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Ascension and Pentecost

Ascension Day is officially celebrated on a Thursday on the 40th day of Easter (or 39 days after Easter Sunday). It is a public holiday in many countries, as we remember the day Jesus Christ ascended into heaven. Jesus prepares all his disciples for this ascension and prepares to build His Church upon his rock, Peter.

Jesus promised his disciples that He would send down a guide for them after he was gone. Ten days after this Jesus sent down His Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, fire and wind. Pentecost in Greek meaning “50th day”, comes 50 days after Jesus’ resurrection, Easter Sunday. This was the birth of the Catholic Church as the disciples were given the knowledge and authority to pass on the message of God.

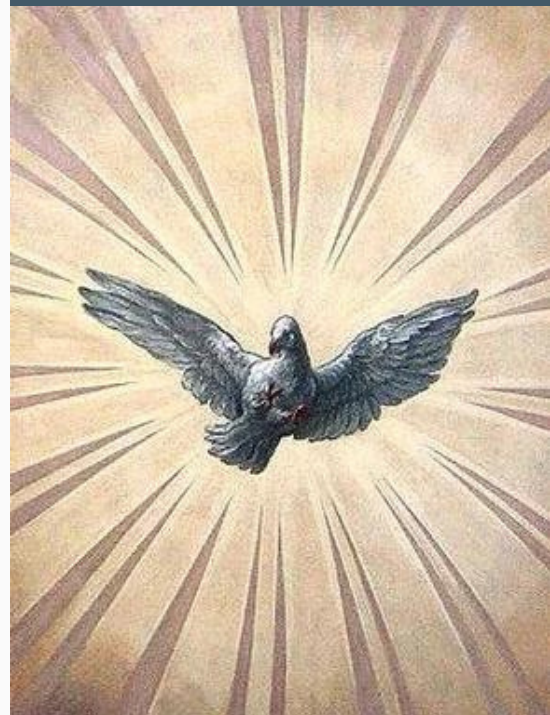


Pentecost Prayer

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

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

Pope Francis





Family News

The Bishop Grandin family is ever-growing. At the beginning of term two, we had three new staff members join our family. Mr Cornel Fredricks (Ibutho Army) or as most of you know him by “Oom Freddie”. Easily one of the most hard-working and humble people I have met. Mr Fredricks has adapted extremely well to the Boarding House as he has already started forming great relationships with a number of the boys around the pool table in the Boarding House. Mr Fredricks is a great example of talent and hard work coming together as his record speaks for itself. Competing all around the world Mr Fredricks has achieved a lot, most notably a silver medal in the 2010 South African championships back in 2010. However in 2014 “Oom Freddie” stepped it up by winning a gold medal in the 400 m hurdles at the Commonwealth games followed by another gold at the African Champs and the Continental cup. I think Bishop Grandin is truly blessed to have a man of this stature to influence the boys in the Boarding House. I wish you all the best “Oom Freddie”.



Family Academics Points (Term 1):

IBUTHO ARMY	: (64.6 %) - 20 points
OHANA	: (67.2 %) - 40 points
GOLDEN WOLVES	: (71.2 %) - 50 points
ARK	: (65.7%) - 30 points

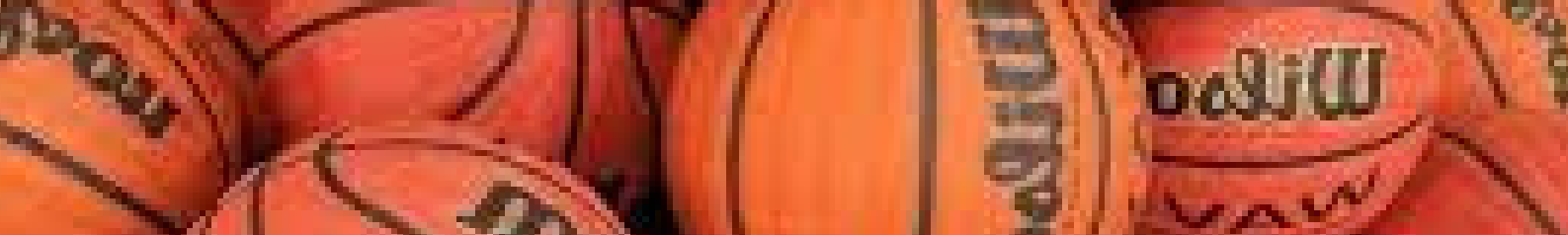




Mr Richard Kubeka (Ohana family) has been part of the St Benedict's family for a very long time now. He is currently the MIC of squash as well as managing the U15 hockey side to a silver medal at the Boden tournament a few weeks ago. Mr Kubeka's passion though, is for cricket, as he still plays club cricket for Jeppe Quondam aka the Joe's. Mr Kubeka has two sons, Siya in grade 6 and Londi in grade 00 who idolize their father. Both boys are Bennies boys through and through. Mr Kubeka comes into the Boarding House with the fatherly experience to care for and nurture the boys of Bishop Grandin. We look forward to the positive influence you will have on these young men.

Mr Jason Knowles (Ark Family) joins us in the Boarding House this term. As an old Bennies boy, he knows the school better than anyone. His experience as a rowing coach and winning SA champs over and over again will add to the winning mentality in the Boarding House. Mr Knowles has been competing in National powerlifting competitions around the country. Mr Knowles has qualified for the Commonwealth Powerlifting Games in November 2022 hosted in New Zealand. He is currently in the open 83kg category.





Bishop Grandin Sport

As a Basketball player, living in the Boarding House has been influential in me becoming the player I am today. I can easily say the same for the other 5 Boarders to represent the Ravens this year.

The family had two Boarders obtain half colours Hector Amadi and Chabeli Chabeli. Whilst Chayemba Malinga and I received full colours for our achievements.

The extra hours we spent on the courts together after school and on weekends were all made possible because of the Boarding House and I have no doubt that the Boarding House will produce more Ravens.

- Takunda Muradzikwa (1st team basketball captain 2022)



“Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen.”

Michael Jordan





Bishop Grandin Old Boys

Like most of the boys who have entered the BH I came in grade 8 and spent most of my high school career in it, where I've made friends that I now consider family. I am going to miss watching sports with the boys on weekends and getting roasted when your team loses. With Mr Vas introducing family week and me being the captain of one of the families "Ibutho army" I only had one thing in mind and that was to take the boys I thought were the most mischievous and try to win it all, which we obviously did. Besides already being a part of the BH family with these boys I tried to create a family within a family and most importantly inspire the boys to have fun because that is what it was all about after all. Once we were done with all the activities that Mr Vas and the other house masters prepared for us there was only one thing left and that was for the winner to be announced even though Ibutho dominated most of the activities there was still a part of me that thought we were going to lose but in the end, it all worked out and we won the family week. I just want to say thank you to all the boys and housemasters that I've met over the years for making my stay at the BH a very special one. I hope that you all find happiness in life and best of luck in your future.

- Kenyan Davids (Class of 2021, Ibutho Army captain 2021.)



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