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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM OLD STITHIAN CHAIRMAN: ISRAEL SKOSANA



Dear Old Stithians

As we approach the conclusion of 2024, I want to reflect on what has been an extraordinary year for the Old Stithian Association (OSA) and express my deepest gratitude to all who have contributed to our successes.

First and foremost, I extend my sincere thanks to the *Chair of Council, Ntombi Langa Royds*, for her visionary leadership and unwavering support of the school. To the *Chairman of Trust, Gary Morolo*, thank you for your dedication and stewardship, ensuring the sustainability of St Stithians College.

Finally, I express my heartfelt gratitude to our *Rector, Celeste Gilardi*, for her remarkable leadership and collaboration with the Exco Team throughout the year. Together, you have been instrumental in maintaining and enhancing the legacy of our great school, St Stithians College. From a financial perspective, the OSA committee, through its Council and Fincom representatives, are pleased with the College's balance sheet health and remains vigilant on the income statement performance to meet the 2026 objective of breakeven.

A special mention also goes to *Alistair Stewart* and the Advancement Office, whose partnership with the OSA has once again proved invaluable. Their efforts, alongside those of our generous alumni, ensured the resounding success of our inaugural Giving Day, which raised an incredible **R4.6 million**. This achievement is a testament to the strength and generosity of our alumni community.

Celebrating Milestones: This year, we celebrated numerous milestones, all of which showcased the resilience, camaraderie, and pride that define our Old Stithian community.

From reconnecting with old friends to welcoming new committee members, the spirit of our association remains vibrant and enduring.

We were honored to welcome fresh voices and perspectives to the committee during the year while also bidding farewell to valued members. **To Rian Hancock, Bradley Bell, Stuart McIver and Jackson Gondo**—your years of service, creativity, and commitment have left an indelible mark. Thank you for your dedication to the OSA and the school.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF 2024



1. Community & Connection

This year saw an impressive range of local and international events, each offering an opportunity to strengthen our connections. Despite the challenges of a rapidly changing world, our alumni have continually shown their willingness to come together, support one another, and contribute to the school in meaningful ways.



2. Giving Day Success

The inaugural Giving Day in collaboration with the Advancement Office was a tremendous success, raising R4.6 million. The support demonstrated by our alumni underscores the strength and generosity of our community. The OSA was proud to donate R200 000 towards the Giving Day and contribute to the success of the campaign.



3. Sporting & Cultural Achievements

The 40th Saints Sports Festival was a standout event, drawing over 7,000 attendees to the OSA Zone. This celebration of athleticism, camaraderie, and school pride continues to be a highlight of the year for the St Stithians community.



4. Student & Alumni Achievements

The accomplishments of our students and alumni this year have been a source of immense pride. Whether in academics, leadership, sports, or the arts, the spirit of excellence and service shines through in everything we do. The OSA is proud to support four bursaries—two for the Girls College (boarding) and two for the Boys College. We remain committed to assisting with financial needs wherever possible and continue to foster growth within the community.

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Looking Ahead

As we prepare to step into 2025, I encourage all of you to remain engaged with the association. Greater alumni support is crucial to the continued growth and success of our school. This could take the form of:

- Skills: Sharing expertise that can benefit the school or its students.
- Funds: Supporting projects that enhance the St Stithians experience for current and future generations.
- Resources: Offering access to opportunities or tools that enrich our community.

We are currently assessing an OSA Alumni App which can enhance the communication between Alumni and the School and OSA. It will also allow for alumni to network and engage with one another and offer possible mentoring opportunities.

Our shared stories, experiences, and contributions are what ensure the strength of our legacy for future generations.



Together, we can ensure that the St Stithians community remains strong, vibrant, and impactful.

Thank you for your continued support and for being an integral part of the Old Stithians family. It is a privilege to witness the bonds that unite us and the collective passion that drives our association forward.

Wishing you and your loved ones a peaceful holiday season and a prosperous new year.

Warm regards,

Israel Skosana
Chairman, Old Stithian Association



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ST STITHIANS GIRLS' COLLEGE

Celebrating Excellence:

This year marks my seventh as Head of St Stithians Girls' College, a role that continues to be an honour and privilege.

As I reflect on this journey, I am struck by the extraordinary progress and transformation we have achieved as a community, underpinned by our guiding principles of belong, learn, lead, and serve.

This report attempts to capture some of the many highlights of the year past.

At the Girls' College we firmly believe that when individuals feel a profound sense of belonging, they thrive, engage deeply, and find happiness in their environment.

This belief inspired one of the year's most exciting milestones: the launch of our six new houses—**Lakita**, **Mvelo**, **Ubunye**, **Trina**, **Olea**, and **Motheo**.



Sally James

Head of School: Girls' College

This initiative has been a culmination of hard work and collaboration over two years and we are grateful for the input from our OSA members, staff and students, all of whom have played a pivotal role in the creation of our new house system.

In September this year we launched the new houses in a vibrant celebration during the OSA Class of 2004 reunion and our annual Interhouse Athletics event.

Special thanks go to *Katherin Hollingworth* Class of 2022 for her creativity and investment in the design of the logos.

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A FEW HIGHLIGHTS WORTHY OF CELEBRATION

Our Matric Class of 2024 exemplifies academic distinction. Their preliminary results have been nothing short of outstanding, with external examiners commending their performance in practical and oral examinations.

We eagerly anticipate their IEB NSC results, knowing they reflect the dedication and resilience of both students and teachers.

The year's journey included a magical Matric Dance with a "***Down the Rabbit Hole***" theme, transporting our students into a whimsical world that symbolized their unique and unforgettable school experience.



Sporting highlights over the year included the Girls' College hosting the Independent Schools Sports Festival, an annual girls' sports festival comprised of 18 schools from Johannesburg and Gauteng.

Hockey, netball, squash and tennis form a part of the festival.

Honouring Commitment and Talent

We also celebrate the achievements of *Karabo Morolo*, *Madison Graham* and *Kerisha Dorasamy* who earned their White Triple Honours blazers this year.

Their dedication and exceptional abilities exemplify the highest standards of excellence at the Girls' College.



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HERITAGE & COMMUNITY: A CELEBRATION OF IDENTITY

Another highlight was our inaugural **Campus Heritage Day**, a joyous celebration of our diversity. With the collaborative spirit of staff, parents, and students, we laid the foundation for what promises to be an annual tradition.

Adding to the day's significance was the launch of ***The Night Has Ears and Other Stories***, a folktale collection written and illustrated by our Grade 10 Girls' College students, translated into isiZulu, Sesotho, and Afrikaans.

This groundbreaking initiative not only showcases the creative talent within our school but also reinforces the importance of African storytelling, heritage, and languages.

Proceeds from book sales will enable us to share this gift of storytelling with our community engagement partners, spreading the magic of our students' voices even further.



Heritage Day Celebration of Diversity 2024 - One 4 All & All 4 One

St Stithians College was proud to host our inaugural whole school Heritage Day Celebration of Cultural Diversity during Heritage month, and what a celebration it...

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In the cultural space, our students continued to make their voices heard. The original production ***Eish!***, devised by the cast and directed by Grade 11 student *Bukelwa Biko*, captivated audiences at the FEDA festival.

This poignant exploration of women's strength and overlooked contributions received seven nominations and won Best Supporting Actor in a Female Role for *Sinqobile Sithole*.

The production stands as a proud example of how our **Dramatic Arts Department** empowers young women to express their truths.

This year's Major Production, ***The Blood Sun*** devised by the cast and crew, directed by *Mr Richard Sibeko*, and produced by the Girls' College Dramatic Arts Department was based on the isiXhosa story of ***Nonqgawuse***.

The heartfelt story of Nonqgawuse was told through African Storytelling and music with elements of physical theatre and movement and was another enormous success and testament to the talent and innovation of our creative arts at the Girls' College.

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NOTABLE SPORTING POINTS OF CELEBRATION THIS YEAR



Football:

The launch of our very own girls' football league, "The Saints Football League", our 1st team was undefeated.



Hockey:

1st Team: Unbeaten in the league and finished sixth in the SuperSport Schools national rankings.



Squash:

The GC came second in the Top Schools squash tournament which is a phenomenal achievement!

Netball:

The 2024 Championships were the most successful District Championship for the Girls' College. The Girls' College won Pool A of our District 13 league.

2024 District Championship

- the U15B won silver
- the U16A won gold
- the U16B won silver
- the U17A won gold
- the U17B won silver
- the U18A won silver
- U18B won bronze



Congratulations are in order for all our students who have been selected into Senior National Teams and who get to wear their **green and gold!**

Rowing:

Lucy Taylor and René Gouws

Hockey:

Reabetswe Phume and Tori Tanner-Ellis

Swimming:

Cleo Lin, Chelsea White, Jessica Thompson, Leigh Ann van der Vyver, and Kirsten Storm

Diving:

Katherine Leschner and Gemma Weyers

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THANK YOU, GC ALUMNAE, FOR YOUR SUPPORT

This year, we were delighted to welcome back *Mahlatse Madibane* (Class of 2013), *Tessa Gough* (Class of 2015), and *Paige Lindenberg* (Class of 2010), who shared inspiring stories with our Girls' College community. Your journeys and achievements serve as a powerful source of inspiration for our students, reminding them of the limitless possibilities that lie ahead.

We are deeply grateful to all alumnae who supported our inaugural Giving Day this October. The Girls' College community came together in a remarkable way, proudly emerging as the largest donor group for the initiative—an extraordinary testament to the enduring spirit of Saints. To our alumnae, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and commitment.

The 10-year and 20-year reunions were another highlight of our year, and we were thrilled to host the Class of 2004 and the Class of 2014 for these meaningful milestones. Your presence and engagement enrich our school's legacy and strengthen the bonds of our shared history.

A special note of gratitude goes to *Lara Stockigt* (Class of 2013) and *Simphiwe Mashego* (Class of 2007) for their exceptional dedication and service to the Girls' College as alumnae this year. Your contributions are invaluable, and your unwavering support continues to elevate our community.



Looking back on this year, it is clear that our efforts and hard work around creating a space of belonging for One and All are bearing fruit.

Our enrolment numbers—now the fullest in our history—reflect the value families place on a St Stithians Girls' College education.

As we prepare for another year, I am filled with gratitude for the collective efforts of our students, staff, parents, and alumnae.

Together, we are shaping a future where young women are equipped to navigate complexities, bridge differences, and lead with empathy and courage.

Thank you, One and All, for your ongoing support of St Stithians Girls' College.

We look forward to continuing this journey of excellence and belonging with you.

Sally James
Head of School: Girls' College

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ST STITHIANS BOYS' COLLEGE

On behalf of the Boys' College, I wish our Old Stithian Community the richest blessings over this Festive Season, and a reflective Christmas period, as you take stock of your 2024 year, and begin to cast your gaze forward towards 2025.

St Stithians has enjoyed a very good year as we continue to grow as a relatively young school. As alumni of our school I believe that you have much to celebrate about your alma mater. We share as many of our achievements and stories as possible, and my hope is that you cast your eye over these stories every so often, keeping abreast of what is happening at Saints and in the Boys' College.

In my final address to our staff at the end of this year I reminded us that the next 50 years of our school's history is our responsibility today. This is an accountability I hold very dear – I am able to lead the Boys' College because of teachers and staff members and boys who made certain choices many years ago, that have created the canvas on which we can currently celebrate and create the present.

When we, for example, celebrate our **Naledi Awards** for our drama production of '**The Birdcage**' it is a celebration of our current staff and students, but also of the past people involved in the performing arts who created the space and interest in Culture such that we can now deliver brilliance.

So, thank you One and All for your contributions over time. We continue your legacy and trust that others will thrive off the work we are currently doing in the future.

Our aspiration at Saints and in the Boys' College remains:



David du Toit

Head of School: Boys' College

"to be a leading school for boys, modern in practise, holding on to important and relevant traditions, focussed on positive experiences for boys, staff and students, a place where every student has a sense of belonging, where we include rather than exclude, where we are open-minded and where we embrace change and challenge, producing young men who seek to positively impact the world."

I hope that, as you read this vision statement it resonates with you and aligns with your memory of your school.

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I would like to thank the OSA for your connection with me, and with the College, over this past year. From robust and respectful conversations about SportsFest, to regular chats with our BC Liaison Jock Seeliger, to meetings about Crusaders, Hockey, the pitch on Baytopp, or perhaps discussions about funding for a few current students, or to really wonderful reunions with classes of 2014, 2004, 1994, 1984 and 1974, and the OSA gathering in London, I have enjoyed my engagement with the OSA.

After all, we are all wanting what is best for the College. We have amazing staff and leaders in the College who care deeply about your alma mater. I have loved feeling your OSA passion and care for our space, perhaps no more clearly felt than with the 2004 reunion group who loudly sang war cries, clad in their reunion t-shirts, as we took on Parktown at the Astroturf and on Baytopp.

A few current conversations that are happening at BC and have relevance for our alumni are the work we are doing on Baytopp Field, the removal of the Bathroom Block in Chapel Quad, and discussion about our 'Old Man' Wysteria in our Chapel Quad.

We have decided, after much discussion and consideration of our school needs, to remove the cricket pitch off Baytopp Field. This will allow this field to be set up specifically as a Football and Rugby field. This is to accommodate the growth of these sporting codes, the number of fixtures, and the specific preparation of the field for those purposes.

I am grateful to parents and alumni who have contributed financially to this project.

For many years we have wanted to remove the Bathroom Block in the Chapel Quad. Our quad is a beautiful space, so it is unfortunate that the centre-piece has been a bathroom.

We will be changing this building into a multi-use, modern space which will enhance the appeal of the quad, and be a much needed venue for teaching and learning. We look forward to unveiling this change in 2025.

I am engaged in an annual discussion about our favourite tree, 'Old Man Wysteria', in the Chapel Quad. This tree was planted in 1954 to commemorate the laying of the Foundation Stone of the Chapel.

It is a living part of our history, and if we could talk to the 'Old Man' we would surely gather some fascinating stories. However, the branches are sagging ever lower, and the tree is struggling. There will come a time when we will have to make the tough call to remove the tree. This would be a momentous decision.

We have planned ahead and in 2018 planted two Wysteria trees either side of the 'Old Man' such that they will provide shade and the same ambience in the future.

I have also been engaged in discussions about how carpenters might be able to do something special with the wood of the tree so that its legacy and memory will live on, and continue to serve our community.



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As we close out 2024 we are thrilled to have the Class of 2024, who have had a very successful school year under the leadership of their Head Boy, *Regis Junior Dzenga*, and *Rixongile Chinkanda*, his Deputy, joining the OSA.

I also wish to acknowledge and thank three departing OSA stalwarts who have been on our BC staff for their work in our school. *Courtney Watson* (1998) has served the College for over 20 years as an intern and teacher and a leader in many aspects of our school life.

Jono Dale (2000) leaves the school as they emigrate to Australia, having been on our staff as a teacher and leader, most recently as Director of Boarding and Housemaster of Collins House, after 15 years of service.

Finally, we thank *Charlie Post* (2000) for his passion and service as our Director of Rugby. These three gentlemen have been outstanding role models and we are grateful for their love and care for our school.

I am also thrilled to have employed *Kimren Pather* (2014) and *Joshua Minaar* (2020) onto our staff at BC this year, continuing the legacy of attracting alumni back into their school as teachers.

I congratulate the College on the successful Giving Day that we ran this year. As a first-time initiative I believe that this brought our wider Saints Community together wonderfully in the spirit of giving back and investing in the future of our school and in our people.

My hope is that you were able to participate in this day in which we could celebrate the contribution this school has made in your own lives and dare to dream about what it could be in the future.

In this same spirit of generosity I do wish to thank the OSA and members of the OSA for your support in contributing to scholarships for students to attend St Stithians. You are making a difference in lives.

2024 has had a swathe of fabulous moments and achievements, across our 7 Pillars of a Boys' College education. 2025 holds much promise where, under the leadership of our new student leaders, *Stefano Stankovic* (Head Boy) and *Jake Finch* (Deputy), and with the guidance of our committed and very talented Staff, we hope to continue to make you proud of your school and have many brag moments to share in your varsity and working spaces.

'It takes the village to raise a child' is a well-known saying. Less well known is: 'It takes a community to nurture a Saints Knight'. The Saints community which year in and year out produces young graduate students who are primed and ready to go out and make a significant difference in the world, is a large one of friends, parents, staff, school departments, alumni and leaders.

We had 145 Saints Knights graduating this year. There are hundreds of community members who have contributed to helping them complete this journey.

I wish to extend my gratitude to this community, One and All.

As we head off into our holidays and into a period of reflection and into our Festive Season, I share our College Prayer with our St Stithians Community:

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COLLEGE PRAYER

Dear God,

*Let my purpose each day be to honour You,
I seek to praise You through faithful service,
I seek to honour You through dedicated worship,
I long to be filled with the fruit of Your Spirit
So that I may journey along a path of prayer
Towards knowing You as my God.*

*Let my purpose each day be to honour others,
Let me seek to respect and value each person that I meet,
And see You reflected in my neighbour.
Help me to journey towards finding the beauty in others.*

*Help me to journey towards building others
Through co-operation rather than competition,
And towards an understanding of You as my God.*

*Let my purpose each day be to learn to honour self,
Allow me to grow in moral courage so that I may express the truth,
Allow me to find the strength to live a disciplined life.*

*I ask You to walk beside me,
As I journey from loneliness to solitude,
Towards a discovery of the uniqueness of self,
And a personal knowledge of You as my God.
Amen.*

I wish you a really awesome holiday period with your families. May it be 'well with your soul' and may you find time to replenish your bodies and minds and spirit.

I have encouraged our boys to exercise, to read and to learn a new skill in this holiday period. Perhaps we can all try.

I am so proud of our school. I trust that you feel the same way.

Be kind. Stay safe. Tell the Saints story with pride.

Yours faithfully
David du Toit
Head of School: Boys' College

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THANDULWAZI

This Christmas, there is no greater gift than the Gift of Education.

The Thandulwazi Maths and Science Academy has reached over 1500 students and teachers in 2024, giving those who need it most, the Gift of Education.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the St Stithians Community for their unwavering generosity this year, you are amazing!

To support our programmes visit:
<https://www.stithian.com/give-to-st-stithians/thandulwazi-maths-and-science-academy>



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OSA EVENTS

SAINTS SPORTS FESTIVAL 2024

This year's Sports Festival was a landmark celebration, marking an incredible **40 years** of this much-loved tradition.

The Saints family came together across our stunning campus for a weekend filled with sport, camaraderie, connection, and fun.

Our alumni showed they've still got what it takes, competing across various sporting disciplines including squash, tennis, rugby, netball, hockey, and football.

Their participation added an extra layer of excitement and inspiration to the festivities.

The OSA Zone, located at its vibrant new spot on Henning Field, was a highlight of the event. Featuring sensational performances by artists like Neon Dreams and Matthew Mole, the OSA Zone was the ultimate gathering space for alumni to enjoy thrilling sport, refreshing beverages, and unforgettable music.

A huge thank you to the alumni who came back to serve as volunteers behind the bar, showing that the call to service is long lasting. Once a Saint, always a Saint.

As we reflect on the success of Saints Festival 2024, we are already looking forward to what's in store for next year's festival.

[Click here for the short clip of the highlights from our OSA Zone:](#)



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GOLF DAY 2024

R800 per player or R3200 per four ball
which includes, Green Fees, halfway house lunch,
prize giving dinner and fantastic prizes!
Friday 8th November 2024!

FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER - BRYANSTON COUNTRY CLUB

To book a fourball please email Caitlyn on
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THE SAINTS WATER POLO FESTIVAL

This highly anticipated event saw teams from across South Africa gather for back-to-back weekends of world-class water polo.

The synergy between the school and the OSA ensured a seamless blend of outstanding sport and an immersive festival experience.

A variety of vendors provided entertainment and refreshments for players, families, and supporters, while the OSA hosted a hospitality tent.

This space offered shade, comfortable seating, cold beverages, and a perfect spot for coaches and supporters to unwind—whether celebrating hard-won victories or commiserating after tough losses.

THE ANNUAL OSA GOLF DAY

Held on November 8, 2024, the annual OSA Golf Day at Bryanston Country Club was a spectacular fundraiser and networking event, bringing the Stithian community together in full force.

With amazing prizes sponsored by alumni and friends of the school, the top 10 four balls and various spot prize winners celebrated the day's competitive spirit. Members of the OSA committee participated with enthusiasm, representing the association with pride and sportsmanship.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all participants, sponsors, coordinators, donors, and Bryanston Country Club for their contributions to this memorable event. It was truly an occasion that exemplified the spirit of St Stithians, enjoyed thoroughly by all who attended.



John Smit at the Water Polo Festival

OSA UK CHAPTER GOLF DAY

The UK Chapter hosted an unforgettable Golf Day at Addington Court on the 31st of May 2024. Thanks to an amazing sponsorship by Best Biltong, there were some fantastic prizes up for grabs.

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SAINTS GIVING DAY

On the 15th and 16th of October, St Stithians hosted its inaugural Giving Day, a transformative initiative to raise funds for key pillars of the school: the St Stithians Endowment Fund, Thandulwazi, the Scholarship Programme, and the Capital Projects Fund.

With the theme “Your Journey, Saints Legacy”, the event highlighted the school’s dedication to fostering academic and personal achievement while celebrating the unique journeys of its students.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our Saints community, we achieved 93% of our ambitious target, raising an astounding R4,654,689! This remarkable outcome was made possible by the collective effort of 955 donors, demonstrating the united spirit of St Stithians.

15 - 16 OCTOBER 2024

YOUR JOURNEY SAINTS' LEGACY

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**JOIN US
IN RAISING R5M
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The OSA executive committee joined forces with representatives from the school, parents, and alumni to volunteer at the Giving Day call centre, reaching out to encourage participation and support.

Their commitment embodies the ethos of a community determined to create a brighter future for our students.

Giving Day was a powerful reminder of the strength and generosity of the Saints family. Whether a current student, alumnus, parent, or teacher, we stand together as a community dedicated to fostering a legacy that will shape St Stithians for generations to come.

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ALUMNI SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



Bailey Heydra
Class of 2021

Bailey is a proud Old Stithian who frequently represents South Africa in diving. She has competed in several events this year including the World Champs in Doha in January 2024.



Harry Saner
Class of 2018

Harry proudly represented South Africa at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games for fencing and was named the University of the Witwatersrand Sportsman of the Year – an outstanding achievement.



Connor Young
Class of 2021

Connor has proudly represented South Africa in multiple archery events this year, including the Archery World Cup in Turkey. He is currently ranked 3rd in the country for the 70m category.



Tessa Gough
Class of 2015

Tessa participated in the Kalahari Augrabies Extreme Marathon (KAEM), partnering with Mama Flo to raise money to provide packs of reusable sanitary pads to girls in need.



Ryan Rickelton
Class of 2014

Congratulations to Ryan on his well-deserved maiden test century, scored on the first day of the second test against Sri Lanka that is underway at St George's Park in Gqeberha.



Asenathi Ntlabakanye
Class of 2017

Congratulations to Asenathi for making his 50th appearance for the Emirates Lions in the United Rugby Championship against the Dragons at Rodney Parade in Newport, South Wales.



Wiaan Mulder
Class of 2016

Well done to Wiaan for achieving his first test century with an impressive 105 runs on the 30th October.



Calvin Steinhobel
Class of 2017

Congratulations to Calvin on receiving South African colours for Bass Angling—a remarkable accomplishment.



Munashe Mhere
Class of 2020

Munashe made his international rugby debut as tighthead prop for Zimbabwe on the 5th of November.

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ALUMNI SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



Kagiso Rabada

Class of 2013

Kagiso is ranked as the number one test bowler in the world and achieved the monumental milestone in October, securing his 300th test wicket for South Africa during the Proteas' test match against Bangladesh.

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ALUMNI CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS



Julia Evans
Class of 2016

Congratulations to Julia who was awarded the Juby Mayet Award Rising Star of the Year award at the Standard Bank Sikuvile Journalism Awards.



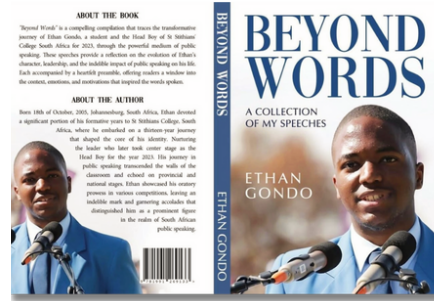
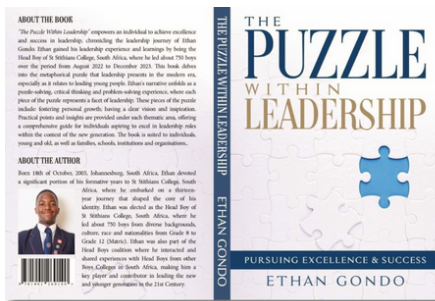
Marie Botha
Class of 2009

Marie was featured in the HBO Original Documentary Slave Play: Not a Movie. A Play.—a testament to her artistic excellence.



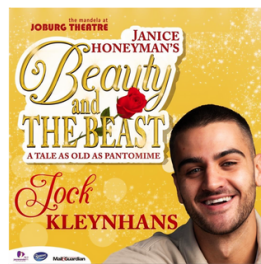
Nkuli Gamede
Class of 2009

Congratulations to Old Stithian, Nkuli Gamede on his appointment as the Deputy Head at Kearsney College.



Ethan Gondo
Class of 2023

Ethan has impressively published two books: ***"Beyond Words: A collection of my Speeches"*** and ***"The Puzzle within Leadership"***. We can't wait to see what Ethan has in store next.



Jock Kleynhans
Class of 2017

Jock shone on stage as both the ***Prince and the Beast*** in this year's ***Janice Honeyman Pantomime***, ***Beauty and the Beast***, at the Joburg Theatre.

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REUNIONS

NEW YORK REUNION

We proudly hosted our 3rd New York Old Stithian Alumni Reunion, celebrating the power and importance of our global alumni network.

It's always inspiring to see how these connections enrich the lives of our alumni living abroad.

We're thrilled about the potential for growing the USA chapter and strengthening the Saints spirit across the Atlantic!



September Reunion Season at St Stithians College

Reunions hold a special place in the calendar of the Advancement Office and the Old Stithian Association.

These events are an opportunity to reconnect with alumni, bring them back to campus, and foster a sense of community and shared history.

For both the school and its alumni, reunions are a chance to reminisce, share stories, and rekindle connections.

LONDON REUNION

Our UK Alumni Reunion was an incredible success! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us to reconnect and share in the camaraderie of the Saints family.

Hearing your stories and celebrating the enduring bonds among our alumni was truly special.

We can't wait for the next one!

The Advancement Office, in collaboration with the Old Stithian Association, plays a vital role in facilitating these reunions.

By maintaining an up-to-date alumni database and providing accessible class lists, the team ensures a seamless process for alumni planning their gatherings.



Old Stithian Association Dinner & Reunions 2024

Reunions are a very special part of our calendar in the Advancement Office and for the Old Stithian Association....

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REMEMBERING OUR ALUMNI

We would like to honor and remember our Old Stithians who sadly passed away in 2024. Their legacy remains etched in the hearts of the Saints community, where their contributions, friendships, and memories continue to inspire.

We extend our deepest condolences to their families and loved ones.

May they rest in peace.

Tom Sutcliffe (Class of 1960)

Heinrich Schoeman (Class of 2008)

Hugh Huggett (former staff member)

Mike Walwyn (Class of 1966)

Paula Marie Jooste (Class of 2001)

Alain Carter (Class of 1977)

Jake Andrews (Class of 2009)



Remembrance

Our St Stithians Remembrance Day Service is an annual event to honour...
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THE HOME OF THE OSA: HIGHER GROUND RESTAURANT

Located on the beautiful grounds of St Stithians College, is the **Higher Ground Restaurant** which has unbeatable views of the Sandton skyline.

This extraordinary venue is the ideal setting for any occasion, from a leisurely Sunday brunch to an elegant evening event.

The restaurant delights guests with a delectable menu featuring breakfast, lunch, and dinner options that are sure to impress. It's no surprise that Higher Ground has become a favorite destination for hosting everything from social gatherings to corporate functions.

The Old Stithian Association (OSA) regularly hosts events at this breathtaking location, including the popular LAST Thursdays Draws.

In addition to its charming atmosphere, Higher Ground offers the one-of-a-kind Sky Dining experience.

This unique feature allows guests to savor exceptional cuisine while enjoying a bird's-eye view of Johannesburg, suspended over the stunning campus.

Whether you're planning a business meeting, a celebration, or a memorable dining adventure, Higher Ground Restaurant has everything you need to make your event extraordinary.

To book this remarkable venue for your next occasion, contact them using the details below:

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CHRISTMAS**
and a
**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

**Best wishes from the
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