Geagte Ouer / Dear Parent

I trust that all parents and learners have enjoyed a wonderful summer holiday and that all learners have been rejuvenated and motivated by the rest period. A special word of welcome is extended to all grade 8 learners and new learners to our school. Our theme for the year for the grade 8’s is “Follow your dream” and I hope it will be a year of many highlights for all our learners in which they make their dreams come true.

GRADE 12 RESULTS: 2008

We are very proud of our class of 2008 and salute them with their sterling efforts. I would like to believe that the class of 2009 would not only wish to equal their performance, but would like to improve on it.

The pass rate was 99,1%, the best result of the past 6 years and 36% of the class passed with one or more subject distinctions. The Dux scholar of 2008 is Brett Phillips who narrowly pipped Dewald van den Berg. Both these students obtained A aggregates as well. The highest subject average was 70,86% (Mathematics Literacy). Congratulations to Mr Kitley and Mr Marx, as well as the rest of the staff on their excellent efforts. Furthermore, Roxanne Cochrane achieved the seventh highest mark in Business Studies in Grade 12 in the Western Cape!

DISSIPLINE

Ek het in 2008 ‘n brief aan u geskryf waarin genoem word dat ‘n leerder onmiddelik geskors is omdat hy ‘n mes skool toe gebring het en gepoog het om ‘n leerder daarmee te steek, gelukkig onsuksesvol. Soos u weet, het die Beheerliggaam vir hierdie leerder se uitsetting gevra. Die WKOD het inderdaad hierdie besluit ondersteun en die leerder is nou fинаal uit die skool uitgesit. Dieselfde het met ‘n leerder gebeur wat voor skool dagga gerook het.

Ek vra dus vir alle leerders om hulle nie skuldig te maak aan ernstige wangedrag nie, aangesien die skool sal voortgaan om ‘n zero-toleransi beleid ivm ernstige oortredings te volg.

STAFF/PERSOENEL

I would like to welcome Mrs Ettisch and Mrs Gruning to our staff, both these ladies joined our staff in 2008 in temporary positions, but both are now on our permanent staff. Baie welkom ook aan me. Kemp, wat waarnem in mev. Daniels se plek, asook aan me. Swanepoel en mr Bester. Ek vertrou hierdie personeellede sal nog diep spore by ons trap!

We all say goodbye to Mrs Marietjie Goosen, our very able Administration officer, who received an offer from the private sector she could not refuse. Ons sal haar dienste beslis mis. Alles wat mooi is vorentoe vir jou en George, Marietjie, ons weet die Here sal julle seën.
CONDOLENCES / SIMPATIE

Dit is met leedwese wat ons verneem het dat een van ons leerders, Charne Honiball, se pappie tragies oorlede is tydens die Desembervakansie. We also learnt that Mr Davids, father of past pupils Karimah, Abubakr, Ebraheem and Abdul-Gameed passed away in January. Ons innige simpatie word aang gene hierdie families oorgedra.

BEHEERLIGGAAM / GOVERNING BODY

Dit was met spyt dat ek verneem het dat mnr Ivan Green, Voorsitter van die skoolbeheerliggaam, ‘n werks aanbod in Richardsbaai aanvaar het en dus nie meer op die Beheerliggaam kan dien nie. Mnr Green het ‘n belangrike bydrae gelewer by ons skool en was altyd beskikbaar om te help. Ons gaan sy positiewe gesindheid mis, asook sy fluitjie by Saterdae se rugbywedstryde! Ons beste wense vergesel hom en sy familie.

There will be a full Governing Body election in May/June this year. Parents will be informed about the date and time in due course.

I urge all parents to become involved with school activities and to encourage their children to participate in school activities. Together we can make 2009 a wonderful year.

D.R. HUMAN
SKOOLHOOF / HEADMASTER

PPA

The Past Pupils Association (PPA) of our school has initiated an unique fund raising effort which might just prove to be quite enjoyable to all those who support their efforts!

The PPA is selling Swartland Pinotage (2004) and Swartland Shiraz of the same vintage for a mere R15-00 a bottle! The wine was kindly donated by a past pupil and must be bought in cases of 6 bottles each. (R90-00 a case)

The wine is already available. Please phone Heloise at (021) 558-1070 to place your order. Stock is obviously limited. (Parents and friends only!)

Past pupils who would like to join the PPA, must please contact Schalk Burger at 082 456 0787 or schalkb@iafrica.com

BOOK ROOM / BOEKEKAMER

Ons was oorweldig deur die toeloop van ouers wat boeke gekoop het voor die skooljaar begin het en vra om verskoning vir enige ongerief wat moontlik veroorsaak is. It is simply fantastic that so many parents have already bought books and we have already put measures in place to streamline the process in 2010.

Books are still on sale after school daily. Thank you for your excellent support!

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE HIGHER CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA AND BACHELOR’S DEGREE

Higher Certificate
The minimum admission requirement is a National Senior Certificate with a minimum of 30% in a language of learning and teaching of the Higher Education Institution as certified by Umalusi, the Quality Assurance Council.
Institutional and programme needs may require additional combinations of recognised NSC subjects and levels of achievement.

**Diploma**
The minimum admission requirement is a National Senior Certificate with a minimum of 30% in the language of learning and teaching of the Higher Education Institution as certified by Umalusi, the Quality Assurance Council, coupled with an achievement rating of 3 (Moderate Achievement, 40-49%) or better in four (4) recognised NSC 20-credit subjects.

Institutional and programme needs may require additional combinations of recognised NSC subjects and levels of achievement.

**Bachelor’s Degree**
The minimum admission requirement is a National Senior Certificate with a minimum of 30% in the language of learning and teaching of the Higher Education Institution as certified by Umalusi, the Quality Assurance Body, coupled with an achievement rating of 4 (Adequate achievement, 50-59%) or better in four subjects chosen from the following recognised 20-credit NSC subjects (which will be referred to as the designated subject list). Institutional and programme needs may require additional combinations of recognised NSC subjects and levels of achievement.

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**SPORT**

**CRICKET FIXURES**
2 Feb  0/15 vs Parow (H)
3 Feb  0/19A vs Belville South (A)
       0/19B vs Bergvliet (H)
4 Feb  0/14 vs Edgemead (H)
9 Feb  0/15 vs Elkanah House (A)
10 Feb 0/19A vs Table View (A)
       0/19B vs Brackenfell (H)
11 Feb 0/14 vs Tygerberg (A)
16 Feb 0/15 vs Bellville Tech (H)
17 Feb 0/19A vs Bellville Tech (H)
       0/19B vs Stellenberg (A)
18 Feb 0/14 vs Stellenberg (A)
23 Feb 0/15 vs Brackenfell (H)
24 Feb 0/19A vs Stellenberg (A)
       0/19B vs Ravensmead (H)
25 Feb 0/14 vs Settlers (H)

TENNIS


Ons gee egter ook geleentheid vir leerlinge om sosiaal te speel. Hulle oefentye is:

Dinsdae:  Dogters  14:30 – 15:30
Woensdae: Seuns  14:30 – 15:30

Leerlinge moet asseblief nie met skoolklere kom oefen nie. Enige sportdrag en tekkies moet gedra word.

Ons sien uit om moontlike Wimbledon-wenners te kweek!

NEWS FLASH!!

The Governing Body and the staff are busy organizing an exciting fundraising event which promises to be enjoyed by all.

On **SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2009**, the musical show, **HOLLYWOOD ROCKS**, will be staged at the Barnyard Theatre at Willowbridge, Tyger Valley.

Come shake your body with us! Tickets are available at R120.00 p.p. from our financial office at the school. Tables can also be booked. Get your friends, family or employees together and let’s rock and roll!!
YOU ARE INVITED

to Bosmansdam’s

Country Jamboree

27 FEBRUARY 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Jireh Fund was established at Bosmansdam High School in June 2008 in an effort to lend a hand to families in distress within the school community.

The underlying principle of Jireh is rooted in community care- striving to create an awareness of pro-social behaviour and alleviating trauma for those in crisis.

In order to raise funds for Jireh, Bosmansdam High School will be hosting a Country Jamboree on the 27th of February 2009. The evening promises to be a highlight on our school calendar, as it offers a bumper-filled show and plenty of entertainment.

Rocking Horse - South Africa’s number one Country band, Chereé – The Country Girl, Matt Hurter – legendary country singer and Wynand Strydom – S.A’s raspiest voice; will all be performing.

Apart from their own performance, Rocking Horse will also be the backing band for all the other artists, featuring an array of guitars, mandolin, drums, percussion and piano. As part of the festivities, there will be a beer tent and plenty to eat and drink.

Come join the festivities and help us to help our children!

Tickets will be available through the school at R60 p.p
Contact Heloise at: 021 – 558 1070
Come and show your love for and interest in our wonderful school by supporting this prestigious event in aid of the Jireh Fund (for the underprivileged in our school community).

Tickets available from the school at R 40 p.p.

For all ticket enquiries, contact Mrs Moore or Mrs Marx during school hours at (021) 558 1070.