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Bishop Grandin is Our Home

After two months of the first term gone, the Bishop Grandin Family would like to welcome three new students into the Boarding House. Gabriel Oliveira in grade 8 is following in his brother's footsteps and moving into the Boarding House. Joshua (Bushy as some may know him), his older brother matriculated in 2019. We wish Gabriel all the best as he joins the Ohana family within the Boarding House. We have two new boys joining in grade 10, Matthew Rourke (Ibutho Army) and Anagona Marufu (Ark family). Both Matt and Anagona have been part of St Benedict's from the preparatory school. Three years into their high school careers they have decided to join Bishop Grandin Boarding House. We wish all three of you all the best in your new home.



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Prayer to St Joseph

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most Loving of Fathers. Amen



“Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”

POPE JOHN PAUL II

March, the month of St Joseph

March is dedicated to St Joseph. The silent man of the Gospels. Joseph was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. He is described as a "just man", a righteous man of integrity. The Church encourages us to be devoted to Joseph because he was a model in the heroic practice of all the virtues.





Ohana Family

Hi guys, for those of you who do not know, I'm Mandisi Ndlovu captain of the Ohana family for 2022. So what does "Ohana " mean to me, the word Ohana in direct translation is the Hawaiian word for universal family which could not be a better way to describe what we are. In a home away from home the concept of families brought about a new sense of brotherhood and unity that I had not experienced in Bishop Grandin House. Family week brought about many ups and downs and as runner ups from 2021, I aspire to hopefully bring the trophy home this year. Family week is a chance for the boys of all ages and grades to come together and not only have fun but participate in something bigger than themselves. Last year I witnessed people who wouldn't normally be seen in the same crowd come together and against all odds almost win. As winning is obviously a massive goal for me, I would be more than happy coming second but having brought my family together and closer over the course of the year. Together with Mr Roff and Fr. Thabo I hope to not only bring the boys closer together but hopefully dethrone the Ibutho Army when family week comes around.

- Mandisi Ndlovu



Family Points 2021

IBUTHO ARMY	- 760
OHANA	- 750
GOLDEN WOLVES	- 735
ARK	- 700





Boarding Academics

Being a student in today's world is no menial feat. The challenge of balancing a social life, sports and academics can sometimes be overwhelming. Trying to tick all of those boxes in the 24hrs that we are given can prove to be a near-impossible task. Bishop Grandin House has done an exceptional job of creating academic structures (prep times in the evening and morning prep sessions) that make it that much easier to get your life in order.



Prep times aside, being in the Boarding House means that you have access to seniors who may understand a certain concept and therefore offer some help. We are also fortunate to have an English teacher (Mr Roff) and a science teacher (Mr Ntombela) as Boarding House staff members should you need further assistance.

I can confidently say that the newfound focus on academics in the Boarding House was a crucial factor in achieving the DUX award at the beginning of this year.

Sabelo Shangase - Grade 11
Top academic achiever in 2021.

**“Education is
the most
powerful
weapon which
you can use
to change the
world”**

Nelson Mandela





Boarding Sports

Three of our Boarders, Ethan Romburgh, Katleho Selialia and Ashton Okorom competed at the Buffalo and Selborne regatta over the Valentine's Day weekend this year. All three boys were exceptional and were part of the team that won the overall points trophy at both the regattas in which they competed. The touring squad departed OR Tambo on Tuesday, 8 February 2022, flying into East London. The team stayed at the Togo Sun Garden Court Hotel. Tuesday evening kicked off with dinner followed by a team meeting in the conference room. Wednesday morning after breakfast the boys went to the course to rig boats and to have their first session on the day on the Buffalo River. Seeing that the majority of our boys had not been to Buffalo before, it was an extremely important exercise to spend a few sessions learning the course, prior to racing.



The behaviour of our boys was immaculate, they were punctual and respectful and represented St Benedict's with the highest Calibre on and off the water. The accommodation and food kept our boys healthy and comfortable. St Benedict's Rowing won the overall points trophy at both the Selborne and Buffalo Regatta. Our boys are prepping for SA Championships this upcoming weekend, in the hope to win their 28th consecutive SA Champs Rowing title. We wish them everything of the best!

- Darryn Roff

"One man can be a crucial ingredient on a team, but one man cannot make a team"

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar





Bishop Grandin Old Boys

So these days I've been doing all right. I am currently studying Bcom Marketing Management at UJ and funny enough I'm also staying at res there. It honestly reminds me of boarding at school but it's obviously quite different
For starters, there are ladies at res

But I do miss school, especially the boarding house, I miss the people there, I miss the food that was cooked for us because at res you have to cater for yourself plus I miss my fellow matriculants. I'm also already missing some of the teachers (Mr Vas, Zwels bruu, Mr Lacazette, Mr Roff and obviously the man himself Huncho)

I wish everyone there at school the best of luck, especially the grade 12 students. They are going to need it since Mpho is running the house. Peace out gentlemen.

- Choene Manamela (Matric of 2021)



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HOME**

