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Boarding House Renovations

The boarding house rooms were renovated over the course of the August holidays and it's fair to say that from the grade 9 body and myself we are extremely joyous judging by the beamed faces of my peers. The new desks allow a spacious studying environment for us to improve and achieve our personalised academic goals with the motivation given by Mpho Mohau (head of boarding 2022) stating that "There is no room for mediocrity". Our new comforted bunk beds which are specially designed to have a desk underneath do assist with having a more spacious room allowing us to move around more swiftly than before. A special vote of thanks goes to Mr Oosthuysen, Mr Jeffrey and whomever that assisted in the making of these renovations. The boarding house is now truly what we would call a "Home away from home"

Thato Ntshangase (grade 9)

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Praying for the Ones Lost

November, the month traditionally dedicated to praying intentionally for the dead. This presents us with the opportunity to reflect on a beautiful Catholic teaching, the teaching on Purgatory, which is really the mercy of God in action. If there was no such thing as purgatory, there would be only two options for us after death: heaven and hell. And if you have to be perfect to enter the presence of God, we would all be in trouble! Thank God we have the possibility of Purgatory.

This year we pray for the staff and boys we have lost from the Boarding House.

Coach

Ephraim Mohlakane

Gary Davies

Vhulenda "V" Dlamini

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

"Your loved ones in Heaven cannot wait for you to share in their joy."

ST. CYPRIAN



Bishop Grandin Sports



The Kearsney tournament was an outstanding event where young players were able to showcase the talent that we have at Saint Benedict College for the entire country to see. Donnell was able to display a lot of the characteristics that make a Bishop Gradin boy. Watching his growth throughout the tournament was fascinating. He began the tournament in a very timid way. He was quite afraid of the obstacle in-front of him and the pressure of being in the second team. He tried his best to allow others to shine instead of him taking responsibility but ultimately he started to step up to the task at hand. He began to shine on day two after we lost to Michealhouse in a one point game on day 1. He started to unshackle himself and started to display all the characteristics that we as a staff love to instill in the boys. He started to show courage, determination and selflessness that infected the team.



Prior to the tournament Donnell wasn't even discussed in the first team set up but as the tournament progressed he became a star. His abilities on defence began to shine through and he became a leader amongst a group of boys. This group has been selected to develop over the next 2 to 3 years to guide us to future success in the tournament. By the last day, we were able to make a semi-final due to the joint efforts of the boys and staff working hard throughout the tournament. Ultimately we came fourth but the goal was to just qualify out of the group. We had over achieved in our directives. This is mainly due to the fact that the boys gave 100% during this tournament and showed immense courage and determination against overwhelming odds.



Boarding House Old Boy

It still blows my mind to think that It's already been 4 years since I left Bishop Grandin. What I not only used to call home back then but still call home now. Currently finishing up my Investment Degree at TUKS, finally, and soon to be entering the workforce, which is quite a crazy thought. It feels like just the other day I was right there in the Rec room, beating everyone at Table tennis and at pool.

4 years down the line and the boys and I still to this date often reminisce about our time growing up in the hostel. Life was good. The amount of laughs and good times is something I'll never forget, playing touch rugby every day after roll call, Tuesday and Thursday BP Hot Chip trips and everything in between truly played such a massive role in the man I've become today. Even the countless Early Morning Rising punishments we served as a house is crucial to the amazing memories I have of my home. It was moments like these that forged together the brotherhood of the grandin boys and although after matric a lot of us have not stayed in touch, these are the men I grew up with, and will always consider my brothers.

I only have one message for the boys, enjoy it. Make the most of it. You only experience high school once and the hostel is the perfect place to thrive, believe me. Living on campus makes life so much easier, make use of all the facilities you want to, enjoy being fed and never having to make your own meals and ofcourse have a great time with your mates. Bishop Grandin House is an experience I wish every Bennies boy could experience.

Liam Hayward (Head of Boarding 2018)

“High school is about finding who you are, because that’s more important than trying to be someone else.”

Nick Jonas

