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This is Our Home

Over the past two weeks my life has changed, leaving home to become a boarder has not been easy. I am grateful to my roommates and friends in the boarding house for welcoming me into their brotherhood.

I have made so many memories already, from watching soccer with TK in the Rec room to late-night studying with Michael for a maths test. Over the past two weeks, I have had to learn how to not be as dependent on my parents, without the boarding house I wouldn't have learnt the valuable lesson of independence.

- Leruo Maduna



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Sacred Heart of Jesus

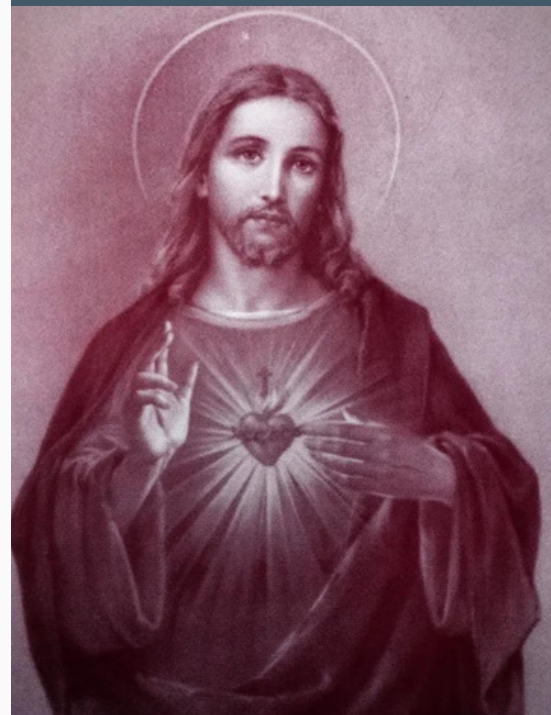
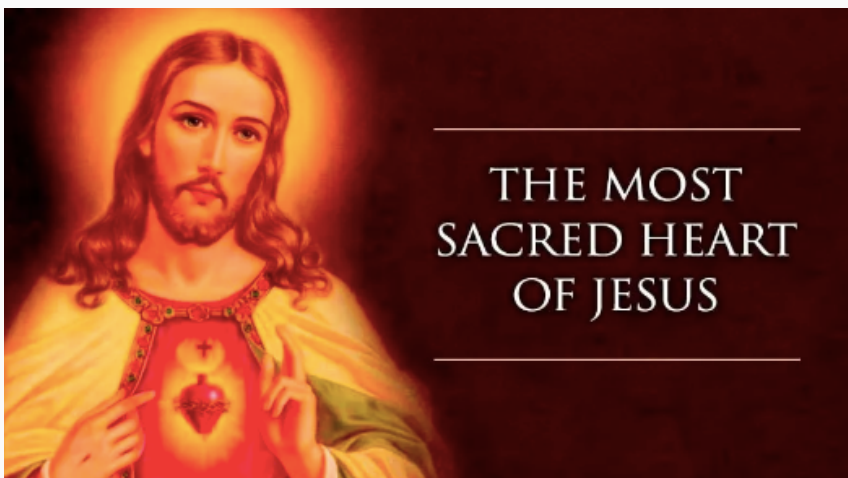
The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost, which this year is 19 June.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a wonderful historical expression of the Church's piety for Christ, her Spouse and Lord: it calls for a fundamental attitude of conversion and reparation, of love and gratitude, apostolic commitment and dedication to Christ and his saving work.

The Feast of Corpus Christi is also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We are truly proud to celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the month of June every year at St Benedict's.

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

Pope Francis





Boarding House Outing

At Bishop Grandin House we try to go out as often as we can as a family. To enjoy ourselves as brothers. This long weekend we were lucky enough to go out and play paintball in Bryanston, Battlezone.

The rivalry between the two teams saw four rounds of fiercely competitive shooting. A number of boys had never been paintballing before but thoroughly enjoyed their morning out. Accuracy seemed to be a bit of a problem for most of us out there, with the odd headshot.

The highlight of the morning was the final round of the morning where teammates turned on each other. Halfway through the final round, our paintball instructor blew the whistle to signal the start of the Commando round. Donnell Sibanda turned on his teammate Michael Mundove and unleashed a barrage of paintballs on Michael's bare legs, only for Michael to return fire to find out he had no more bullets. This was a great morning out, special thank you to the staff who organized this and Mr Dangela for organising the transport for us.

Family Points:

IBUTHO ARMY - 40 points

OHANA - 70 points

GOLDEN WOLVES - 100 points

ARK - 70 points





Youth Day

On Monday the 13th of June the St Benedict's family was privileged to have Mrs Antoinette Sithole as a guest speaker at our Youth Day college assembly. Being the sister of the late Hector Peterson she gave an eyewitness account of the Soweto uprising and the tragic events which took place on June 16th 1976. The lack of the synergy between justice and law was highlighted as the students' rights were neglected, which caused the students to retaliate against the apartheid government, however through the deaths of fellow classmates and the struggles they faced, still, they managed to survive and endure the unjust treatment shown to them, showing the Apartheid government that no matter what they do, it will not break them, as their spirits remain indestructible. After the assembly, a couple of the boarders were able to speak with her as she added that as the youth we have access to multiple social media platforms and we need to use them to spread awareness and educate where we can. Mrs Sithole is a role model for us young people as her work as a social activist is focused on bettering our country. It was a great honour to meet such an iconic figure in our history who is no doubt making a difference in our country.

“Freedom is dangerous, it has to go with responsibility.”

Antoinette Sithole





Bishop Grandin Old Boys

I joined St Benedict College in 2016 through a rugby scholarship. The (BGH) Bishop Grandin House became my second home away from home. St Benedict College really provided me with a big opportunity of staying and play rugby and other sports. I was privileged to be a part of the best environment that St Benedict provided for me. Being a part of such a culture really pushed me to make and meet great people under the likes of Mr Craig, Mr Roff, Mr Vas and Papa D. They really became like a family to me, and all the memories and friends I created during my time at school and BGH will forever dwell on me. I was also privileged to be a leader in 2021 under the (RE) Religious community which helped me grow a lot under Fr Thabo. I was also privileged to play on the first team rugby for 2 years 2020 and 2021 under the leadership of Mr Nel which was a great experience for me. NOT forget to thank Mrs J Stoltz, Dr O, Mr Craig and Mr Nel who played a big part in making me a better person and helped me through the journey of the school. I believe the high school wouldn't be such a great place without the great influence of the teachers at the school who supported me every day. I'm currently an intern at The Ridge School while studying to become a teacher.

- Tshepo Lekholoke (Class of 2021)



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