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Bishop Grandin Renovations

I have been a resident of the Bishop Grandin House for the past 4 years and unfortunately, it is my last year. The Bishop Grandin House is the heart of the school and recently it has undergone some renovations and is looking pretty cool. From the new wooden tiles, our new TV in the recreation room to our new orthopedic beds a lot of work has been put into the Bishop Grandin house and there is still more to do and I look forward to seeing the new upgrades in the near future. I am glad the rest of the house has increased their maturity this year to show how grateful we are to have received the upgrades. I like it here in the boarding house and wish I had more time here, but as I leave I hope to still come back and see what boarding house has in store in the future.

- Ashton Okorom (Head of Maintenance 2022)



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Prayer for Ukraine

Mother of God and our mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the church and all humanity, especially the people of Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world.

- Pope Francis



“Find new ways to spread the word of God to every corner of the world.”

Pope Francis





Ark

Greeting to all reading this!

I am the captain of the family “ARK”. Together we all strive for success and aim to be the best version of ourselves. As we look back on last year’s family week, we are all disappointed having come last out of all the families. We reflect on this and set ourselves the standard to do better and leave no room for mediocrity.

As we look onto some positives, well done to our rowers Ashton Okorom, James Schurr and Ethan Romburgh on bringing back the SA champs trophy for our 28th consecutive year, along with the swimmers having won the Westville gala which I found myself participating in!

These achievements from our seniors in Ark have fuelled the family to better ourselves as individuals, whilst having an environment where we feel safe as a family and have fun growing together. We wish all the other families luck for family week, and remember “There’s no room for mediocrity!”

- Tanaka Atanasi (Captain of Ark)



Family Points 2021

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





Boarding Sport

Bishop Grandin House boasts a number of the school's finest sportsmen. With over 70% of the boys in Boarding House playing in their age group's A team. We are extremely proud of each of our boys. All the extra hard work over weekends and taking advantage of having all the school facilities in our backyard have made a big difference.

On Friday 25 March 2022, our rugby teams played against Leeuwenhof. A number of our Boarders played extremely well. In the main event of the day, we saw our first team overturn a 0-8 deficit in the second half and win the game 27-13. Bishop Grandin Boarding House was well represented in the game with a number of boys playing on the evening, including the try-scorers of Uchenna Azih, Onkgopotse Monaheng and Khaya Sithole.

Well done to the other Boarders who represented the first team: Mandisi Ndlovu, Ashton Okorom, Tatenda Chara, Sabelo Shangase, Ntelezi Mchunu, Raymond Hassim and Nkosi Beda. We wish you all the best against St Johns this weekend, do us proud.

“Many times, I had to dig deep and perform. All of that adversity helped me and drove me to want to be the best.”

Hayley Wickenheiser





Bishop Grandin Old Boys

Bishop Grandin House is the place where I like many called home for a crucial formative part of my life. I graduated from Bennies in 2016 and my journey has taken me to China where I'm studying medicine. Studying in China has had its fair share of experiences, both good and bad. Experiences that are shaping me.

Memories are powerful, and at times I find myself thinking of the idea of family. Let's go play touch my brothers Ricky Longmans or Takura Nyamasoka would say. Thirty minutes would become a couple of hours and we would find ourselves running back only to find that everyone was already lined up for a 5 pm roll call. Would we get punished? Yes, most of the time. So not only was there bonding on the field playing touch but the bonding in the "struggles" of punishments or warnings. For example from Mr Davies(may his soul Rest In Peace). He was a man who played his role seriously, this was necessary because for a family to be functional each person has to play their role. From the grade 8s that make the braai to the matric who has to ring the siren whenever a master on duty is not available, both roles are important. Memories of the boarding house make me think of the idea of togetherness, the idea that in such a boarding house with over 80 people one should be able to be themselves and still live under certain rules that may or may not feel tedious. Hopefully sooner rather than later, you can realize that these rules that may feel tedious build structures that can become good habits.

I remember being told by my seniors who had graduated how life outside the high school and BH is somewhat of a jungle. And in fact, it is in this jungle of life that you and I must find structure. The structure that will help us be the best version of ourselves. So to all those in the boarding house, you have the tools to build a structure that forms great habits. I hope you are thinking of what some of the tools are.

- Kudos Mundove (Head of Boarding 2018)



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HOME**

