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Grade 11 RE Retreat

The Grade 11 retreat to me was a much-needed self-introspection while at the same time getting closer to God. The atmosphere was rejuvenating in the sense that we left St Benedict's that morning and left Parnasseus spiritually cleansed. I personally enjoyed the group discussions as they gave me a different perspective to see how each talk impacted the people around me.

The retreat allowed me to relax and take my mind off of school especially with the mid-year exams coming up. What I took away from the retreat was how the various relationships you have with people could later impact you later in life. It helped me to change my thinking which will allow me to think before speaking.

- Denzel Obidike



“Find new ways to spread the word of God to every corner of the world.”

Pope Francis





Bishop Grandin Championship

The Bishop Grandin Championships have started in the Boarding House as we try and find who the best players are. The boys and staff are competing in three events, Pool, table tennis and foosball (mini soccer). They are playing in a round-robin format, with each win being worth three points. The top four players will compete in the semi-finals on Tuesday 12 August and the finals on Thursday 14 August 2022.

Current Top 3 are as follows:

Table Tennies:

- Thando Tembe (15 pt)
- Mr Vas (12 pt)
- Luka Hayworth (6 pt)

Foosball:

- Nkosi Beda (15 pt)
- Sizwe Zulu (15 pt)
- Mr Vas (12 pt)

Pool:

- Mr Fredricks (18 pt)
- Mr Mathye (9 pt)
- Katleho Makofane (6 pt)



Family Points:

IBUTHO ARMY - 40 points

OHANA - 70 points

GOLDEN WOLVES - 100 points

ARK - 70 points





Boarding House Sport

Representing Eastern Gauteng u18A in Stellenbosch was an absolute honour with memories that I'll never forget.

Easterns had a reputation of being a walkover, our side was tasked with the responsibility of being the change. We indeed were the change as our results were as follows, 4W, 2D, 1L.

Narrowly missing out on the semi-finals there were a lot of positives to take out of the tour. Team morale was always high, there were stellar performances by fellow Bennies boys and our side marked the change in Easterns Hockey.

I will always be grateful to Bennies and the Hostel for providing me with the facilities, motivation and coaching to achieve my spitting dreams. Without the support of my brothers in boarding, none of this would've been possible.

- Asanda Ngoma (Grade 11)



“The key is not the will to win... everybody has that. It is the will to prepare to win that is important.”

Bobby Knight





Matric Dance

They asked me to write a cosy article about the Matric Dance that took place on the 24th. The night started quite slow with the drive-ins because you understand as Bennies Boys we need to make an entrance. From the moment the men stepped out, you could tell they came to impress. Suits were suiting, cars were caring and dates were dating. Big up to the mandem, all of your dates showed up and showed off. The venue was spectacular, and the decor and the placement of everything were sublime, MDC did a madness on that one for real. We were then addressed by our President; Thando Tshabalala who gave us one of his better speeches, put that on Mr Pillay's head and later opened up the dance floor with his beautiful date where after their amazing dance, a flash mob appeared with the BH's finest; Chayemba Malinga, Katleho Selialia, Mpho Mohau, Vuyo Khoza and Vuyo Angura taking the stage to really show their moves with the assistance of Malume Snyman. After the flash mob, the DJ spun the decks and we got lit. Shoutout to the DJ for real, hire him for the next motive, he did an amazing job. The music was jumping in so much that people stopped caring about their expensive suits and just wanted to have fun and let loose. We even got blessed with a guest appearance from Mr Mabitsela doing the young Curry Sway.

- Lesang Mocumi

“Here’s to the nights we don’t remember and the friends we won’t forget.”





Bishop Grandin Old Boys

I am Takura Nyamasoka "Beast" from Zimbabwe. My first home was the Bishop Grandin House led by Mr Craig at the time. I could not have asked for a better house and a housemaster who led the house adequately and thoroughly supported me. The respect and brotherhood were amazing, it was a home away from home with structure made for the boys to have fun, take responsibility for building a better man and most importantly groom boys to become men with dignity, successful career path and ethical awareness of their surrounding. The Boarding house builds a comradery of making better people with the main aim of building each other which results in success in the sporting field, academics and Christianity.

I totally miss the prayer evenings before going to bed, Wednesday and Sunday Mass, which was there to give us a guideline on Christianity there's always a higher power who is the Lord Jesus Christ. It was amazing to see the number of boys volunteering to share a fellowship, it definitely moulded me to put God first and take a knee before games, exams, and general life and pass it on to the younger Bennies boys. I am a Grandin and will always be a Grandin it made me who I am and shaped my decisions and way of life for a period which will last me longer than I was there for. God Bless You all.

- Takura Nyamasoka (Class of 2016)



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