



# MIDSTREAM COLLEGE

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## SCHOOL MATTERS FROM THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE

*Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.*

*Melody Beattie*

On the eve of our spring break, I would like to thank every learner, parent and teacher for the part you played in this exceptionally blessed term. There were noteworthy achievements this term: The girls' squash team are SA champs, the first rugby team won the Noordvaal Cup, the u14 boys' and girls' hockey teams came third in the Noordvaal A competition, our netball and softball teams won several leagues, and the revue, Melodia, Ensemble and drama groups delivered superb performances on stage.

The respective camps went well and congratulations to the grade 10s who overcame the ninth Odyssey. *Veni, Vidi, Vici!* A salute to the parents who offered your children these opportunities. A big word of thanks also to every learner and parent who supported our annual SpringFest. Moving the stage added to the incredible atmosphere. Among other things, the revenue generated subsidises the Odyssey and the primary schools' grade 7 camps.

I would like to appeal to every parent to support the College, as we can only teach and educate your children if they fully engage in our activities. Unfortunately, there are far too many learners who do not attend school for trivialities. Our calendars for 2024 and 2025 are included for your reference. We have ample holidays during the school year, thus you are requested to ensure your children are at school during the term.

We do our best to keep the increase in school fees as small as possible, but at the same time still guarantee quality education. (See 2024 school fee structure below.) Please remember that you have to give a term's notice should you foresee that your child will leave the school at the end of the year.

Furthermore, I believe that every grade 12 learner has survived their record examinations. Good luck with the upcoming spring school, matric farewell and the preparation for the final exams. I hope to see all grade 12 parents at the gong function at the College on Friday, 13 October at 07:30.

I would like to invite every parent to our next Coffee-with-Carel session. This informal meeting is scheduled in the College Hub for Thursday, 12 October at 07:30. Please contact Debbi (dwestwood@midstreamcollege.co.za) if you would like to attend.

Last, but by no means least, Bon Voyage to the teachers and 93 learners flying to Amsterdam this weekend on our educational tour to Europe. Good luck also to Mss Clark and Verster and 21 grade 11s who are already leaving on the second leg of the annual Belgian exchange tomorrow.

Have a wonderful Heritage Day. Go Bokke! Stronger together!

## 2024 SCHOOL FEES

Grade	School Fees					IT Fees		
	2023	Increase	2024	Months	Per Month	2023	Increase	2024
8	74 600	6.43%	79 400	10	7 940	840	6.5%	890
9	79 000	6.46%	84 100	10	8 410	1 110	6.5%	1 180
10	82 400	6.55%	87 800	10	8 780	1 390	6.5%	1 480
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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

2024	2025
17 January – 20 March	15 January – 20 March
9 April – 14 June	8 April – 27 June
10 July – 20 September	22 July – 26 September
9 October – 5 December	14 October – 3 December

## TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION

The frequent load shedding adversely affects our telephone system. If you are unable to contact us during load shedding, please send an e-mail to the relevant party. All staff e-mail addresses are listed on our website under Staff, under the About tab.

## ACADEMICS

### AFRIKAANS HUISTAAL OLIMPIADE

The following learners were in the Top 50 of this national Olympiad: Cara-Renette Ponting, Renate Maré, Kian Francis, Wihan Cilliers and Leané Claasen.

### SUBJECT CHANGES

No subject changes can be accommodated in the fourth term, as the final examinations already start on 9 November.

# CULTURE

## (p)ARTICIPATE

We are currently busy with our first week of trials for this annual culture festival. Information about the trials is available on our website. The gala evening is scheduled for 19 October and promises to be an unforgettable evening commemorating the Roaring 20s.

## 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).

## ARTISTICULTA

Kaleigh Reddy participated in the violin section and achieved two A+ awards and one A++ award.

# SPORT

## CROSS-COUNTRY

Nine of our athletes (Carmia van den Berg, Jané Male, Lente Groenewald, Zabine von Westernhagen, Rupert Groenewald, Déan Fourie, Juan Breytenbach, Xavier van der Leek and Eben de Wit) represented Gauteng North at the SA Championships held in Gqeberha last week.

The following achieved Top 20 places:

Section	Athlete	Place
Boys u14	Rupert Groenewald	4 <sup>th</sup> (Gold medal winner in the team competition as part of the Gauteng North team.)
Junior men	Eben de Wit	15 <sup>th</sup>

Ms Simoné Botha, our cross-country organiser, came 6<sup>th</sup> in her age group.

## CRICKET

Opponent	Result	Comments
1st		
Oos-Moot	Oos-Moot 133/10 Midstream 87/10 Lost by 46 runs	Janco van Heerden 3/14 in 4 overs
Montana	Midstream 217/10 Montana 167/10 Won by 51 runs	Janco van Heerden 30 Dian de Villiers 63 Jordan le Roux 41 Xander Senekal 37 Rikus Cilliers 32 & 1/19 in 8 overs Luke Wiseman 3/23 in 8 overs Jordan le Roux 3/25 in 8 overs

2nd		
Garsfontein 3	Midstream 222/8 Garsfontein 223/3 Lost by 7 wickets	Conré van den Berg 81 Christian Olwagen 32 Grant Muller 1/17 in 6 overs
Waterkloof	Waterkloof 251/10 Midstream 70/10 Lost by 181 runs	Christian Olwagen 4/30 in 6 overs Jonathan Wiseman 2/26 in 8 overs
3rd		
Centurion	Midstream 127/8 Centurion 129/6 Lost by 2 wickets	Liam van der Merwe 50 Kian Francis 3/18 in 4 overs
Cornwall Hill	Midstream 137/6 Cornwall Hill 119/8 Won by 18 runs	Kian Francis 52 Grant Muller 4/19 in 4 overs Kian Francis 2/6 in 3.2 overs
u15A		
Pretoria-Noord	Midstream 375/8 Pretoria-Noord 131/10 Won by 244 runs	Ryan Strauss 146 n.o. Jonathan Wiseman 58 Rikus Cilliers 5/35 in 8 overs Wian de Bruin 2/11 in 4 overs
Montana	Montana 250/7 Midstream 251/6 Won by 4 wickets	Jonathan Wiseman 2/40 in 10 overs Rikus Cilliers 2/42 in 10 overs Christian Olwagen 2/36 in 10 overs Ryan Strauss 74 Maarten Nortjé 51 Wian de Bruin 41 n.o.
u15B		
Sutherland	Sutherland 100/10 Midstream 101/5 Won by 5 wickets	Ethan Poggenpoel 5/11 in 4 overs Francois Senekal 51
Garsfontein C	Midstream 200/6 Garsfontein 81/10 Won by 120 runs	Francois Senekal 80 Heinrich du Preez 4/11 in 4 overs
u14A		
Pretoria-Noord	Pretoria-Noord 83/10 Midstream 87/2 Won by 8 wickets	Eckhardt du Toit 32 n.o. Tehan Maré 21 n.o. Ruben Howatt 3/14 in 4 overs Matthew Wiggill 3/10 in 3 overs
HTS John Vorster	HTS John Vorster 10/10 Midstream 11/0 Won by 10 wickets	Ruben Howatt 2/3 in 3 overs Johann Boshoff 7/7 in 3.4 overs
Montana	Midstream 216/9 Montana 220/4 Lost by 6 wickets	Dylan Coleridge 50 Eckhardt du Toit 43 Johann Boshoff 2/25 in 2 overs
u14B		
Eldoraigne	Midstream 129/3 Eldoraigne 67/10 Won by 62 runs	Tsebo Motjijeng 51 n.o. & 4/13 in 4 overs

## GOLF

Team	Result
1st	Came 3 <sup>rd</sup> during the fifth round of league matches. They ended the season in third place.
2nd	Section winners, and are involved in the playoffs.
3rd	Beat Erasmus 3 – 1.

## 7s RUGBY

Results of the u15 tournament held at Montana were:

Opponent	Result
Montana	Lost 21 – 29
Curro Hazeldean	Won 24 – 0
Centurion B	Won 41 – 5
Menlopark	Lost 17 – 31 (Quarter Final)
Eldoraigne	Won 22 - 10 (Plate Semi-final)
Centurion A	Won 19 - 12 (Plate Final)

## SOCCER

Results of the matches played against Sutherland:

Team	Result
u15	2 – 1
1st	3 – 4

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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 participated in the Etienne Lewis Individual Closed Championships, and as a result, have been included in the Tshwane u15A and u15B teams respectively.

### SWIMMING

Adrian van Wyk has been selected for the SA junior team to participate in the Namibian Short Course Championships in Swakopmund next week.

### TENNIS

Jayden Summers reached the semi-final in the doubles of the J100 ITF tournament last week.

## RUGBY

Kieran Silver and Juan-Hendrik van Aswegen have been selected for the Blue Bulls Youth Clubs to represent the Blue Torro u14 and u15 teams respectively at an inter-provincial tournament.

## GENERAL

### UNIFORM SHOP

The business hours during the holiday are as follows:

22 September	07:00 – 15:00
23 September – 4 October	Closed
5 – 6 October	08:00 – 16:00
9 October	08:00 – 17:00
From 10 October	07:00 – 17:00

For urgent requests, call 064 937 0551.

### SPRINGFEST



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- [www.midstreamcollege.co.za](http://www.midstreamcollege.co.za)
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#### NEXT CIRCULAR

Thursday, 21 October 2023