



SCHOOL MATTERS

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE

The matrics had a busy holiday, starting with the Spring School and concluding with their glamorous matric farewell. Last Friday we had their parent and gong function, and all that now stands between them and the wide world out there is their final exams. I want to thank the Class of 2023 for the way they led the College and ensured that the year will be remembered for the right reasons. Good luck with the exams and chasing your dreams in these exciting times.

The rest of the College wasn't idle either, as they conquered Europe, the Orange River, mountain biking nationals and the athletics tracks during the holidays. There is great excitement surrounding our annual grade spirit battle and the grades 8 to 11 are already practising. A reminder that we have night school again on Thursday, 2 November and that learners are off on Friday, 3 November. Their exam starts during the next week.

In nature there are neither rewards nor punishments; there are consequences.

- Robert Green Ingersoll

A word of thanks to the $x\%$ learners who loyally support the College and abide by our rules. I hope and trust x tends towards 100. To the rest... you have been warned.

Our annual culture festival, (p)Articipate, reaches its summit tonight with the gala evening in Midstream Ridge's hall. During the last month, learners have had the opportunity to showcase their talents and we look forward to tonight's performance.

Congratulations to our u15 cricket team on winning their league convincingly and good luck to our u14, u15 and u16 softball teams that are all competing in the final of their leagues tomorrow afternoon. Lastly, to the Springboks, Carpe Diem, make us all proudly South African. #Stongertogether.

ACADEMICS

NATIONAL MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

Based on the results in all three rounds of this Olympiad, Midstream College received the award as Top Performing School at the South African Mathematics Foundation's prize-giving held at Emperor's Palace last weekend. This is the second year in a row that we have won this prestigious award. We have also been the Gauteng winners for the last three years.

GRADE 11 SUBJECT CHANGES

The IEB has changed the deadline for enrolling learners for the NSC examination to early December this year. If your child is currently a borderline case (below 50% in Mathematics and below 40% in the other subjects), you are requested to motivate them to pull out all the stops for the final grade 11 examination. Based on the grade 11's final promotion marks, the school might contact you to discuss possible subject changes for next year. Please contact the relevant subject managers should you have any queries in this regard.

GRADE 8-11 NOVEMBER EXAMINATION

The November examination timetable is available on the website, as well as on the learners' tablets. Kindly note that no learner can be excused from scheduled examinations for extended holiday purposes. Your cooperation in this regard is appreciated.

STATIONERY FOR 2024

These orders can now be placed using one of the following options:

- Website: www.mcboekwinkel.co.za
- E-mail: midcollegebooks@gmail.com
- Cell phone: 076 483 2593
- Physical address: Suite 003, Shopping on Ridgeway Drive, Midstream Ridge Sport Centre (opposite the gym).

Business hours: Monday to Friday (08:00 – 18:00)

You are urged to order and pay before 15 December, so that you can receive the books and stationery before school reopens on 17 January. You have the option to receive orders via courier or to collect at the above address. Books listed on their website are only available as hardcopies, and therefore do not appear on the E-book platform.

CULTURE

(p)ARTICIPATE

The gala evening will be held at Midstream Ridge Primary tonight and promises to be an unforgettable evening commemorating the Roaring 20s.

Congratulations to our overall winners:

Junior Girls	Senior Girls	Senior Boys	Place
Kaylin Knoetze	Mikayla Moodley	Carlo Loubser	3
Milan Pöhl	Tiana Swart	Tristan Scholtz	2
Ruth Hempson	Anika Malan	Wandele Cibi	1

ORATORS

Congratulations to Lené Liebenberg who obtained a second place in the national round of the On the Tip of your Tongue competition for her Afrikaans motivational speech.

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).

DANCE

Elmarie Lubbe received three gold awards at the Eisteddfod of Performing Arts and six gold awards at the American Dance Awards. She will compete in the World Championships in Belgium later this year.

Ruth Hempson participated in the Gauteng Dance Festival and the Eisteddfod of the Performing Arts and received gold for both.

SPORT

CRICKET

The season has come to an end this week and we are grateful for every player, coach and parent's input and support. We are extremely proud of the u15A team that ended the league undefeated and as league winners! Even the 1st and u14A teams did well by finishing second and third respectively.

Team results of the past two weeks:

Opponent	Result	Comments
1st		
Wonderboom	Wonderboom 159/10 Midstream 160/3 Won by 7 wickets	Xander Senekal 6/27 in 7.2 overs Jeanré Lourens 68 n.o.
Eldoraigue	Midstream 175/10 Eldoraigue 176/6 Lost by 4 wickets	Gerhard van der Westhuizen 43 Maarten Nortjé 39
2nd		
Zwartkop	Zwartkop 367/10 Midstream 225/10 Lost by 142 runs	Louis Verhoef 54 Grant Muller 43

3rd		
AHS	AHS 311/3 Midstream 116/10 Lost by 195 runs	Declan Smit 2/25 in 3 overs
u15A		
Eldoraigue	Eldoraigue 108/10 Midstream 110/1 Won by 9 wickets	Ryan Strauss 62 n.o. Jonathan Wiseman 4/24 in 10 overs Rikus Cilliers 4/26 in 7 overs
u15B		
Waterkloof C	Waterkloof 161/6 Midstream 166/5 Won by 5 wickets	Francois Senekal 90 Gareth Prinsloo 3/13 in 4 overs
AHS D	AHS 67/10 Midstream 73/5 Won by 5 wickets	Gareth Prinsloo 5/13 in 4 overs Francois Senekal 46 n.o.
u14A		
Eldoraigue	Midstream 170/10 Eldoraigue 171/3 Lost by 7 wickets	Ruben Howatt 45 Matthew Wiggill 30
u14B		
Menlopark C	Midstream 104/10 Menlopark 106/7 Lost by 3 wickets	O'neile Nyoni 2/13 in 2 overs Moyahabo Machaba 22

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Results of the last league race, which took place at Prime View:

Section	Rider	Place
Sub-junior Girls	Nika Nortjé	1
	Kathleen de Kock	9
Youth 16 Girls	Sarah Heher	3
	Jané Male	7
Junior 18/19 Girls	Lucy Carroll	4
Sub-junior Boys	Rupert Groenewald	12
Youth 15 Boys	Xandré Pretorius	12
Youth 17 Boys	Sebastian Bruyns	8
	Ruben Bruyns	15
Junior 18/19 Boys	Eben de Wit	10
	Pieter van Eeden	16

Midstream College participated in the mixed category and ended the season seventh overall out of 77 participating schools in Gauteng.

At the national championships held at Wagpos on 30 September, the following riders performed well:

Section	Rider	Place
Sub-junior Girls	Nika Nortjé	2
Youth 16 Girls	Sarah Heher	12
	Jané Male	22
Junior 18/19 Girls	Lucy Carroll	9
Sub-junior Boys	Rupert Groenewald	4
Youth 15 Boys	Xandré Pretorius	30
Youth 17 Boys	Sebastian Bruyns	10
	Ruben Bruyns	20
Junior 18/19 Boys	Eben de Wit	13
	Pieter van Eeden	18

Midstream College took third place overall, which is our best result to date. During the provincial finals, Nika Nortjé and Lucy Carroll were part of the Gauteng team that won the gold medal.

GOLF

The 1st and 2nd teams participated in the Gauteng North Challenge tournament last Tuesday and performed as follows:

1st Team	4 th overall
2nd Team	13 th overall

Good luck to the 2nd team playing in the final of their league today.

SOFTBALL

Results of the semi-finals played last week:

Team	Wagpos	Akasia
u14A		Opponents forfeited
u15A		Opponents forfeited
u16A	15 – 0	
1st	5 – 32	

The u14A, u15A and u16A teams will play in the final of their leagues this Saturday, while the 1st team will play out for third place.

SWIMMING

This past weekend, Midstream participated in a gala at Uplands College against schools in Mpumalanga. We participated as a combined team, along with swimmers from Midstream Ridge and Midstream College Primary schools.

Our swimmers from u12 to u17 showed the Lowvelders how it is done! Fun was had by all and new friendships were formed in this pre-season gala.

At the Namibian Short Course Championships in Swakopmund, Adrian van Wyk won a gold medal in the 200 m backstroke, and three silver medals in the 100 m and 50 m backstroke, as well as in the 100 m freestyle. He also swam in the 400 m freestyle at last weekend's NTS gala, achieving a world junior qualifying time.

Lance Cromhout will participate in the BRICS U20 Games in Durban this weekend.

EQUESTRIAN

Congratulations to the riders who received regional colours at the annual SANESA regional awards evening: Kiara Kok, Kynan van Zyl, Michelle du Preez, Louis Verhoef, Jodi Slade (Victrix Ludorum for working hunter), Carmia van den Berg (merit certificate) and Daniela Bedford (merit certificate).

Midstream College received a trophy as the Top Achiever of Category D for high schools.

Congratulations to the riders who participated at the SANESA National Championships at Kyalami from 4 to 7 October. Their results were as follows:

Rider	Discipline	Place
Kiara Kok	Show jumping 70 cm	19
Kynan van Zyl	Vaulting	1
	Show jumping 100 cm	13
Michelle du Preez	Performance riding	9
	Working riding	14
Jodi Slade	Show jumping	7 & 9
	Eventing	6
Louis Verhoef	Dressage elementary medium	5 & 10
Daniella de Vries	Eventing	1
Daniela Bedford	Level 0 rising stars dressage	3 & 4

ATHLETICS

The TUT Top 12 meeting took place on 22 September and the Curro Podium Regionals on 27 September. Both meetings were held at the Pilditch Stadium. Athletes who achieved more than 800 ASA points were:

Athlete	Section	Item	TUT Top 12	Curro Podium
Rupert Groenewald	Boys 14	3 000 m	862	
		1 500 m		831
Carmia van den Berg	Girls 14	800 m	832	
Caitlin Arendse	Girls 14	3 000 m	832	824
Aphelele Mbatsha	Girls 14	100m	810	
		200 m	821	822
Amy Nel	Girls 14	Discus		861

Ilané Theron	Girls 14	Shot put	850	
Lente Groenewald	Girls 16	800 m	814	
Zabine von Westernhagen	Girls 17	3 000 m	803	814
Anika le Roux	Girls 17	100 m H	811	
		400 m H	800	
Juan Breytenbach	Boys 17	1 500 m	863	
		3 000 m	887	
Xavier van der Leek	Boys 17	800 m	879	
		1 500 m	868	919 (new record)
		3 000 m		918 (new record)
Sandile Modise	Boys 17	200 m	800	
Justin Hattingh	Boys 19	400 m H		814

Team results:

Meeting	Boys	Girls	Overall
TUT Top 12	8	6	4
Curro Podium	9	14	10

The next meetings are at Hoërskool Centurion and Kenneth Mcarthur Stadium in Potchefstroom tomorrow.

CHES

The results of the St Peter's tournament were as follows:

Team	Result	Individual Achievement
Team A	2 nd out of 29 teams	Shayur Vather: Best board 1 Luke Reyneke: Best board 2
Team B	4 th out of 29 teams	Sauvan Govender: Best board 4

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ATHLETICS

Amy Nel participated in the Elardus Erasmus meeting in Mookgophong. She won the discus for u14 girls with a distance of 35.46 m (875 ASA points), and came seventh in the shot put with a distance of 10.58 m.

FLY FISHING

Marc van Rooyen came fifth place overall at the Junior Fly Fishing National Championships, which took place in Douglas, in the Northern Cape during the holidays. Ruan Erasmus and Ruben Lamprechts were, along with Marc, part of the Gauteng North A team that came fourth overall in the provincial team competition.

TENNIS

Jayden Summers played in the Gauteng North Super 8 tournament, winning both the u16 singles and doubles titles.

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Thursday, 2 November 2023