



NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS!

KALOSORISATE!

A warm, Greek welcome to you all! We know that the Christmas Holidays were a relaxing time and you have all come back to school beaming with enthusiasm, ready to embrace the year. A special word of welcome to all our new families and especially our Grade 1's; you are going to begin a journey which is going to render much joy. We hope that 2012 is your best year so far and that all your dreams and aspirations become a fulfilled reality.

2011 MATRIC RESULTS

SAHETI has had an unbroken record of 100% matric pass rate since 1997. The school's matric class of 2011 has broken another record by achieving a 100% Bachelor Degree pass in the I.E.B. F.E.T. National Senior Certificate examinations, effectively entitling all 49 candidates to university entry. The group also received a total of 100 distinctions.

NICOLE STEPHANOU was SAHETI's top achiever with nine distinctions: Accounting, Advanced Programme Mathematics, English, Life Orientation (92%), Life Sciences, Mathematics (91%), Mathematics P3 (93%), Modern Greek (93%) and Physical Sciences. She was ranked within the top 1% of I.E.B. learners in Modern Greek.

DANIELE VIEIRA achieved eight distinctions: Accounting, English, Information Technology (91%), Life Orientation (91%), Mathematics (90%), Mathematics P3 (94%), Modern Greek and Physical Science.

ELENI BIZOS received **seven** distinctions: English, Geography, Life Orientation (90%), Life Sciences, Mathematics, Mathematics P3 (90%) and Physical Sciences.

STEPHANIE AKAKIOS received **six** distinctions: English, Life Orientation (92%), Life Sciences, Mathematics P3, Modern Greek and Visual Arts.

GABRIELA ALONSO obtained **six** distinctions: English, Life Orientation (90%), Life Sciences, Mathematics, Mathematics P3 and Modern Greek.

MICHAEL KOCH achieved **six** distinctions: Accounting (92%), Advanced Programme Mathematics, Information Technology (90%), Life Orientation, Mathematics (94%) and Mathematics P3.

VEROSHIN GOVENDER received **five** distinctions: Accounting, Information Technology (92%), Life Orientation, Mathematics (90%) and Mathematics P3.

ANGELIQUE BERTSATOS received **four** distinctions: English (93%), Life Orientation (91%), Modern Greek and Visual Arts. She was ranked within the top 1% of I.E.B. learners in English.

MARIA MOUSTAKIS obtained **four** distinctions: Geography, Life Orientation, Life Sciences and Modern Greek.

SHAUN VAN DEN HURK achieved **four** distinctions: English, Life Orientation, Life Sciences and Mathematics.

Nationally 47% of I.E.B. candidates wrote the Physical Sciences exam, compared to SAHETI's 67%. Furthermore, our Mathematics numbers exceed national percentage ratios, thus ensuring that fewer candidates at SAHETI take Mathematical Literacy. It is with pride that we note that over 74% of the group achieved at least one distinction, with over 16% achieving an overall distinction aggregate. Two SAHETI learners were ranked within the top 1% of I.E.B. candidates: **Nicole Stephanou (Modern Greek) and Angelique Bertsatos (English).**

3 DISTINCTIONS

Irene Cavallineas: English Life Orientation, Modern Greek
Byron Cox: Life Orientation, Mathematics, Mathematics P3
Mikella Killas: Life Orientation, Mathematics, Modern Greek
Andreas Trakoshis: English, Life Orientation, Mathematics

2 DISTINCTIONS

Tereza Bakatselos: English Mathematics Literacy
Gregory Eleftheriou: English, Life Orientation
Branko Kostic: Information Technology, Life Orientation
Leon Papademetriou: Information Technology, Mathematics P3
Spyros Piperidis: Life Orientation, Modern Greek
George Yiallouris: English, History

1 DISTINCTION

Amy Ashworth
Micheal Georgiades
Carol Makutu
Nokwanda Mosala
Alexandra Swartz
Angelique Yiannopoulos
Cleopa Elia
Daniella Klonarides
Jason Michael
Mariella Panagiotou
Nicholas Triandafillou
Dejan Zatezalo
Jonathan George
Dennis Krejcir
Tumi More
Melina Robinson
Ciara Vos

FURTHER HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- 77% of SAHETI Candidates achieved a B or higher for **Information Technology** (I.E.B. = 53%)
- 74% of SAHETI Candidates achieved a B or higher for **Modern Greek** (I.E.B. = 71,4%)
- 67.3% of SAHETI Candidates achieved a B or higher for **English** (I.E.B. = 42%)
- 57% of SAHETI Candidates achieved a B or higher for **Accounting** (I.E.B. 24%)
- 43.8% of SAHETI Candidates achieved a B or higher for **Mathematics** (I.E.B. 41,4%)
- 42% of SAHETI Candidates achieved a B or higher for **Physical Sciences** (I.E.B. 33.3%)
- 69% of SAHETI Candidates achieved a B or higher for **L O** (portfolio only) (I.E.B. 64.2%)

SUBJECT DISTINCTIONS

- ACCOUNTING – 4
- ADVANCED PROGRAMME MATHEMATICS – 2
- ENGLISH – 12
- GEOGRAPHY – 2
- HISTORY – 1
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – 5
- LIFE ORIENTATION – 34
- LIFE SCIENCES – 6
- MATHEMATICAL LITERACY – 1
- MATHEMATICS – 10
- MATHEMATICS PAPER 3 – 9
- MODERN GREEK – 9
- PHYSICAL SCIENCES – 3
- VISUAL ARTS – 2

These results are testament to the talent, hard work and commitment of the matriculants and staff.

BRAVO & CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2011!

We congratulate our new NSC graduates on their successes and look forward to tracking their continued accolades in their chosen field of study.

STAFFING

SAHETI welcomes the following new staff members.

HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs Lizelle Swanepoel (Maths and Science)
Mrs Funeka Thabethe (part-time Zulu)
Mrs Hermione Athinakis (Greek)

PROMOTIONS in the HIGH SCHOOL

Mr Wayne Strydom – H.O.D. I.T. Department
Mrs Michelle Wootton-Price – H.O.D. Psychology Department

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs Debbie Katakuzinos
Mrs Hilda Herholdt
Miss Carina Resende
Miss Angelique Pascoe

PROMOTIONS in the PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs Michelle Kaplan is the new subject leader for Life Orientation
Mrs Madelein Olivier is the new Grade 7 Grade Controller
Mrs Maria Akakios has been promoted to Vice-Principal (Academics)

PRE PRIMARY AND PLAYSCHOOL

Mrs Kathryn Isaacs
Mrs Irene Yandas
Mrs Denise Oldfield
Mrs Christine Demosthenous
Miss Chanelle de Sousa

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Mrs Anna-Maria Sophocleous-Rech who has replaced Mrs Vaso Valasis.

LOCUMS

Mrs Matoula Stavrides (Pre Primary)
Mrs Katerina Stathoulis (Pre Primary)
Mrs Anna-Maria Fousteris (Primary)

HIGH SCHOOL SPORT

WE NEVER CLOSED SHOP!

Johnny Walker never stops 'walking'
Forest Gump never stops 'running'

SAHETI swimmers never stopped training for Midmar during the December school holidays. Midmar training continued until the 22 December and re-started once again on the 4 January. The first week of January training is known as 'Hell Week'. The swimmers are put through a tough week of training under the watchful eye of senior coach Di Williamson.

Training for Midmar takes place every Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings while Tuesday afternoons are normal training sessions. With three weeks away from Midmar several swimmers are looking 'good'.

RUGBY and NETBALL practice for the SEVENS Tournament has already started and the numbers of the athletes wishing to participate is high. The tournament takes place on **Saturday 18 February**.

By simply walking around the school one can't help but notice that the rugby fields, netball courts, tennis courts, cricket nets, basketball courts and swimming pool are full of children sharpening up their skills for the new sporting year ahead.

The High School Sports Department wishes all Sahetians a great sporting year!

PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORT

We are all looking forward to a very exciting sporting season in 2012. During term one, we will offer Cricket, Swimming and Tennis as sport options for all our learners. Please note that all Primary School sport fixtures and practice times have been put onto the school communicator. The fixtures have also been put up on the three notice boards around the school. Please inform the sports department of any sport achievement that your child has achieved at club level in order for us to give recognition to your child at our assemblies and in the school newsletter. An official letter from the club must also be attached to the information sent to us. The annual **Inter house Swimming Gala** will take place on Wednesday 25 January from 11h00 – 13h30. Parents will receive a letter from the house master regarding the arrangements of the day. All Cricket and Tennis matches will start in the week of 30 January – 4 February.

- **Yianni Charalampopoulos** has been selected for the Eastern Gauteng Tennis Squad for 2012. We would like to **congratulate** him on this great achievement.
- **Stefano Nicolopoulos** entered the Dorfman Karate Championship and won: Bronze medal for Tough Kid & Silver medal for Kihon Kata One! **Congratulations!**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

PRIZE-GIVING 2011

It is with regret that we erroneously omitted to celebrate the additional victory of the following pupils at last year's prize-giving ceremony.

Grade 4: **DESPINA HAJIMARKOS – obtained All-round Excellence**
DIMITRI CHRISTOPOULOS – obtained All-round Excellence

Grade 6: **MICHELE SCREMIN was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Music**
JOHN STATHEROS was awarded a Certificate of Acknowledgement for Soccer

Grade 7: **NICOLAS CAMBANIS was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Soccer**

We are extremely proud of their achievements and apologise for the oversight.

CULTURAL NEWS

The Cultural programme of the School is in full swing. Rosters for both Primary and High School activities are available on the Communicator.

The Directors for the Inter House Play Festival, which will be held on Friday, **2 March 2012** have been appointed.

Athena	Tijana Sakota and Mario Neofitou
Artemis	Monica Brachini and Gabriella Zachos
Apollo	Ana Popovic and Katya Oberzhitsky
Hermes	Micaela Haralambous and Savva Pouroullis

We look forward with great expectations to this event.

PRIVATE MUSIC TEACHING AT SAHETI

Please contact one of the following teachers to arrange for lessons for your child.

Piano

- Kathy Palmos 0824599469 Classical – exam work/theory
- Svitlana Jones 0842466105 Classical – exam work/theory
- Anna Rech 0828117388 Classical/contemporary – exam preparation

Saxophone

- Camron Andrews 0834835513 Classical/jazz – exam preparation

Guitar

- Colette Wesseloo 0827895920 Classical/contemporary guitar, exam preparation, reading
- Denys Geel 0738082659 Classical guitar

Violin/Bouzouki/Mandolin

- Mitko Tasev 0826594061 Classical – exam work

Drums

- Cameryn Gardner 0725741401 (Junior bands)
- Pano Nicolaidis 0827290133 (Greek Band)

Bass Guitar

- Cesare Cassarino 072 347 1731 Contemporary

Trumpet

- Perry Stevens 0835579933

Vocals /Recorder

- Diana Cowen 011 4793712 Classical/Contemporary – exam preparation

Contact **Diana Cowen 0114793712** for referrals for Cello, Flute or other music lessons

Any pupils interested in theory of music lessons please contact Svitlana Jones in Room 4 of the Music Centre. She will be running lessons in preparation for Royal Schools of Music theory exams which are prerequisites for the more advanced practical exams. These lessons are highly recommended.

FROM THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

On behalf of Stefanie Bove (Primary School), Natalie Palm (Pre-Primary and Play School) and Michelle Wootton-Price (High School), we wish all parents and SAHETI learners all the best for a happy and successful 2012. If there is any way in which we can be of assistance to you or your child, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Parents are alerted to the following talks, hosted at Bellavista School in Melrose which may be of interest.

- Derek Jackson, 1 February “Guidelines for successful parenting”
- Ilze van der Merwe Wednesday 15th February “The Dance of Bullying”
- Dr Santie van der Merwe Wednesday 7 March “Anxiety Disorders in Children”

The cost per talk: R 60.00 per person payable at the door. For any enquires please contact Imogan Beukes on 011 447 4110 / secretarybatu@bellavistaschool.co.za

FROM THE MARKETING DEPARTMENT...

GUEST SPEAKER ADDRESSES SAHETI STAFF

We kicked off the year on a positive note, with an inspiring address by award-winning journalist and school marketing guru, Colleen Dardagan. Apart from numerous accolades for her investigative journalism, Colleen has held senior marketing positions at Kingswood College and Kearsney College over a period of 12 years. She is the founder of Marketing SA, and has run courses, seminars and presentations country-wide for marketers, educators and support staff in schools.

Colleen’s presentation focused on the importance of school marketing as a shared responsibility, and the role of teachers in the context of the SAHETI brand. She emphasised that we are all team players in managing the school brand and living its values through our buy-in, commitment and passion. She touched on the state of education in Africa and South Africa, and the vital role of teachers in producing the leaders of tomorrow; their contribution to the survival of the school, the community and the world. “Every minute, child by child, desk by desk, you are saving the world” was Colleen’s parting comment.

Feedback from the staff was overwhelmingly positive, which can be summed up in one educator’s words: “So inspiring – this has revived my zest and passion to make a difference in this “noble profession”.

Well known American comedian **Yiannis Pappas** will be in South Africa for two shows ONLY!

He is the famous **MR PANOS**

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FN_NdQ6QjLI&feature=mfu_in_order&list=UL

DATES: Friday 10 February 2012 & Saturday 11 February 2012

PLACE: Hellenic Hall Germiston

BOOKINGS: ANY COMPUTICKET OUTLET or BOOK ONLINE

http://online.computicket.com/web/event/mr_panos_live/504766438/0/39618733

ALL PROCEEDS TO STEGI AGAPIS

AU-PAIR

Any parents interested in the services of an Au-Pair, part-time or full time, please contact **Marina Mihalitsianos** on 0713344743 .

**MRS A KRYSTALLIDIS
EXECUTIVE HEAD**

THERE'S A CATCH....

We all want what is best for our children and education forms a huge component of that. We want the best school, best teachers, and best facilities. We want them to excel at their subjects, at their sports, at their cultural. We want them to be well-equipped for further studies, for their chosen profession, for life. We want them to get the best possible results.

2011 was for us at SAHETI a great year! We made the papers, the radio and the TV. Our name, once again, became associated with excellence and achievement.

Matric results are certainly important – important for us as a school because they are a gauge of our academic standard and important for our matriculants because they open doors to the future.

But this may come as a surprise to many – our product here at SAHETI is not matric results. Matric results are not the reason for our existence and they are not our focus. Our product is *paideia* – the formation of character. Our product is ‘persons’ – well-rounded, lifelong learners that are reflective thinkers, productive, useful and balanced members of society. And we do this using every opportunity offered by academics, sports and cultural activities.

And if we want this formation to be holistic – in other words, to encompass the *whole* person, body, mind and spirit, then this formation has to be spiritual too.

A spiritual formation cultivates a healthy relationship with God and fellow man. A spiritual formation teaches values – values that define us as people of substance and integrity – respect, tolerance, compassion, ethical living.

Here at SAHETI, we teach our faith wherever possible, we impart values at any given opportunity, we are blessed with a beautiful School Chapel that facilitates a living relationship with God and the cultivation of prayer life, we remember those less fortunate than ourselves, we encourage respect for the environment and for animal life, we value the principles of Ubuntu – of honour, dignity, compassion, of co-operation for the common good.

But there's a catch....

We are all, parents and teachers, responsible for the growth of our children. Do we want that growth to be holistic? We want what is best for their intellectual and physical growth. By wanting what is best, we cannot ignore the spiritual. I encourage you all to take that facet of their development seriously too. We are partners in this mission.

Let's walk the path together!

FR. PETROS PARGINOS

