



Holy Rosary High School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Pupils

Soccer World Cup Prayer

“Almighty God, creator of all;
as people from every nation gather with excitement
and enthusiasm for the 2010 World Soccer Cup,
may South Africans be good hosts,
our visitors welcome guests,
and the players from every team be
blessed with good sportsmanship and health.
May your Spirit of fairness, justice,
and peace prevail amongst players and all involved.
May each contribute in his own positive way
to prevent, control and fight crime and corruption,
hooliganism of any kind and
exploitation and abuse,
especially of those most vulnerable.
May those far away from home and those in their
own families find much joy in this occasion to celebrate
the beautiful game of soccer and the beautiful game of
life according to Your plan for the common good of all.
Amen.”

The Catholic Church of South Africa, in wanting to contribute to the success of the World Cup, has prepared the prayer above.

On Saturday the 22nd May, teachers from both the High School and Primary School joined some of the Holy Rosary Sisters and parishioners from the Catholic Church in Midrand, in a march to protest against human trafficking and to urge the government to criminalise it. Below is an extract from The Star:

“Human trafficking - dark side of World Cup” (Saturday Star 22/5/10)

Human trafficking may be the "dark side" of World Cup celebrations, said Minister for Women, Children and Persons with Disabilities, Noluthando Mayende-Sibiya on Saturday.

"We are very concerned as government about the challenge of human trafficking, particularly of women and children for various forms of exploitation," Mayende-Sibiya told a rally against human trafficking in Midrand.

"We are gathered here less than 20 days before the Fifa Soccer World Cup to engage on an issue that threatens to be the dark side of what is otherwise a very memorable period."

The rally, which followed a march through Midrand, was organised by the Catholic

Justice and Peace Committee and was part of the SA Catholic Bishops' Conference. It was attended by a few hundred people.

Midrand chairperson, Jeanette Lesisa, said her organisation was working with other NGOs to bring attention to human trafficking being committed in central Gauteng. Lesisa said their campaign was currently focused on passage of human trafficking legislation which was promulgated in parliament but not passed.

"The legislation will focus on three major things: security, protection and implementation," she said.

"Offenders of human trafficking must be taken to justice."

Fellow committee member Emma McBride said that South Africa had become a hub for human trafficking from other countries.

"Most of the countries in Africa are sending people for trafficking reasons to here. So it's a real issue," said McBride.

Also present at the rally was Basic Education Minister Angie Motshekga who shared similar sentiments about the crime.

"We firmly believe that trafficking in human persons is a very serious problem undermining our collective effort to end exploitation, oppression, abuse and inequality," said Motshekga.....

Minister of Justice Jeff Radebe was represented by his Director-General, Nonkululeko Msomi who accepted a memorandum from the committee.' – Sapa

Human trafficking has not only come about because of the World Cup, in fact it has been around for a long time, but most people have known very little about it unless they have had the misfortune to be a victim. Human Trafficking is the selling of humans to be used in cheap labour or in the sex trade. Many people are auctioned off every year to the highest bidder to work as slaves, never to be seen again. The need for sex workers and girl brides has increased over the last couple of years. Sr. Cora told our Grade Twelve learners, when she came to talk to them about trafficking, that DRUGS were the biggest seller, then ARMS and lastly PEOPLE, in the trafficking trade five years ago. Today HUMAN TRAFFICKING makes the most money. People are tricked into thinking they are leaving their homes for a better job but once they arrive at their destination their papers are taken and they are lost forever. Know your rights!

In today's media we see that most advertising is done using people as "things" to sell products. Women are draped over cars and muscular oiled men wearing no shirts are used to advertise jeans. This is the popular culture out there and we have a responsibility to stop it. If our society does not accept this form of advertising and opposes the increase in violence and 'in your face' sexual scenes in movies, it will continue to be 'out there'. As parents we can try to instill good values in our children so that they know their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, and that they do not have to be half naked to be beautiful. As the youth, our learners in Holy Rosary School can try to start a new trend where we focus on making virtues more attractive than image and looks.

The Soccer World Cup will be a time when many nations will come together for the same reason. I believe it will unite us Africans as a nation and help us to be proud of where we come from. Youth Day, June 16, is also coming up and therefore we have yet another reason to celebrate our diversity as a strong nation. If we can try to embrace our differences and see them as strong points

in creating a unified, multi- talented team, I believe we can bring about more peace in all walks of life.

World Youth Day is a very important day for all our youth. We will be having a Youth Day Celebration at our assembly on the last day of this term where we will look to the past for lessons and make commitments for the future. When we were at the march for Human Trafficking one of the Government ministers mentioned: “The youth are our greatest asset”. I do not personally like the word ‘asset’ but I felt she made a valid point. The youth are our future and the more we sow into them the better our future in this country can be. Teach your child to be PROUD to be South African; teach them about their African heritage and roots and most of all, teach them to be leaders who have good morals and kind hearts.

On Wednesday was our Shanahan Mass. We remembered Bishop Shanahan who was a great missionary and was very instrumental in starting our school and helping girls to be educated. Bishop Shanahan gave a message that all of us must be missionaries. We do not have to become priest or nuns to be missionaries. We all have the ability to teach by our example and preach the word of God by the way we behave and the things we say. This Youth Day, try to commit yourself to being a missionary.

S. Meyer

Head of Religion

GENERAL

Prayers

Please remember the following members of the HRS family who are in need of your supportive prayers:

- ✠ Those of the Holy Rosary Sisters who are not well;
- ✠ Ms Lamont (High School teacher) whose father passed away;
- ✠ Mrs Young (High School teacher) whose father passed away in Durban;
- ✠ Mrs Pinnoy (High School teacher) whose father is having surgery today followed by treatment;
- ✠ Mrs Carter (High School teacher) whose nephew is fighting cancer;
- ✠ Mr Wright (High School teacher) whose father is in hospital;
- ✠ Vivienne Coetzee (Grade 9) whose mom has cancer;
- ✠ Andrea Caetano (Grade 10) whose uncle passed away;
- ✠ Kaydee Dagostino (Grade 9) whose grandmother passed away;
- ✠ Those families and teachers in our primary and high schools who have been victims of crime;
- ✠ All members of the community who are fighting life-threatening physical and mental illnesses.

Please remember all those in our Holy Rosary family who are in need, or who are suffering in any way.

SPORT NEWS

Rowing

Holiday Training

Letters will be given to the girls during the course of the week regarding holiday training days and times.

Long Row

The Long Row letters went out to the girls on Monday. This will take place during the holidays on the 20th June. If anyone did not receive a letter and would like to still take part please see Miss Bird. Reply slips must please be returned by no later than Monday the 7th June.

Sunday Fitness

Last Sunday the girls started their fitness training by playing a game of Frisbee. This was a fun way to exercise and to enable the girls to get to know one another.

We have decided to continue this every Sunday at 4pm-5pm and training will continue throughout the holidays. Please attend if you are not going away.

Novice Rowing

I am pleased to see the progress the girls have made in the last few sessions. Keep up the good work, girls! we will be looking forward to a great season ahead. This Sunday I have had to change times due to the Frisbee fitness game. The progress has shown that the girls are now ready to go around the lake which also contributes to having to change times.

Parents' Introductory Course: 08h30-09h30

New Girls: 07h00-08h30

Netball and Hockey

A special thanks must go to the girls for having the dedication and commitment to practice and play matches during the course of the exams. The Hockey and Netball League Results are attached:

Hockey

Friday 4 th June	14h30-16h00	U15 and U16 Hockey Practice at St Benedict's
Monday 7 th June	15h00-17h00	Hockey vs Lonehill 1 st and 2 nd @ St Benedict's U14A@Shanahan U15A @Shanahan

Soccer

A huge thanks must go to all the high school teachers and ground staff who participated in our friendly soccer match at break today. It was a fun-filled event with lots of laughter and excitement.

Sports quote for the week

“Champions aren’t made in the gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them, a desire, a dream, a vision” - Mohammed Ali

Ms T. Bird & Ms T. Rahme

Sports Department

EXTRA-MURAL INVOLVEMENT

‘Our talents are the gift that God gives to us ... What we make of our talents is our gift back to God.’

Holy Rosary School is blessed with pupils who have exceptional talents and we need to continuously celebrate the achievements of our girls. Unfortunately, I do not always get to hear about the remarkable achievements of our girls. If your daughter is participating in an extra-mural activity outside of the school, please be so kind as to drop me an e-mail. I would love to know what our girls are participating in. I would also like to keep track of their progress and achievements. I will then ensure that this information is passed on to their tutor.

Our girls dedicate hours of their time to sports and cultural activities and to serving the community. We are very proud of them and they need to be acknowledged.

Please e-mail the details to bdamhuis@holyrosaryschool.co.za

Mrs B. Damhuis

Deputy Principal : Sport & Culture

ORIENTAL WINTER SOIREE

Date: Tuesday 8th June
Time: 7pm
Venue: High School Hall

Come and enjoy this cultural extravaganza - talented Holy Rosary musicians and guest performers. We will be celebrating the music of India and Japan.

It will be a feast for the senses!

TUCKSHOP

Please note that the tuckshop will be CLOSED on the 13th and 14th July. It will re-open on the 15th July.

The Debs will do the catering ONLY on the 14th July.

SWIMATHON - TELKOM SPLASH

Our swimathon will be televised on Sunday the 6th June at 2pm on SABC TV1.

RAPEWISE TALK TO PARENTS :

Edenglen High School are hosting a RAPEWISE talk regarding VERY RELEVANT issues concerning the World Cup and the safety of our children.

Date: Monday 7 June 2010

Time: 18:30 (please be seated by 18h15)

Followed by question time.

This talk will be presented by Mr John Buswell of RAPEWISE who is a member of the Catholic community and is an outstanding speaker. We strongly urge parents to attend this very informative evening.

This meeting is **strictly for parents** only and children may not attend.

A donation in lieu of entrance fee would be appreciated.

THE WEEK AHEAD ...

JUNE	7	Holy Spirit Mass in Chapel	18:00
	8	Soiree	19:00
	9	Academic Assembly & Youth Day Celebrations	
		Reports handed out	
		Football Festival and football civvies	
		School Closes 12pm	
		Marimba Workshop	12:00- 16:00

NOAH'S ARK

Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark.

- ONE: Don't miss the boat
TWO: Remember that we are all in the same boat.
THREE: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
FOUR: Stay fit. When you are 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something BIG.
FIVE: Don't listen to critics, just get on with the job that needs to be done.
SIX: Build your future on high ground.
SEVEN: For safety sake, travel in pairs
EIGHT: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs
NINE: When you are stressed, float awhile
TEN: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals
ELEVEN: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there is always a rainbow waiting

**Gabriela Figueira ~
Head of Religion**