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Welcome

It is my absolute pleasure to welcome you to Star News' first publication for 2021. We have taken all 2020's news and compiled it into our first newsletter. Although overseen by our Editor-in-chief, Mr. A. Manjoo, Star News is a student-led publication run for and by our learners. We are inspired by the voices of our students and our mission is to share all their views, perspective and stories of Star College Bridgetown.

I would also like to use this platform to thank all the learners from grades 9-11 who took the time to write their articles and especially to our Student Editor and Content Director, Unays Bhad Grade 12.

We are delighted that you are joining us as readers and hope you will also join us as contributors.

We gladly welcome any comments and critiques you may have as a reader. Should you wish to advertise in our future publications, please email me at, dabrahams@starcollegebrt.co.za

Stay safe and healthy!

Deputy Editor

Dalaal Abrahams



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Stars in the Stadium

Written by Tanweer Alli

The athletics fever had set in early this year with all the students of Star College Bridgetown eager to show their athleticism off. The athletics season began with daily training where all the Star boys worked hard in order to ready themselves for the upcoming Star College Inter-House Athletics which took place on February 5th, 2020.

Boys were split into their houses which consisted of the Blue Cranes, Springboks and Proteas. Star College has set the benchmark for conducting activities in such a way that students not only enjoy but also learn a great deal from it and I find it fit to say that this is true as many grade eight students found themselves learning about the various athletic events for the first time.

After weeks of training, the day finally arrived where the houses competed for the winning title. The day went smoothly and was very much enjoyed. Everyone found an activity to do during the day whether it be running, cheer leading, dancing or singing. The atmosphere was full of exhilaration and excitement. As the music played, the athletes took part in their events and scores were tallied. Athletes and spectators kept their hunger satisfied by enjoying the flavourful burgers which were sold by the grade 12's.

At the end of the day, the Springboks found themselves taking first position with 291 points. The Blue Cranes found themselves second place with 281 points and the Proteas had achieved last position with 273 points.

A week later, the athletics team was selected by Mr. Mukondiwa (coach) and Mr. Alexander (athletics administrator) in order to prepare for the Inter-School Athletics Championship which was held at Green Point Stadium on February 19th, 2020.

The newly hand-selected Star College Bridgetown athletics team found themselves training with a lot of determination, will power, mental strength and of course, physical strength. Training had taken place on school grounds as well as Vygieskraal Stadium. Many afternoons went by where the team trained in the hot sun and worked themselves to their limits.

Many joint pains, muscle aches and sprains later, the day had finally arrived where the Star Athletics Team found themselves



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Wise Cracks

I don't trust atoms. I heard they make up everything.



MEDALS ACHIEVED:

- Xavier Madinga - 200m: Bronze medal

100m: Bronze Medal

- Sufyaan Hendricks - Shotput: Gold Medal
- Matthew Marsh - Long jump: Bronze Medal

- U/15 Relay Team: Bronze Medal

1. Raadi Adams
2. Matthew Marsh
3. Aadam Johnson
4. Xavier Madinga

FINALS QUALIFIERS:

Sufyaan Hendricks



THE CAMP-OUT: 'A SUPERB EDUTAINMENT AT STAR COLLEGE BRIDGETOWN' Akhona Mfeketo

Star College held a camp on the 22nd February 2020. Being my second year at Star College, I was looking forward to sleeping outside in the field, with my camp gear all ready and set for the night. Unfortunately, the weather was against us as it started to rain, and we were forced to sleep inside.

I arrived at school just before the field activities started. It was exciting to see my peers playing football. I quickly went to put my camp bag inside and joined the game. There were many activities for the grade 8s and their parents. We were having so much fun we did not realise hours had passed. Mr Ulama served us a delicious supper which had been prepared by him, Mr Aslan and Mr Talha.

Star College has an excellent way of educating whilst keeping the learners entertained and a favourite is the camp out. We should name it learner orientation camps. We look forward to more gatherings post-Covid.

at Green Point Stadium surrounded by eight other schools from all around Cape Town.

The events had begun at 09h00 and the final event had been at 16h00. Throughout the day, the air was filled with war cries, chants and screams of supporters. The weather was pleasant. The Star athletics team was very successful and won many races and field events. The day was enjoyed by many and the athletes produced excellent results. By the end of the competition, the Star spectators and athletes went home extremely happy because Star College Bridgetown had achieved third place in the competition. The top three schools were: San Souci GHS (402 points), Isilimela High School (400 points) and Star College Bridgetown (304 points).

Many of the Star athletes had qualified for the semi-finals which took place on Saturday,

February 22nd, 2020. The qualifying athletes had done extremely well at Saturday's event. The U/14 and U/15 athletes had achieved eight medals at the event and three athletes qualified for the Champs of Champs finals.

The athletics season was a great success for Star College Bridgetown and was much enjoyed by all athletes, learners and teachers. A special thanks goes to the athletics organising committee and all the teachers who assisted in making the event successful. A much appreciated thank you goes to the parents who took time to join and support the athletes and school in building team spirit. This year's athletics events had been a step forward for Star College and we look forward to the athletics season of 2021.

Xavier Madinga's experience in the Champ of Champs Interview done by Dayyaan Toyer

Judo, Ballet, Rugby, Athletics and Soccer all sports Xavier Madinga has been doing since he was 11 years old. The young athlete stopped all sports and focused solely on soccer, according to the athlete it helped him release stress.

Dayyaan: How did you feel when the race was over?

Xavier: I felt satisfied that I made it that far in the try-outs, but obviously, I wanted to strive for more.

Dayyaan: And how were u feeling before the race?

Xavier: Mostly nervous, the feeling you get when everyone is dependent on you alone and knowing that you are the only person there from your school representing Star and Table Bay. The only thing that went through my mind was "I can't lose".

Dayyaan: And how did the other participants make you feel?

Xavier: They made me feel even more anxious, because everyone looked like they had trained more than me, a few of them did 100m in 10.6 seconds my record was 100m in 11.3 seconds, and me myself I did not get too much training as there were still work, I had to finish and assignments due, but none the less I tried my best and I feel as if I accomplished something extremely big and also got a medal for it which is something I can always be proud of.

Dayyaan: So, what's next on the agenda for your athletics?

Xavier: Besides soccer, training, loads and loads of training. I should be ready for next year when it comes. If I think about it a year is not enough time to get ready but I'll just have to make the most of it and be ready for the zonals when it comes again.

Chess Club

Dalaal Abrahams

Chess is one of the most interesting sports because it never repeats itself and is never boring. Due to it requiring a lot of logical thinking and strategies, chess helps to improve your learning, imagination and creativity, as well as developing concentration and patience.

In initial position, white has 20 possible ways to play and black can react in as many ways. For the second move each player has about 30 possible moves. Therefore, after only two moves, approximately 360 000 different positions can be reached. This is a simulation of life. Chess teaches you to have a goal and to overcome obstacles to achieve that goal.

On the 8th and 9th of February 2020, 13 learners participated in the Western Province Metro Central District, Singles Schools Chess Trials at Belgravia High School. For the first time we had Primary and High School learners represent Star College Bridgetown.

The competition was tough, and, although very challenging, our learners gained valuable experience and had a wonderful time. Ismaeel Hans qualified for the Second round. Well done Ismaeel Hans. We are so proud of you.



The Turquoise Harmony Institute Sandwich Drive...

Written by Yahya Latiff who interviewed Mrs. Rabia Inal

The Turquoise Harmony Institute promotes social cohesion and dialogue between communities in South Africa and conducts events and projects to build bridges among people and the community.

One of those projects are the Sandwich Donation Drive. The sandwich donation drive is organized by Turquoise Harmony Institute and Star College Bridgetown.

This is a Non-profit organisation. This project aims at providing relief for those who are in need. We are attempting to build bridges between people so that they live in harmony and in solidarity.

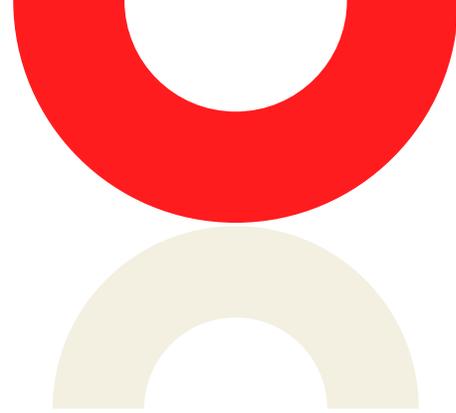
Star College distributes food to Park Field Primary School in Hanover Park. Around 1000 sandwiches are distributed once a fortnight. Star College has donated around 3000 sandwiches to Park Field Primary School since the beginning of this year. We encourage learners to bring a sandwich on the nominated day. We will accept items that are used in preparing sandwiches such as bread, peanut butter, jams, etc. Park Field Primary provides transport to pick up the sandwiches. Companies and businesses may become part of this social initiative by donating cash or food ingredients. We planning to improve this Sandwich Drive project by looking at other ways to assist unfortunate communities.

We thank you for your contributions and hope that we can sustain this initiative and see it expand its horizons.

For further information on this initiative email: CapeTown@Turquoise.org.za or WhatsApp message to 076161675.

*Together we can add hope...
Together we can make a difference.*





The author of Living Coloured came to give an inspirational talk about how he became an author.

Fight

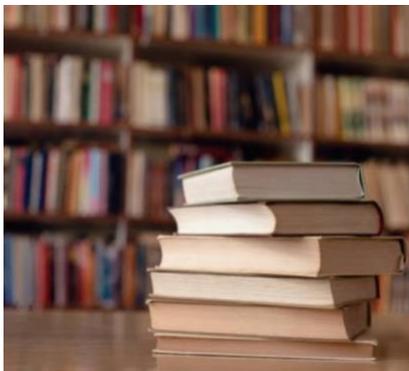
A poem by Faizaan Bray

We are all in a battle
With ourselves
Or with the World
Don't we all strive for peace?

We constantly fight
Fight against all odds
To survive in this world
In a world where we never win.

Our fighting must end
Put down your gloves
You will breathe with ease
Be hopeful and endure the twelve rounds.

You will lift the crown one day
And never fight again.



*The more that you read,
The more things
You will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places
You'll go!*

- Dr Seuss

