

uKnight

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Class of 2022



Good luck!

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Top Achievers Term 3

Grade 11

1 Carla Van Rhyn	94.3%
2 Michaela Grundman	88.0%
3 Audrey Mulumba	86.1%
4 Alizwa Xakana	86.0%
5 Emihle Mandita	83.7%
6 Menise Van Niekerk	82.4%
7 Jenna Syed	82.3%
8 Tasheni Makwinja	82.1%
9 Zoe Mutume	82.1%
10 Abigail Teixeira	82.1%
11 Tristan Scharneck	81.6%
12 Jennifer Mbombo	81.3%
13 Esam Bottoman	80.4%
14 Sinomtha Nombila	80.1%



Grade 10

1 Asumini Saleh	87.0%
2 Caleb Lingomba	86.9%
3 Tanaka Chakara	85.6%
4 Nicole Riches	83.9%
5 Olu Akinyemi	82.7%
6 Abraham Tsupane	82.5%
7 Chelsia Lasker	82.4%
8 Max Lloyd	81.0%
9 Tamia Rossouw	81.0%
10 Lisakhanya Mhlola	80.6%
11 Reese Eustace	80.4%
12 Chante Wagner	80.1%



Grade 9

1 Jonathan Kitange	93.0%
2 Jordan Kitange	92.7%
3 Micaela Abeln	92.4%
4 Corban Van Niekerk	91.6%
5 Matthew Neethling	91.4%
6 Sopatie Ilunga	91.3%
7 Julie Mandona	91.1%
8 Jean Du Randt	90.6%
9 Ethan Juta	90.3%
10 Isabel Teixeira	89.0%
11 Simamkele Dudumashe	88.9%
12 Makomborero Manomano	88.4%
13 Awonke Maki	87.7%
14 Bradley Justin	86.9%
15 Kelly Linnerts	86.9%
16 Azriel Pedro	86.4%
17 Jaques Smit	86.3%
18 Ethan Udekwe	86.0%
19 Zoe Vambo	85.3%
20 Regis Makande	84.7%
21 Dillan Arendse	84.6%
22 Qayiya Ngxamngxa	84.2%
23 Oluwatosin Akinyemi	84.1%
24 Bailey Gcweka	83.7%
25 Jin Sung Mabilia	83.6%
26 Kaylee Solomons	83.6%
27 Liyema Tyatyeka	83.3%
28 Leila Hartley	83.2%
29 Lee Anne Barkley	81.9%
30 Hamza Nkurunziza	81.7%
31 Nkcubeko Mngeni	81.6%
32 Amanda Dube	81.1%
33 JanuKnoetzen	81.1%
34 Avuya Solinjani	80.8%
35 Roshe Petersen	80.4%
36 Shalom Chanda	80.3%
37 Tinashe Kupukayi	80.0%



Grade 8

1 Troy Steyn	88.4%
2 Gabrielle Coetzee	86.3%
3 Dylan Bredenkamp	86.2%
4 Ifechukwu Ezeiru	85.2%
5 Siyamthanda Ngwane	85.1%
6 Victoria Chikandiwa	84.6%
7 William Neethling	84.3%
8 Mandisa Shamonga	83.6%
9 Lilitha Hassan	83.0%
10 Thandile Peni	83.0%
11 Ketsia Bonifacio	82.4%
12 Zoe Laubscher	81.9%
13 Jaziry Magee	81.2%
14 Craig Williams	81.2%
15 Nokutenda Chisvo	80.6%
16 Eddissia Jere	80.4%
17 Xavier Johnson	80.4%
18 Jenna Negal	80.2%



Congratulations

Eye on the jack (pot)

One of the most remarkable things about our learners and our school is the diversity; we are a beautiful mixing-pot of cultures, talents and interests.

Even though bowls is not a mainstream sport, William Neethling has wowed us with his passion and remarkable achievements.

As previously mentioned in Issue 7, William represented Western Province at the Junior Inter-districts in Bloemfontein in March. He was also chosen to take part in the Junior Western Province Masters in June, where he finished in fifth place.

During this past holiday, William was part of the Western Province under 15A team that won Gold at the Envar Buys Youth Tournament (for under 20s) held in Tulbagh this year.

William and his father, Stephen, also managed to get to the semi-finals of the Men's Pairs competition at Edgemean Bowling Club; this competition is open to all ages. Unfortunately, they were beaten by another father and son team.

Congratulations, William! We are proud to have you as part of the family!



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History Olympiad (HOZA)

Our Grade 8 and 9 learners participated in the History Olympiad of South Africa (HOZA), an initiative run by Olympus Online Education Institute. They hosted a variety of online olympiads, which are supported by Royal Geographic Society, Society of South African Geographers and the Department of Basic Education.

This opportunity tested learners' general knowledge of the Grade 8 and 9 History content as well as how it affects our daily lives. We are proud of our students for tackling this competition as they competed against various schools in South Africa; we also appreciate the platform that has been created for them to learn more about what they study in class. We look forward to competing again in 2023!

Participants

1. Danica Brand Gr9
2. Jonathan Kitange Gr9
3. Nokutenda Madzitire Gr8
4. Nicole Mandigo Gr8
5. Amila Mpofu Gr9
6. Lancelot Mthetwa Gr8
7. Umhle Nxanga Gr9
8. Codee Price Gr9
9. Marzaan de Goede Gr9
10. Jean du Randt Gr9



A night of excellence

Our students have shown tremendous grit and dedication to their studies this past year, but also during the challenging times that the pandemic caused. We have had limited opportunity to acknowledge this dedication and hard work but now that restrictions are a thing of the past, we bask in the opportunity to recognize their efforts.

It was thus wonderful to be able to host the first Prestige Prizegiving in two years, celebrating beautiful achievements with our students and parents. Our students received an array of awards, ranging from subject prizes to the elite Principal's Trophée.

We would like to congratulate each and every one of you on your achievements. We are proud of your hard work and commitment to doing your best. We also wish you all the best for the upcoming exams and look forward to another beautiful prizegiving where we can shower you in the praise and recognition you deserve!



Connect x Play x Grow

A whole new world of possibilities and opportunities have opened up through our partnership with Connect Academy. Not only have we had a tremendously successful rugby season, a legendary 7s tournament and exciting international fixtures, but also a first-ever Connect Kids Rugby Programme!

This programme aims to further enhance key domains of early childhood development like gross motor skills, fine motor skills and social and emotional skills. Boys and girls between the ages of 3 and 7 are welcome to join. Entries for 2022 have closed but keep an eye out for the 2023 programme and remember, spread the word – it's a fun yet formative activity for little ones! For more information email cbarnes@bmdhs.co.za.



The Knight Commanders

As shared in the previous issue of the uKnight, the 2023 Matric Council was recently elected and, as per tradition, the head leaders had to be selected next.

This year, it was decided to reinstate the positions of Head Boy and Girl as well as Deputy Head Boy and Girl. Learners could nominate themselves for these positions, and had to present a motivational speech to their fellow council members and members of staff in support of their endeavour. The matric council and staff then had the opportunity to vote for their head leaders of choice. The results were revealed at the Prestige Prizegiving and it is an honour to present our leaders of leaders for 2023:

Head Boy: Tino Mazarire

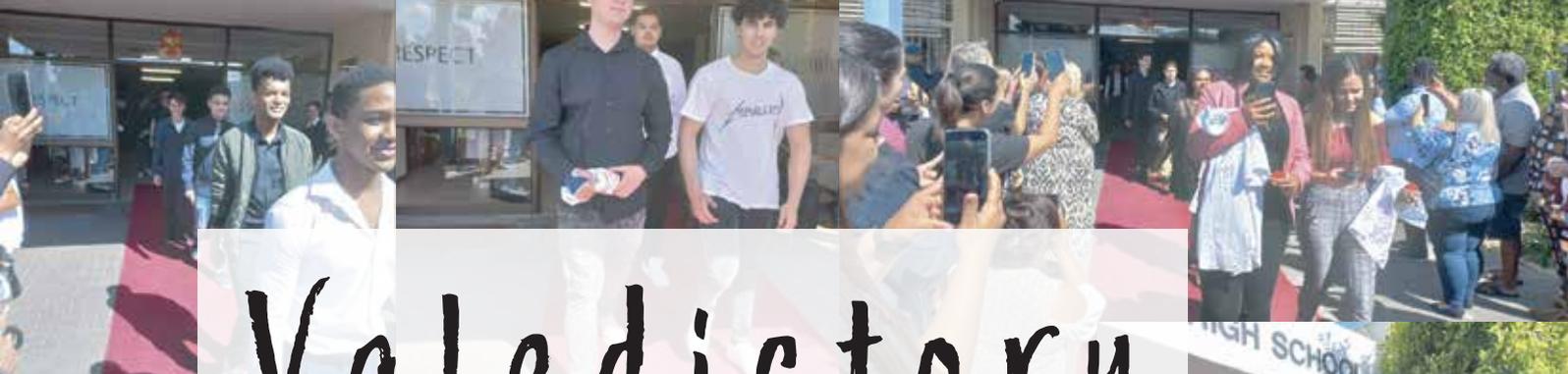
Head Girl: Michaela Grundman

Deputy Head Boy: Seth Godbold

Deputy Head Girl: Audrey Zengeni

These learners are our Knight Commanders, and are set to marshal the Bosmansdam Knights army!





Valedictory



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There have been many 'last' moments since the end of Term 3, but our Grade 12s really are poised to leave the nest imminently. With the NSC exams now well on its way already, the matrics officially celebrated their Valedictory and finals school day on 20 and 21 October 2022.

We spent a beautiful morning commemorating the Class of 2022's school career. They took pictures, signed shirts and reflected on not only the past year, but also the years that have led them to this point in time. Each learner received a charm, especially hand-made by a fellow knight, Michaela Solomon, which represents an aspect of knighthood. Each charm - a helmet, face-shield, sword, breastplate, hand, book, belt or shoes - carry a symbolic significance. May these blessings stay with them going forward.

Boy voyage, Class of 2022! We wish you all of the best!

uKnighting to help locals

There has been much excitement around the opening of the flagship Food Lover's Market store in Bothasig. Maybe you also braced yourself for the stampede and unavoidable queues in order to make the most of the opening specials.

While most of us had to stand (very) strong to get to the paypoints, the store was kind enough to set aside a whole hour especially for pensioners so that they could do their shopping before the masses rushed through the doors. However, not all seniors have the ability to get to the store themselves, and so it was our honour to transport some of them so that they could enjoy this special experience. We #uknighted with Locals Helping Locals, a community charity organisation, which supports SASSA pensioners. As always, we are stronger together!



Grade 8 2023 Parent Evening

Every ending is a new beginning, so as we pack the desks in the hall for the Class of 2022's final examination and the end of their high school career, the Class of 2027 will soon start the journey that will lead to that same ultimate end.

It was an honour to receive our prospective students at the Grade 8 2023 Parent Evening last week to welcome and prepare them for the new journey that awaits.

We decked the hall and foyer with beautiful displays of everything that life at BMDHS is made of: culture, sports, academics, uniform and, of course, textbooks! We look forward to welcoming this new group of students and wish them well with their final days of primary school!



Another goodbye

Alice Mengo, an exchange student from Italy, joined us through the Grow Abroad programme in April this year. She spent seven glorious months at BMDHS and crept deeply into our hearts. It was a teary, bittersweet goodbye on the last day of Term 3 but we wish her all the best and hope that the connections made here will lead to paths crossing once more in the future!



Newly qualified First Aiders

Congratulations to our newly qualified team of First Aiders! We appreciate your willingness to help us and the hard work you put in to do it to the best of your abilities!



Yondisa Jonas
Shahnaaz Wilson
Alzira Sisambo
Larha O'Shea
Conrad de Goede
Alliya Jansen
Lathitha Vumazonke
Francoise Mulongoyi

Ms Robyn Fortune
Mr Jaco Blom





Simple, but significant

The incredible Interact Club uknight to eradicate polio

The school's Interact club works hand-in-hand with the Blouberg Rotary Act and often raises money and collects donations for several different causes.

This term, the Blouberg Rotary Act informed all the different schools that the theme would be 'Polio' and they would need to think of different ways to raise funds, so... Bosmansdam High School's Interact Club decided on a cake sale!

On the 26th of October the Interact Club hosted a cake sale in honour of World Polio Day, which is celebrated on the 24th of October. It was a privilege to have Rex, the youth co-ordinator and a senior member of the Blouberg Rotary Act, present at the cake sale as he ensured that the learners understood the cause that they were contributing towards when supporting the cake sale.

The cake sale was extremely successful in raising money and creating awareness towards the Polio drive. Even though the Interact Club was exhausted after a day full of 'INTERACTing', it was rewarding for them to know that they contributed towards this life-changing cause.

Finally, after all the polio fundraising activities, the Interact Club was able to donate an astonishing amount of R4000.00 to the Blouberg Rotary Club, which will ultimately go towards vaccinations against polio!



SOCIAL MEDIA CORRESPONDENT WANTED

2023

YOU MUST BE:

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