continue and push through during this exceptionally busy term. I want to apologise for the revue that went on until the wee hours of the morning earlier this week. This was due to circumstances beyond our control. I can assure you that we look intensively at the College's programme every year, and that amendments will certainly be made to prevent similar events.

Hats off to our revue that finished second in the SA Champs, as well as the Lefra Revue Competition. Your hard work through the year was duly rewarded. A special word of thanks to all the learners, teachers and parents who were part of this epic journey.

A bend in the road is not the end of the road... unless you fail to make the turn.

Helen Keller

All of the best to the grade 10s and teachers involved in Odyssey IX who left for Haenertsburg this morning. Thank you also to every parent and learner who supports our camps wholeheartedly. Best wishes to the grade 8s, 9s and 11s leaving for their respective camps next week. A friendly reminder that there will be normal school after the camps. Make sure you make the turn – the holiday is around the corner.

A word of thanks to the 99% of parents and learners who support our academic programme unconditionally. We remain primarily an academic institution and I would like to refer you to our academic policy on the College's website for further detail. When in doubt regarding scheduled tests or exams, please contact our academic head, Mr Swart, well in advance.

If a matric learner were to miss an IEB final examination paper, even due to illness, they can only rewrite it six months later. The same applies at tertiary institutions where absence from an assessment without a doctor's certificate has serious consequences. We try to be as flexible as possible, but to expect teachers to set additional papers for learners who miss tests and exams for non-school related reasons is unfair.

With spring in the air, I hope to see many of you at the SpringFest on Saturday. A friendly reminder to all learners that College rules will still apply.

ACADEMICS

ASSA SOUTH AFRICAN MATHEMATICS TEAM COMPETITION

The following learners have been selected to represent Gauteng North: MH Sahib (grade 8), Ivan Kotzee (grade 9), Dylan Rodi (grade 10), Shayur Vather (grade 10), Jean Blignaut (grade 12) and Abram Rautenbach (grade 12). Teams from across southern Africa will compete in this competition this Saturday.

LAST WEEK OF TERM

Once learners have returned from their grade camps and the Odyssey, there are scheduled tests in the last week of term. Please note that learners cannot be excused from these tests for extended holiday purposes.

CULTURE

REVUE

Our revue group duly unleashed a storm this year with their production titled, *Rain*. Within four days and two very late nights, they ended the year on a highlight by achieving 2nd places in both the SA Revue Competition and the Lefra Revue Competition. The latter will be broadcast on Via (Channel 147) during the reality show *Revue!* later this year.

DRAMA

Our drama group, *Sinne.loos* received the following awards during the regional qualifier for the ATKV Tienertoneel:

Name	Category	Award
Lighting team	Lighting	Bronze
Sound team	Sound	Silver
Anika Malan	Acting	Silver
Lené Liebenberg, Carlo Loubser & Lin-Mari Rudolph	Acting	Bronze

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NON-SCHOOL CULTURE

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

ENSEMBLE

As a member of the Gauteng Music Initiative Ensemble, Anika Malan competed in a national competition and achieved an overall 3rd place.

CLASSIC GUITAR

Joshua Cachia took part in the Artisticulta at Midstream Ridge on Saturday and received an A and A+ for his performance.

SPORT

CROSS-COUNTRY

Both the girls' and boys' teams participated in the Noordvaal finals held at the North-West University last Saturday. We are proud of our athletes' hard work and perseverance throughout the season.

The team results were as follows:

Section	Boys	Girls
Juniors	9 th	15 th
Seniors	8 th	8 th
Overall	9 th	11 th

The following athletes achieved top 20 places:

Section	Athlete	Place
Junior Girls	Carmia van den Berg	15 th
Junior Boys	Rupert Groenewald	9 th
Senior Boys	Xavier van der Leek	12 th

MOUNTAIN BIKING

At the league race held at PBHS, the following riders achieved top 20 places:

Category	Rider	Place
Sub-junior Girls	Nika Nortjé	1 st
	Kathleen de Kock	8 th
Youth 16 Girls	Sarah Heher	2 nd
Junior 18/19 Girls	Lucy Carroll	3 rd
Sub-junior Boys	Rupert Groenewald	7 th
	Wiehan Visser	9 th
Youth 15 Boys	Michael Gray	16 th
Youth 17 Boys	Sebastian Bruyns	10 th
	Robért Ford	14 th
Junior 18/19 Boys	Pieter van Eeden	10 th

CRICKET

Opponent	Result	Comments
1st		
Zwartkop	Midstream 214/9 Zwartkop 180/10 Won by 34 runs	Maarten Nortjé 43 Jordan le Roux 43 Jean Holtzhausen 4/24 in 8 overs
2nd		
Menlopark 3	Midstream 287/8 Menlopark 288/6 Lost by 4 wickets	Jonathan Wiseman 74 Marco Smith 41 Christian Olwagen 2/37 in 7.4 overs
Montana 2	Midstream 229/10 Montana 225/10 Won by 5 runs	Christian Olwagen 55 Dian de Villiers 42 Jonathan Wiseman 4/33 in 10 overs
3rd		
Garsfontein 4	Midstream 79/10 Garsfontein 80/3 Lost by 7 wickets	
Menlopark 4	Menlopark 241/3 Midstream 111/10 Lost by 130 runs	Grant Muller 2/10 in 3 overs
u15A		
Oos-Moot	Midstream 440/5 Oos-Moot 115/10 Won by 325 runs	Gerhard van der Westhuizen 177 Rikus Cilliers 73 n.o. & 2/7 in 2 overs Maarten Nortjé 72 & 2/21 in 6 overs Christian Olwagen 2/18 in 6 overs
Zwartkop	Midstream 296/6 Zwartkop 229/10 Won by 67 runs	Rikus Cilliers 112 & 3/39 in 6 overs Maarten Nortjé 77 Christian Olwagen 3/30 in 6 overs Wian de Bruin 2/22 in 5 overs
u15B		
Zwartkop	Zwartkop 179/6 Midstream 132/7 Lost by 48 runs	Liam van Rooyen 2/35 in 4 overs Darius Oberholzer 3/32 in 4 overs Francois Senekal 66
CBC Edmund	Mount Midstream 152/6 CBC 153/4 Lost by 6 wickets	Christoff van den Berg 76
u14A		
Zwartkop	Midstream 188/10 Zwartkop 163/10 Won by 25 runs	A.J. Annandale 61 Dylan Coleridge 54 Ruben Howatt 5/17 in 10 overs Johann Boshoff 4/45 in 10 overs
u14B		
Waterkloof C	Waterkloof 167/8 Midstream 97/10 Lost by 70 runs	O'neile Nyoni 3/26 in 4 overs Zac Lentoer 19

Oos-Moot	Oos-Moot 141/7 Midstream 126/10 Lost by 15 runs	Moyahabo Machaba 31 Stefan Jute 4/16 in 4 overs
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SOFTBALL

Recent results:

Team	Crawford	Sutherland	Akasia	Eldoraigue	Overkruin
u14A	14 – 7	19 – 1	10 – 5		
u14B				15 – 7	10 – 15
u14C				12 – 14	
u14D					4 – 14
u15A	Walk over	14 – 4	11 – 4		
u15B				7 – 6	4 – 10
u16A	8 – 1	10 – 5	8 – 3		
u16B					3 – 12
u19A	Walk over	9 – 1	2 – 8		
u19B				15 – 13	9 – 14
u19C					9 – 19

The u14A, u15A and u16A teams were undefeated, and thus also league winners. They will be involved in the playoffs next term.

GOLF

During the fourth league match, the 1st team ended second, scoring 148 IPS points. Midstream (2) beat Eldoraigue (2) by 49 to 46.

7s RUGBY

Two tournaments have already been played.

Wilgers u15 Tournament		Sutherland u15 Tournament	
Opponent	Result	Opponent	Result
Nylstroom	Won 22 – 12	Sutherland	Won 29 – 12
Florida	Won 20 – 5	Wilgers	Won 17 – 14
Pretoria-Noord	Won 29 – 14	Barbarians	Won 34 – 0
Hoogenhout	Lost 15 – 19 (Semi-final)	Pretoria-Noord	Won 21 – 12 (Quarter Final)
		Centurion	Lost 12 – 31 (Semi-final)
		Menlopark	Lost 10 – 24 (3 rd / 4 th place)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NON-SCHOOL SPORT

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

CHESS

Luke Reyneke and Arun Gounder (both in grade 8) participated in the Etienne Lewis Individual Closed Championships winning 4.5 of their 7 matches.

GENERAL

SPRINGFEST



The poster for Spring Fest 09 September at Midstream College is set against a teal background. At the top left, 'Spring Fest' is written in large, stylized pink and yellow letters. To the right, '09 September' is written in pink cursive, with the '09' in large white numbers. Below this, a pair of sunglasses with a tropical island scene on the lenses sits on a small patch of sand. The text '@ MIDSTREAM COLLEGE' and 'OPEN AIR FESTIVAL' is printed in white below the sunglasses. In the center, the text 'EXPERIENCE THE THRILL OF NEVER-BEFORE-SEEN RIDES AT SPRINGFEST!' is written in white. Below this are three small images: a Ferris wheel, a roller coaster named 'CRAZY BEACH', and a ride named 'CLAMBER CLUB'. At the bottom left is the 'howler' logo with the text 'Tickets available on howler.co.za'. At the bottom right is the 'OUT SURANCE' logo with the text 'Brought to you by'.

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Thursday, 21 September 2023