



ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE

Preparing hearts and minds for service

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newsletter

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Message from Acting Headmaster -Alan Lachenicht

Dear Parents, pupils and friends

The external and internal recruitment evenings for Grade 8, 2011 were held on the 4th and 11th of March respectively. A big thank-you to Mrs Walliser, Fr Joe, Miss Potgieter, Mudzuli Makhsha, Megan Frandsen, Brandon Botha and Naledi Mariri, whose valuable presentations contributed in large measure to the success of the evenings.

The new security arrangements are coming into effect. The College is only open in the mornings at 6:30, and access into the school grounds is not possible before this time. The day guards leave the premises at 18:30, and Innocent will be staying on the property after this time so that pupils arriving back at school late (for example from a sporting fixture), will be able to gain access to the school.

Please note that the Grade 11 Parents' evening will take place on Wednesday 17th March, as per the diary card, and NOT Thursday 18th March, as per last week's newsletter.

Congratulations to Kylie Traube, who will be attending the South African senior women's water-polo training camp next weekend. Selection for the Commonwealth Games team is made from this squad.

The end of the term is fast approaching, and pupils need to stay focussed on their studies until the last lesson of the term.

Have a good week.

Rowing

Well done to Shaun Bruggeman, Nicholas Osner and Claire Lodge who were St Dunstan's first ever representatives at provincial trials. The rowing trials were held this last weekend, over a 3 day knock out progression. Congratulations to Claire Lodge who has been chosen for the U16 provincial team.

Afrikaans

Afrikaans lessons will be offered by appointment. Please discuss with the relevant teacher to find a mutually suitable time.

Golf

We congratulate the Golf team on winning the Eastern Gauteng league. Their team won all 5 of their matches. The boys that took part in our league matches are:

Colte Smit (Captain)
Shane Goldsmith
Dylan Lavagna-Slater
Stephen Varty
Craig Griessel
Jordan Prytz
Travis Winn

Well done boys!

My School

Between the months of March and May 2010 My School is running an exciting campaign "Play It Forward". Three primary schools countrywide will win R100 000 and will then nominate a disadvantaged school to receive a further R50 000. This is within our reach as we are already the top school on the East Rand. You can visit www.myschool.co.za for further info.

We manage to raise approximately R7600 a month through My School with only a third of the school's cardholders actually swiping their cards. We could triple this amount if we all used our cards.

Those who don't have cards please contact Debbie Thompson on 083 324 1434. Keep swiping!

Special points of Interest

16 March – Grade 10 Parents' Evening
17 March – Grade 11 Parents' Evening
23 March – Grade 12 Parents' Evening
26 March – End of Term

Netball dates for 2010

12 March U18 Trials at St Mary's 14:00
19 March U16 Trials at St Mary's 14:00
14 April vs Leeuwenhof (Home)
21 April vs Reddam (Home)
23 April U17 Trials at St Mary's 14:00
25 April
- 28 April 1st Team Tournament at St Andrew's
28 April vs St Theresa's (Home)
30 April U15 Trials at St Mary's 14:00
5 May vs Jeppe (Away)
7 May U14 Trials at St Mary's 14:00
12 May vs Holy Rosary (Home)
15 May B Team tournament at Roedeaan
19 May vs Dainfern (Away)
26 May vs Redhill (Home)
2 June Rained-out matches
7 June Play-offs at St Stithian's
8 June Promotion/relegation matches

Squash

The following pupils took part in the Easterns/NG Dunlop Open tournament. The results were as follows:

Kerryn Lachenicht – 2nd U/16
Mikaila Westmorland – 3rd U/16
Alicia Dyason – 8th U/16
Olivia Rogers – 11th U/16
Melissa Symons – 9th U19
Barry Grimbeek – 7th U/19
Craig Griessel – 9th U/19

Easter Eggs

Please bring Easter Eggs for Janai and other charity organisations. Please support!

Donating of Blood for Kate Paterson

Father Paterson wished to inform the St Dunstan's community that Kate has been released from hospital following stem cell harvesting, high dose chemotherapy, reinfusion of stem cells, and a long period in isolation. There were no complications.

The family is hugely grateful to all those who have continued to remember them in your prayers. They will hear in about two months regarding the success of the treatment.

They especially want to thank all those who got tested for blood and platelet donations, and those who donated. Fr Paterson said the support they received was humbling and they will not forget the sacrifice of time and tissue.

Fr Paterson sends his best wishes to the St Dunstan's community.

Debating

Congratulations to the Senior Debating team – they won the 1st round of their Debate against Edenvale High School on Saturday 6 March.

Public Speaking

The following pupils took part in the Speech and Drama College Public Speaking Competition.

Grade 12

Genevie Borrageiro
Kaylin Barber
Mudzuli Makhesha
Alexis McKenzie

They obtained an A

Grade 11

Tarryn Heard
Tebogo Mphahlele
Tayla Wesson
Tayla Dye

They obtained an A+

Melissa Symons
Nikki Lachenicht
Amy Bouch
Caitlin Henning

They obtained an A+

Grade 10

Mwenya Chitambala
Courtney Dickson
Samantha Dunn
Lungile Gamede

They obtained an A

Ashanti Lifero
Mokgohloe Thulare
Kaylan Johnson
Yugendran Naranconna

They obtained an A+

Grade 9

Kayleigh Scott
Bianca Borrageiro
Jeffrey Horne
Natasha Teixeira

They obtained an A

Bronwyn van den Bergh

Palesa Kekana
Michaela Jonker
Megan Murray

They obtained an A+

Congratulations to all the teams.

Golf Day

The St Dunstan's College Annual Golf Day will take place this year on the 21 April at the Benoni Lake Club. Anyone wishing to book a 4-ball or sponsor please contact Mrs Lynda Smit on (011) 967-1490 (H) or 082 553 0151.

Please support this fundraiser. Prizes can be handed in at the College Admin.

Hockey – Boys

Upcoming fixtures:

Monday 15 March – 1st team vs
Boksburg High (St Benedict's Astro)
Wednesday 17 March – U15 team vs
Boksburg (Away)
Tuesday 23 March (Monday 22 March
is a holiday) – 1st team and U15 will
play against Hoërskool Kempton Park
(At Home)

Traffic

Parents are once again asked to please adhere to St Dunstan's College traffic rules. Please obey the points-men on duty. Please use the bays allocated and do not stop in thoroughfare and drop pupils off. Failure to do so will result in your vehicle not being allowed into the school grounds.

Science Expo

- ✓ Cover page, Topic / Problem Statement & Introduction sections due Monday, 15 March
- ✓ Materials and Method section due Wednesday, 24 March
- ✓ Pupils have been notified about workshops and the names of the teachers supervising their projects

Prayer Chain

Anyone interested in joining the prayer chain, please contact Colleen Becker on 083 278 8784

Website

Please be advised that our website is currently under construction.

Conservancy

Grow your own fruit and veg

It will reduce your trips to the shops, as well as packaging that they come in, you will also save yourself some money. If you eliminate pesticides, herbicides, preservatives etc you will be eating healthier. Whether you have the room for a vegetable patch or whether you opt for the edible landscape option you will reap the benefits of a variety of crisp, safe and nutritious home grown produce.

Get a good work-out, pick up your spade and a bucket, and head for the garden. During your time in the garden it gives you plenty of fresh air, sunshine and exercise to boost your immune system and keep you trim. Gardening is a great stress-releaser.

Edible landscaping is the use of food-producing plants in the constructed landscape. To start, simply, consider a one-for-one substitution. Where you might have planted a shade tree, plant a fruit tree. Edible plants come in nearly all shapes and sizes and can perform the same landscape functions as ornamental plants.

- Put pots of herbs on the patio
- Include cherry tomatoes in a window box or hanging basket
- Grow nasturtium, violas, borage, or calendula and include flowers in salads
- Plant a fruit tree in the corner of your garden
- Grow red cabbage
- Plant colorful pepper varieties alongside flowers
- Tuck lettuce, radishes, or other short-lived greens into a flower bed

Interested in becoming a member of the Conservancy?

Junior Membership – R50.00
Ordinary Membership – R100.00
Family Membership – R250.00
Corporate Membership – R500.00
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