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Welcome to 2019

First day back at school



Wow! what an amazing day, it was a day to be remembered because I finally got to see my friends. Everyone had a smile on their faces except some of the new Grade 8s. I was so over joyed to be a grade 9 learner. we went to a welcoming ceremony at the school church. We arrived at the church and sat down then one of our teachers stood and welcomed us with an encouraging and inspiring message. Then our lovely choir sang for us and the song was so nice that I even sang along with them. The message that we got from the teachers, pastor and our principal was so motivating. What I took away from it was that I should work hard and look forward to every opportunity and even challenges that come my way. The best thing was that we should not give up on anything because of what people say about you because that can destroy your confidence. Also know what you want in life don't depend on other people's things, have your own things and focus on your studies to make yourself and your parents proud.

Written by Awonke Mamayo

Sifunda Kunye sports tournament



Sifunda Kunye Sports Tournament

On Saturday the 16th February 2019, Sifunda Kunye hosted a sports tournament at the Zwelitsha sports grounds. Many schools that took part in the tournament, our school St Matthews's High school also took part in the tournament.

The codes that were chosen to participate were Soccer and netball, it was only team A and B on both. The first Code that started playing was netball they did very well in both teams A and B. they even won second position, and received medals and certificates. Our soccer teams A and B did not win in the tournament, because the completion was tough although they did their best.

We then interviewed our very own young sports stars who took part in the tournament. We first had a chat with Lindokuhle Klaas a netball player, who said she was very excited that her team won in the tournament and she also said she wants to encourage others learners who think that they can not play netball to come and give it a try because it a great sport which allows travelling.

Then we talked with Imitha Ntoni who is one of our soccer stars. He told us that the team had a good time and enjoyed themselves during the tournament although the match they didn't win. But next time they are promising that in the next tournament they are going to win however the match was tough.

All in all, a good time was had by everyone who was at the tournament.

Written by Asemahle

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Top Achievers



At St Matthew's High School, we have got our top achievers, those amongst us that work the hardest and out-perform the rest. In third place is Chwayita Xhatana whom is doing grade 10, second place is Siphumeze Mkuli doing grade 10, and our number one Academic achiever is Siphелеle Ulana.

We interviewed all three achievers first on our list was Chwayita Xhatana, she told us she felt inspired and has more power to do more than she did last year. She would also like other students to follow in her foot-steps and possibly do more than her. The key to her success is sticking to her books and being a hard worker.

Next on the list we have Siphumeze Mkuli, when we asked how she feels about being our second best academic achiever, she told us that she feels really blessed and honoured, and thankful to God that she achieved so much last year. It was something she didn't expect. She would also like to inspire our next generation to go for what they want and aim high no matter how hard it may seem because in the end you will achieve something. She also said not to wait to do something but do it now while you're thinking about it because we don't know what tomorrow brings.

Last but not least we then spoke to our number one spot holder Siphелеle Ulana. When asked how he felt about being the Top Academic Achiever in 2018 he told us it was a shock to hear his name called during the assembly as the top achiever, it was also a proud moment that he hopes to achieve again.

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Adventurous Journey

8-10 March 2019

Participants from Sifunda Kunye partner schools, Toise SSS, St Matthews High School, and Hendrik Kanise Combined School took part in a 48 km hike during this weekend.

Participants were qualifying for their silver in The Presidents Awards level.

During our arrival at camp it was raining but we were determined to complete our camp and required km to qualify for our silver.

We hiked for 4km during the night walk, the following morning we hiked along the beach for 40 km and on the 3 day we hiked for 6 km.

This was a challenging hike, it rained the entire 3 days and 2 nights, all together it rained 124 mm during our camp, we were wet, tired but determined. We had to work together in teams to survive the weekend. It took a lot of determination, teamwork, motivation and courage but we concurred and completed what we aimed to achieve.



Silver Hike

Wi-Fi Launch 2019

On the 22nd of January 2019 we at St Matthews celebrated our wifi that was installed on our campus at the end of 2018. The wifi scope coverage:



What an exciting and memorable event, the event was well supported with a special guest speaker from Sifunda Kunye Mr Ben Paullan, Board member all the way from America. Ben was also the person that kick started this project at St Matthews High School, ten year ago.

The student representative Milisa Mtoto also thanked Sifunda Kunye for the wifi and the positive impact it will have and all the girls in the hostels and the school.

A short memorable video was made and placed on Sifunda Kunye facebook page and reached over 4200. To view the video like Sifunda Kunye Education Project facebook page.



Sifunda Kunye Reading club facilitators 2019



Literacy Centre fencing





You totally don't want to think about it right now, but finals are just

around the corner. That means you can add studying for them to your already vast to-do list. Here are some helpful hints on how to prepare for your exams and get everything else done.



Tip 1: Start early

Preparation for exams should begin earlier than the day before the test. You can't cram an entire unit of information into an all-nighter. Get started at least a week before the exam.

Tip 2: Organize

Begin by making yourself a calendar outlining a daily schedule of topics for review. Cover a small amount of material for each class each day. Every time you complete a topic, give yourself a mini review.

Tip 3: Outline

Once you have decided what you need to study and how much time you need to spend studying, it is time to actually study. One of the best ways is to make succinct outlines. As you read over your textbook and class notes, write a brief summary for each topic. Highlight the areas in your outline that were most troublesome. When you have finished with all the material, you will have an outline you can review.

Tip 4: Make flashcards

Similar to outlining, making flashcards is a really helpful technique for studying. By writing down the information from your outline, you are already doing half the studying. Once the flashcards are complete, you will have a portable study packet to look over.

Tip 5: Get help

If you are having trouble memorizing something or a particular concept is just not sinking in, get help before it's too late. Ask your teacher to go over a glitch you might be having. Or if memorizing 200 vocabulary words seems like too much to do, recruit your family members to quiz you with index cards.

Tip 6: Sleep

You need at least seven hours of sleep a night to function. Tests are designed to make you think. If you are sleep-deprived, you won't be able to remember any of the information you worked so hard to cram into your brain.

Tip 7: Stay calm

Do not panic at the exam! Even if at first glance the test is overwhelming, remember to breathe. If a question seems too hard, answer all the questions you know, then return to the ones you left blank. Remind yourself that you are prepared.

Tip 8: Don't rush

You have spent at least two weeks studying, so what's another couple of minutes? Work through the exam slowly and read all the questions before answering them. If you are done before the time is up, look over your answers.