



MICHAELMAS TERM

From the Senior Deputy



It was a very busy year last year, and the last part of the Michaelmas term was no exception to this rule. As you will see from this retrospective College Life, we ended the year with many celebrations – fitting, given the excellence of our students. From the Senior Eskom International Science Fair to premieres at Film Festivals, from academics to sports to cultural activities, our students and staff covered a vast range of activities with excellence. We are proud of these achievements and prouder of the broader cohort who formed the milieu from which they rose. These pages cover most of Michaelmas term. Many of our boys have continued to grow the St John's legacy with their achievements over the holidays and the early part of 2023. We will celebrate these with the achievement of our Sixth Form and their AS and A Level results (released on Tuesday 10 January) and our Matric results (due to be released on Wednesday 18 January), all in the next edition of College Life. We trust that you have had a good and restful holiday and will have a wonderful 2023.

Kind regards

Peter Wright, Senior Deputy



Farewell to the #Classof2022

Our young men wrote their last exams together as the #Classof2022 on Thursday 24 November. "It is my hope that for every day you have walked the hallowed corridors, looked up at the imperious College buildings and treaded the worn steps, as has been done by thousands before you, you would have stored and cherished your fair share of memories of this Venture of Faith that is St John's College." - Mr Stuart West, Executive Headmaster



Nine Lessons & Carols

St John's College was welcomed back to the Cathedral Church of St Mary the Virgin in Johannesburg after two long Covid years by The Very Reverend Xolani Dlwathi to celebrate the Nine Lessons and Carols service.



It was recorded in the Johannian that the whole school attended a Sung Eucharist at St Mary's Cathedral in the early 1920s, making an impressive show of numbers. And since 2003, the traditional St John's College Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols has been held at the Cathedral, except for the two Covid years in 2020 and 2021.

Thank you to Dr Ben Oosthuizen, Mr Sidumo Nyamezele, Mr Cameron Upchurch, Mr Hendri Liebenberg and the Brass Ensemble, Mrs Isabella Roux and the Strings Ensemble, and the beautiful voices of College and Prep choirs for the magnificent music.



UV SPEECH DAY



St John's College celebrated the Upper UV Speech Day on Thursday 13 October, in Pelican Quad. This is always a special occasion as we celebrate and recognise matric achievers, our dedicated staff and their supportive parents.

The Big Band and Symphony Orchestra welcomed the Academic procession with an opening prayer from The Revd Dr Jeremy Jacobs.

The formalities began with a welcome by Mr Peter Wright, Senior Deputy, followed by an address by Mr Thulani Khanyile, Chairman of Council, and Mr Stuart West, Executive Headmaster.

Dr Colleen Henning, Deputy Head: Academics, presided over

prize-giving, with Mr Wynand Pretorius conferring the awards. Entertainment was provided by **Lintao Li**, who performed **Assez Modere by Francis Poulenc (1899 - 1963)** and a drama piece entitled **Touch Screen by Dumi Fuyane**.

Mr Graham Kerr-Phillips, Chairman of the Old Johannian Association, presented the matric group with their Old Johannian ties, inducting them into the OJA and finally, Head of School and Second Prefect, Uzayr Ballim, led the Charge to the Upper Vs.

We congratulate our students who achieved in their subjects and disciplines and those who received individual awards.

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UV VALEDICTORY MASS

The Valedictory Mass is always an emotional one as we officially say goodbye to our young men ahead of the final examinations.

*UVs of St John's,
true gold of Africa,
shining hope of the future.
May God's light guide you,
May His life energise you,
May His love enfold you.
Lux, Vita, Caritas -
God's light, life and love.
That is everything you need for your
journey.*



SURVIVORS



Mrs Jane Lane, Headmistress of the Pre-Prep, welcomed the #PrePrepSurvivors back to say goodbye.

"It is such a privilege to have you here 13 years later. Young men of St John's, the leaders of tomorrow.

We trust you to live lives of compassion and integrity using your skills and intelligence for the good of humankind. Remember the saying 'only a fool trips on what is behind him'. Don't look back. That's not where you're going."

The #ClassOf2022 who had started their St John's journey at St John's Bridge Nursery School were invited back for a special evening of reminiscence with their old teachers before their

final days of school, and the commencement of their Matric exams. They also continued the tradition of leaving their handprint in a lump of clay to be added to the wall at The Bridge.



PREFECTS

The College was proud to induct the new school leadership at the Prefect's Induction Service in Pelican Quad this morning as we thanked and bade farewell to the leaders of 2022. We wish you all the best.

*Lord God,
We thank you that in Jesus you have issued a call and an example of true leadership; Inspire these young men and women as they face the challenges of leadership,*

*Make them wise stewards of their talents and time,
Give them your love, courage, and perseverance as they lead this school through service.
Amen.*

SIXTH FORM VALEDICTORY MASS

The Sixth Form Prize-Giving and Valedictory service, a wonderful occasion to celebrate the successes of our Upper and Lower VI students, took place on 22 September 2022.

We were honoured to have Mrs Nicky Stocks as our guest of honour. Mrs Stocks has served at St

John's College for the past 15 years teaching Physical Sciences in the College and Physics in the Sixth Form.

The Upper VI students were also inducted into the Old Johannian Association by Mr Stuart West, Executive headmaster at St John's and President of the OJA.



ACADEMY VALEDICTORY MASS



The St John's College Academy Valedictory Service is always a bitter-sweet occasion as we celebrate the achievements of our boys and young men and bade farewell to our Grade 7s and 12s. This

year was no different as the Academy students from the Prep and College gathered in The Memorial Chapel on 1 November with their parents, teachers and friends of the Academy. [READ MORE...](#)

Art Exhibition

St John's College was proud to present the 2022 Upper V Art Exhibition: **INTERTWINED – INTERWOVEN.**

Everything is interwoven, and the web is holy; none of its parts are unconnected. They are composed harmoniously, and together – they compose the world.

Intertwined/ Interwoven was the theme for the matric art practical. Students were expected to create an artwork in any medium and an exam drawing that investigates the theme. The process of the investigation is documented in a visual diary. The students must explore the theme in a contextual as well as personal way.

It can be said that Art that is made with meaning and relevance to the artist's own life is often more meaningful, and it was the aim of the students to produce work under this theme that is authentic and that reflects their

interests, ideas, and passions.

The boys really did dig deep to present their best interpretation of the theme. Besides the quality of the work, the emotive and personal significance of the work is what is of the essence.

"I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate each student. Their commitment to the completion of the works has been astounding. They have invested countless hours in preparing for this exhibition. As Archbishop Tutu said: "Give young people a greater voice. They are the future, and they are much wiser than we give them credit for."

- Estelle Potgieter, Head of Visual Arts



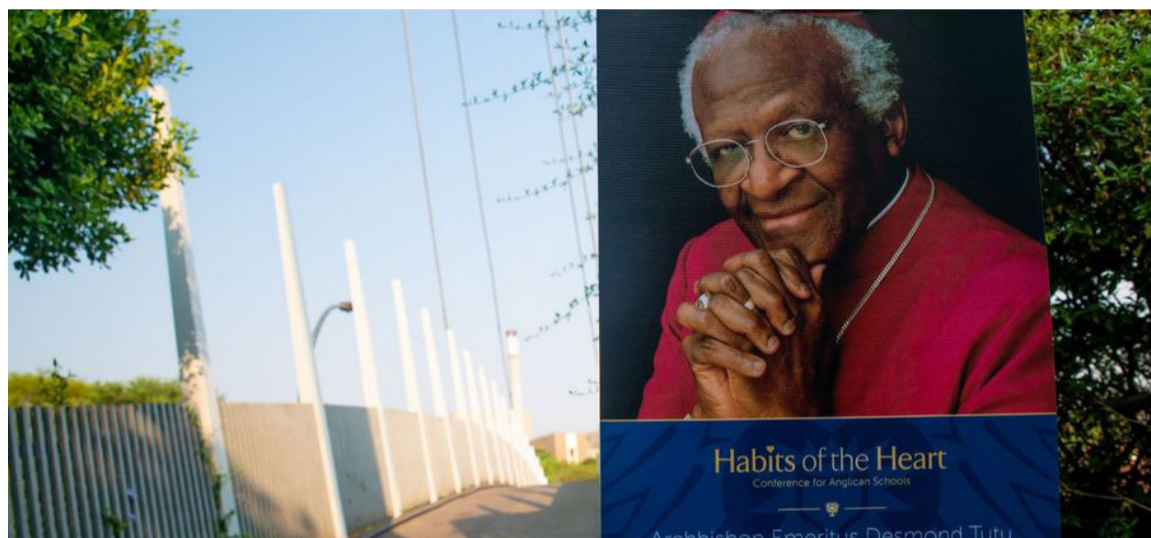
Habits of the Heart

On Friday 7 October, on what would have been the 91st birthday of late Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, Anglican schools from across South Africa gathered at St John's College for the #HabitsOfTheHeartII conference weekend.

The Habits of the Heart II conference took place over three days, including the conference. This year's delegates were also able to participate in the inaugural Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu Walk and the inaugural Archbishop Emeritus

Desmond Tutu Mass and Lecture.

Founded at St John's in 2019, the Habits of the Heart conference was created to bring together the Anglican family of schools as they continue to wrestle with and take steps towards the realisation of a just society. It's a space for dialogue and reflection, strategy sharing and a deep look within. Habits of the Heart is about the theoretical concepts as well as the nature of the human heart and the inner work required towards understanding, truth-telling, justice and healing.



Senior Eskom ISF Scientist



Milo Shan (LVI Runge), who has been awarded top senior Eskom ISF Scientist for his research project entitled "SMARTer: Soil Moisture Artificially Intelligent".

The Fragile King



Alex de la Rey (Head of Nash 2022) at the premiere of his new movie *The Fragile King* at the Indie Film Festival where he makes his big-screen debut in a movie alongside South African heavyweight performers, including Andrew Buckland, Jennifer Steyn and Nthathi Moshesh. The film is already garnering awards buzz, so look out for it on our SA screens as we celebrate homegrown South African cinema!

RUGBY COACHES

We are incredibly proud of our sports coaches, who continue to shine at a provincial and national level.

Katleho Lynch, Rugby Head Coach, has been selected to complete his World Rugby Level 3 coaching course, the highest qualification a rugby coach can attain. The course takes up to two years to complete, and is no mean feat considering very few schoolboy coaches get this far.

Coach Lynch has also recently been appointed the Assistant Coach for the Golden Lions Craven Week in 2023. He puts it

simply: "I've found something I really love, and there's no better feeling than seeing players succeed because of planning and preparation."

Sihle Ndlovu, Strength and Conditioning Coach here at St John's, has been appointed the Golden Lions U18 Strength and Conditioning Coach for 2023, a step towards his dream of one day reaching the professional level. "My passion for sport and seeing young student-athletes achieving their full potential has driven me in this career path, and so when the opportunity availed itself, I jumped at it."



Our College Choir accompanying Foreigner on stage on their recent tour.

String Quartet Performs

The College String Quartet comprising Nathan Pringle (UV) on first violin, Kabir Budlender (LIV) on second violin, Majili Aphiwe Nqumba (LV) on viola, and Udo Elleh

(LV) playing cello, were invited to perform at the 2022 Nadine Gordimer Memorial Lecture, hosted by the School of Language, Literature and Media at the University of

the Witwatersrand. Our young musicians gave an excellent performance of a varied programme of works ranging from the Baroque to modern African indigenous string music.



Cycle Lab Schools' MTB Series



William Mills participated in the fourth round of the Cycle Lab Schools' MTB series at Prime View Adventure & Leisure in Midrand in early September. It was an incredible day for racing, with the St John's College and Academy cycling group being put through their paces on a tricky track.

Being involved in the series has helped the lads improve over the last few months. The series has grown significantly, bringing high competition to all who compete. Despite being the new kids on the block, the St John's College Academy cyclists have achieved solid results in the

Youth U16 Men's category.

Comfort Shiburi (Grade 10 Academy) was the fastest again, placing 73rd. The rest of the boys featured between 80th and 90th position, with everyone completing at least two laps and Comfort and Vincent Dube (Grade 10 Academy) completing three. Times have also been consistent, indicating that our young cyclists are growing in confidence and ability.

William Mills (LV Thomson), the only St John's College cyclist, placed 6th overall in the Junior 17 Men's category. Well done, William, and to all who participated in the race.

isiZULU OLYMPIAD

The isiZulu FAL Olympiad was written over three rounds, with more than 400 candidates registering to participate in the first round. St John's entered 21 candidates across Remove, LIV and UIV. Bongwe Menzi (LIV

Nash), Makhathini Makwande (Remove Hill) and Mthokozisi Khumalo (Remove Clayton) made it through to the final round, with Mthokozisi (pictured) placing first in the Grade 8 category and being awarded a gold medal.



DEBATING

Khumo Kumalo (LV Clayton), Lili Spinazzi (UVI Runge), and Jonathan Shiferaw (LV Hill) were all selected for the Gauteng Senior Debating Team. Thando Kambule (LV

Hill) was selected as a reserve. Boris Daley (LIV Clayton) and Siza Gule (LIV Nash) were selected for the Gauteng Junior team. These young men are representing Gauteng

in the Nationals this December. Daniel Chibafa (LV Alston) is trialling for the Zimbabwean National Team.

St John's College learner shines at World Championships of Performing Arts

Graytin Pretorius (UV Fleming), won five gold medals, five silver medals and one bronze medal at the World Championships of Performing Arts in Los Angeles.

St John's College learner Graytin Pretorius aims to fulfil his acting dreams through a New York Academy scholarship.

Last month Pretorius competed in the World Championships of Performing Arts in Los Angeles where he represented South Africa.

"I brought home five gold medals, five silver medals and one bronze medal. Representing the country and my school in LA was a huge honour," he said.

"The championship competition comprises five main categories: acting, modelling, vocals, instrumental and dancing. The SA championships comprise all provinces where different children in different age groups compete and once you get to the world champions level, it's moved to countries competing against each other. I took part in the acting and



modelling category."

The 17-year-old learner said his love for theatre and arts began at the tender age of eight.

"My journey in the arts began at the South African Championships. It takes place at the civic theatre in Rustenburg every year. This year will mark 10 years since being at the SA Championships. Once you perform and depending on how well you do, you qualify for team SA to represent SA in America, LA for the World Championships of Performing Arts.

"The first time I went to America was in 2015 and I was 10 years old. It was quite an experience because it was my first time being in the

country and I was excited to be on stage. Having gone for the second time was also exciting because I have dreams of furthering my studies there."

The performer said his plans after completing school would be to further his career in the arts.

"I was fortunate enough to receive a scholarship from the New York Film Academy to study a four-year BSA Degree, Bachelor of Fine Arts. What I appreciate about the degree is that within it, one will be exposed to producing, writing and cinematography, which will be beneficial to me and my career."

- Rosebank Killarney Gazette

WITS Mathematics Competition

Our young men excelled at the 5th annual Wits Mathematics Competition.

In the grade 10 to 12 section, Angus Clark (LV Thomson) came first, followed by Jonathan Stagman (UV Nash), who came second. Caleb von Loggerenberg (LV Clarke) and Alexander Tafur (UV Fleming) also finished in the top 10 candidates in Gauteng.

In the grade 8 and 9 section, Eric Han (Remove Alston) and Oliver Bouilliant (Remove Clarke) finished in the top 10 candidates in Gauteng.

The St John's College junior team finished third in Gauteng and eighth overall. The senior team was the top-performing school in Gauteng and South Africa, losing first place to a school from Nigeria.

St John's College has dominated this competition since its inception, with the junior team winning four times while the senior team remains undefeated in South Africa. Well done, gents!



Angus Clark, Jonathan Stagman, Caleb von Loggerenberg, Alexander Tafur, Eric Han and Oliver Bouilliant.

SAMF Mathematics Olympiad

The following students were awarded a bronze medal and certificate for qualifying to write the third round of the SAMF Mathematics Olympiad:

Luke Brickhill (LIV Thomson), Hamza Carim (UVI Runge), Angus Clark (LV Thomson),

Jack Logan (LIV Hodgson) and Jonathan Stagman (UV Nash).

The Gauteng Junior winner of the SAMF Mathematics Olympiad was Luke Brickhill, and the Gauteng Senior Winner was Angus Clarke.



Vian Ziegenhagen (Remove Clarke) represented South Africa in the World Youth Chess Competition in Romania.

FIRST AIDERS



Mihir Nayee (LV Alston) has been elected Head of First Aid. Mduduzi Zulu (LV Hill) is the new Head of San and Shen Qiao (LV Hodgson) is the Deputy.

President's Award

Alex De La Rey (Head of Nash 2022) achieved his Gold Level in The President's Award. This is no easy feat, requiring 52 weeks of continuous community service, 78 straight weeks of a major sport, 52 weeks of learning an extra skill, plus a five-day camping

and cycling journey. "He recently completed his hours and went the extra mile in doing so. St John's has much to be proud of," said Martin King, Programme Manager Gauteng, The President's Award for Youth Empowerment.



New Old Johannians



Graham Kerr-Phillips, Chairman of the OJA and Stuart West, Executive Headmaster and President of the OJA, welcomed the matrics and Upper VIs to the Old Johannian Association at a special event hosted at The Johannian Club.

Graham chatted to our young men and women, the next generation of Old Johannians, about the value of the worldwide Johannian network and belonging to the Association. "The friendships you make at St

John's will last you a lifetime, and we believe that you will continue to benefit from our vast and varied network long after you leave the College. Please know that you will always have a home at St John's and that your blood will always be blue."

Academic Colours

The following young men were awarded Academic Honours during Michaelmas Term.

Uzayr Ballim (Head of School), Alex De La Rey (Head of Nash), Nsika Dlamini (UV Clarke), James Hind (UV Hodgson), Matthew McJannet (UV Hodgson), Will Whittaker (UV Hodgson), Max Gordon (LV Nash), Julian Kuni (LV Hodgson), Luyanda Madliwa (LV Fleming), Nicholas Meyer (LV Nash), William Mills (LV Thomson), Majil'Aphiwe Nqumba (LV Hill), Alexander Tafur (LV Fleming), Caleb Van Loggerenberg (LV Clayton) and Christian Venter (LV Clarke).

We also congratulate these young men who have received their Academic Colours:

Thomas Carstens (UV Thomson), Antoine Coche (UV Hill), Ignatius Coetzee (LV Clayton), Matthew Dippenaar (UV Alston), Panashe Dumbu (UV Clayton), Michael Giltrow (UV Hill), Lufefe Radebe (UV Clayton), Wolfgang Visser (UV Alston), Alexander Wiederhold (UV Fleming), Nsika Dlamini (UV Clarke), Thomas Archer (LV Fleming), Scott Blackburn (LV Thomson), Luke Brachmeyer (LV Clarke), Calvin Brooks (LV Nash), Ignatius

Coetzee (LV Clayton), Udo Elleh (LV Clayton), Ayyad Gardee-Eshak (LV Clarke), Thandolwethu Kambule (LV Hill), David King (LV Hodgson), Calvin Kirsch (LV Hill), Christian Mangena (LV Clarke), Jonathan Masher (LV Thomson), Krishay Patel (LV Alston), Nicholas Pearce (LV Nash), Stuart Prentice (LV Clayton), Matthew Prinsloo (LV Alston), Adrian Seethal (LV Hill), Jonathan Shiferaw (LV Hill), Bradley Smith (LV Nash), Richard Stagman (LV Nash), Leruo Tshepe (LV Hodgson), Matthew Van Binsbergen (LV Clayton), Reece Watson (LV Hodgson) and Oliver Xego (LV Nash).



CONSIDERING POST-MATRIC A LEVELS?

St John's Sixth Form has produced exceptional AS and A Level results since 1972 and offers an exciting and different way to learn.

Young men and women from South Africa and all over the world join us to study their AS and A Levels through Cambridge Assessment International Education. St John's Sixth Form offers home-away-from-home boarding on the magnificent

St John's heritage campus in a multinational and multicultural setting. Our students leave with an internationally-accredited qualification that opens doors to universities in South Africa and the world. **APPLY TODAY**



ST JOHN'S SIXTH FORM

Sports

Awards

ATHLETICS

Honours: Dustin Holmes (UV Nash)
Colours: Ciaran Formby (UV Hodgson) and Matthew Pryce (UV Fleming)
Team Blazer: Alex Hale (LV Nash), James Pelicot (LV Thomson) and Matthew Snell (LV Nash)

CRICKET

Team Blazer: Keshav Lutchman

SOCCER

Honours: Mpho Makgamathe (UV Fleming) and Keitumetse Mphomane (UV Thomson)
Colours: Tom Davis (UV Hodgson), Zuko Mabizela (LV Hodgson) and Katlego Zwane (UV Hill)
Team Blazer: Riyadh Gani (UVI Runge), Misha Gumede (UVI Hodgson), David King (LV Hodgson), Khanyisa Lbelwana (UVI Runge), Matt Mhangami (LV Hill),

Ntsebenz Mosia (UVI Hodgson), Tom Shimatu (UV Hodgson), Matthew Snell (LV Nash) and Reece Watson (LV Hodgson).

The Matthew Bekker Captain's Trophy was awarded to Mpho Makgamathe.

The Alexander Bekker Football Player's Trophy was awarded to Keitumetse Mphomane.

Athletics

Our College athletes participated in the invitational Grand Prix Meeting at King Edward VII School in September.

The season was a tough one, with a number of our athletes not being able to compete due to other sporting commitments. Those who did, performed well, despite some athletes competing in several events to make up for those who could not attend.

St John's College came sixth out of the eight schools competing, bringing home four medals: two golds, one silver and a bronze.

Bryce Reid (UV Clarke) was one of the standout performers for St John's, returning with gold after he broke the U19 100m record with a time of 10.71 secs.

Grant Barnes (UVI Clarke) claimed the second gold medal for the school after he managed to outthrow his competitors with a distance of 43.12m in the U16 Javelin event.

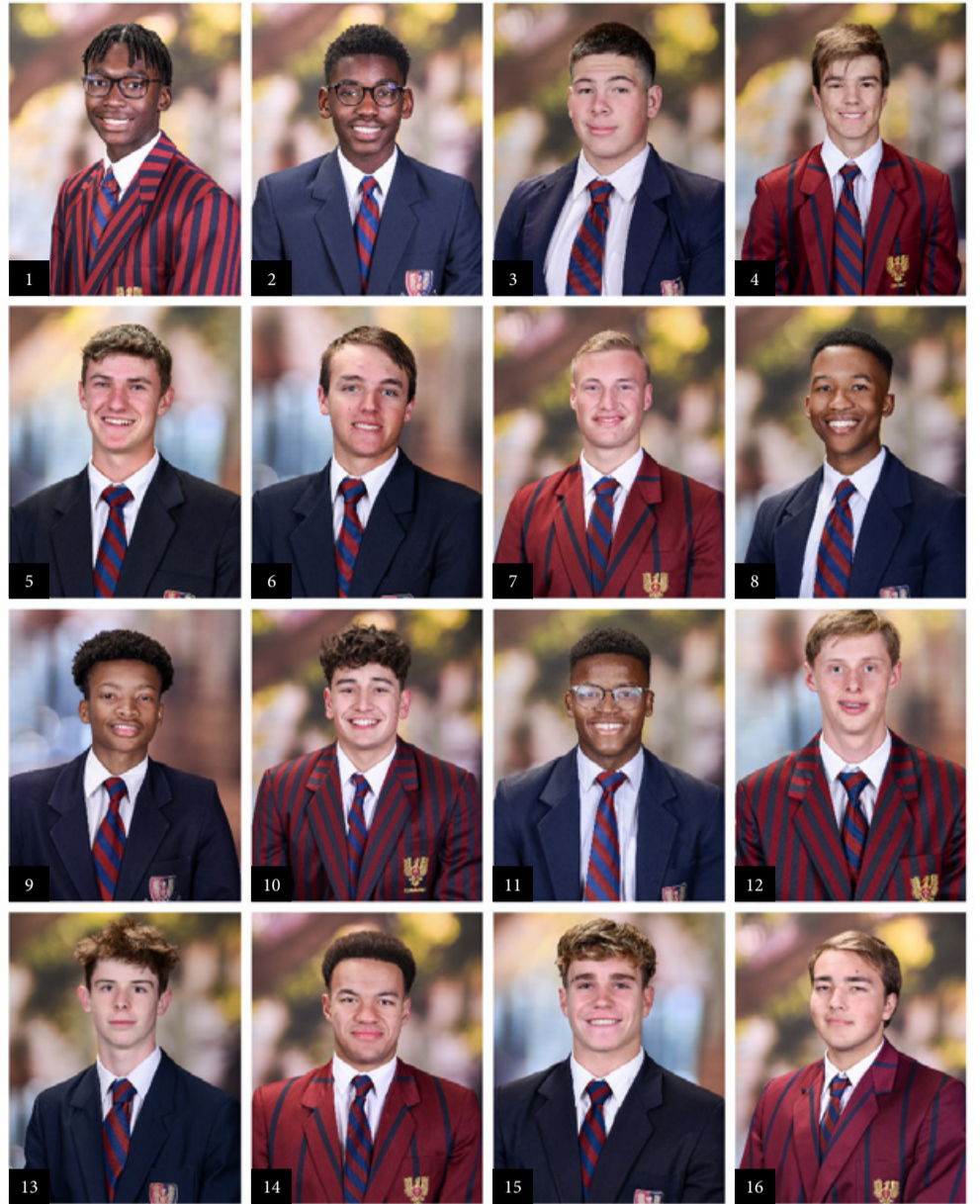
Matthew Snell (LV Nash) won silver in the U17 800m with a time of 2:10.53 seconds and bronze in the U17 1 500m race with a time of 4:45.73 seconds.

Fife Diviani (Remove Clarke) came fourth in the U14 High Jump, clearing 1.45 metres. James Pelicot (LV Thomson) came 8th in U17 Javelin, Alex Hale (LV Nash) came seventh in the U17 800m and 1 500m races, and Zuko Mabizela (LV Hodgson) came sixth in the U17 110m Hurdles.

Unfortunately, the final meeting for the season scheduled to occur at St David's Marist Inanda has been called off.



Summer Sports Captains



Basketball

Captain: 1. Khumo Kumalo (LV Clayton)
Vice-Captain: 2. Matthew Mhangami (LV Hill)

Cricket

Leadership Team: 3. Tom Archer (LV Fleming) and 4. Luke Francis (LV Nash)

Golf

Captain: 5. Calvin Brooks (LV Nash)
Vice-Captain: 6. Benjamin Jacobs (LV Thomson)

Rowing

Captain: 7. Luke Dalton (LV Fleming)
Vice-Captain: 8. Aphiwe Nqumba (LV Hill)
Boatman: 9. Simphiwe Tshabalala (LV Thomson)

Swimming

Captain: 10. Enzo Nogueira (LV Hill)
Vice-Captain: 11. Leruo Tshephe (LV Hodgson)

Tennis

Captain: 12. Hein Gertenbach (LV Hodgson)
Vice-Captain: 13. Alex Hale (LV Nash)

Water Polo

Captain: 14. Taeg Mosehla (Head of School) and 15. Nick Pearce (UV Nash)
Vice-Captain: 16. Caleb van Loggerenberg (UV Clayton).

Basketball

Yanda Peter (LIV Clayton) and Tinyiko Makhubela (LIV Hodgson) were selected for the U15 SA Basketball Team and represented South Africa at the Region 5 Youth Games in Lilongwe, Malawi, from 2 to 11 December.

David Tirkaso (LIV Thompson) and Matthew Bradley (LIV Hill) were selected for the Gauteng Provincial U15 Basketball Team, which played in the Inter-Provincial Tournament from 9 to 14 December.

The U15As won the Inanda Hoops Classic Challenge at St David's



Marist Inanda over the half-term weekend.

The First Team and U15A basketball teams participated in the tournament, with the First Team placing ninth overall.

The U15As reigned supreme, emerging as the winners in their division

after their victory over Michael Mount Waldorf School in the final clash. The boys must be commended for their grit throughout their tournament run, winning all their games, including a tightly contested semi-final against St Sithians.

Half-Term Basketball

Our First and Second basketball teams participated in the Independent Schools' Stayers Basketball Tournament at Kearsney College in KwaZulu-Natal over the half-term, featuring some of the top basketball-playing independent schools.

Our First Team did well in the tournament, making it out of the group phase, picking up three wins out of the four games they played. They then faced Kingswood College in the top 16 matches, where they emerged with a 44-23 victory to qualify for a spot



in the quarterfinals.

Unfortunately, the quarterfinal stage is where the tournament run ended for our boys when they narrowly went down to fellow Joburgers St Benedict's College 31-21. The First Team concluded their tournament in 8th spot overall, after two

playoff games.

Our second team also played five games against teams they wouldn't often play in their regular season. The standout performance was against our local rivals St David's Marist Inanda, where our boys picked up a thrilling 37-36 win.

Sports

Chess

Vian Ziegenhagen (Remove Clarke) and William Jones (LIV Clayton) participated in the U16 Open Division at the recent south African Junior Chess Championships where their team took first place.

The following St John's College students were selected to represent the Johannesburg Metro team at the South African Junior Chess Championships (SAJCC). 1. Yashil Modi (LV Hill) and 2. Liao

Jingpu (LV Clayton) was selected for the U18A team, 3. William Jones (LIV Clayton) for the U16A team and 4. Vian Luke Ziegenhagen (Remove Clarke) for the U16B team.



Cricket

Our First XI, U15A, and U14A cricketers participated in various festivals over the half-term.

The First XI and U14A teams were in KwaZulu-Natal at the Oppenheimer Michaelmas Cricket Week hosted by Maritzburg College and the U14 Hilton Independent Schools Cricket Festival at Hilton College. The U15A team were at the Sommersville Cricket Festival at Pretoria Boys High School.

The First XI had a tough time at the Oppenheimer Michaelmas Cricket Week, the oldest schoolboy cricket week in the country. In the end, the First XI returned with one victory on the final day against Kearsney College in a shortened game due to bad weather. There were

also some rather narrow defeats against Michaelhouse and Hilton, where our boys lost by 28 and 18 runs, respectively.

The U15As, who are missing a few key players who are at Wilderness School, had some stiff opposition at Boys' High. The boys gave it their all, winning one of their four matches, with some boys enjoying a promotion from the B Team.

The U14A team returned from Hilton College with a fantastic set of results, with 3 out of 4 wins. The victories came against Michaelhouse, St Charles College and Hilton College, where Darshik Lutchman (Remove Alston) top scored with his unbeaten 81 runs against

Michaelhouse. Another standout performer was Nkosana Sibiyi (Remove Hodgson), who notched up 51 not out against the same opposition while contributing well with the willow in other matches.

"The overall team performances were incredible, and all the boys contributed well throughout the festival to help the team. We also looked at giving every boy an opportunity, which they took with both hands, even surprising us as coaches at times. I'm very proud of the courage shown by our boys, which sets us up well for the season ahead," said Mr Surprise Nkuna, U14 Coach.



The following young men were awarded the Purple Cap for their performances at the St David's Marist Inanda Fasken Time Cricket Festival: DAY 1 CJ King (UV

Hodgson) 104 vs Clifton School Day 2 CJ King 59 and 4 for 40 vs Clifton Day 3 Stuart Phipson (UV Thomson), 6 for 73 vs

Hoërskool Waterkloof Day 4 TJ Chalmers (LV Hodgson) 167 vs Waterkloof.

Cricket



Congratulations to the following cricketers who have been capped to represent Gauteng Lions Cricket in the upcoming provincial and national weeks in December.

Lions U18A: 1. Christopher King (UV Hill)
Lions U17A: 2. Luke Francis (LV Nash) and 3.

Christopher Ford (LV Hodgson)
Lions U17 Geo-Political Regional Team: 4. Cole Francis (UIV Nash) and 5. Kago Masote (UIV Nash)
Lions U16A: 6. Joe MacRobert (UIV Nash)
Lions Under15 Geo-Political Regional Team: 7. Nkosana Sibiyi (Remove Hill).

Golf



Our College Golf First Team were up against St Stithians College in the Headmaster's Cup at the Bryanston Country Club. The Headmaster's Cup has seen St John's and Saints competing since 2009, making it our longest-standing rivalry cup competition.

The 2022 edition was a tough one for our boys, who came

close to walking away with the honours after Saints claimed the Cup, with their five games to three victories, over the eight games played on the day. Calvin Brooks (LV Nash), Jayden Hoskins (LIV Hill) and Jonathan Hall (LV Hodgson) were the winners in their individual matches.

"The competition was made

even more interesting, as we got the opportunity to see our new First Team golfers at this is a stayers' event. I'm proud of the boys for their effort and look forward to following their progress through to next year," said Derik Botha, Golf Coach and MIC.

Sports

Inter-House Cross Country 2022

Juniors: 1. Hill 2. Clayton 3. Nash 4. Thomson 5. Alston 6. Clarke 7. Hodgson 8. Fleming

Gold: Nic Searle (LIV Hill)
Silver: Oliver Venter-Clelland (Remove Clayton)
Bronze: Apostoleris Apostoli (Remove Hodgson)

Allen Senior Cup: 1. Nash 2. Clarke 3. Clayton 4. Alston 5. Fleming 6. Runge 7. Hill 8. Thomson 9. Hodgson

Gold: Matthew Venter-Clelland (UIV Clayton)
Silver: William Mills (LV Thomson)
Bronze: Nicholas Pearce (LV Nash)

Le Sueur Cup: 1. Nash 2. Clayton 3. Hill 4. Alston 5. Clarke 6. Thomson 7. Hodgson 8. Fleming

Rowing

Our St John's College rowers placed second in the Gauteng Championships hosted by St Andrew's School for Girls at Roodeplaats Dam from 4 to 6 November.

Friday saw the small boats (pairs and sculls) racing in tough conditions. We are proud of our rowers who finished strongly despite the break due to inclement

weather.

The larger boats (4s and 8s) featured on the second day with a phenomenal day of racing. Although the sun was shining, there was a strong crosswind which affected many of the races, but brilliant results were achieved despite this across all our age groups.

Sunday, the final day of

the champs, was a great way to end the first half of the rowing season with our young men achieving their best finish in a long time, claiming second place overall.

Our rowers reached finals in all age groups, including two gold, two silver and five bronze medals.



Our rowers did exceptionally well at the St Andrew's College Indoor Regatta in September. The U14s

dominated their event and claimed the first seven positions, with Shane Dalton (UIII Cullinan) winning gold.

In the U14 team relay, St John's won two gold and three bronze medals. The U15 St John's 1 relay team won bronze.

Many U16s are currently away at Wilderness School, but Willem Cronje (LV Clarke) claimed bronze in the individual event.

The U19s performed incredibly well, with Zain Newman (UIV Clarke) taking the individual gold medal and Duncan Spamer (LV Fleming) the individual silver.

The St John's 1 relay team comprising Zareef Akoodie (LV Clarke), Angus Clark (LV Thomson), Duncan Spamer (LV Fleming) and Zain Newman (UIV Clarke) broke six minutes on the way to winning the relay gold.

Tennis



The first team tennis placed 4th in the St Anne's Doubles Tournament at Hilton College in September.

James Hart played in two Tennis South Africa-sanctioned tournaments in Pretoria at the end of September, where he managed to make it to the finals of both singles events. He also qualified for the U16 Boys' Tennis South Africa Junior Masters, a prestigious invitation-only event.



The College First Tennis Team, including Zaydaan Ghoor (LIV Thomson), Aiden Barberini (LIV Fleming), Hein Gertenbach (LV Hodgson), Christian Nieuwoudt (UIV Thomson), Tapiwanashe Mutetwa (LIV Clayton) and Christopher Milton (UIV Hodgson), participated in the annual Sun City Inter-Schools Tennis tournament from 29 August until 2 September.

Our boys did exceptionally well, earning themselves hard-fought wins against Michaelhouse, Blouberg and St Alban's College, losing out to St David's Marist Inanda, Rondebosch Boys' High and St Benedict's College. Their all-round performance earned them a fifth-place finish at the tournament, a solid showing from our young team.

Water Polo



The Water Polo First Team participated in the 28th Saints Water Polo Invitational Tournament hosted by St Stithians College from 20 to 23 October.

The boys put in a valiant effort, returning with the bronze medal for their third-place finish in the tournament. Our boys dominated their group matches and progressed well into the knockout phase of the competition before narrowly losing out 7-9 to Hilton College in the semifinal. The third and fourth-place playoff match saw our lads up against the hosts, whom they managed to overcome, claiming a 6-4 win to clinch the third spot.

Caleb Van Loggerenberg (LV Clayton) and Nicholas Pearce (LV Nash) were named in

the tournament all-star team, which recognises the individual standout performances throughout the tournament.

Our Water Polo First Team also won the coveted SACS Water Polo Tournament which took place in Cape Town from 1 to 3 October.

In the short-period format, our team played 12 high-intensity games over the course of three days. They were undefeated in the group stages, with solid wins against Bishops and Clifton in the quarterfinal and semifinal, respectively.

This lined up a showdown against tournament hosts SACS in the final. SACS took control of the first half, leading 5-2 at the break. Our players fought back in the second period and, after taking the lead briefly, ended the

regulation time at 6 goals apiece. Extra time followed, with St John's taking a slender 7-6 lead at the halfway mark. Another swift counterattack gave our boys a commanding 8-6 lead going into the final moments of the game. A few frantic moments and a consolation goal to SACS were not enough to stop the Blues from taking the gold medal home with them.

This is the first time we have achieved this since 2009, and the sixth time since 2002.

Congratulations to Tigran Sennett (UV Hill), Matthew Pryce (UV Fleming), Jared Shapiro (UV Nash) and Luka Rajak (UV Nash) for making the Tournament Team and Luka Rajak for Goalie of the Tournament.



Our First Team Water Polo players won gold for the second consecutive year in the Clifton Water Polo Tournament with a 13-7 victory over Paul Roos. The tournament took place from 22

to 25 September.

The U15 Water Polo team travelled to Cape Town for the Wynberg Ian Melliar Cup Water Polo Tournament from 22 to 25 September.

The boys played their hearts out and won 6th place in the tournament out of 20 schools. 72 games were played in total over four days.

The following boys won Man of the Match for various games: Sam Gomes (Remove Thomson), Adam Hanslo (LIV Hill), Kamogelo Thobejane (LIV Nash), Michael van Heerden (LIV Fleming) and Nic Searle (LIV Hill).

In addition to this, the St John's team won the Keith Richardson Shield for the team with Exceptional Sportsmanship – Something I think that they should be very proud of!

Lastly, Nic Searle and Kamogelo Thobejane were chosen as part of the Tournament Team.

Victory Bell

In 2005, the College prefects introduced the College Victory Bell. The ringing of the Victory Bell is a prestigious acknowledgement and celebration of exceptional achievement by a St John's College team, encapsulating the victories of everyone.

As a St John's community, we share each other's victories on and off the field. Competitive victory is about striving together, as a team and as a community,

for success in every aspect of our lives with honour, integrity, and nobility as our ultimate victory.

The Victory Bell guidelines state that the bell is to be rung when a College First Team achieves victory at the highest level. For many teams, this would be at national, provincial or premier school-related tournaments. The bell is rung by the Captain of the team at the amphitheatre.

This term, the Victory Bell was rung by Captain Neo Machaba on behalf of the Chess A Team for their exceptional season, where they deservedly emerged as the overall victors of the Schools' Chess A League. The bell was also rung by Jared Shapiro and Alex de la Rey as co-captains of the First Water Polo Team in celebration of their victory at the Clifton Tournament.

Sports

Angling



Alessio Cimato (UIV Clayton) and Max Merritt (UIV Clayton) represented South Africa as part of the Junior South African Protea Bass Angling team competing at Lake Kyle in Zimbabwe from 9 to 11 December. South Africa, unfortunately, lost to our neighbouring Zimbabwe, but it was a great experience for our boys.

Cricket



Chris Ford (LV Hodgson) and Luke Francis (LV Nash) represented the Gauteng Lions U17s at the Inter-Provincial Tournament in Pretoria from 8 to 11 December, where they played five games and won all five. Luke was also appointed Vice-Captain of the team.

Fencing



Alexander Tafur (LV Fleming) competed in the 2022 Commonwealth Fencing Championships in London. His most notable results were finishing in the top 20 in the U20 Epee Individual event and finishing 5th with his teammates in the U20 Epee Team event.

Rugby



Our boys sporting their green and gold were unbeaten in the U18 International Series. Joel Leotlela (UV Nash), Joshua Boule (Head of Clayton) and the rest of the SA team can be commended on an outstanding performance as well as Mr Ktleho Lynch, who coached the side.



Grant Barnes (UIV Clarke) represented the Lions' U16 Rugby Club side in the IPT Tournament.



Malan du Plessis (LIV Alston) was selected for the U15 Lions IPT Tournament that took place from 1 to 8 October.

Ethan Greyling (UIV Clarke) was selected for the Titans Rugby Team currently touring in the UK.

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