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Siyandisa Scholarship



Introducing Likho Mbuka, all the way from St. Matthew's High School (Keiskammahoek, SA) in the Eastern Cape.

Wits - University of the Witwatersrand you have another Siyandisa Foundation 2021 Scholarship Recipient on the horizon. This enthusiastic 17 year old scholar has his sights set on becoming an Economist and is looking to pursue a B.Com degree in Economics in 2022.

"I believe that one's future success should not be determined by background" says Likho, whose dream is to set a high standard for young people in his community. Likho also shares that his mother and grandmother are his greatest source of support and making them proud is what he aims for.

We couldn't agree more with your quote Likho and we will have you know that we are proud of you. Well done and keep up the good work, it will pay off!

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Sifunda Kunye facilitators 2021



Sifunda Kunye Reading club 2021



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 inspiring story of Siyada Quma.

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Siyanda Quma what an inspiring artist.

Siyanda has a natural talent, through hard work and dedication and the belief "pursue your dreams" he has inspired many at St Matthews High School. Sifunda Kunye educational project facilitator Sanga Mabulu that is full time at St Matthews has guided and encouraged this young man.

Siyanda is an artist striving for success, his raw talent is pleasant. Siyanda has a talent as a artist and expresses himself through his drawings.

He hopes his art will take him places. Siyanda is a quiet and pleasant person, and he hopes his art will speak to many.

If you look at art through drawings, the feeling of escaping reality and receiving a message through the eyes of the artist is his aim.

Siyanda decided to share one of his drawings with us, which is based on colorism.

The artist said, " The drawing is based on the disease of vitiligo and it has a black person that has this disease , but I want to express it based on colorism. We're basically talking about colorist painting characterized using intense color which becomes the dominant feature of the resultant work of art, more important than its other qualities. "

Many that learnt from Siyanda's paintings said about the story behind the drawing was that art can be expressed in different types of ways which seems to be interesting and so cliché in a way. Art is art and it is meant to be expressed. Well done to Siyanda for inspiring us all by showing how talented our pupils are any child can be so talented in a miraculous way.

Let us actualize our aspirations, let's follow and pursue our dreams.





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



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



LRC 2021

At the beginning of the year St Matthew's High school learners had to elect their LRC representatives. This seemingly simple project took longer to organize due to the COVID Regulations that meant the learner could not all be at school at the same time. Eventually everything was organized and we were all able to vote. We elected for LRC President Likho Ngemtu, for the first time we have 2 Deputy Presidents, Sipumeze Mkuli and Lisakhanya Gadu. The three of them had to deliver speeches talking about their main aims for the school. Now, the question is, "Are they willing to make history?" Well, their actions will have to prove that.

Likho Ngemtu said "My main focus about this school are three Rs which are reach, respect and relationship. Going to relationship, it is literally one of my first priorities will be to create opportunities for everyone to display their skills and talents. Secondly I would like to create an atmosphere of respect in classrooms. Thirdly let us strive to reach our full potential." Now from my knowledge quoting and listening attentively to what the school president was addressing to the pupils I believe that he is trying to brief us about the key aspects, actually the important things or the basics of what makes a school perfect and recognisable which is : discipline. Such powerful words by our president.

Sipumeze Mkuli, the Vice President of the school. She basically gave us the definition of her name and she ought to believe that her name carries leadership, indicates aspects of destiny and luck, evokes cheerfulness and shrewdness, also willing to reap and to soar. Such a scarce thing to do while presenting a speech was when she used a couple of Xhosa words which is good but also unique and rare. She said this, I quote, "Ukuze siphumelele, simele sikulungele ukuncama izinto ezithile ukuze siphumeze izigqibo zethu." Her main focus for the school was characteristics and qualities of being a student / candidate, she illustrated this by means of using a pencil as an example. Which are the five qualities of a pencil, she said. In those qualities she involved God, also a pencil always leaves a mark, a pencil that is not a wooden exterior but the graphic insight so meaning being humble and respecting the learners and teachers is what matters lastly she involved mistakes that a pencil can be erased meaning you can learn from your mistakes. It was indeed a powerful speech because she involved characteristics, challenges and life lessons which is what we face each and everyday.

Last but not least, Lisakhanya Gadu the Vice President who will be in charge when it comes to the school hostel, hostel dwellers and so on. Basically everything that has to do with the school hostel. Ms Gadu talked mainly about creating history in our school not just the school but making history in our country in the next years as black children. I quote, "My main focus is to change St Matthew's High school into the best vision of itself which education, sports and discipline, actually changing many narratives. Firstly the narrative of thinking that we as black children are inadequate. Secondly thinking that our success is limited and knowing change is indeed a difficult transition. As an individual I believe we can push and actualize what we want to achieve as pupils and also as a school premises by never giving up. At the end of the day it's all about believing and making decisions now in that, that is what I believe as Vice President" By observing and listening to her speech I take a very tenacious and fearless young lady. That was unique and enticing speech.

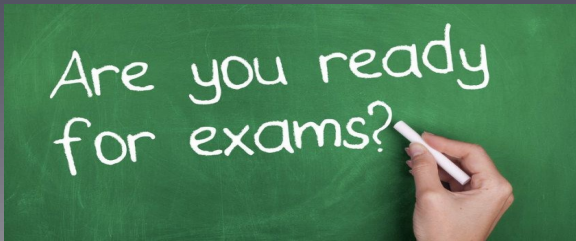


Prize giving 2021

Our annual prize giving was an memorable event this year, we celebrated all our top achievers and ended our service with a special prayer service for our grade 12 learners.

We would like to thank Sanga from Sifunda Kunye and Sifunda Kunye drama learners for making this event spectacular.





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.