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CLASS OF 2018

We wish our class of 2018 all the best for their final few weeks of examinations. Please view the St Mary's social media pages (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and the St Mary's app) to see our current matric marketing campaign. Results will be released at midnight on 2 January 2019 (00h00 on Thursday 3 January).

FROM THE HEAD'S DESK

Former United States president Barack Obama delivered a lecture in South Africa this year in honour of Nelson Mandela, which holds significant lessons for us as educators and parents. His speech often turned to the competing narratives of hope and fear. These narratives permeate our daily lives and we are bombarded by talk that seems to reject the concept of objective truth. To counter the noisy and muddled messages of the media and social media for our girls, it becomes even more important to pay attention to a foundational education built on strong and sound values and principles.

I believe that Barack Obama's words support our vision of education for the girls at St Mary's School.

"Let me tell you what I believe," he said. "I believe in a vision of equality and justice and freedom and multi-racial democracy, built on the premise that all

people are created equal, and they're endowed by our creator with certain inalienable rights. And I believe that a world governed by such principles is possible and that it can achieve more peace and more cooperation in pursuit of a common good. That's what I believe."

This message is echoed in our school's values of love, community and integrity, and it is a message of hope which we should emphasise for our children.

DEANNE KING
HEAD OF SCHOOL

NOTICE BOARD – PLEASE SEE PAGE 8 FOR ALL OUR
IMPORTANT NOTICES

FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD, NIGEL CARMAN

On Tuesday 13 November, the school hosted an end-of-year Board and staff function.

Nigel Carman, chairperson of the Board, presented the following speech:

"In case you haven't noticed, it's November already, though it seems like only yesterday that we were gathered for this occasion in November 2017. Time flies, and seems to be flying faster and faster every year.

We are living in increasingly hard and uncertain times. As ordinary decent South Africans we all struggle with the issues and challenges which present themselves on a daily basis. It is a difficult, though beautiful, country in which we all live and work. The school is not insulated from the stresses and strains of the outside world.

As teachers at St Mary's you have a duty to the girls in your care, a sacred trust. Speaking on behalf of the Board, we are filled with appreciation for the commitment and effort and skill that you bring and have brought through the year in discharging this duty. That you have chosen to join this endeavour fills us with confidence for the future.

From the Board point of view, I wish to report that Rob Dow and Azar Jammine have retired as of this evening. This marks perhaps the beginning of a new era in the life of the Board.

Rob Dow joined the Board in October 2002. In those days, he was a parent in the school and lived in Johannesburg. More recently, he moved to Cape Town but still made the effort to arrange his affairs so that he could be in Johannesburg for Board meetings. Rob brought a keen insight into and understanding of the financial affairs of the

school and the financial sustainability of the school. He was one of the moving spirits in the review which led to the establishment of the Foundation. His understanding of financing and cash flow encouraged the Board to take on the massive project that was The Edge.

Azar Jammine joined the Board in August 2003. He is the husband of an Old Girl, past parent and now grandparent. As an economist, Azar brought to the deliberations of the Board a keen foresight and an understanding of the economic conditions in which the school operates and in which its parents live and work. Azar reminded us from time to time that the size of the school and the number of pupils mattered, and that our ethos demanded a particular approach to budgets and the setting of fees. With Rob Dow, it was largely Azar's call that the timing for the construction of The Edge could not have been better.

On behalf of my colleagues on the Board and the whole St Mary's community, I pay tribute to the commitment and passion of both Rob and Azar for the school and its well-being over many years. The school is fortunate to have had the benefit of such dedicated service. They have been a pleasure to work with and I thank them.

Also this evening, the Board has made two new appointments: Ms Lebohang Chanza, who is not a parent but whose passion and experience is steeped in education, particularly with the Alexandra Education Committee; and Mrs Lara Bezuidenhout, a lawyer, a past parent and an about-to-be past parent. We will introduce them more fully in due course but I am confident that they will make their contributions to the affairs of the school and that the school will greatly benefit from their service.

It remains only for me to thank you for all that you have done in bringing us to the end of another successful year. We wish you a happy and restful holiday and look forward to seeing you again in 2019."



Rob Dow



Azar Jammine

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

¹ *I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

² *My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.*

³ *O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.*

⁴ *I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.*

⁵ *Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.*

⁶ *This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.*

⁷ *The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.*

⁸ *O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him*

– Psalm 34:1-8 (NRSV)

The words of the Psalmist remind us to give thanks to God: for specific instances that we can name, for how God has been present to us in other people, for God's love for us and for our relationship with God. At times, an awareness of God's presence and blessing, perhaps because of, but perhaps in spite of, our circumstances, may cause us to pause and, knowing God is listening, to say a simple "thanks".

REVD CLAUDIA COUSTAS
CHAPLAIN

SENIOR AND JUNIOR BEST SPEAKER'S COMPETITION



Emma, winner of the Senior Best Speaker's Competition



Hannah, runner-up of the Senior Best Speaker's Competition



Siphosethu, winner of the Junior Best Speaker's Competition



Ghita, runner-up of the Junior Best Speaker's Competition

The skills of creating an intelligent and meaningful speech, as well as providing an eloquent delivery, are mastered in the annual St Mary's Best Speaker's Competition. The competitions for both the junior and senior speakers were held in the latter part of October. Once again, the standard of speeches and delivery was exceptional which made the adjudicator's job of selecting a winner and a runner-up particularly challenging. The senior girls selected a meme to suggest a topic and they crafted the most original speeches which provided much entertainment and food for thought. The adjudicator, Mrs Fiona Kampmann, awarded Emma the 2018 Senior Best Speaker title, with Hannah taking the runner-up slot.

In the junior competition, the speakers selected a line from a nursery rhyme to suggest a topic. In true St Mary's style, all the speakers

produced speeches which provided the audience with intelligent thought, great maturity and a fair amount of humour. The adjudicator, Ms Felicia Tobias, was spoilt for choice, as the standard of this year's competition was exceptionally high. Siphosethu was the winner of the Junior Best Speaker's Competition, with Ghita chosen as the runner-up.

Congratulations to all the speakers who participated in the competition and provided their audience with a great night's entertainment and left them with many ideas over which to ponder.

JANET MILASINOVICH
TEACHER IN CHARGE OF PUBLIC SPEAKING

PROGRESS ON THE ASTROTURF AND MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD

We are excited to let you know that the resurfacing of the AstroTurf is almost complete and work is well underway on the multi-purpose field, which is due to be completed early in the new year.

Between the two fields, landscaping is happening to enhance and beautify this area. Part of this section will be paved.

The paved area under the trees will provide a much sought after relaxation area for the entire St Mary's community to enjoy on a day to day basis and to support basketball, athletics and hockey. We have met with the architect and contractors and are considering using laser-engraved bricks with the girls' names of those who have so generously donated towards this enhancement.

Should you still wish to contribute to this project, please contact Maryanne Lansdown via email at maryanne.lansdown@stmary.co.za

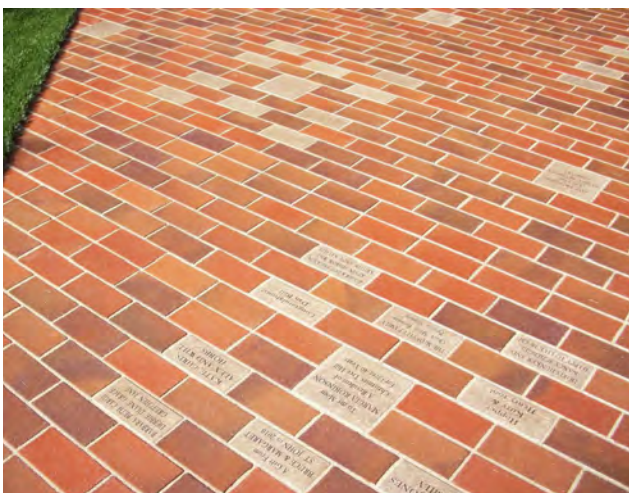
Thank you to those who have already so generously contributed to this project.



Resurfaced AstroTurf



Multi-purpose field



An example of what the laser-engraved bricks would look like



Roll-out of the AstroTurf carpet

FROM THE GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

GEOGRAPHY BAGS DESIGNED BY FORM II GIRLS



Kiara Towell



Holly McDonald



Lara Stipinovich



Emma Gray



Caitlin Bloom



Lami'ah Nosarka

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to the following girls who passed their music examinations recently:

ABRSM PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS

Lynne	Flute	4	Pass
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TRINITY COLLEGE PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS

Hannah	Trumpet	5	Pass
Siphosethu	Drum Kit	4	Distinction

Marang	Recorder	2	Pass
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Maximum	100
Pass	60
Merit	75
Distinction	87

<https://www.trinitycollege.com/>

DUDLEY TROLLOPE
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT



SQUASH



The St Mary's 1st team in Cape Town

Over half term, the St Mary's 1st team participated in the 12th annual Stayers Squash Festival hosted by Wynberg Boys' High School.

Eighteen squash teams from around the country attended the festival. This provided a great opportunity to play high-quality opposition while in the fantastic setting of the mother city, Cape Town.

The busy weekend was filled with five fixtures over three days, with some sightseeing in-between. St Mary's was met with stiff opposition, including

girls' teams from Epworth, Herschel and a strong invitational team, Suikerbossie, and two boys' teams from SACS and Michaelhouse.

Much experience was gained throughout the weekend, especially for the younger members of the team, which will prove to be invaluable in the squash season to come.

GARY NAIDOO
SQUASH COACH

ROWING



Ice bath time



Happy rowers



Quad getting on the water



Picking up blades



New U14 rowers



Racing

The Gauteng Junior Rowing Championships took place from Friday 2 November to Sunday 4 November. Though many schools were writing examinations, the turnout was phenomenal.

The Friday began with stellar performances from the senior rowers in the sculls and pair sweep races. By the end of day one, we had five pair sweep boats and five scull boats in the finals. By Saturday, St Mary's was ahead of all competing girls' schools.

The racing was explosive and extremely entertaining when our girls pushed ahead of the competition with an aggressive "go for home" attitude during that last stretch of water.

Sunday, the last day of Gauteng Champs, arrived bringing with it a different sense of nervousness at hearing the long-awaited results at

prizegiving. The Spirit Squad and other supporters arrived in St Mary's colours, ready to shout with us on the banks. The support was palpable in the air as the entire club clapped off the first quad and cheered for them as they got off the water from a successful race in the finals – receiving a silver medal.

St Mary's placed second overall, 14 points behind St Andrew's. Despite not winning that top place, we remember that rowing has more aspects to it than winning. In the other aspects of the beloved sport, I think we more than won – in spirit, in pride, but most importantly, in the coming together of different people united by one love, in one club.

TARUMBIDZWA
FORM III

PTA CLUB 100 WINNERS

Term I 2019 winners


100 %	Jayden	Grade 4	R35 600
20%	Caelen	Grade 3	R6 300
10%	Caitlin	Form III	R4 840

NOTICES

What are our girls reading at school?
How can curriculum help shape thinking that embraces diversity?

A talk by HoD of English,
Felicia Tobias:
Decolonizing texts and bringing
different narratives to the centre

Join us for a
HOPE coffee morning
on Wednesday 21 November
at 07h30 - 08h30
in Felicia's classroom:
G01 at The Edge



*If you don't like
someone's story, write
your own.*
Chinua Achebe

HOPE - Hearing Other People's Experiences
A sub-committee of the PTA, encouraging parent conversations around diversity
hope@stmarys.co.za



25th
Anniversary
ROWING CLUB
Est. 1993

Please join us as we mark the St Mary's rowing club's 25th anniversary surrounded by those who have shaped our journey, past and present.

Date: 1 December
Venue: Gate 2 JHB Expo Centre
Cnr Nasrec and Ormonde Roads
Ormonde
Time: 18h30 for 19h00
Dress: Black tie

Tickets cost R750 per person and are available at Quicket: (please click here to book). A cash bar will also be available.

Should you be unable to attend, please complete the following form to assist us with the RSVP process: (please click here)

It wouldn't be a rowing function without an auction, so come armed with a generous spirit and your dancing shoes - as you know we like to party!

We look forward to celebrating with you!



CHESTS UP. HEARTS OPEN.

"TREMENDOUSLY MOVING." - New York Daily News
"LUCIDLY IMPASSIONED." - Variety
"AWE-INSPIRING." - NY Cool



→ PRAY ←
THE DEVIL
BACK
TO HELL

You are invited to a fundraising event for **Molo Mhlaba School for Girls**, Khayelitsha:

Pray the Devil Back to Hell film public screening

Pray the Devil Back to Hell is the "untold story of everyday women in Liberia who brought a warring nation to its senses, armed only with the courage of their convictions".

All proceeds will go towards Molo Mhlaba, a low-fee private school for girls which is addressing the need for quality education in poor communities.


Date: Wednesday 28 November
Time: 17h30 for 18h00 to 20h00
Venue: The Edge, St Mary's School Waverley
Tickets: R100 available on Quicket ([click here](#))

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Carol Service

St Mary's School
The Edge
Monday 3 December
18h00

Complimentary tickets can be booked on Quicket from Monday 12 November

IF YOU HAVE ANY SECONDHAND SCHOOL UNIFORMS, WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE, PLEASE DROP THEM OFF IN THE SENIOR SCHOOL RECEPTION AREA. WE THANK YOU KINDLY IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.