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# THE GRANDEST

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## Bishop Grandin is My Home

I love the school and the teachers and I've met some pretty interesting characters along my journey. I've settled in pretty well and I feel like I belong. My friendship group has grown substantially. What stands out the most to me is the Boarding House. I have never been in a Boarding House in my life and I think Bishop Grandin House is one of the most incredible places you would ever want to be. The love, the brotherhood and the food this boarding house offers are insane, after God of course. Attending St Benedict's College has grown me closer to God more than ever. There's a wide variety of sports to choose from starting from soccer to rugby, and the sporting events get full and the hype around them is just so cool. I love how supportive the boys are to each other and how much they care about each other.

- Vuyani Goxo (Grade 10)



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## Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God, During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life. Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity. Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity. May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you. Amen

## Lent is Upon Us

Lent is upon us here at St. Benedicts as well as at Bishop Grandin House. During this season we are encouraged by the Church to reflect on our lives and ask ourselves whether or not we are living in the light of Christ. We are asked to take stock and to reorient ourselves towards the Lord in preparation for the Easter season. In order to help us achieve this, we take on three practices that have become central to Lent. During Lent, we fast. We take a step back from the many pleasures we have grown accustomed to, not because they are bad in any way, but because we can become dependent on them and the comfort they provide. Almsgiving refers to the practice of giving help to those who are less fortunate. We've recently hosted a canned food drive for Catholic Schools Week where the boys were encouraged to donate canned foods and non-perishables to be given to the poor. Prayer is our primary channel of communication with God. He who does not pray cannot speak of a relationship with God for it is through prayer that we grow and develop our ability to know Him and grow closer to Him. Let us embrace Lent this year and allow the season to change us into the heroes we know we can be. This Lent, let us be the Change! ready to greet our Lord on Easter Sunday morning.

- Mr Mabitsela

“Lord, make  
me an  
instrument  
of your  
Peace...”







## Golden Wolves

Hello everyone my name is Katleho Selialia, captain of “The Golden Wolves”. Every single member of the Golden Wolves is highly valued as each member is blessed with different talents from the sports field to the Kitchen. Every member is still encouraged to be involved in as many activities as possible during family week and maybe even attempt doing an activity they don’t normally do. Family week is one of the most exciting weeks in the Boarding House where intense competition is shown between the different families as they compete for the family trophy. Family week brings an opportunity for boys and staff to get to know each other better as they bond during the activities and build a brotherhood as stronger bonds are created.



2021 was a challenging year for the Golden Wolves as we placed third, however, this year we will be aiming to dethrone Ibutho Army while having fun and having all members manifest their talent to the other families. Wishing all the families the best of luck during family week, and don’t forget to enjoy every single moment of it.

- Katleho Selialia

## Family Points 2021

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





## Boarding Academics

Bishop Grandin House has set its sights on achieving a 60% average across all grades within the boarding house, this goal is a stepping stone along the path of achieving a vision of excellence as a house. We have implemented an academic programme where boys who wish to attain this benchmarked 60% are given the opportunity to seek help from seniors in the house every morning. In the programme, we remind the boys that there is #NoRoomForMediocrity and emphasise the impact that our marks will have on our future as young men. The programme is not only focused on transcending mediocrity but rather striving for excellence. We discourage the tutees against coasting through their education by letting them set goals for themselves that will pull them out of their comfort zone and develop their ambition and drive for their futures.



The future-orientated tutorial programme is also focused on creating the habit of hard work by having them complete 15 pages of study notes in the subject of their choosing to supplement their learning and better prepare them for their upcoming tests. I believe that this added attention to academics through the programme albeit in short 45 min sessions, will gradually see the improvement of their individual performance and uplift the house. With the hard work and dedication from the tutees and the house as a whole, we will in the near future see Bishop Grandin House as the hub of academic excellence within St Benedict's college. We thank all the academic staff for their input thus far and hope you continue to help us on this journey.  
-Vuyo Angura (Head of academics Bishop Grandin House)

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

Nelson Mandela





## Boarding Culture

On Monday, 14th of March, the school hosted its annual One-Act Play Festival. This evening was one that was extremely successful for the Boarding House as many of the award winners were members of Bishop Grandin House. Among the awards winners was Micheal Mundove who won the title of "Best Actor". That being said, the pinnacle of the evening was *Foreigner* who ultimately won the festival and will be taken to perform at FEDA with other productions from across the country.



The director of the play was none other than the Head of Boarding, Mpho Mohau. This feat has allowed him to continue to walk in line with our motto "No room for Mediocrity". On this return of live theatre, the Boarding House was able to continue to uphold the high standard that has been associated with its residences and this showcased the talent that the boys of Bishop Grandin House are able to contribute to the cultural aspect of the school.

- Chayemba Malinga

"I regard the theater as the greatest of all art forms, the most immediate way in which a human being can share with another the sense of what it is to be a human being."







## Bishop Grandin Old Boys

I started out as a rapper in Grade 7 and when I went to St.Benedicts College in Grade8, I decided that I will start producing. Before I carry on with my music career let's talk about my St.Benedicts career. I used to play Rugby, Rowing and Soccer and as time went on I fell in love with music and stopped all sports and joined the Marimba Band, Choir and chose Music as one of my subjects in Gr10. I attended St.Benedicts with an Academic Scholarship and I was also a Boarding house leader end Gr11 and the whole of Gr12. I also was part of the Spirit Squad of 2019/2020. I played my Saxophone during sports fixtures as part of the spirit squad in fact one of the reasons why I pushed so much in music was because of a Former Bennies Student, Ignatius Maphothoma. He was a huge inspiration to me because I would spend lots of time with him in the BGH making music or listening to him play the piano. He is also one of the reasons why I play many instruments today (Saxophone, Piano, Marimba and Djembe Drums). Over the years I've produced various genres but my main one right now is Amapiano. I knew what I wanted at an early age in my life and I went for it. I had sleepless nights at the BGH. As a grade 8, we were forced to sleep at night and I always got in trouble because I was up producing beats at night. Lights out were around 21h00 or 21h30 if I'm not wrong. I would still be up at 2 am producing, working on my craft. I've always believed that if you want to be the best you have to do something different from the others or you have to be willing to do what others won't do. I had my first hit singles when I was in matric (age18); one of them being VSOP (released October 2020) and the other uLazi (released November 2020) which hit Gold within 3months of release. I've worked with many well known Amapiano artists such as MgiftozSA, MrJazziQ, Busta929, the late RikyRick, Young Stunna, Lady Du, Sino Msolo, Sir Trill etc. Currently, I've released a song called uMlando with my mentor Mdoovar and my close friend Toss. The song has over 1.6M streams on Spotify, over 1M streams on Apple Music and over 2.6M views on YouTube. This song hit No.1 song on the Radio for almost 2weeks. The song has also reached No.1 song in SA on Apple. I'm also touring around South Africa and touring African countries. "Do what you love and make sure you give it everything you've got" is what my dad has always said to me. I've had such huge support from him and my mom. None of this would be possible without their support because support from family is important. Gentlemen, you are at a great school, make use of the opportunities while they are there whether it's sports, academics, music, arts or even the people around you.

- Letlotlo-la-Bakuena Letlatsa (aka BK)



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HOME**

