



# MIDSTREAM COLLEGE

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## SCHOOL MATTERS FROM THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE

What a difference one point makes! I hope you all shared in the excitement, tension, joy and national pride that was part of the Springboks' fourth conquest of the Webb Ellis Cup. With the world turning on its head and wars raging, I believe the Springboks brought hope to South Africa again. May our country and its people cherish this cohesion.

*Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty, and persistence.*  
- Colin Powell

The matrics are already busy with their final examinations, while the grade 8 to 11s start next Thursday. I hope they will all reap the rewards of their hard work and perseverance. Colin Powell, former U.S. Secretary of State, also highlighted loyalty as one of the prerequisites for success. I would therefore like to salute our loyal teachers, parents, and learners, without whom we would not have reached the heights we have been blessed with thus far in 2023.

Fortunately, in between the academic preparation, there was ample opportunity for learners to relax as well. Congratulations to the grade 10s who won our grade spirit battle this year. We also had a successful Christmas social last night and the Midstream Council is optimistic that they will be able to reward our workforce again this year with a special Christmas bonus. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to this project. I also trust that the learners and teachers will enjoy night school tonight and especially tomorrow's day off.

On a cultural note, I would like to thank every teacher, learner and parent who had a hand in our hugely successful (p)Articipate gala evening. If you were not there, you certainly missed out on one of the College's highlights of the year. There was consensus that it was one of our best gala evenings to date and that all the learners involved had loads of fun. On a sporting note, congratulations to our u14 and u15 softball teams that won their respective leagues.

Finally, it is hard to believe that today is already 2 November. Like September (septem – 7), October (octo – 8) and December (decem – 10), November (borrowed from Latin: novem – 9) was the ninth month in the ancient Roman calendar. With the addition of January and February to the Roman calendar, the last four months, all retained their names. As a result, if you feel like we should still be in the ninth month of the year, you are not entirely wrong. Enjoy the last two months of 2023!

# ACADEMICS

## AFRIKAANS JUNIOR OLYMPIAD

### Afrikaans Eerste Addisionele Taal

The following learners achieved top 50 places in this national Olympiad: Luke Reyneke, Herman Lubbe en Duné Janse van Rensburg. Michaela Goodchild was in the top 20, while Lisa Strauss came second overall.

### Afrikaans Huistaal

Lin-Mari Rudolph and Wiehan Visser were in the top 50, and Lisa Rautenbach in the top 20.

## BEELD CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Marco van der Westhuizen on his third place, as well as Joubert Bekker and Tshepi Mokoena on their top 10 places in this Afrikaans First Additional Language competition.

## ACADEMIC TOP 3

Based on the year marks the top academic achievers per grade are as follows:

### Grade 8

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|---------------------------|--------|
| 1. Lisa Strauss           | 95.62% |
| 2. Lisa Rautenbach        | 94.92% |
| 3. Angelique van Rensburg | 94.08% |

### Grade 9

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|------------------------|--------|
| 1. Lin-Mari Rudolph    | 96.92% |
| 2. Lené Liebenberg     | 94.00% |
| 3. Elmien van der Walt | 93.77% |

### Grade 10

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|----------------------|--------|
| 1. Renate Maré       | 97.86% |
| 2. Jenhara Rooplall  | 95.86% |
| 3. Lucka Nieuwenhuis | 94.71% |

### Grade 11

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|-------------------------|--------|
| 1. Cara-Renette Ponting | 96.29% |
| 2. Danielle Rossouw     | 94.29% |
| 3. Karla Alberts        | 93.14% |

### Grade 12

- |                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| 1. Jean Blignaut            | 93.43% |
| 2. Marco van der Westhuizen | 92.00% |
| 3. Tertius Dekker           | 91.43% |

## **NOVEMBER EXAMINATION ARRANGEMENTS: GRADE 8 – 11**

Kindly take note of the following arrangements:

- 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 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 as soon as possible.
- Learners may not be in possession of any notes, a cell phone or a smart watch.
- Please take note that learners have two opportunities of checking their marked papers, on 27 November (10:00 – 12:00) and 4 December (07:30 – 08:30).

Good luck with the exams!

## **2023 GRADE 12 RESULTS**

These results will be available at school on Thursday, 18 January 2024 from 08:00 to 09:00.

## **2024 GRADE 12 IEB FINAL EXAMINATIONS**

The Independent Examinations Board has announced its examination fee of R8 605 per candidate for next year's National Senior Certificate Examination. Additional subjects will be charged at R1 490 per subject, Further Studies Mathematics (Standard – Paper 1 only) at R843 and Further Studies Mathematics (Extended – Paper 1 & 2) at R1 235. Current grade 11 parents are requested to budget for this, as your account will be debited accordingly next year.

# **CULTURE**

## **CENTURION ARTS FESTIVAL**

Both the ensemble and the revue were named overall winners in their categories – the revue for the second year running.

## **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](mailto:sdebod@midstreamcollege.co.za)).

### **MUSIC**

Joshua Cachia passed his Trinity College of London Grade 2 guitar exam with merit, and Anika Malan completed her ABRSM Grade 8 piano exam.

### **SINGING**

Shené Alston competed at the Kempton Park Eisteddfod, earning two A and two A+ certificates, as well as winning the Country section.

# SPORT

## GOLF

The second team played in the Gauteng North Section C final and finished second.

## SOFTBALL

The results of the final league playoffs were:

Team	Opponent	Score	Position
u14A	Wagpos	11 – 10	1
u15A	CR Swart	12 – 11	1
u16A	Rietondale	8 – 17	2
1 <sup>st</sup>	Rietondale	27 – 12	3

Congratulations to all our teams on a very successful season.

## SWIMMING

Ivan Kymdell swam at the OR Tambo Games at Hillcrest and won three gold medals (50 m, 100 m, 200 m backstroke) and three silver medals (100 m and 200 m freestyle, 50 m butterfly).

At the BRICS U20 gala in Durban, Lance Cromhout achieved the following: bronze in the 100 m and 200 m backstroke and junior world qualifying times in the 200 m backstroke and 400 m freestyle.

Good luck to all our swimmers participating during the December holidays. The NTS Mayoral gala takes place from 1 to 3 December, and the NTS Championships from 12 to 16 December, both Hillcrest.

## NETBALL

Both the u15 and first team squads participated in the pre-season Triumph tournament at Cornwall Hill last weekend. Well done to the first team that held their own against strong opposition and finished as runners-up.

Their results were as follows:

Match	Opponent	Score
Pool 1	Jeugland	18 – 18
Pool 2	Wonderboom	27 – 8
Pool 3	Dinamika	13 – 23
Pool 4	Centurion	25 – 1
Semi-final	Cornwall Hill	25 – 10
Final	Dinamika	20 – 32

Elmay Breet and Deoné du Plessis have been selected for the BRSI teams to tour to Dubai in 2024.

## **CRICKET**

Jonathan Wiseman has been selected for the Titans u15 team to participate in an inter-provincial tournament in December.

## **TENNIS**

Jayden Summers won his final's match of the Gauteng North trials and subsequently will play as the no. 1 in the u19 team which will compete in an inter-provincial tournament in January.

## **SOCCER**

Antimo Picone is our first player to be awarded provincial colours. He represented the Football Association of Pretoria in an inter-provincial tournament in Johannesburg.

## **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).

## **ANGLING**

Gareth Prinsloo has been included in the national u19B freshwater team.

## **BIATHLE AND TRIATHLE**

At the SA Biathle and Triathle Championships held recently, Rupert Groenewald qualified to represent the South African Modern Pentathlon Association (SAMPA) at the UIPM World Championships currently taking place in Indonesia.

## **RANGE SHOOTING**

Magnus Bester has been awarded provincial colours and competed in a CHASA (Confederation of Hunting Associations of South Africa) competition in Bloemfontein.

## **ACROBATICS**

Kaitlyn McClintock and Milka Nieuwenhuis received their provincial colours (Gauteng North district) for acrobatics level 8 and competed in the national championships.

## **GYMNASTICS**

Alexis Rademan represented Gauteng North at the Gymnastics South Africa Ladies Artistic Championships.

## **ACTION NETBALL**

Lisa Botha and Carla Weir have been selected for the u15 Gauteng North team.

# GENERAL

## SECOND-HAND CLOTHING SHOP

The shop has a large variety of school wear for all Midstream schools. It is situated behind the Bondev pavilion and is open during school terms on Mondays and Wednesdays from 07:00 to 08:00. Alternative hours are posted on the WhatsApp profile. Contact Hestha on 082 520 0478 for more information.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Herewith the business hours during the holidays.

- Until 6 December: 07:00 – 16:00
- 7 & 8 December & 11 – 15 December: 08:00 – 16:00
- 16 December to 3 January: Closed
- 4 & 5 January & 8 – 15 January: 08:00 – 16:00
- 16 January: 08:00 – 17:00
- From 17 January: 07:00 – 17:00

By appointment only, the shop will be open from 09:00 to 13:00 on the following two Saturdays: 9 December and 13 January. (WhatsApp for an appointment: 064 937 0551.)

New parents who wish to purchase an entire school uniform should allow for at least an hour to do so. Hence, you are requested not to arrive just before the shop closes.

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BOOKS!**

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UITSTAANDE  
BOEKE TERUG!**

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### NEXT CIRCULAR

Thursday, 30 November 2023