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Dear Parents and our SACS Students



HEADMASTER'S INTRODUCTION

This week of ceremonies is now concluded and what a special week it has been. Our Prize Giving was a vibrant and dignified occasion and a proper celebration of being back in the Hofmeyr Hall for the first time since 2019. Congratulations to all who were part of this event. Photographs of the event will appear in next week's Newsletter. The same can be said of our Matric Valedictory service, always a joyous and emotional occasion here at SACS. I am so proud of our boys and all they have achieved and given to and for the school. I thank their parents and guardians most sincerely for the role you have played in their school journey as well. I wish our Matrics every success in their final examinations.





Our Grade 12s who attended SACS Junior School were invited to a special assembly at the Junior School on Tuesday morning. They were each presented with a card written by a Grade 1 learner and walked out the Hall through a tunnel made up of all the teachers who taught them whilst they were at the Junior School. Thank you Mr Skeeles and the Junior School for arranging this beautiful assembly.





Our Inauguration Ceremony and Dinner for our 2023 Prefects was held on Wednesday 19 October 2022.



Our annual Matric Choir Farewell dinner took place on Thursday last week. This auspicious occasion was hosted in recognition of our matric choir members and was an evening to celebrate and commemorate them for their dedicated and long-standing service to our choir. We were immensely honoured to have Mr Josh Strauss, international rugby player and current SACS coach, as our guest speaker. He delivered an uplifting and inspirational address to our boys, parents and staff who were present. Mr Strauss, who was a choir member at his alma mater, gave insight into how music, and in particular choral singing, has impacted his life in a profound manner. Mr Strauss pointed out the importance of being a balanced individual throughout one's schooling career and the importance of camaraderie within such a dynamic group in establishing one's identity through confidence. Adam Stroebel, the Head of our choir, reflected on his time in the choir and thanked his peers for showing their outstanding commitment over the years, highlighting the pivotal role that choir had on all of their lives in shaping them as individuals. Our musical entertainment for the evening was presented by Ms Lynell Kenned, actress, local TV presenter and opera singer who has performed in various roles in major productions and with esteemed musicians such as international star, Katherine Jenkins.



Ms Kenned delivered a sterling and world-class performance of 'I Have Confidence' from the Sound of Music. The evening concluded with our matrics each receiving a commemorative gift. A special thank you to our catering manager, Mrs Zahn Cilliers, and her team for providing the guests with an exquisite dinner and to everyone who played a role in the evening's success. A sincere word of thanks and appreciation to Mr P for making this a memorable and everlasting highlight in the lives of our young men and guests.

At the awards ceremony for the Old Mutual South African Mathematics Olympiad two of our boys were recognised for their outstanding achievements. Noah Rassou (Grade 8) won a silver medal for seventh place in the junior category and was chosen as a member of the victorious Western Province Junior A Team to receive the trophy for the winning Junior Team in the ASSA South African Mathematics Team Competition.



Emmanuel Rassou (Grade 12) was awarded a gold medal for first place in the senior category and claims the title of South Africa's top young Mathematician for the second year in a row. This rounds off his dominance in this competition, where over the last six years he has won four times and achieved two top ten results.



Our First Cricket Team travelled to the North/South T20 Tournament in Pretoria. Unfortunately they lost their first group match against Grey Bloemfontein which placed them out of the main competition. After this disappointing start they beat eventual winners Waterkloof High School in another group game and then went on to beat Grey High School, Centurion High School and St Stithian's College to win the Plate Competition.



This week's Dr Melle Cricket Cup winners were extremely difficult to decide. The Senior Cup was shared between Liyema Waqu (Grade 12) and Vaughan Visagie (Grade 10). Liyema was voted the best bowler at the North/South Tournament and Vaughan scored a brilliant 105 not-out against Parel Vallei in an 197 run victory for our Second Team. The Junior Cup was also shared, with Ulrich Röth scoring 103 not-out for the U14As in an abandoned match and Reece Theunis (Grade 9) taking 5-19 and scoring a useful 50 for the U15As in a closely fought two wicket win against Parel Vallei.



Our oarsmen travelled to Knysna last weekend to take part in the Knysna Regatta and Heads Race. Despite the weather not playing in their favour and numerous other challenges, our boys delivered a stellar performance. Our U15 Quad (500m) placed second, our U15 Double (500m) placed third, our U16 Coxed Four placed second in the Heads Race, our U19 Pair (500m) placed second and third, our U19 Coxless Four (500m) placed first and third, our U19 Second Eight (500m) placed first, our U19 First Eight (500m) placed third, our U19 Second Eight placed second in the Heads Race and our U19 First Eight placed first in the Heads Race. Unfortunately due to the bad weather the majority of our U16 races were cancelled.





Some of our students had the honour of being addressed by Ralph Speirs, CSI Officer of the JSE, regarding the upcoming JSE Challenge in 2023.



Ms Jeanette Lawrence's Grade 9 English class learning Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet setwork book through acting and role play sketches.



S. A. COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR School Governing Body (SGB) Post COMMENCING 1 FEBRUARY 2023

Applications are invited from suitably experienced individuals. This is a part-time position (8:00am to 1:00pm) with the primary focus on: debt collection management for the school and hostels, administration of the hostel and rowing areas, and other ad hoc finance activities to support the school.

Skills required: debt collecting and administration experience, pastel accounting experience, Standard Bank Business Online experience advantageous, ability to work independently, understanding of accounting reports and analysis thereof, and 3 to 5 years' experience in a similar role.

Closing Date 31 October 2022

Applications can be emailed to jenkinson1@sacollege.org.za.

**Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.
SACS reserves the right not to make an appointment.**

To access the Winter photographs captured on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 September, please click on the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1a9MZa3OMlioIDDbVSYT3vcfVAWV5YnC?usp=sharing>

PLEASE NOTE: School will start at 8:40am for students on Tuesday 25 October 2022 due to staff development. This weekend our cricketers compete against Rondebosch Boys' High School (H and A), whilst our water polo players compete against Bishops (A) and our athletes compete in an Athletics Meeting hosted by Wynberg Boys' High School (A). Our First Water Polo Team are currently in Johannesburg participating in the Stayers Tournament hosted by St Stithian's College. I wish our community a wonderful weekend ahead.

Yours sincerely

**B.J. GRANT
HEADMASTER**