



Bergvliet High School

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SEPTEMBER

1st National Arbor Week

1st Matric Prelims start.
Test slot gr 8-11

5th Closing 12H30

12th Closing 13H00

13th Parent Association Rugby
Braai

17th English ANA's

19th Maths ANA's
Closing 12:30/Gr 8—11 Girls talk
12:45

22nd RCL Dinner/Shakespeare
Play/Matric Final Music Prac.

23rd Shakespeare Day

24th Heritage Day

25th Rosh Hashanah
Team Photos

26th Matric Assembly
Team Photos

29th RCL & SL Camp

30th Gr 11 Geography Outing
RCL & SL Camp

INTERACT TAKES THE SHIELD



It's not often that Bergvliet High School's Interact Committee mentions their tireless, enthusiastic and selfless involvement within the community but despite this, their quiet way of giving back to others was recognised on 13 August when they were awarded the Rotaract Partnership Shield. This converted Shield was in recognition of their work in community outreach projects as well as fulfilling and committing to the strict criteria which Wynberg Rotaract requires.

This year Interact at Bergvliet High School celebrates it's 39th birthday. The celebrations were shared with 5 different charities in their birthday week and they also completed 23 community outreach projects this year. It is no wonder that, out of 8 schools, Bergvliet High School's Interact came out on top. Well done!

PHOTO: Back L-R: Tarryn Phillips, Andrea Williams, Slater Carolissen, Jessie Bergman, Tracey-Lee Dutlow, Sarah Stott, Alsion, Munsamy.

Front L-R: Nikki Smith, Lisa O'Mally, Zarah Desai, Ashley Pieterse, Shelby Stevens.

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More Winter Showcase photos on Pages 4 & 6 and on www.bhs.org.za in the Gallery

EXAM PASS REQUIREMENTS

The new grade 8 and 9 pass requirements have really sparked immense debate amongst local principals as we find that we are now dealing with high failure rates in the June exams in these grades. This trend is common to many of the local southern suburbs schools.

Whilst parents have been informed of the pass requirements over the past 6 months I am not sure that all parents have quite grasped that particular nettle as yet, so allow me a little time to brief you on the changes.



For the past 10 years or so pupils from grade 1 to grade 8 have largely **progressed** with their age cohort and have not been subject to any formal pass requirements. This all changed at the end of last year when the Department of Basic Education announced that, effective immediately, specific grades would be subject to specific pass requirements. At the high school level this included grade 8 and grade 9 pupils as the senior grades already had formal pass requirements.

The DBE introduced 5 levels at which a child in grades 8 and 9 **MUST** achieve in order to be **promoted** to the next grade. This is non-negotiable and there will be no exceptions or condonations applied at the end of the year. This means that if a child passes four of the levels and slips up on one level, they will still have to repeat the year.

The Five levels are:

Level 1: English **MUST** be passed at a minimum of 50% - anything less means your child will repeat the grade

Level 2: Afrikaans **MUST** be passed at a minimum of 40% - anything less means your child will repeat the grade

Level 3: Maths **MUST** be passed at a minimum of 40% - anything less means your child will repeat the grade

Level 4: 3 other subjects **MUST** be passed at a minimum of 40%

Level 5: 2 other subjects **MUST** be passed at a minimum of 30%

As you can see the stakes have really been raised and the message from the DBE is clear – your child needs to achieve a standard in order to be promoted. If your child slips up on any level they will have to repeat the grade.

Why am I spelling this out so clearly? There are too many children in grades 8 and 9 who are not achieving the required standard and, if part of the problem is that parents have not internalised the new requirements so as to keep the pressure on at home, I would like parents to be informed. On the academic side we have implemented a number of interventions which are managing those children at risk. Please discuss these issues with your children in order for you to implement any interventions that could be applied from home.

Stephen Price



PARENT ASSOCIATION

Next PA event

BIG SCREEN RUGBY & BRAAI EVENING
Saturday 13 September.

Come and meet these Bergvliet High Supporters at a low key event..enjoy the rugby, chat, eat and socialise. Bring your meat to throw on the grill, toss a salad together and pack some refreshments. Fires will be ready for braaing from 16h00.

Game starts at 17h05—Lions vs WP, Ellis Park
RSVP: michael.arendse@capetown.gov.za
by 12 September.

Photo: The Parents Association wearing the new Supporters Scarves. Umbrellas R100, Supporters Scarfs R100, for sale at Reception.

NB These scarves are not to be worn as part of the school uniform.



CONGRATULATIONS

To all those involved in **High School Jam** you made your school, family and friends very proud!!!

Watch their award winning performance on SABC 2's Hectic 9 Thursday 28 August at 4pm

Thank you to Ms van Wyk for the photos. Other photos can be seen on www.bhs.org.za and BHS FB page





BLOOD DONATION

Stephen Langman and Dominique Benson helped to organise the learners and teachers during blood donation day.

Below: Mrs Earl setting a good example.



LIFE SCIENCE IN PRACTICE

The Grade 11s have been learning about Anaerobic Respiration, which is what happens in yeast cells, with one of the products being Carbon Dioxide. It has commercial application, so they spent their lesson making bread (CO_2 is what makes it rise), they made Ginger beer, Lemon beer (CO_2 is the fizz) and they got yeast to blow up balloons for them!

RIDING HIGH

Pretty Mcetywa in grade 10 riding Lane Lucent at SANESA regionals where she came 1st and 2nd for Western Province Region



DEBATING PROVINCIAL REPORT



After winning 3/5 of our Rotary Debates, Bergvliet High School's Debating Team was selected to go to Provincials. Our team consisted of two seniors (Chante Stanfliet and Annabela Bekker) and three very brave juniors (Daniel Skriker, Tariro Wafawarowa and Max Hoffenberg). Over the span of a weekend our team took part in six debates, with less than an hour to prepare for each one. We won 3 of those debates - a great accomplishment - considering the very high standard of debating at provincial level. However, more importantly, our team left Provincials as better educated, experienced and skilled debaters. Our juniors (who were debating against matrics) flourished over the weekend, and we wait in anticipation to see the feats that they will accomplish in the future.

Annabela Bekker

Mrs Garbers, who heads up the Debating Society at Bergvliet High School said "I am so happy with our debating team they learnt so much. They competed against many schools and did not make it through to next round, but did well to get INTO Provincials this year..... So thrilled because they did not make it last year".

L-R: Chante Stanfliet, Annie Bekker. Daniel Skriker, Tariro Wafawarowa and Max Hoffenberg

MUSIC EISTEDDFOD PRIZEWINNERS

Shelby Stevens Honours, Woodwind

Benjamin Ker High Honours, Woodwind;

Bryn MacArthur Honours, Piano;

Sean Peterson Gold Diploma Guitar

Clint Hayward, Caitlyn Clarke, Mikayla Dunn, Woodwind Trio, Honours.



ICE SWIMMING



Learners and staff were privileged to have Ryan Stramrood attend our assembly on Friday, 15 August. Ryan is an extreme sport participant and his speciality is Ultra Extreme Ice-Water Swimming. Ryan, along with two other South African swimmers took the first three places in the endurance event at the first Russian Winter Swim Championship 2012, held in Tyumen, Siberia. Since then he has continued exploring new areas to follow his passion.

Ryan's philosophy and message to our learners was: "nothing is impossible". He encouraged our learners to apply that phrase to all aspects of their lives, both academic and sport. At Ryan's request the school has donated R1 000 to the Seal Open Water Swimming Trust.

Photo: Ryan Stramrood and Mrs Demas

Winter Showcase closing scene More photos on Page 6



1st RUGBY TEAM



Thank you to fathers, Michael Arendse and Charles Schroeder for submitting these photos.

If your child is taking part in a school event or extra mural please take a photo and send to kwarne@bhs.org.za. We would love to feature them on the website, facebook page and in The Buzz



U14 TOUR



More photos, thanks to Ms van Wyk, can be viewed on www.bhs.org.za in the Gallery



SCHOOL BENEFICIARY CARDS

Beneficiary cards from School & Leisure, Myschool and MAKRO can be obtained from the school. Please support the school when buying supplies and clothing.



WINTER SHOWCASE



Ludwig von Beethoven once said, "To play a wrong note is insignificant; to play without passion is inexcusable." — and the learners who took part in the Winter Showcase certainly played, sang, danced and acted with passion, confidence and a great attitude. We compliment you!

To view more photos of the Winter Showcase go to www.bhs.org.za

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