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ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

A glimpse into a time of elegance!



Victorian Tea

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Our matrics took a break from the books and dressed the part for our annual Victorian Tea on Saturday the 6th of May. It was certainly a lovely day filled with elegance and beauty!



Senior All Girls

Public Speaking

Kwame Moabi and Reatlehile Nene represented SMS in the junior and senior category respectively of the Public Speaking competition of the festival. They held themselves to a superb standard and both excelled in the prepared round of the competition. They were equally as eloquent in their impromptu sessions. We are super proud of you both! *Vocal Ensemble*



The vocal ensemble consisted of 13 Chapel choir girls from Gr 10 -12. They had to prepare a repertoire of 10 minutes as well as the notes for the mass choir that performed at the closing function on Sunday. On Friday the ladies had five different



workshops, learning about rhythm, drama, improvisation, African movement and music history. Each girl learned something that they can take with them on the musical journey ahead and new friendships were made.

Senior All Girls

Onalerona Sethole and Nikita Louw represented SMS in the art division. The girls were given the theme of art in protest. This theme encourages the girls to use graffiti art as their inspiration for their works. The girls were taught various techniques and methods on how to use spray paint in graffiti art. Both students produced beautiful art pieces, showcasing just how talented these students really are. The students attended lectures by famous South African artists, who spoke to them about the meaning of art and inspired the students to be creative, explore, and always challenge themselves, not just as an artist but as individuals as well. Over the course of the weekend, the students were able to attend an art show at Oliewenhuis and

were invited to view a professional artist studio. It was an unforgettable experience!

Art



Senior All Girls

Debating

Fumane Masheane, Omolemo Malinga, Hope Chikwe and Oratile Bogotsu stood their ground firmly against hot-headed debaters during All Girls. These girls worked extremely hard throughout the weekend: they had to think on their feet and argue about complicated topics in five debating rounds. They ended in fifth place out of 18 schools and missed the semi-finals with only 0.8 points!





Creative Writing

What an inspiring and creative experience at the writing workshops! Every girl who attended will surely be inspired to become a budding novelist or poet. Our own Mr. Osbourne was an absolute delight, teaching the learners various methods for brilliant essay writing. His contagious humor had us eagerly awaiting the next workshop. He addressed exam problems and shared valuable tips to help improve English marks. At the end of the session, the girls had a chance to showcase their creativity.

Senior All Girls

Cross Country

Bonolo Mohapi, Catelin Coetzee and Lwarona Tegedi represented SMS for cross country. The competition began on Friday morning at Brandkop. The course went through the beautiful Free State landscape and even though course was a bit challenging the ladies enjoyed it. On Saturday there was a 4 by 2km relay at Grey College and a workshop presented by Anton Nicolaisen and Sandra Smit. They gave



some practical advice on how to improve their running performance and the ladies walked away from this workshop having learnt a lot! On Sunday morning the ladies completed their final 4km for the weekend. However, this time at the cross country fields of the university. Well done ladies!

Master Chef

Skylar Carstens and Zandile Montshiwa represented SMS in the Masterchef competition at the All Girls competition.

After some grueling competition and hard work they obtained an excellent fourth place! Well done ladies!

The only secret sauce in cooking is the one made from passion and hard work!



Senior All Girls

Drama

Congratulations to Rethabile Mabusa, Boitumelo Mafoyane, Thato Masithela, Tebogo

Thobane and Jaelene Thompson for making St. Michael's proud! Our talented team competed with 14 schools in the drama section at the Eunice All Girls Festival, where they workshopped a 5-minute play triggered by a visual or aural source. Despite the challenges of using only five words, a balloon, and a tap-in and out, they won 1st place for Best Improved Play after



Restrictions. They also placed 5th for Technical Lighting. Special thanks to Dr. De Beer Cloete and Mr. Barend Kriel for their fun and informative sessions on stage craft-techniques. Well done ladies, we are super proud of you all!



Senior All Girls

Hockey

The hockey girls competed against some of the top 10 schools in the country, including schools such as Collegiate, Clarendon and Durban Girls. Their final game

was one that had all the spectators on the edge of their seats when they beat Queenstown which allowed them to finish in 15th place, out of 21 schools! They performed well and played their hearts out. We are proud of what you ladies have learnt and achieved.



Netball

On Friday the girls played four games, Saturday three and on Sunday there was one match to determine their final position. The ladies made great improvements over the



3 days and the team started working together as a unit. There were also individual improvements in skills that were lacking before the weekend. The learners' behaviour was exceptional and they handled themselves well during the whole weekend. We are proud of you ladies!

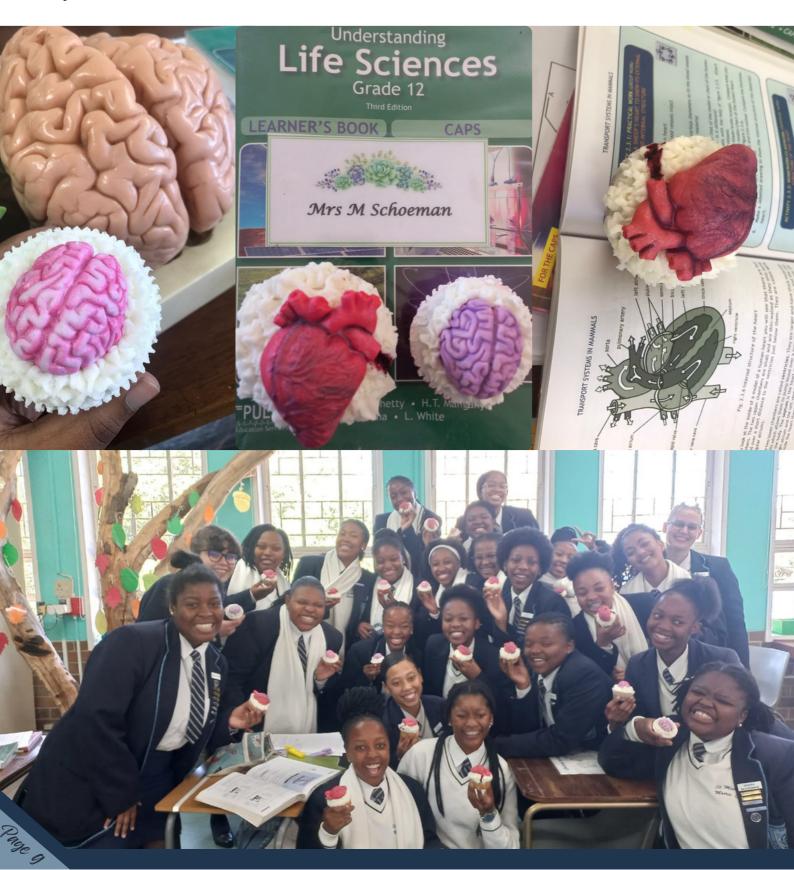
Thank you Tunika!

A big shoutout to Tunika for generously sponsoring our first teams' new gorgeous uniforms! We are incredibly grateful for your support and couldn't be more excited to rock these awesome uniforms at our matches.



A whole lot of heart!

Life Sciences requires a little bit of brain power, but a whole lot of heart! Mrs Schoeman reminded the Life Sciences Matrics of this, by baking them some realistic cupcakes, while preparing and heading into their upcoming exams. We wish you the best of luck ladies!



Junior School

Senior Primary Choir

Our talented Senior Primary Choir made SMS proud at the ATKV APPLOUS Free State Regionals Competition on the 8th of May. They blew us away with their harmonious voices and they received a silver diploma. A big congratulations to Mrs van der Merwe, their conductor, and Mr Coetzee, their accompanist. Thank you to all the parents and educators who took time out of their evening to support the girls!



Hockey

Congratulations to the following ladies who made the U/12 Southern Free State



Hockey A and B Teams! Peyton Colby, Micah-Leigh Simmons, Masego Rampana Alondrea Flooks, Zintle James, Nthateng Semoli and Kelello Mohaleroe. Well done and good luck ladies!

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Supporting a good cause! On the 5th of May, our girls, and even some teachers, put on their favourite pair of slippers to support Reach for a Dream's biggest fundraiser. Their mission is to manifest hope so that we can fulfil the dreams of youngsters fighting life-threatening diseases. Let's continue to step up and support these brave dreamers!



World Book Day

BLUE FISH

NEW FISH

The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you will go.

TWO FISH

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Join us this Saturday, the 20th of May, to support our annual fun day! There will be numerous exciting activities, such as face painting, inflatables, a selfie booth, karaoke and a sip and paint station...just to name a few!



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