

MIDSTREAM COLLEGE



Circular 1/2024
25 January 2024

SCHOOL MATTERS FROM THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE

Every sunset is an opportunity to reset. Every sunrise begins with new eyes.

Richie Norton



May every sunrise in 2024 teem with opportunity. May we all recognise and seize these opportunities to have a positive influence on the people around us, as well as on our wonderful country. First and foremost, I would like to extend a warm word of welcome to all our learners, parents and teachers. A special welcome to our wannabe grade 8s and their parents. I'm sure you can't wait for next Thursday night's inauguration.

Next, I would like to congratulate the Class of 2023 on their exceptional results. We are very proud of their 100% pass rate, 99,5% university degree admission and their 658 distinctions. We would like to highlight Jean Blignaut our Dux learner with nine distinctions and a 94% average. Congratulations also to Anushke Niemand (10 distinctions) and to all the other top achievers. (More detail on the results follows later in this circular.) Behind such brilliant results there is also an extremely capable staff corps – I salute you. Well done.

You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So, get on your way!

Dr Seuss

Good luck to the Class of 2023 with all the new Rubicons waiting for you. Hamba kahle! So, get on your way. All of the best to the matrics of 2024. You have already shown through your participation and spirit during the past week that you will be worthy successors. My wish is that every grade twelve's final year on the College benches will be productive, and fun filled.

My challenge to every learner, parent and teacher for 2024: Today is your day! Carpe Diem. Embrace every academic, sport, culture, and social opportunity. Above all, be the difference you want to see in the College and your surroundings.

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

Midstream College warmly greeted, not only the incoming grade 8 bricks, but also embraced a new addition to the Midstream family – a baby duiker. Despite being adorable, it does frequently skip "class" for extended breaks in the school gardens.



PARENTS' PRAYER GROUP

The group of parents who regularly pray for the school invites any parent interested in joining the group to send an e-mail to Ms Carolien Verster (cverster@midstreamcollege.co.za). Your information will then be forwarded to the group coordinator.

ACADEMICS

MATRIC RESULTS

The class of 2023 produced brilliant results. They achieved a 100% pass rate and the 202 matrics amassed 658 distinctions (3,3 per candidate). This is the highest number of distinctions per candidate to date. 99,5% met the requirements for Bachelor's Degree studies at a university. The subject averages deserve mention too, with seven achieving the highest average to date.

We are particularly proud of our top achievers (number of distinctions in brackets): Anushke Niemand (10), Jean Blignaut, Anru Cronjé, Tertius Dekker, Karabo Ngwetjana, Sandeep Nunna, Simoné Swart, Marco van der Westhuizen (9), Ingrid Barnard, Leané Claasen, Michael Kleynhans, Christiaan Maré, Cameron Mendes, Andrew Nortjé, Tian Strauss and Courtney Williams (8). A further seven matrics each had seven distinctions.

Nine matrics, namely Jean Blignaut, Tertius Dekker, Simoné Swart, Marco van der Westhuizen, Anushke Niemand, Courtney Williams, Ingrid Barnard, Olivia Steyn and Gemma Krouwkamp were placed in the IEB Top Achievers list with their superb results. (Refer to our website for more detailed results.)

SUBJECT CHANGES

All subject change requests must be e-mailed to the Vice-principal of Academics, Ms Madelaine Matthys at (mmatthys@midstreamcollege.co.za).

EXTRA CLASSES

All staff members are available by appointment to assist learners with academic enquiries on Mondays from 14:00 to 15:00.

MID-YEAR AND FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Kindly note that both abovementioned examinations will run until the last day of the term (see the school calendar on our website) and that all learners could write on that day. Parents who are planning holidays abroad must especially take note of this, as no learner can be excused from scheduled examinations for holiday purposes. Your cooperation in this regard is appreciated.

LEARNERS' AND DRIVERS' LICENCES

We understand that getting appointments for learner's and driver's licences is not easy. However, we urge you not to make these appointments on days when scheduled tests are written. (See school website for test dates.) Learners can therefore not be excused from scheduled tests for licence appointments.

APPLICATIONS TO SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES ABROAD

An ever-increasing number of learners apply for admission to schools and universities overseas. These institutions require what is generally known as a "transcript" as part of the application process. Please note that these "transcripts" will be issued at a cost of R300. Contact the Head of Academics, Mr Leonard Swart (Lswart@midstreamcollege.co.za) in this regard.

ACADEMIC TOP 3

Based on last year's promotion marks, the Top 3 learners per grade are as follows:

	Grade 8 (2023)		Grade 9 (2023)	
1	Lisa Strauss	95,62%	Lin-Mari Rudolph	96,85%
2	Lisa Rautenbach	95,00%	Lené Liebenberg	95,00%
3	Angelique van Rensburg	94,08%	Elmien van der Walt	94,08%
	Grade 10 (2023)		Grade 11 (2023)	
1	Renate Maré	96,71%	Cara-Renette Ponting	95,71%
2	Jenhara Rooplall	96,14%	Karla Alberts	93,86%
3	Kirsten Levey	94,57%	Julia Potgieter	93,00%
			Danielle Rossouw	93,00%

CULTURE

RECOGNITION OF NON-SCHOOL CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

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

MUSIC

Ruth Hempson passed her ABRSM Grade 5 violin with merit.

DANCE

Elmarie Lubbe competed at the International Dance Organisation World Championships in Belgium in November last year. She was part of a dance troupe that won a gold and silver medal.

SPORT

GENERAL

The sporting year kicked off in early January with the athletics training camp and the Steenbok Cricket Week. All three our teams (u14, u15 and 1st) had mixed results. The week served as good preparation for the Finsbury Series in the first term. A successful inter-house swimming gala and athletics meeting have already been held.

Kindly note that all information regarding the sporting codes is available on our website. Feel free to contact the relevant organiser should you have any queries. Alternatively, you can contact the Head of Sport, Mr Henry Verster (hverster@midstreamcollege.co.za).

CRICKET

Steenbok Week		
1st		
Day 1 Hoogenhout	Hoogenhout 95/10 Midstream 96/6 Won by 4 wickets	Wian de Bruin 3/6 in 7 overs Dian de Villiers 33
Day 2 Nelspruit	Midstream 165/10 Nelspruit 167/5 Lost by 5 wickets	Rikus Cilliers 2/17 in 4 overs Xander Senekal 36 n.o.
Day 3 Potchefstroom Gimnasium	Midstream 150/9 Potch Gim 152/5 Lost by 5 wickets	Barto Oosthuizen 2/18 in 4.3 overs Xander Senekal 50
Day 4 Rustenburg	Rustenburg 111/10 Midstream 112/8 Won by 2 wickets	Wian de Bruin 2/6 in 4 overs Xander Senekal 32
Dag 5 Kemptonpark	Midstream 91/10 Kemptonpark 93/4 Lost by 6 wickets	Rikus Cilliers 3/27 in 8 overs Janco van Heerden 31
U15		
Dag 1 Rustenburg	Rustenburg 79/10 Midstream 68/5 Won by 5 wickets (D/L)	Matthew Wiggill 6/16 in 5 overs A.J. Annandale 26
Day 2 Nelspruit	Nelspruit 124/10 Midstream 75/10 Lost by 49 runs	Nicholas Beukes 3/27 in 7 overs
Day3 Potchefstroom Gimnasium	Potch Gim 54/10 Midstream 55/1 Won by 9 wickets	Zac Lentoer 4/8 in 4 overs
Day 4 Grey College	Midstream 94/10 Grey College 95/5 Lost by 5 wickets	
Day 5 Menlopark	Midstream 97/6 Menlopark 98/1 Lost by 9 wickets	Eckhardt du Toit 31 Tehan Maré 28 n.o.
U14		
Day 1 Cornwall Hill	Cornwall Hill 136/10 Midstream 89/4 Won by 6 wickets (D/L)	Keegan Gibson 44 n.o. Beyers Pretorius 3/9 in 8 overs
Day 2 Secunda u15	Midstream 173/5 Secunda 132/10 Won by 41 runs	Keegan Gibson 45 n.o. Hanro de Villiers 57 Beyers Pretorius 3/11 in 3.1 overs
Day 3 Eldoraigne	Midstream 135/6 Eldoraigne 86/10 Won by 49 runs	David van der Vyver 61 Keegan Gibson 48 n.o.

Day 4 Waterkloof	Waterkloof 213/10 Midstream 58/7 Lost by 112 runs (D/L)	
Day 5 Cornwall Hill	Cornwall Hill 118/8 Midstream 109/7 Lost by 9 runs	Henke Louw 5/31 in 4 overs
Finsbury Series		
1st		
Midstream Old Boys (Traditional Friendly)	Old Boys 224/6 Midstream 167/8 Lost by 57 runs	Gerhard van der Westhuizen 50 n.o. Dian de Villiers 44 Rikus Cilliers 3/45 in 4 overs
Lichtenburg	Midstream 285/10 Lichtenburg 142/10 Won by 143 runs	Maarten Nortjé 62 Janco van Heerden 81 & 3/30 in 8 overs
U15A		
Lichtenburg	Lichtenburg 152/10 Midstream 155/5 Won by 5 wickets	Nicolas Beukes 2/29 in 10 overs Johann Boshoff 3/23 in 3 overs Ruben Howatt 38 Marco Smith 30 n.o.

SWIMMING

NTS Championships	
Name	Comments
Lizelle Venter	1 new SANJ time
Juan Pretorius	2 new SANJ times
Sebastian Struwig	3 rd 200 m breaststroke 1 new SANJ time
Rouxné du Plessis	3 rd 200 m backstroke 1 new SANJ time
Abigail Roberts	2 nd 50 m freestyle 1 st 4 x 100 m medley relay
Paul Loubser	1 st 200 m butterfly 2 nd 4 x 100 m freestyle relay 2 nd 4 x 100 m mixed medley relay 1 st 4 x 100 m medley relay
Kylie de Bruyn	3 rd 400 m freestyle 3 rd 200 m freestyle 3 rd 200 m backstroke 2 nd 800 m freestyle 1 st 1 500 m freestyle (NTS record) 3 rd 4 x 200 m freestyle relay 3 rd 4 x 100 m freestyle relay 7 new SANJ times
Grace Powell	3 rd 100 m butterfly 1 st 100 m freestyle 1 st 50 m butterfly 3 new SANJ times 2 new SANAT times

Demi Jacobs	3 rd 100 m butterfly 1 st 400 m IM 2 nd 4 x 100 m medley relay 1 st 4 x 100 m freestyle relay
Lyla van der Spuy	2 nd 100 m backstroke 2 nd 100 m butterfly 2 nd 200 m butterfly 1 st 4 x 100 m medley relay
Jemma van Wyk	2 nd 200 m freestyle 2 nd 400 m freestyle 3 rd 4 x 100 m mixed medley relay 2 nd 4 x 100 m freestyle relay 2 nd 4 x 100 m medley relay 1 st 4 x 200 m freestyle relay
Jana Swiegers	2 nd 50 m backstroke 1 st 200 m backstroke 1 st 100 m backstroke 2 nd 4 x 100 m mixed freestyle relay 2 nd 4 x 100 m mixed medley relay 1 st 4 x 100 m medley relay
Xander du Toit	1 st 200 m IM 3 rd 4 x 100 m freestyle relay 3 new SANAT B times
Adrian van Wyk	1 st 50 m freestyle 1 st 100 m freestyle (NTS record & JW time) 1 st 200 m freestyle (NTS record & JW time) 1 st 400 m freestyle (NTS record & JW time) 1 st 50 m backstroke (NTS record & JW time) 1 st 100 m backstroke (NTS record & JW time) 1 st 200 m backstroke (NTS record & JW time)

(SANJ = SA Junior time; SANAT = SA Senior time)

Adrian broke six NTS records which have stood since 2011. Furthermore, he swam six junior world times. He was crowned the best u15 swimmer at both this and an invitation gala. At the KZN Championships he won gold in the 50 m backstroke and bronze in the 200 m backstroke.

Lance Cromhout represented South Africa at the Africa Aquatics Championships in Mauritius in December. His results were as follows:

- 50 m backstroke – silver medal
- 100 m backstroke – silver medal
- 200 m backstroke – gold medal
- 4 x 100 m medley relay – silver medal
- 4 x 100 m mixed medley relay – silver medal

Inter-house: Team Results

1	Hutton	410
2	Windsor	283
3	Old Kent	237

Inter-house: Individual Achievements

Junior Victor Ludorum	Juan Pretorius
Junior Victrix Ludorum	Kylie de Bruyn & Abigail Roberts
Senior Victor Ludorum	Adrian van Wyk
Senior Victrix Ludorum	Demi Jacobs

The team captains for 2024 have also been appointed:

	Boys	Girls
Captain	Stefan Venter	Jemma van Wyk
Vice-captain	Robért Ford	Demi Jacobs

ATHLETICS

The first meetings have taken place and the Midstream athletes have fared well and have already improved on their personal bests.

Individual achievements (above 800 points on the ASA table):

AGN League 1 (Pilditch)			
Athlete	Age Group	Item	ASA point
Amy-Isabella Nel	Girls 15	Discus	849
Carmia van den Berg	Girls 15	1500 m steeplechase	820
Lente Groenewald	Girls 17	400 m	808
Xavier van der Leek	Boys 19	1 500 m	834
Juan Breytenbach	Boys 19	5 000 m	857
Inter-house			
Lené Greyling	Girls 14	300 m hurdles	815
Amy-Isabella Nel	Girls 15	Shotput	804
		Discus	848
Xavier van der Leek	Boys 19	1 500 m	860
		3 000 m	815

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INDOOR NETBALL

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Maia and Tyler Swartz who have been selected for the u14 and u15 Gauteng North teams respectively to participate in an interprovincial tournament in March.

CHESS

Luke Reyneke participated in the Gauteng inter-region championships and his u16 team were the winners. Hanno Jacobs was a member of the u14 team that also won the tournament.

SQUASH

Elzandri Janse van Rensburg played in two international tournaments during the holidays. As a 15-year-old she came seventeenth in the in the u17 category in Malaysia and achieved an excellent fourth place in the tournament in Singapore.

ICE HOCKEY

Kallen Grant represented South Africa at the U18 World Championships in Bulgaria during the holidays.

MAJORETTE AND CHEERLEADING

Karabo Mahanyele has been awarded her Gauteng colours.

TENNIS

During the holidays, Jayden Summers won the singles at the Cape Town Super 8 tournament and both the singles and the doubles at the Gauteng North Super 8 tournament. Following these good performances, he has been selected for the U19 SA High Schools team.

GENERAL**VALENTINE'S BALL TICKET PURCHASE**

Tickets for the Valentine's Ball are limited and will be sold per grade on a first-come-first-served basis.

It is very important that the name, surname and register class of the learner, as well as the name, surname and register class of the partner for the evening are filled in, in the spaces provided. (Even if a parent purchases the tickets, the information of the learner must be filled in, otherwise the ticket will be invalid.)




Tickets will be available as follows:

Monday, 29 January	Grade 12
Tuesday, 30 January	Grade 11
Wednesday, 31 January	Grade 10
Thursday, 1 February	Grade 9
Friday, 2 February	Grade 8

Ticket sales will be checked daily by our administrative system to ensure that learners have provided the correct information.

Please note: If you attempt to purchase tickets on a day that is not allocated for your grade, the ticket will be invalid and returned to the system for resale.

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NEXT CIRCULAR:

Thursday, 8 February 2024

MIDSTREAM COLLEGE GELUK 2023-MATRIEKS!



 10 A's 89,7%	 9 A's 94,0%	 9 A's 92,7%	 9 A's 92,1%	 9 A's 91,6%
ANUSHKE NIEMAND	JEAN BLIGNAUT	MARCO VAN DER WESTHUIZEN	TERTIUS DEKKER	SIMONÉ SWART

100%
SLAAGSYFER

 9 A's 89,6%	 9 A's 89,0%	 9 A's 87,4%
KARABO NGWETJANA	SANDEEP NUNNA	ANRU CRONJÉ

658
distinctions
202 learners
(3,3 per learner)
Includes FSM & α-Maths

 8 A's 89,9%	 8 A's 89,6%	 8 A's 89,3%	 8 A's 88,9	 8 A's 88,7%	 8 A's 87,4%	 8 A's 85,0%	 8 A's 84,7%
LEANÉ CLAASSEN	ANDREW NORTJÉ	COURTNEY WILLIAMS	CHRISTIAAN MARÉ	INGRID BARNARD	MICHAEL KLEYNHANS	CAMERON MENDES	TIAN STRAUSS

★ IEB Top Achievers

 7 A's 89,6%	 7 A's 88,1%	 7 A's 88,0%	 7 A's 87,7	 7 A's 86,1%	 7 A's 85,6%	 7 A's 84,9%
CIARA KLEYNHANS	ADAM LANGSON	GEMMA KROUWKAMP	KOBUS VAN DER MERWE	LISA OOSTHUIZEN	JOHANNES BORNMAN	CAMERON BURCHELL

Group average of
76,7%
80 learners with an
80% plus average

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100%
TERTIARY ADMISSION
of which **99,5%** has
B-degree admission

Subject averages

Accounting	80,0%
Afrikaans EAT	78,0%
Afrikaans Huis taal	76,4%
Business Studies	75,0%
Dance Studies	88,5%
Dramatic Arts	87,6%
ECD	87,6%
English FAL	80,8%
English Home Language	75,1%
Information Technology	77,6%
Life Sciences	75,6%
Mathematical Literacy	76,6%
Mathematics	74,7%
Physical Sciences	71,1%
Tourism	79,3%
Visual Arts	83,8%

6 A's

 88,4%	 87,3%	 87,1%	 86,9%	 86,7%
OLIVIA STEYN	ABRAM RAUTENBACH	NICOLE USHER	SHRIYA KASSEN	WILMIËN KRIEL
 86,7%	 86,6%	 86,6%	 86,5%	 86,0%
LUKE LA GRANGE	KIAN FRANCIS	GIANNA SAUROMBE	ELIZMA VAN DER VYVER	ELANDRI BOSHOFF
 85,9%	 85,7%	 85,3%	 85,0%	 84,7%
ANÉ BREDEKAMP	KATIE WIGGILL	ABIGAIL BEARD	CYRA QIN	DI-ANÉ VAN DEN BERG
 83,3%	 83,0%	 82,9%	 82,7%	 82,7%
XANDER YSSEL	CARLO FERNANDES	WEHAN VAN WYK	ANA KACHURA	LEILA NEL
 82,6%	 82,4%	 82,3%	 81,4%	 81,1%
PETER DU VENAGE	BLAINE JAFTHA	LUKE WISEMAN	LENÉ NIEMAND	TAMISH GOVENDER