

THE Saints Weekly

ROUND-UP



Friday Night Lights
1st XI 18:45
SCC ASTRO

ALL THE
SAINTS

Saturday Rugby
1st XV 12:00
OLD ORCHARDS

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME ST STITHIANS THIS WEEKEND FOR HOCKEY, RUGBY AND SQUASH FIXTURES!

THERE WILL BE DELICIOUS LAMB ROLLS FOR SALE ON FRIDAY EVENING AT THE HOCKEY AND THE USUAL AWESOME HOSPITALITY AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE MORNING ON SATURDAY.

ALL THE BEST TO THE BOYS IN BLUE AND GOLD, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING ALL OUR SAINTS SUPPORTERS!



RUGBY *Representatives*

The Provincial trials have been ongoing and a healthy number of St Charles College boys across the age groups from U12 - U18 were invited to attend the final trials. We congratulate the following boys who have been selected to Sharks Rugby teams for 2024:

Matthew Fick (Craven Week)
Raphael Ajibade (Rhino Week)
Agape Nyawo (Sharks U16B)

We also congratulate Mr Mzi Nyathi who is head coach of the Sharks U15A team.
- Mr Rowan Irons (Director of Sport)



Shout out to Matthew Fick for being selected to Craven Week for the second year in a row!



**Congratulations to our most recent Honours recipient, squash star, Ruvay Ramdhin.
- Mr Rowan Irons (Director of Sport)**

PREP INTER HOUSE *Rugby*

Last Wednesday, to end off the first half of our rugby season, we held our highly anticipated and exciting Inter House Rugby. Our boys look forward to the afternoon as it provides an opportunity for them to play against their friends in a competitive, friendly, yet controlled manner. With each age group enjoying the privilege of playing on their own field, the determination and commitment from the boys was great to see. At the end of a fun-filled and action-packed afternoon, and after adding up all the points from U9- U13, we could not separate Delalle and Smith who share the trophy for rugby this year. Well done to all our boys for contributing to a great day and our coaches for their hugely important role they play. - Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)



MINI FOOTBALL WITH CORDWALLES



CONGRATULATIONS TO LUCA CANTARELLI, WHO PLACED SECOND THIS PAST WEEKEND ON THE THIRD DAY OF THE ENDURO NATIONALS. AFTER A VERY EXCITING RACE, LUCA ACHIEVED HIS SECOND PLACE BY 10 SECONDS OVER A 2-HOUR RACE!



PREP FOOTBALL 1ST TEAM *Jersey*

On Friday in Sports Assembly, we handed over the Prep 1st team Football jerseys.

These boys, after a few matches now have earned their place in the team and the College is proud of them. Under the guidance of our astute coach, Mr Carpenter (sometimes known as Pep Guardiola), our boys are playing attractive football, working as a team and are clearly enjoying every minute of it.



We wish them all well for the remaining matches as they look to enjoy an unbeaten season. Good luck boys! – Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)

Buddy Reading PROJECTS

Our Grade 3 boys recently completed their first project, and they were given the exciting opportunity to share it with their Grade 1 buddy readers. This experience was incredibly rewarding for them as they presented their work with pride. – Mrs Kim Joubert



Germination IN GRADE 2

Our Grade 2 boys have been germinating seeds of all kinds. This simple science project has sparked an interest and appreciation for nature. They are developing curiosity, responsibility and a connection to the environment.

Gardening imparts practical skills such as planning, measuring and problem solving. These skills encourage a hands-on approach to working through challenges. Our green fingers can't wait to get dirty. - Mrs Debbie Sorour



UNDERSTANDING Voting

This morning our Junior Primary boys got to experience the excitement of the upcoming elections when they watched a puppet show all about the topic.

Understanding voting is crucial for children as it lays the foundation for their future participation in democracy. By learning about the history of voting in South Africa, in a fun and interactive way, helps them gain an appreciation for the value of their voices.

Our future voters are well informed young men who will certainly make a difference in the years to come.
- Mrs Debbie Sorour



IF I WERE PRESIDENT...

Our Grade 3s have been discussing leadership and what makes a good leader. Each boy wrote about what changes or improvements he'd like to make as the president of South Africa.

The Grade 3 boys will be running a JP election this week and next week Wednesday. Representatives will be campaigning for, upgrading of the Junior Primary playground, air conditioning in all classrooms, a café and their very own changerooms. The final results will be announced next week. – Mrs Gail du Toit

If I were president, I would try to reduce people selling cigarettes and drugs. I'd try to make the police force better so there's less crime in the country and give the employees better pay. We need better farming and employ trained doctors and nurses. There also must be good medical care for sick and diseased. I must stop pollution on land and the water. I think I can plan more later. – **Nickson Kambuma**

I would make shelters the homeless. I would tell people how to make money so they could survive. There would be no loadshedding. I would provide South Africa with another lane for the highway. I would make the airport a bit bigger. I would tell builders to build us more clinics.

– **Aari Pillay**

I will get a street sweeper. I would get more traffic police. I would fill in potholes. I would destroy abandoned homes. I will install solar panels. I will get new rail roads and trains. I will start a farming course. I will employ more doctors.

– **Joshua Akerman**

STARING OUT THE Window

"To optimise your child's experience of the world, to broaden their minds and horizons, to prime them for formal study, get them to look out the window. Device off, in the cubby hole and try out a good old stare. No pane, no gain." – Mr Graham Stewart-Burger (Deputy Principal)



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PLAYBALL IN SCRUMMIES

Playball forms part of our boys' weekly programme. It is designed to develop a number of physical skills like motor planning and coordination. It also positively impacts valuable life skills like teamwork, resilience and self-confidence. All of this is delivered by a group of passionate and energetic coaches. It is no wonder that our boys love their Playball lessons! – Mrs Liesl Meter (Head of Pre-Primary)

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INFECTIOUS *Diseases*

Our Biology Grade 12 students have been learning about infectious diseases and as a demonstration they researched the effects of different household products on preventing bacterial growth. With a few extra agar plates, they tested two commonly touched items, a staircase railing and a door handle. To the horror of the class, after only a 24-hour period in an incubator several bacterial colonies grew on the agar plates. – Ms Roselyn Dredge



Grade 8 BOAT RACES

On Thursday, 23 May, our Grade 8 boys culminated their boat-building project with an exciting race across the pool. The journey from conception to race day has been a remarkable educational experience, teaching the boys valuable lessons in teamwork, engineering, and problem-solving.

The project began with an introduction to the challenge: to design and build a functional boat using only cardboard and duct tape. The boys were divided into teams and tasked with brainstorming and sketching their boat designs. This phase emphasized the importance of planning and collaboration, as they needed to share ideas and decide on the best approach for their boats. Over the course of several sessions, teams worked diligently to bring their designs to life. This phase highlighted the significance of resource management and innovative thinking, as students had to maximize the potential of their limited materials. The construction process was a hands-on application of basic engineering principles, such as buoyancy, stability, and structural integrity.



On Race Day, the atmosphere was electric as the boys gathered around the pool to showcase their creations. Each team selected a member to navigate their boat across the pool, putting their designs to the ultimate test. The race itself was a thrilling display of creativity and engineering prowess, with some boats performing exceptionally well and others facing difficulties.

Special congratulations to Nathan Raw and his team for winning the competition. Their boat's exceptional design and performance were a testament to their hard work and ingenuity. Overall, the Grade 8 boat race project was a tremendous success, offering boys a dynamic and engaging way to learn important lessons that extend beyond the classroom. – Mr Mlu Msomi



Provincial DEBATING

Congratulations to Elihle Hloba, Kaden Govindasamy, and Zenande Mazibuko, have earned their place at the Provincial Debating Tournament that will take place in July.

This remarkable opportunity not only offers a platform to gain invaluable experience but also, the chance to proudly represent Pietermaritzburg and St Charles College on a provincial stage.

Well done, gents!



FLASHBACK FRIDAY!

Our Senior Choir can be so proud of their recent performance of "Now Let Me Fly" (TTBB) arranged by Victor Johnson.



ENVIRONMENTAL Excursion

The Environmental Council embarked on the annual excursion to Tweefontein Reserve over the mid-term break. The expectation for the expedition is to learn about nature and our environment while being in it, as well as a growing interest and passion for conservation. The boys end the trip with a changed worldview and a commitment to a better life for all. By leadership and example, they have opportunities now and in future to educate people to live environmentally affirmative lives.



Being in the pristine Reserve, the boys were surrounded by a variety of fauna and flora. They learnt about the biodiversity through various activities. The boys shared knowledge together and had structured sessions where each boy presented their research on a specific environmental challenge and its solutions.

Throughout the weekend, the boys went on night drives to spot animals, hiked, fished, swam, did nature walks, and the evenings were enjoyed around braais, and a potjie which the boys prepared for themselves. As a tradition which started last year, the boys planted trees with their names on, in an area of the farm which is being rehabilitated. The boys will be able to return each year to add a tree of their own and see the growth of their previously planted trees.




The Environmental Council is made up of boys from different grades, and this excursion allowed them to integrate well and share their common interests. – Mr Sean Anthony

NIGHT OF THE SAINTS
Performances by choirs, bands and orchestras

Fri, 14 June
18:00 - 20:00
Samukele Khumalo Arena

U9 Free • Primary School R40 • High School & Pensioners R65 • Adults R125

Tickets available through **QUICKET**



THIS IS THE EVENT WE HAVE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR!

Hosted by St Charles College, in collaboration with St John's D.S.G., featuring the Choirs, Orchestras, and Bands from both schools, expect to be left in awe of the talent in the two schools.

To purchase your tickets, please click on the following Quicket link
[Book tickets for Night of the Saints \(quicket.co.za\)](https://quicket.co.za)

ART AND DESIGN

Featured this week are some recent works by a few Grade 11 and Grade 9 Art and Design students. Thanda Mngadi (Grade 11) has been working on a series of paintings that focus on beauty – this is the second in the series, and in this colourful acrylic and oil painting Thanda has created a vibrant still-life featuring coloured glass vessels that shimmer in a delicate misty pink ground plane.



Mikhil Singh (also Grade 11), pictured right, is using his theme portfolio to explore ideas and images about Faith. He is looking at several different kinds of faith and celebrating the visual beauty of Hindu, Christian, and ancient Greek and Roman religious iconography.

Our Grade 9 students have been learning how to create different kinds of marks in pen to prepare them for working with linocutting tools as the mark making is similar.



Alongside is a detailed and gorgeous Hoopoe bird by James Ware. To the left of the Hoopoe shows another recent Grade 9 project: an innovative Colour Wheel poster that each student made by mixing the colours from the primary colours available. Daniel Morkel's poster is featured here. The boys had to come up with a novel way of visually presenting their wheel, and ensure that the poster contained relevant visual information on how to mix the different colours to create secondary and tertiary colours.

– Dr Faye Spencer

SENIOR PRIMARY *Choir*

On Thursday evening, The St Charles College Senior Primary Choir performed at the annual Cordwalles Choir Evening.

Set on the aesthetically pleasing sports stairs with a backdrop of beautiful lighting in the Plane Trees, this picnic-style concert was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the vast audience. It was a wonderful evening of music, shared with the Cordwalles, Longmarket Girls' Primary School, and Merchiston Preparatory School.



The St Charles College Senior Primary Choir shone on the beautiful autumn evening, giving wonderful renditions of the songs "Sizalelwe Indodana" and "Believer", conducted by Mr Buntu Mdutyana and accompanied by Ms Willene Botha. There was a real sense of energy and excellence in the choir, with wonderful unison and harmonious singing. The evening is a testament to the incredible talent and effort of our Senior Primary Choir members. – Mr Pierre Frenzel (Head of Music)



PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THE ST CHARLES COLLEGE CHAMBER CHOIR WHO WILL BE MAKING A GUEST APPEARANCE AT PIETERMARITZBURG GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL (GHS) MATRIC CONCERT.

MOTHER'S WHO CARE



Proverbs 16:9
In their hearts
humans
plan their
course, but the
Lord establishes
their steps.

2024

MWC IS A CHRISTIAN GROUP WHO MEET WEEKLY TO PRAY FOR OUR STAFF, BOYS & THEIR FAMILIES. PLEASE JOIN US IN PERSON, PRIVATELY OR ON A WHATSAPP CALL EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 CONTACT SONJA PALFRAMAN CELL: 0823469161

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TERM DATES 2024

TERM 1	
Administration, Managers, Housemasters and Support Staff Return	10 January (Wednesday)
Teaching and Boarding Staff Return (Staff Development)	11 January (Thursday)
Senior School Boarders Return (Grade 8 - Grade 12)	16 January (Tuesday)
Senior School Lessons Commence (Grade 8 - Grade 12)	17 January (Wednesday)
Prep School Boarders Return (Grade 4 - Grade 7)	16 January (Tuesday)
Prep School Lessons Commence (Grade 000 - Grade 7)	17 January (Wednesday)
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	16 February - 19 February
End of Term and Human Rights Day (21 March)	21 March (Thursday) School Day
TERM 2	
Easter Weekend 29 March - 01 April (Friday - Monday)	
Staff and Boarders Return	15 April (Monday)
Lessons Commence	16 April (Tuesday)
Freedom Day (27 April)	27 April (Saturday)
Workers' Day (01 May)	01 May (Wednesday) School Day
OLD BOYS' REUNION WEEKEND	20 April (Saturday)
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	17 May - 20 May
Youth Day (16 June Sunday)	17 June (Monday) School Day
End of Term	21 June (Friday)
TERM 3	
Staff and Boarders Return	15 July (Monday)
Lessons Commence	16 July (Tuesday)
FOUNDERS DAY (26 July)	26 July (Friday)
Women's Day (09 August)	09 August (Friday) School Day
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	16 August - 19 August
Senior School Speech Night (6pm)	19 September (Thursday)
End of Term	19 September (Thursday)
TERM 4	
Staff and Boarders Return	30 September (Monday)
Lessons Commence	01 October (Tuesday)
GRADE 12 FINAL ASSEMBLY	31 October (Thursday)
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	01 November - 04 November
End of Term (Pre-Primary and Junior Primary)	28 November (Thursday)
End of Term (Senior Primary and Senior School)	29 November (Friday)
Grade 6 Open Weekend	29 - 30 November (Friday and Saturday)
Teaching Staff Leave	05 December (Thursday)
Management and Support Staff Conclude	13 December (Friday)

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