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20th September 2017

SENIOR SCHOOL

Dear Parents



It has been far easier to wake up early to get to school since the sun has begun rising earlier, the warmth of Spring has finally arrived, and the beautiful scents of flowers can be detected at every corner.

family and friends, and eat as much as you want at the many food stalls. Bring all your family and friends.

While we celebrate the joys of a new season, please spare a thought for Ms Shange, our beloved isiZulu teacher, who needs your prayers as she undergoes Chemotherapy for lung and thyroid cancer.

ACADEMICS

1. July examination reports will be issued to Gr 8s and 11s on Monday 18th September, to Gr 9s on **Wednesday 20th at the Gr 9 Subject Choice evening**, and to Gr 10s when they return from their Outward Bound camp on Friday 22nd.
2. Matric matters:
 - Learners are progressing well with their Preliminary Examinations.
 - Matric Preliminary exams end on 27th September.
 - There can no longer be any Portfolio work or One Research Task work outstanding as these files are being sent off for moderation by the IEB.
 - **Compulsory Matric lessons** take place from 28th September until 12th October (normal school hours) when vital Final Exam information will be covered. **No Matric learner may miss these classes.**
 - An English lesson will be held at 5.30pm – 7:30pm on 4th October

Spring fever will be celebrated at our annual **Food and Fun Fair** that will be held on **30th September** at the Senior Campus. Please support this fund-raiser and enjoy being outdoors, revel in the company of

- The Valedictory Dinner will be held on 12th October followed by the Valedictory Mass on the morning of the 13th October.
- Matrics will be on study leave from 16th October until Final Examinations start.
- Matrics who are involved with the Sports Awards at the Sports Dinner are expected to attend on the 26th October.
- Testimonials will be issued at the end of the Final Examination session.
- As per circular 105/2017, the IEB policy is that Matrics who miss Final Exams due to illness (or trauma), must apply to write Supplementary exams.

If the application is granted, they will write in January but that will affect their university applications and they will not matriculate in 2017:

“If any component of any subject is incomplete, they will not receive a result at the end of the year. It is thus in the best interest of learners to write all the examinations”.

- Final Matric examination marks count 75% of the year mark.
 - Results for the Final Examinations will be released at midnight on 2nd January 2018 on <http://www.ieb.co.za> and at the school.
3. Gr 11 learners are reminded that their final year marks will be used by universities for application for tertiary study in 2019. The final examination counts 60% of the year mark so Gr 11s are advised to consider this in their planning.
 4. Subject specialists from the IEB have been booked for workshops at the school as part of ongoing staff development and training.
 5. The Gr 11 Business Studies learners will tour the SABC on 19th September.
 6. A Science expert will visit us during an assembly in October to present a demonstration which will comprise a myriad experiments.
 7. Veritas College is affiliated with the American University, Providence College (a Catholic and Dominican University in Boston, USA). Representatives visited recently to donate volleyball jerseys for our female volleyball team and opened up

channels of communication for our students to pursue further education and training at their institution. Veritas College has the honour of now being officially affiliated with Providence College both academically and through charity initiatives, namely the St. Martin de Porres Development Project run by Brother Dominic in Vischkuil.

8. The Dale Carnegie graduation function proved once again that the course is an invaluable aid in the further development of our learners. Photographs appear on the Communicator.
9. We wish teachers who are studying, good luck with their upcoming exams.

SPORT

1. Athletics

The 2017 Athletics season started off with a bang following numerous records being broken during the Inter-House Athletics. These records have been standing since 2013, so this is a huge boost for us in the Inter-Catholic Athletics meet coming up.

The other schools should watch out for Veritas’ “dashing stars” such as Sizwe Nkosi (U/15) who is an outstanding sprinter and Siyanda Nkosi (U/14), equally excellent sprinter especially in the 200 metres. Claudia Katsapas added some “Girl Power” to the 800 metres. Milena Pellizzon is a rising star who proved her worth when she broke the 1500m Junior Girls’ Record – and she is only in Gr 8! The Athletics Captain, Sive Twala, has got some unfinished business in the Inter-Catholic meet and is preparing hard to make his name, and Kgosi Modiga is a rising star and is one of the most talented athletes produced by Veritas to date.

Our Captains, Sive Twala and Daniela Venturi, have never been this enthusiastic about the up-coming Inter-Catholic event. They are more than ready to lead the Athletics team and making it a very successful sport in this school.

Article written by - Sive Twala

2. Tennis

Tennis practices are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays for anyone who wants to play or can play tennis. The senior players are very eager to help the juniors improve their skills and aid them to become aspiring tennis players. The tennis players were looking forward to competing in the Inter-CBC Cricket and Tennis Tournament but the hosting Welkom school was unable to host it so the event was cancelled. We will return next year with an eager team and will continue to make our school proud.

Article written by - Nikola Babic

3. Soccer Girls

It all began with various challenges that at first seemed somewhat catastrophic. But all was sorted out and the passion from all the girls of different grades (who became a family) made the job of Girls' Soccer captain easy and fuelled the drive to build female sports at the College even more than before. We were blessed with our key to success, Coach Brittani Nxangani or Madam Coach, that led us to a creation of a standard so high that opposing schools were left trembling at the sound of our arrival. Everything culminated in success with the intense practices which included fitness, skill development and the formation of a team that had never played together. Girls who had never dreamed of being able to touch a ball fell in love; from foot to head to ball we were one and raised a brand of defence, a bond of mid-fielders and a flash of strikers that became undefeated.

This was indeed a season to remember, with its laughs, tears, wins, losses and dances. We set a standard that seemed impossible to attain. I am proud of my great team's potential and quality; I believe it can only get better from here. Good luck to the next "Barcq" team! Thank you to the girls for their commitment and outstanding talent, the Sports Department for being our backbone, and our coach Brittani for giving up her time and being the very reason our team was a success.

Article written by –Asante Sithole

4. Rugby 7s

And so another season has come to an end for our undefeated rugby boys. This is the third consecutive year that our rugby boys have brought home the gold. Coached by Mr B.A Carr, a leader and gentleman in the sport, he led our boys to an undefeated 2017 year. Spirit was our greatest strength and we play for the love of the sport. Veritas College rugby boys have proven their mettle and will continue to do so through the ethos, moral values and sense of family within the school.

Article written by - Charl Stander

5. Chess

In March, four players were elected to represent the Veritas A-side at the CBC tournament held in Pretoria. All of the hard work payed off when they placed third out of eight schools and the Captain of the team, Michael Venter, was selected for the South-African CBC Chess Team. The chess players have also attended several open tournaments and we hope that with all of the hard work and dedication the players have shown, a trophy may come home after the Inter-Catholic Chess Tournament coming up soon

Article written by - Michael Venter

6. Swimming

The swimming season started with its fair share of challenges: from encouraging unenthusiastic students to discovering their talent for swimming, to solving crises of missing swimming caps and goggles right before the races we swum, this was definitely an eventful season! It was encouraging to see so many of our learners participating in our annual Inter-House Gala which was held at the newly-revamped Selection Park swimming Pool. New times were set at this 25 meter pool and it was Dominic that won this enjoyable event.

A splash of galas followed with some excellent results coming from the newbies in Grade 8. Midmar, as usual, was well attended. This event is always a wonderful stress-reliever as we leave school work behind and go away for a long weekend with other enthusiastic swimmers, which is most enjoyable. We were grateful that Veritas afforded us the opportunity to participate at the CBC Gala in Welkom this year. This involved spending a total of 6 hours on a stuffy bus and then a day full of swimming. Many of us came home absolutely exhausted; however, with the Veritas College flag waving proudly and new friends been made, we were all satisfied.

The swimming season culminated in the ever exciting Inter-High held at Boksburg Indoor Aquatics Centre. Records were broken and personal best times were swum. We now look forward to the 2018 season with enthusiasm and dedication. Swimming Captains, Fabio and Jemma Pellizzon

Article written by-Fabio Pellizzon

PERFORMING ARTS

1. ENVIRO QUIZ:

The 2017 Enviro Quiz team competed at the Annual National Enviro Quiz competition on Friday 4 August at the University of KwaZulu Natal in Pietermaritzburg. Although the competition was tough given that most of the questions were KZN based, our two teams ended 8th and 9th out of the 16 teams that were competing. We are very proud of this team for representing Veritas so well at this high level: Emily Taylor, Saurav Bantha, Rogan Uys, Milena Pellizzon, Lindiwe Mabanga, Atang Makgata, Kian Crafford and Dhasvir Sewnandan.

2. Leonah Marewangepo and Gemma Rees are celebrating their excellent achievements in *The Star* Design-An-Ad competition. Both were finalists and recently Gemma was informed that she had been placed **first in her category.**

She received a number of lovely prizes: a trophy, sweets and stationery. We are very proud of both Gemma and Leonah.

3. ONE-ACT PLAYS

4. We are looking forward to our 2017 Inter-House One-Act Plays that will take place on Thursday, 5th October. Our Grade 11 Directors at the moment are in full-swing with their casts rehearsing, perfecting lines and adding a little bit of performance magic.

Our Directors are:

Dominic: Zinhle Mnguni and Diane Bada

Catherine: Vuvu Thethe and Thina Gwele

Edmund: Haneef Mohamed and Keeyara Ayer

The evening will start at 19h00 and should end at 21h15. Tickets costing R20 will be available closer to the time from the office or in the Foyer of the Hall on the evening. A tuckshop will be available too. **Please note that this is a compulsory event for all Grades 8 and 9.**



It is most encouraging to note how many examples there are of learners who hand in money and other valuables when they find it lying on the ground, rather than keeping it for themselves. We continue to encourage the use of the Integrity Book Station where we have stocked up on 5 new copies of Trevor Noahs' latest autobiography. The money paid for the loan of the books remains unmonitored and has remained in the tin for the most part.

RE, ERS and OUTREACH

1. We celebrated the birthday of Mary at a Mass in the church.
2. We have received a letter of thanks from Vita Nova for our work there and for our learners' compassion and the schools ethos.
3. The Gr 9 Theology of the Body course has been a great success. Learners thoroughly enjoyed the three day course which was informative and interactive and which has provided moral guidance for our youngb people.
4. While Veritas College is a school which is focused on producing excellence in academics, we also recognize that the world requires a shift in its thinking for the good of humanity and for humankind to live in a flourishing environment. Academics matter, but our learners must develop holistically as well, as is illustrated in this poster:

**MRS T A HOLLAND
HEAD: SENIOR SCHOOL**

**MR D CONNORS
PRINCIPAL**



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FOOD & FUN FAIR

Saturday 30 September 2017

10:00 – 16:00

Senior School, Nestor Road, Pollak Park



MINI SOCCER FIELD

Live Entertainment!

BOOKSTALL



Auction



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Food & Fun for the Whole Family!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIRD TERM 2017

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 5 September	Term 3 Commences
Thursday 7 September	Mass - Birthday of Mary at 07:45 at the Church
Thursday 7 September	Dale Carnegie Final 17:00-19:00
Friday 8 September	Open Day 09:00 - 12:00
Saturday 9 September	Spring Retreat - St Augustine College
Tuesday 12 September	Catholic Choir Festival
Wednesday 13 September - Friday 15 September	Gr 9 Theology of the Body
Friday 15 September	Transparent Open Day 09:00 -10:00
Saturday 16 September	8 A-side Cricket (Prep)
Sunday 17 September	6 A-side Cricket (College)
Monday 18 September - Friday 22 September	Gr 10 Outward Bound Camp
Friday 22 September	Transparent Open Day 09:00 - 10:00
Thursday 28 September	Colours & Awards Assembly for Academic Top 10 & 10% Improvement
Thursday 28 September	Tour De Maths St Dominic's School
Thursday 28 September	Compulsory Maths for Gr 9 14h20 to 15h30
Friday 29 September	Heritage Day Assembly
Saturday 30 September	Food & Fun Fair
Wednesday 4 October	Science Expert Lecture
Thursday 5 October	Gr 12 English Final Oral Moderation at 12:30
Friday 6 October	2017 One Act Plays
Friday 6 October	Gr 12 Hospitality Moderation: Practical Evening
Friday 6 October	Transparent Open Day 09:00 - 10:00
Wednesday 11 October	Gr 12 Afrikaans Oral Moderation
Thursday 12 October	Valedictory Dinner
Friday 13 October	Valedictory Mass
Friday 13 October	Gr 10 Social
Wednesday 18 October - Saturday 21 October	Leadership Camp at St Patrick's Kimberley
Thursday 19 October	Afrikaans and Zulu Day
Thursday 19 October	School closes at 12:00 for Mid-term break
Tuesday 24 October	School re-opens after mid-term
Wednesday 25 October	Awards Assembly Sport, Performing Arts, Service
Thursday 26 October	Sports Dinner
Thursday 26 October	Tour De Maths St Peter's
Wednesday 1 November	All Souls & Exam Mass at the Church
Thursday 2 November - Friday 24 November	Gr 8 - Gr 11 Exams
Thursday 9 November	PTSA meeting at 18:00 (tentative date)
Friday 10 November	Gr 8 Theatre Outing - English Department
Monday 13 November	Gr 8 Study Day
Tuesday 14 November	Gr 8 English Transact Writing based on Theatre Outing
Monday 20 November - Tuesday 21 November	Fiona Kampmann - English Workshop Teacher Professional Development
Wednesday 6 December	Gr 8 - Gr 11 Reports Issued