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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Chess Tour
- ◆ Cricket / Water Polo / Basketball vs College
- ◆ Grade 9s to Spirit of Adventure
- ◆ Grade 12 Photos
- ◆ D&D Gala
- ◆ Basketball Tour to St John's
- ◆ DHS Hockey Golf Day

## Grade 8 News

The little 'uns are settling into the routine of DHS life and, although some are little in size and others are taller than some Grade 12s, beneath their different exteriors there beats the same proud heart of a gentleman of Durban High School.

I am very proud of the Grade 8s and the way in which they have responded to the challenges which lie before them. They are lucky and they know it. They will become the Grade 12s of DHS when the school turns 150. At the end of the term the Grade 8s are going to "bury" a time capsule which will be unearthed in their Grade 12 year.

The heat thus far this term has been intolerable and all the grades struggled through the first two weeks with the wearing of the full school uniform, including the blazer, being obligatory. But the Grade 8s took this in their stride and that is what has been so noteworthy about the grade. They are tough and uncomplaining and, as a consequence, have been quite formidable opponents in all of the sporting codes.

There have been some reports of bullying by some of the senior grades but these have not been as commonplace as in past. A disturbing trend is the way in which Grade 8s taunt one another by making snide and deliberately hurtful comments about the names of some of their fellows. I deal swiftly with such cases when they are brought to my attention. I believe firmly that one's name is sacred,

sacrosanct even, and that to dishonour another person's name is uncivil and ungentlemanly and is most certainly not the behaviour I expect and demand of a young gentleman of Durban High School.

The Grade 8s are very excited about the Spirit of Adventure outings that take place this week. They always come back with stories of heroism and gallantry, some of which are, understandably, grossly exaggerated. But boys will be boys and that is what the exercise is all about.

In closing, I feel that I have to comment on how moved I was when I led the Grade 8s through the DHS Pledge of Allegiance at the Induction Ceremony. I will never, ever forget how the Grade 8s stood proud and tall; their hands placed on their hearts and the DHS badge on their blazer; many of them with their eyes tightly shut; as they repeated after me:

I pledge my allegiance to the brotherhood of Durban High School.

I also pledge my allegiance to the learners of Durban High School, both past and present.

I solemnly undertake that, in my own unique way, I will leave my footprint in the proud history of Durban High School.

P G Collyer  
Head of Grade 8

## School Matters

Dear Parents and Learners

It was a pleasure to represent DHS at the Umlazi District 2011 National Senior Certificate Awards of Excellence Function on Friday, 3 February 2012. In the category for Subject Awards Kashmeel Bisseru was the Top Achieving Candidate for Accounting, Economics, Mathematics and Physical Sciences. DHS is very proud of Kashmeel Bisseru, Thaahir Mathir and Sulaiman Patel who were announced as being in the Top Ten Candidates in the Umlazi District.

A highlight to the week, most certainly, was the outstanding 2012 Performing Arts Competition. Our learners exhibited their enormous talent to a very appreciative audience. Items presented ranged from jazz pieces through to poetry and delightful comedy. We are very proud of our boys!

We welcome Miss Seepersad to our staff, and wish her a happy stay at DHS. She has been transferred to DHS and will be teaching Natural Sciences and Mathematics. There will be a change in the timetable, effective Friday, 24 February 2012. This change affects some of the Grade 8 and 9 classes. In addition, Mr Capper will be teaching Life Orientation in Mrs Vos' absence, who will be away on sick leave as from Friday, 24 February 2012. Mr Burt, who has been very busy working with our swimmers and our waterpolo

boys since the beginning of the year, will be joining the ranks in the Mathematics Department as from Friday, 24 February 2012. Mr Burt is a past member of the DHS Staff. We welcome him back and we know that our learners will now benefit from his expertise in the classroom as well.

Parents are urged to take careful note of the dates that have been published for the School Governing Body Election. The first date that has been identified is Thursday, 8 March 2012. A 15% quorum is required on this occasion. Should this requirement not be met, the second date is Thursday, 15 March 2012, and no quorum is required. Both meetings will commence at 18h00. Our Parents are to please contact the School, should they have any queries and questions. Nomination forms are available at School. The voters' roll is also available for checking. It is common knowledge that effective schools have effective School Governing Bodies. We look forward to welcoming our next School Governing Body Members to their term of office, during which they will continue with the good work that has been done to date.

Our theme for 2012 is 'Towards 2016 - Back to Basics'. We are attending to matters such as our Learners arriving to class on time, participating meaningfully in lessons, completing their assessments and homework with

due attention, becoming fully involved in the co-curricular programme of the School and enjoying each day at school to the full.

Parent support, vigilance and encouragement are integral, and we thank our Parents for their collaborative support in forging the successful partnership of educator, parent and learner. Our Parents are encouraged to communicate and interact with the School, making use of the correct channels, regarding concerns that they may have, as well as providing feedback that will assist us in rendering an excellent service to our Learners.

DHS is blessed in that the Staff, both teaching Staff and non-teaching Staff, are dedicated. This is a very special group of people who contribute consistently on a daily basis towards the improvement of the School. Our Staff are thanked most sincerely for giving unstintingly of their time, effort, energy and talents.

We wish our Learners well in their fixtures against Maritzburg College this weekend. May good sportsmanship and friendship be the winners on the day.

M Vermaak  
Deputy Principal

*. . . It is not what we are going through - it is what we are going to . . .*





*Special Prize Winners:  
(from left): Tylan Koekemoer, Sakhile Humbane and Matthew Trichardt*



*Top Three in Grade 11:  
Matthew Plumstead, Dimitrije Mamontov and Tremanye Naidoo*



*Top Three in Grade 10:  
Victor Bantchovski, Julian J van Rensberg and Nicholas Conynham*



*Top Three in Grade 9:  
Kusheel Vallabh, Nischay Chetty and David Palframan*



*Top Three in Grade 8:  
Tharan Pillay, Rishal Jivan and Nikyle Bisseru*

## Junior Speech Day

The Junior Awards Ceremony was held at School on Friday 3 February to honour the pupils who excelled in academics in 2011.

The ceremony was well attended by parents who were impressed with how smoothly it ran and with the speakers. The Guest of Honour was DHS Old Boy, Roger Horrocks, who entertained the boys with his visual presentation on diving with Sharks and Crocodiles!

Congratulations to all the prize winners!

### Special Prizes:

Nigel Hopkins Memorial Trophy:  
Matthew Trichardt

Rotary Club of Durban Berea Scholarships:  
Tylan-John Koekemoer

John Tollman Music Award:  
Sakhile Humbane

### Grade Prizes:

#### Top 3 in Grade 11:

1<sup>st</sup> Dimitrije Mamontov  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tremayne Naidoo  
3<sup>rd</sup> Brenton Naicker  
Matthew Plumstead

#### Top 3 in Grade 10:

1<sup>st</sup> Julian Janse van Rensburg  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nicholas Conynham  
3<sup>rd</sup> Victor Bantchovski

#### Top 3 in Grade 9:

1<sup>st</sup> Khusheel Vallabh  
2<sup>nd</sup> David Palframan  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nischay Chetty

#### Top 3 in Grade 8:

1<sup>st</sup> Tharan Pillay  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nikyle Bisseru  
3<sup>rd</sup> Rishal Jivan

## Moms' Com Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who came to the Ladies breakfast on Friday 10 February.

What a pleasure it was to meet you all and see how quickly new friends were made. The buzz of conversation was heard way down the passage, while the few

male staff members looked on rather bemused.

For those who couldn't make this Breakfast, there will be another one towards the end of the year when we welcome prospective parents.

## Teen Suicide Prevention Week

*"I don't want to go to school, or soccer, or see my friends, or anything. I just hate everyone right now. Life sucks."*

Being a teenager often means having lots of emotional ups and downs. School, parents, friends, relationships can be confusing and frustrating - things can be great one minute and horrible the next. Many people believe that sadness is just a normal part of growing up, but teens who feel really down and unhappy for two weeks or more at a time may have depression - in fact about 1 in every 5 teens gets depression.

Depression is a "whole-body" illness that involves your body,

mood and thoughts. It affects the way you feel about yourself, and the way you think about things. Depression is not a sign of weakness, it can't be wished away, and people with depression cannot just pull themselves together. Without treatment depression can last for weeks, months, or even years. But the good news is: 80% of people, who suffer from depression, get better with treatment so there is no need to feel this way.

If you are concerned about your son or anyone else please contact a school counsellor.

For more information, visit <http://www.sadag.org>

## Extra-Mural Results

### CRICKET vs ST CHARLES COLLEGE

1 <sup>st</sup>	St Charles	179	(Ndlovu 4/61)
	DHS	76/8	Rain stopped play
15D	St Charles	60	(Kidgel 3/14, Viriah 3/20)
	DHS	66/5	DHS won by 5 wickets
14A	DHS	168	(Nicker 63*)
	St Charles	56	(Soni 4/14)
			DHS won by 112 runs
14C	St Charles	143	(Manikum 3/12)
	DHS	145/7	(Parthiephah 43)
			DHS won by 3 wickets

The following games were called off owing to weather conditions:

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, U16A, U16B, U16C, U15A, U15B, U15C

### CRICKET vs CRAWFORD LL

U14F	DHS	112
	Crawford LL	113/8
		DHS lost by 2 wickets

### BASKETBALL vs ST CHARLES

1 <sup>st</sup>	DHS	85	St Charles	53
2 <sup>nd</sup>	DHS	22	St Charles	32
16A	DHS	50	St Charles	23
15A	DHS	35	St Charles	24

### SQUASH SUPER 8

DHS/Thomas More College	4	19
DHS/Thomas More College	1	24

### SENIOR DEBATING at DANVILLE

Senior Team 1 vs Danville  
Result: Lost

DHS Senior Team 2 vs Northlands  
Result: Won

### GOLF vs NORTHWOOD

DHS A 7½ Northwood A ½

### SWIMMING

DHS finished Sixth out of ten schools at the Westville Invitation Gala held at Westville on 10 February 2012.

Westville	254
Grey College	233
St Davids	174
Clifton College	165
Hilton College	146
DHS	118
St Benedicts	100
Maritzburg College	91
Glenwood	89
Northwood	60

### INTER-HOUSE GALA

Last Wednesday, 8 February, we held the Inter-House Gala. The atmosphere down at the pool was great with Blackmore House showing great support and house spirit for all its swimmers. It was great to see the whole school making just as much noise for their swimmers as the boarders.

Over the last few years Blackmore dominated the gala but that was not to be this year. Well done to Payn house for dominating the U14 races. Blackmore were by far the strongest in the U15 races and Langley won all the senior events.

Well done to Cameron Coleman (Grade 10) from Grice house who won the dash for cash and bragging rights as quickest swimmer in the school.

Overall points:

1. Langley	79
2. Grice	75
3. Payn	66
4. Swales	55
5. Blackmore	54
6. Campbell	40

## Congratulations!

- ◆ Ntandazo Mtshengu has been selected to represent the KZN Senior Athletics Team in Germiston on 25 February. Quite an achievement for a 17 year old High Jumper and well deserved after he achieved his personal best of 2.02m last week.
- ◆ Reegan Tait swam the Midmar Mile this weekend and was placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the U13 Boys category and 17<sup>th</sup> overall in the Category U13 Boys / 31 Years & Over. His time was 24:31. This was an awesome swim as the conditions were quite choppy and there were a couple of thousand swimmers in his event.

School is looking for two second-hand containers to use to store our grounds equipment. Please contact Mr Norton if you are able to assist.

## DHS Poets

DHS poets, Thoba Mthembu, Sanele Dlamini, Lindani Msomi, Lungelo Gambushe and Nqubela Arosi attended and recited their poetry at a show in Durban called Cup O' Thought. Below are the comments received from the organizer of the show, Tumelo Khoza:

"We were immensely impressed with their poetry, more so with the way they conducted themselves at the event. There was no teacher present but their behaviour was notable. They arrived in school uniform and represented DHS well."



*Arosi the Poet in action!*



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## Water Polo Fixtures

### WATER POLO vs COLLEGE (h) : Saturday 18 February

1<sup>st</sup> 12h30 (4x8min playing)  
2<sup>nd</sup> 11h45 (4x6min running)  
3<sup>rd</sup> 11h10 (4x6min running)

U15A 10h25 (4x5min playing)  
U15B 09h50 (4x6min running)

U14A 09h05 (4x5min playing)  
U14B 08h30 (4x6min running)

### WATER POLO vs CLIFTON (h) : Tuesday 21 February

1<sup>st</sup> 16h10 (4x8min playing)  
2<sup>nd</sup> 15h35 (4x6min running)  
3<sup>rd</sup> 15h00 (4x6min running)

### WATER POLO vs CLIFTON (h) : Thursday 23 February

U14A 15h35 (4x5min playing)  
U14B 15h00 (4x6min running)



## The Weeks Ahead

### Friday 17 February

Chess Tour to Bloemfontein :  
Return Sunday 19 February

### Saturday 18 February

Cricket vs College : 1<sup>st</sup> XI Away  
Water Polo / Basketball vs College  
(h)

### Sunday 19 February

KZN Provincial Aquatics Champs

### Monday 20 February

Grades 9 D, R, A, H, G to Spirit of  
Adventure : Return 22 February

### Tuesday 21 February

Toastmasters : Drama 2 Room  
Water Polo vs Clifton (h)

### Wednesday 22 February

Grade 9 U, B, N, I, S to Spirit of  
Adventure : Return 23 February

### Grade 12 Photos

Squash vs Kearnsey  
Basketball vs New Forest  
Durban & Districts Gala : Kings Park  
: 18h00

### Thursday 23 February

Senior 1 & 2 Debating : at DHS

### Friday 24 February

Water Polo vs Thomas More (h)

### Saturday 25 February

Cricket / Basketball / Water Polo vs  
Clifton (a)  
Basketball Tour : St John's Festival

### Thursday 8 March

DHS Hockey Golf Day : Royal Durban



## This Week's Fixtures

### CRICKET Fixtures vs COLLEGE (h) & (a) : Saturday 18 February

Team	Time	Venue	Format	Coach
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	09h30	Goldstones (a)	50/50	Donaldson
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	09h30	Theobald (h)	50/50	Rein
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	08h30	Dalry Main (a)	30/30	Perks
4 <sup>th</sup> XI vs 5 <sup>th</sup> XI	13h30	Lamonds (a)	30/30	Wilkinson
U16A	09h30	DHSOB (h)	50/50	Maungwa
U16B	09h30	Varsity 2 (a)	50/50	Matthyssen
U16C vs U16D	08h30	Lamonds (a)	30/30	Crasso
U15A	09h30	Barns (a)	50/50	Gcilitshana
U15B	09h30	Nicholsons (a)	50/50	Wilkinson
U15C	13h30	Dalry Main (a)	30/30	Capper
U15D	13h30	Leaches (a)	30/30	Mabena
U15E vs U15F	08h30	Tech 2 (a)	30/30	Mtshali
U15F vs U15G	13h30	Tech 2 (a)	30/30	Zwane
U14A	09h30	Snows (a)	50/50	Adam
U14B	09h30	Pmb Collegians (a)	50/50	Levin
U14C	08h30	Tech 1 (a)	30/30	Hlongwa
U14D	13h30	Tech 1 (a)	30/30	Mfusi
U14E vs U14F	08h30	Topfield (h)	30/30	Elliott
U14F vs U14G	13h30	Topfield (h)	30/30	Ngcobo
U14G vs U14I	13h30	Tech 3 (a)	30/30	Mduli

### BASKETBALL vs COLLEGE (h) : Saturday 18 February 2012

Team	Time	Court	Team	Time	Court
1 <sup>st</sup>	12h10	Court 1	2 <sup>nd</sup>	11h00	Court 2
U16A	11h00	Court 1	U16B	10h00	Court 2
U15A	10h00	Court 1	U15B	09h00	Court 1
U15C	11h00	Court 3	U14A	09h00	Court 2
U14B	10h00	Court 3	U14C	09h00	Court 3



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# DHS Hockey Golf Day

DHS is celebrating 100 years of Hockey next year and we are hosting a Golf Day in order to help raise funds for new equipment, kit and tours in 2013.

The Golf Day will take place on 8 March 2012 at Royal Durban Golf Club.

We would really appreciate your support by playing in our golf day or with sponsorship.

Should you be interested, please contact Wendy at: [wendy.kockott@durbanhighschool.co.za](mailto:wendy.kockott@durbanhighschool.co.za)

*An Invitation*  
to  
Parents and Teachers to a talk by  
Prof Lourens Schlebusch,  
Emeritus Professor of Behavioural Medicine/Clinical Psychologist


**“Stress and Teenage Suicide”**

Date: Wednesday, 29 February 2012

Time: (6:15pm for 6:30pm)  
6:30pm - 7:30pm

Cost: R20.00 per person  
(payable at the door)

Venue: Hillcrest High School  
Shortlands Avenue, Hillcrest  
R.S.V.P. 031-7651215 (Mrs White)



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