



ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE

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newsletter

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Message from the Rector -Alan Thompson

Dear Parents, pupils and friends

On the 14th of May the bulk of our sports teams will be travelling to Stanford Lake College near Haenertsburg in Limpopo Province. This exciting venture forms part of a reciprocal arrangement which sees each school hosting sports teams from the other in alternate years. It provides a wonderful opportunity for pupils to compete in top level sport and simultaneously provides a wonderful platform for the growth of individual and institutional relationships and friendships. Busses leave St Dunstan's at 12:15 on Friday 14th May, and pupils will be accommodated in the hostels at Stanford Lake. We expect to return to St Dunstan's at 18:30 on Saturday 15 May.

It would be wonderful to see some St Dunstan's parents and supporters at Stanford Lake, and if you can spare the time please consider joining us. There is a lot of reasonably priced accommodation in the area, and the trip from Benoni is expected to take less than four hours. Full details and fixture times will follow as soon as Stanford Lake College have confirmed them.

I attended a wonderful 'informal music evening' on Monday night, hosted by the Preparatory school but featuring several College musicians. I was really impressed by the excellent standard achieved by so many of the musicians, but more than that, by the effort and commitment that so many of our boys and girls are displaying in relation to their music.

Music offers so many excellent life lessons - any parent who has listened to the very first "plinky-plonk" of the piano or "skwark" of the violin as their child plays their first note will attest to the magical transformation that takes place as hard work, commitment, and raw talent becomes Mozart. As with most things in life, in music the opposite holds too - how quickly, in the absence of that commitment nurturing talent, Mozart becomes noise. Aristotle said it best: "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit"

It is said that there is no such thing as a free lunch. That is not entirely true - by simply swiping your linked My School card you can help St Dunstan's win a substantial amount of money. Not only do we stand to gain, but we will also be able to nominate to a charity of our choice to receive a substantial prize. There is still time to propel St Dunstan's from third to first, at no cost, simply by swiping your My School card. Funds raised go to the PA, and are invested directly into projects that benefit your child. Get swiping!

God Bless

Alan Thompson

Juvenile Pipe Band

Congratulations to Reuben Holmes who was chosen to play for the Benoni Juvenile Pipe Band in the South African Pipe Band Championships held in Durban. The band was placed first for all sections they competed in.

Fundraiser Social – 8 May

55 Great North Road, Brentwood Park
Entrance in Van Wyk Road

Dress Code: Smart Casual
Doors Open: 16:30
Social from: 18:00 - Midnight
Attractions for the Evening:

DJ Milkshake
DJ Royal K
Moran Beatbox

Entrance Fee: R100-00 (tickets available at the door)

Special points of Interest

- 8 May** – Cornwall Hill Festival
All sports – 1st Teams
- 15 May** – Stanford Lake Festival
- 16 May** – Hockey – Boys U15
Boden Tournament
– Hockey Boys U19
Aitken Tournament
- 21 May** – St Dunstan's Day

Netball dates for 2010

- 12 May** vs Holy Rosary (Away)
- 15 May** B Team tournament at Roedean
- 19 May** vs Dainfern (Away)
- 26 May** vs Redhill (Home)
- 2 June** Rained-out matches
- 7 June** Play-offs at St Sithian's
- 8 June** Promotion/relegation matches

Results:

vs St Theresa's - 28 April 2010

U/14A	Won	7 – 2
U/14B	Won	7 – 0
U/15A	Won	9 – 3
U/15B	Won	11 – 3
U/16A	Won	12 – 7
U/16 B	Draw	1 – 1 (Friendly as St Theresa's has no U/16 B team
U/17A		
U/17B		
U/18A		
U/18B		

St Theresa's forfeited the points due to cancelling matches

vs Jeppe - 5 May 2010

U/14A	Won	17 – 4
U/14B	Won	4 – 0
U/15A	Won	24 – 5
U/15B	Won	9 – 7
U/16A	Won	15 – 12
U/16 B	Lost	23 – 19
U/17A	Won	18 – 11
U/17B	Won	11 – 9
U/18A	Won	31 – 21
U/18B		Jeppe had no B team

Prayer Chain

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

Golf

The golf team's excellent season continues!

After winning the Eastern Gauteng section of the St John's school league, they have progressed and will be competing against Trinity House for the overall Gauteng title.

The semi final was played on Sunday 2nd May against St Benedict's A side. The boys were fired up and had a convincing win against St Benedict's by winning all 3 of the games, results as follows:

Jordan Prytz & Stephen Varty won their match 4 and 2
Dylan Slater & Travis Winn won their match 2 & 1
Colte Smit & Shane Goldsmith won their match 6 and 5

We would like to congratulate the boys on their achievements so far. They have played some outstanding golf and deserve to be competing for the overall Gauteng title.

The final will be played on the 9th May.

Good luck team! Let's bring that title back to St Dunstan's.

Miss Benoni Teen

Four of St Dunstan's College girls were in the top 10 of the 38 contestants of the Miss Benoni Teen Competition held on Sunday 2 May at the Kopanong Hotel.

- Kayleigh Scott
- Bronwyn van den Bergh
- Tanyka Tyas
- Sinothile Hlubi

Bronwyn was crowned 2nd princess and Tanyka 1st princess.

Shantelle Smith was crowned Debutant of the Miss Benoni Teen Competition as she raised the most money for charity.

Duathlon

During our Triathlon and Biathlon off season, we would like to encourage you to take part in the Family Duathlon Series. Not only will the race be in a safe and secure setting, but it will also help to keep you cycling and running fit during the cold winter months. The dates are as follows:

2 May
23 May
27 July
15 August

We would like as many school entries as possible, which could help us win a SMART Interactive White board. Entries for adults count towards school entries. So come on all of you, enter and keep fit during winter!

Hockey – Boys

Fixtures:

3 May – 1st Team at St Benedict's
5 May – Both sides at Springs" Boy
6 May – 1st Team at St Benedict's
6 May – U/15 – Home match

Results:

U/15 vs Springs U/15A won 3 – 2
U/15 vs St Benedict's U/15A won 2 – 1
The U/15 side is currently unbeaten with 1 league match remaining.
1st team vs Springs lost narrowly 2 – 1

Cornwall Hill

All players/spectators must leave in **FULL** school uniform. All those travelling by bus need to be at the school by 06:45

Matric Farewell Fundraiser

Date: 18 July
Venue: Barnyard Theatre
East Rand Mall
Show: Rock Circus
Time: 14:00
Price: R130-00

Promises to be a fun filled afternoon with music and a touch of circus. If you would like to join in the fun please contact Maryke at 083 310 8940.

Matric Farewell Fundraiser

South African car flags are on sale for R40-00. The Gauteng Street Atlas is also on sale for R180-00. Please support this Matric Farewell Fundraiser.

Annual Information Day for Grade 11 & 12 Learners

Wits hosts its annual Information Day on Saturday, 8 May 2010 where Grade 11 and 12 learners and their parents are invited to come to Wits to find out more about what they can study, meet the academics and see the campus. The event will take place on both East and West Campus in Senate House (Humanities), Oppenheimer Life Sciences Building (Science), FNB Building (Commerce and Law), Old Mutual Sports Hall (Health Sciences) and Chamber of Mines (Engineering and the Built Environment). The theme for this year is *Kick Start your Career Today*. Enquiries: Mfundo Ncube (011) 717-1011 or Mfundo.Ncube@wits.ac.za

My School

MY SCHOOL: We are still in fourth place. We are very close to SACS who is currently in third place. We need to move back up to third place in order to win the R100 000. We have 353 cardholders who have registered for the competition so far. There are still many cardholders that have not registered. It is not about how much you spend, rather about ensuring you have many Play It Forward registered supporters that shop at various stores and swipe their card with every purchase. (Did you know that you get points for every item you buy? Large and small!) There are only 4 weeks left in the campaign so - KEEP SWIPING!!!! If you haven't registered your child's unique class code yet it is never too late. If you are unsure about the registering process or do not have a card yet please call Debbie Thompson on 083 324 1434 for assistance. The leader board is as follows:

1. **Hillcrest Academy 604 supporters registered**
2. **King David, Jnr School Linksfield 377 supporters registered**
3. **SACS Junior 339 supporters registered**
4. **St Dunstan's College Prep School 334 supporters registered**
5. **Rivonia Primary School**

364 supporters registered

The winning class for week ending 2 May is Grade 2V again. Congratulations! You can keep track of our success by visiting www.playitforward.co.za . **KEEP SWIPING!!!!**

Debating / Public Speaking

We wish our debaters the best of luck for their debate tomorrow and our public speakers everything of the best for their Inter-school Competition next Wednesday.

Website

Please be advised that our website is currently under construction.