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Welcome to 2021

BACK TO SCHOOL



On behalf of the faculty of St Matthews we would like welcome all back to 2021 and wish all a prosperous 2021.

Since the start of this school year, educators, management, SGB was hard at work to allocate work for educators, analysing the 2020 results, time tables and preparation of the the curriculum for each educator. We are proud to say that the planning of the returning of learners was successful and the learners was welcomed and teaching started on the 15/02/2021.

The hostile was cleaned and all learners welcomed to hostels on the 14/02/2021. The capacity of our hostels is 300, 100 at Wadell and 200 at Cullen. Unfortunatly the issue of COVID19 has meant that we could not take learners to full capacity this term.

On our first day we welcomed back grade 12,11 and welcomed our new grade 8 classes.

Sifunda Kunye facilitators 2021



Welcome to our Sifunda Kunye reading club facilitators for 2021. These young ladies are our facilitator volunteers for our community reading club at our center on weekends. The young ladies are dedicated, trained and very excited to be part of this initiative at school. The ladies were shadowed by our facilitators for 2020 during term 1, we are excited to see these ladies in action in term 2.



School Security

The new school year has come with a much needed upgrade to the school security system. Surveillance cameras were installed in strategic places in and around the school, all 3 computer labs were also fitted with cameras. The new system was installed on the 17th and 18th February at the school as well as the hostels. This new system is sure to boost parents confidence in the school's promise to ensure their kids safety when in school and after school for the hostel dwellers.

Written by Ziyanda Thompson

Lab facilitator





The returning of our principal : Mr Mnqoba

On the 16th of April 2021 on a Friday , when our principal returned. The staff and the pupils were at the assembly when this was announced. " As a school we've been through alot and as a team we shall surrender, we will be back on our feet once again "that was said by Miss Blom , encouraging, realistic and solid words said by one of our teachers. That made me realize there'll really be a change in our school. After Miss Blom gave us a glimpse of what the announcement will be about, our principal said some encouraging words and what his vision about school is. One of the words I remember that were said by Mr Mnqoba were that our school will be back on its feet once again and we'll get our dignity back only if we work together as a team. I liked how the school pupils welcomed him and I keep reminiscing everything that happened that day, it was such a precious moment especially for us school pupils. What I learnt that day was that in life there are ups and downs and as a school we've through the downs now its time to be on our ups! Let St Matthew's High school be the school that was known for the 100 percent pass rate once again, let it be a school full of historical moments and dignified students together with a dignified school staff. As a school that is our goal

and it is very compulsory for us to make that goal happen.

As a school we are ready, we are ready to make history in our province. We are one of the schools in the province that were known for a 100 percent pass rate, lets bring that back. My vow to you guys is that I will make sure that happens as you all know there's an African leader who is the person that is known for good leadership skills and receives awards for good leadership that is, Amica Cabrau everything she touches turns into gold. She makes sure everything goes according to plan and I will do exactly that. Said by our principal, Mr Mnqoba. Such educational and encouraging words, he really does have the good characteristics of leading even by the person he looks up to as a person you can

tell.

The time has come, i repeat the time has come for our school to be back on its feet once again! We welcome our princi-



Bumbi Exhibition

The Bumbi'ngomso exhibition

On the 15th of April , on Thursday. we had an exhibition that was done by the Bumbi'ngomso campaign. The Bumbi'ngomso campaign is all about building sisterhood , it involves girls and it is basically a session between girls and women only. It is very fun, interesting and therapeutic. They get to teach us everything about girls and we get the right to ask questions in order to know about ourselves as 'girls'. The theme that day was Intro to I " that means we get to talk about everything that happens to us young girls, the good and the bad.

The Bumbi'ngomso campaign workers introduced themselves and told us about the theme. There was music in order for us to feel comfortable before we start the session. After 10 minutes the real deal we came there for, started. We were grouped into 30s.

Important things we heard while we were having the session and we got to present. Each presenter had five minutes to present that was a bit hectic but we had fun at the same time. I was one of the presenters, I actually did perfectly, but I was panicking also chilled at the same time, cliché". The participants which are the scribes and presenters of each group got special rewards and the rest of the girls was given Bumbi'ngomso backpacks witch included; Bumbi'ngomso magazine called the Yaka Magazine and' sanitary pads. We were also told as participants to start the Bumbi'ngomso clubs of ten girls at our school ' and when we've progressed with these groups they will visit our school again.

When the exhibition ended we were given some snacks.

I enjoyed and I learnt a lot from that exhibition, all the girls that attended agreed, we had fun, we were educated, it was therapeutic and quite emotional exhibition.

All in all we learnt alot from the Bumbi'ngomso exhibition, We learned valuable life lessons that we go through as girls in life. I believe that Black Girls will always strive for success. We are queens, usually called iimbokodo (rocks) and we have voices and leadership skills, We can lead!

Written by: Natasha Mpondo



The St Matthew's Water Crisis

Every year we sit with this crisis, we are aware that we are a water scarce country but it is difficult especially for our hostels.

This happened again in March 2021 and we were sent home for 2 weeks, we were given assignments and home work.

When we came back we didn't even revise we just wrote our term 1 exams / controlled tests, there was no time to get tuition from our educators or even a glimpse because the time to write exam or controlled tests was around the corner.

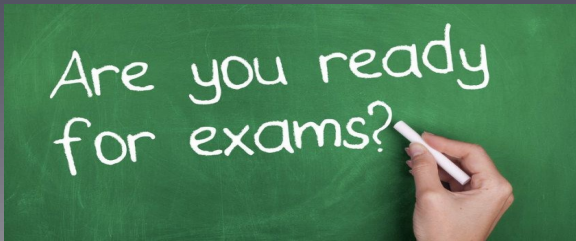
If we weren't taught something, we wrote two or three major subjects in one day, some could not even study all the subjects at the same time because they were behind, in order for the learner that was behind to understand something they have to be taught by fellow pupils.

This water crisis that happens every year in our school holds a very bad impact and that is bad for our school. As a learner I advise the school to demand answers and feedback from the Department of Education,.

If we don't take action as a school, our school will always be behind in terms of tuition.

Author: Natasha Mpondo





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.