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## NEWSLETTER NO. 16

Dear Parents

### WESTERN PROVINCE HOCKEY

Jordan Fourie, Luke Schooling, Jack Forrest, Matthew Mc Kechnie and Gareth Tate (Grade 12) have been selected for the Western Province U18A Hockey Team. Matthew Breetzke and Jack Teversham (Grade 11) have been selected for the U18B Team and Nicholas Mc Kechnie (Grade 10) for the U16B Team.



### CHARITY DRIVE

The choir supports the Prefects' Charity Drive by taking the initiative and collecting blankets and toiletries. They'd like to encourage other groups to join them in contributing these items and more.



### INTERNATIONAL BOYS' SCHOOLS COALITION (IBSC)

Cape Town will be hosting the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual conference of the IBSC. SACS High School has been a member of this coalition since 2008 and staff members have attended (and benefitted from) many national and international conferences during this time. This year will be no different and a large number of SACS High School staff will be attending and serving the organizing committee.

Deputy Headmaster, Mr Matthew Guiney, has played a pivotal role on the organizing committee and we trust that the conference, themed "Lessons from Madiba," will be a massive success.

The IBSC believes that boys' schools, in brief, provide:

**A stimulating and safe environment that:**

- encourages full participation by boys in all activities (academics, arts, music, community service and sport).

- promotes self-expression and a respect for the many different paths to manhood.

Educational programmes are tailored to meet the developmental needs of boys where:

- boys can gain confidence in their ability to learn without being compared to girls, who mature more quickly and tend to enjoy more academic success in school.
- books and curricular materials that excite boys can also be integrated into all aspects of the school's programme.
- boys have opportunities to be taught and coached by staff (including a significant number of males) who have been hired because they want to work with boys.
- boys can grow at their own pace and be "boys" for as long as they need, protected from society's pressure to get involved with girls before they are ready.

**An environment free of cross-gender distractions in which:**

- boys need not waste energy posturing or trying to live up to the gender stereotypes so prevalent in the media and society at large.
- focus on academic tasks and achievements in extra-curricular activities can be paramount.

A setting in which boys develop strong bonds of friendship and camaraderie with peers and teachers so that:

- the impact of positive male role models can have its fullest effect
- a distinctive "esprit de corps" enriches the lives of boys

At SACS, we believe that our membership of the IBSC has been of great benefit to the School, and we trust that the staff attending the Cape Town conference, will feedback and enrich and stimulate their colleagues and thus SACS as a whole.



### THIS WEEKEND

I wish our sportsmen well for their fixtures this weekend against Durbanville High School, Stellenberg High School, DF Malan High School and Pinelands High School. The First Rugby Team play against Durbanville High School on Saturday at 12:00 and the First Hockey Team against DF Malan on Friday at 18:50.



Yours sincerely

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