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### SABELO SHANGASE HEAD OF BOARDING



I've been in the boarding house for the past 4 years and can confidently say that the renovations made in the boarding house have breathed new life into this hostel. The culture is beginning to change and the boys are slowly starting to show their colours as true **Bishop Grandin Boys. The** comradery amongst boarders exemplifies the sense of family that we have been trying to build for the past 2 years. As this year goes on, we will strive to be the shining lights of the college. Trailblazers. Leaders.

Sabelo Shangase Head of Boarding 1st team rugby captain.

## **BGH ACADEMICS**

#### **Academics**

At the beginning of 2022 Mpho Mohou, the Head of Boarding challenged every Boarder to achieve a minimum average of 60%. The Boarders accepted this challenge by increasing the study time needed to achieve this target and fulfill our motto, "There is no room for mediocrity". Mpho led by example as he achieved his full colours for academics through the year and finished four distinctions in his final exams. Well done Mpho!

Your goal for 2022 nearly came true as every grade within the Boarding House achieved an average of over 60%:

Grade 8 (2022)- 61% Grade 9 (2022)- 60% Grade 10 (2022)- 64% Grade 11 (2022)- 68%

There is clearly a lot of work to be done within the house but the groundwork has been set and results will come.

Mpho's successor Sabelo Shangase continues this legacy of academic excellence within the Boarding House as he has achieved an average of 88% with 7 distinctions.

A special congratulations to matric students of 2022 from the Boarding House who achieved amazing results last year. Eighteen matric Boarders wrote their finals with each boy passing their final exams while achieving an average of 68% between all 18 boys. Our top achievers were:

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## **ACADEMICS 2022 MATRICS**



THANDO TSHABALALA

- **HEADBOY OF 2022**
- 4 DISTINCTIONS
- 82,86% AVERAGE



#### MPHO MOHAU

- HEAD OF BOARDING 2022
- 4 DISTINCTIONS
- 77,14% AVERAGE

## **ACADMECICS 2022 MATRICS**



#### **ETHAN ROMBURGH**

- HEAD OF MAGAZINE 2022
- 4 DISTINCTIONS
- 83,14% AVERAGE



#### CHAYEMBA MALINGA

- DEPUTY HEAD OF BH 2022
- 5 DISTINCTIONS
- 82,43% AVERAGE



#### **VUYO ANGURA**

- HEAD OF ACADEMICS 2022
- 5 DISTINCTIONS
- 85,29% AVERAGE

## **FAMILY WEEK RESULTS**



IBUTHO ARMY • 1ST PLACE • 22 POINTS



GOLDEN WOLVES • 2ND PLACE • 14 POINTS





ARK AND OHANA • TIED 3RD PLACE • 12 POINTS

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## **FAMILY WEEK RESULTS**

### **Basketball**

- 1. Ohana
- 2. Army
- 3. Wolves
- 4. Ark

### <u>Rugby</u>

- 1. Ibutho 2. Wolves
- 3. Ark
- 4. Ohana

### **Football**

- 1. Ibutho
- 2. Ark
- **3. Wolves**
- 4. Ohana

### <u>Results</u> Ohana 12 Ibutho 22 Wolves 14 Ark 12

## New boy experience- Amukelani Madungandaba

Being a new boy at any school would be a daunting experience for many, but it's safe to say I haven't felt any of these emotions these past few weeks. The Bishop Grandin house has really become a home away from home for me and I wouldn't be happier in any other place. The spirit, culture and family-like love you feel as you walk into the corridors is not one that could be replicated at any other place. From the fun family sports to studying with other peers, you're put into an environment where you can truly strive for greatness especially with a saying like "No room for mediocrity".

If you have even a single thought of joining Bishop Grandin you wouldn't regret choosing to do so. As someone who has been here for such a short time I can assure you that you'll have people waiting to accept you into our family and many opportunities you would struggle to find anywhere else. It was a choice that was life changing for me and one that will be breath-taking for you. "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."

Malcom X



# **CHAPLAINS CHAT**

#### **The Lent Period**

The season of Lent teaches us many valuable lessons about life. It reminds us that life is not limited only to what can be conceived by the senses. The things that we see, hear, smell, touch, and taste, are real components of life, and they add value in the quality of life as it is lived on a daily basis.

However, one of the important lessons we learn from the season of Lent is that peace and happiness can only be achieved through a harmonious interaction among all created being, especially human beings.

In the Gospel Reading of Ash Wednesday (Matthew 6:1-6,16-18) Jesus extends a special invitation for us to give alms, to pray, and to fast. When we give alms, we participate in the divine mission of working with God to answer the prayers of His children who are in need. When we pray, we enter into an exclusive and sacred space where we are with no one else but God. Here we are able to talk to God and tell Him all of what is in our minds and hearts. We also receive from that space the grace to comprehend what God is asking us to do in order for peace and happiness to prevail wherever we are.

Fasting helps us to discipline our bodies and gain more control over them. When we fast, we are also praying, and this kind of prayer calms us down and helps us to be sensitive to the needs of others, while discovering the inner peace that comes as a result of focusing only on what is important for our spiritual growth.

This, therefore, helps us to be aware of the spiritual life that is as real as the tangible world. Our awareness in this regard should encourage us to work towards good relationships with others, and therefore a good relationship with God.

May this Lent be a time for you to deepen your relationship with God through maintaining good relationships with others in the community. May you heed the mandate of Christ who invites us to give alms, to pray. and to fast, for the sake of the welfare of our common humanity, and for the glory of His name.

Lots of love and prayers.

Fr Thabo Mothiba, OMI

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."

#### Pope Francis

