

THE GRANDEST

Official Newsletter of the Bishop Grandin Boarding House



Bishop Grandin Old Boys

I am currently studying Bcom at UJ. Studying at university is challenging but good. My message to the current Bishop Grandin student is to connect themselves with people and form good relationships.
-Thulani Ngobe (Class of 2020, 1st team rugby and 1st team soccer player)



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Religion in the Boarding House

As a Catholic school, we are extremely proud to dedicate the Month of October to the Holy Rosary. We take pride in our faith and belief in the Boarding House as we pray together as a family every night. A number of the Boarders lead the school in prayer on a Monday evening at 17:15 when we pray the Holy Rosary together. We invite the St Benedict's family to join us every week.

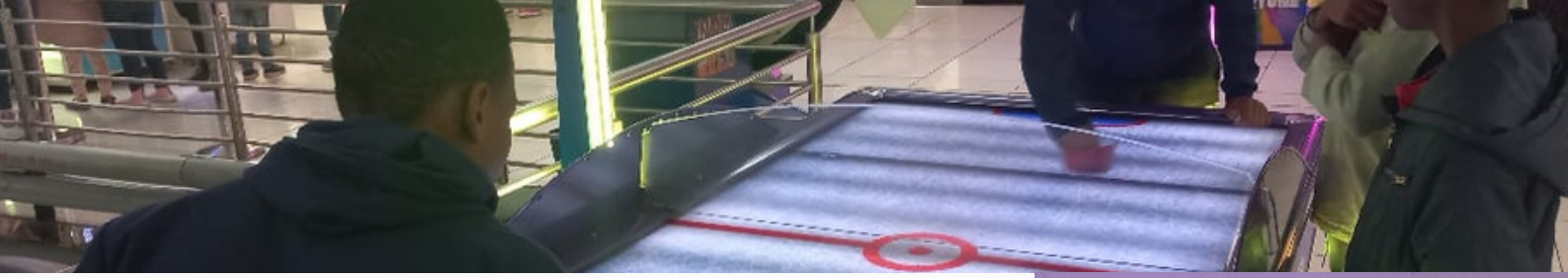
The Rosary is a Christian devotion which uses a sequence of prayer and meditation. Praying the rosary unites vocal and mental prayer in meditation on the central mysteries of the Christian faith – significant events from the life of Christ such as the Nativity, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. The beads are used to “count” prayers.

The conscious mind is engaged in constantly repeating the words of set prayers, but this is more than just praying by rote, because at the same time you also enter an inner silence, wherein you contemplate Christ and his love for us in the mystery at hand.

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

Pope Francis





Bishop Grandin Outings

Every half term the Boarding House tries to go on an outing. Towards the end of term two, we went to an arcade and played ten-pin bowling! This saw a number of boys their natural talent while others were friendly with the gutter. The seniors decided to take on the junior boys, it was the perfect tale of the youth showing their flair with early strikes and an early lead but “there is no substitute for experience” as the seniors showed their consistency to win overall. None more so than the most senior Mr Fredricks who won the singles competition.

- 1st- Mr Fredricks 132 points
- 2nd - Jessie Monaheng 118 points
- 3rd Nkosi Beda- 108 points
- 4th- Michael Mundove 79 points

Thank you to Mr Fredricks for accompanying the boys. You really are a man who leads by example with your hard work, playing hard and having natural respect for others. We are truly blessed to have you here in the Boarding House.





Boarding House Sport

The provincial 7s rugby for boys U17 was held at Monument High, Krugersdorp. Four boys from St Benedicts, Sabelo, Ntelezi, Jesse, and Raymond, were selected to represent the Lions Barbarians 7s team. Eight schools within Gauteng represented this team. What made this team more remarkable was that our very own head of rugby at Bennies, Mr Andrew Barnes, was one of two coaches of this team and Mr Fredericks was the conditioning coach for this prestigious tournament.

The boys built great friendships at the festival with their new teammates and players from other teams across the country. It showed our boys that they need to play more 7s festivals to measure themselves against some of the best school boys in the country.

We played tough teams but that will help our boys in the future. We encourage more boys from Bishop Grandin House to play sports because you never know when your time will come to represent your school or province.

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

Bobby Knight





Bishop Grandin Leaders

The leaders of 2023 have been announced and Bishop Grandin House is extremely proud to announce our boys who will be leading the Boarding House in 2023:

Managing a group of 60-odd teenage boys will always be a challenge, no matter how great your leadership skills may be. However, I always welcome a challenge. Steering this ship, with the help of my fellow leaders should prove to be an exciting adventure.

-Sabelo Shangase (Head of Boarding)

I feel honoured to be leading Bishop Grandin House as it has been my home for the past four years. With the help of Beda, Sabelo and the whole grade we hope to leave an imprint on the house to make it a better environment than we came into.

-Michael Mundove (Deputy Head of Boarding)

I am keen on going through this leadership journey in the Bishop Grandin House alongside Sabelo and Michael and the rest of the grade 11 lads. Next year will be a great year indeed.

-Nkosinathi Beda (Leader)

"Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others."

Jack Welch





Family Week

Bishop Grandin House participated in our annual family week where we competed against three other families in various activities all in one week. Our main goal is to have healthy and positive competition between the brothers in the Boarding House.

The majority of the events we play are played under floodlights after the rest of the school has left the premises. We played soccer, touch rugby, and basketball and had a scavenger hunt as well. On Friday we played all the Boarding House games and had a cook-off with our fantastic kitchen staff as our judges.

Well done to the four captains, Katleho Selilia, Tatenda Chara, Tanaka Atanasi, James Schurr and Mandisi Ndlovu. The results of the week will be shared at the Bishop Grandin Christmas Dinner. Here are a few pictures from the week:





"There is no doubt that it is around the family and the home that all the greatest virtues... are created, strengthened and maintained."

Winston Churchill

