



Newsletter



PARKTOWN HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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General News

JHB NORTH DISTRICT AWARDS

The Johannesburg North District Awards Ceremony for the 2023 matric results was held at Fourways High School on Friday, 16 February. It was a glamorous affair and much effort was put in by the District to make this a special occasion. Parktown High School for Girls walked away with the following awards:

- Christina Vaudran placed 3rd in the district overall
- Sienna Whines placed 5th in the district overall
- Bianca Odion was named Top Student in the district for Consumer Studies
- Aafiah Sader was named Top Student in the district for English Home language

We are extremely proud of these achievements and we, once again, thank the 2023 Grade 12s and our educators for our consistent excellence.

*From left: Aafiah Sader, Sienna Whines
and Bianca Odion*



HONOURS BLAZERS

At the Academic Awards Evening on Thursday, 1 February, our Deputy Head girl, Alayna Badat, was awarded the school's highest accolade, an Honours Blazer. Honours Blazers are awarded to learners who achieve full colours in three different areas of the school. Alayna has been awarded Full Colours for Sport, Leadership and Academics. Congratulations Alayna - this is an outstanding achievement!

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Congratulations to all the learners who received their academic scrolls, half and full colours for the 2023 academic year for Grade 8 and 9 of 2023 at the assembly on 31 January, and at our annual Academic Awards evening for Grade 10 and 11 for 2023 on Thursday, 1 February. These learners worked exceptionally hard to achieve these results and we are very proud of all of them.

A special thanks to the guest speaker, Mrs Sharon Taylor, the Chief People and Cultural officer from Standard Bank. She has worked for Standard Bank for over two decades and has a wealth of experience working with a wide range of people. She shared the life lessons she has learned along the way; encouraging the girls to be intentional, develop resilience and think carefully about their future. Her message was timely and well received.

Special congratulations to the following award winners:

The top learner in each grade:

Grade 8	Klara Venter	92.89%
Grade 9	Ammarah Patel	94%
Grade 10	Laura Helling	89.09%
Grade 11	Rebecca Leisegang	92.62%

Special Awards:

1. *Di van Zyl Trophy*: awarded to an exceptional sportswoman in Grade 11 in 2023, who has also achieved an academic average of 70% or above, participates with a spirit of service and is a good Parktown role model:
Samika Sukhnandan
2. *Angela Simpson Trophy*: awarded to a Grade 10 learner in 2023 who participates enthusiastically in the extra-mural programme, has maintained an excellent academic average, participates with a spirit of service and is a good Parktown role model:
Namusi Mamanyuha
3. *Pam Quin Trophy*: awarded to a Grade 11 learner in 2023 who participates enthusiastically in the cultural programme, has maintained an academic average of 70% or above, participates with a spirit of service and is a good Parktown role model:
Zaynub Cajee
4. *Academic Enrichment Trophy*: awarded to a learner who excelled in Academic Enrichment activities during the course of 2023:
Alexia Smedmor

Congratulations to the following staff on receiving long service awards:

Teaching Staff:

Miss Moreira	20 years	Miss McAlpine	5 years
Mrs Sithole	15 years	Mrs Reyneke	5 years
Miss Haus	10 years	Mrs S Patel	5 years
Ms Meyer	10 years	Mrs Smith	5 years
		Mrs van Vuuren	5 years
		Ms Wilson	5 years

Administrative Staff:

Mrs Forrester	10 years
Miss Lampen	5 years
Miss Levinson	5 years

Maintenance Staff:

Mr Monama	20 years
Ms Masango	15 years
Mr Moyo	10 years

Congratulations

GRADE 8 INDUCTION

Our annual Grade 8 Induction was held on Thursday, 8 February. This is a very special occasion which marks the end of the Grade 8 orientation and where we officially welcome our Grade 8s and their parents/guardians into the Parktown family. The RCL skit highlighted the value of being positive, smiling often, and what it means to be part of this incredible 'sisterhood'. It was a fun and happy occasion and we hope this paves the way for five happy years ahead. Thank you to the RCL, our incredible staff and the Grade 8 parents/guardians for attending and sharing this memorable evening with us.



SAVE THE DATE

SGB ELECTIONS

The SGB Elections will be taking place on **Tuesday, 5 March** with the nomination meeting at 18:30 and the election at 19:00. It is essential that ALL parents participate in this enormously important election, either by standing for election or by voting on the night. We are looking for a diverse group of parents/guardians with skills in Finance, Engineering, Legal, HR, Education, etc. to stand for the SGB to take the school forward over the next three years.

BRYANDALE HIGH SCHOOL EXHIBITION

On Thursday, 8 February, Parktown High School for Girls attended the Bryandale High Schools' Exhibition which was held at Bryandale Primary. It was a very busy afternoon with many Grade 6 and 7s visiting our stand to find out more information about our beautiful school. Thank you to our fabulous RCL, Laura Helling (left) and Mushishikwe Mamphiswana (right), who assisted for the day and represented Parktown so beautifully.



PLEASE NOTE

Learners may not rely on the Reception Office for medical supplies: plasters, pain killers, etc. They need to bring their own to school. We will only supply in an emergency.

FINANCE NOTICE

School fee statements have been sent out via email. If you have not received your statement, please email Ms Kunene on kunene@parktowngirls.co.za.

Please, we remind you again of the following:

Any Proof of payments for amounts paid into the school's bank account must please be sent to forrester@parktowngirls.co.za and no longer williams@parktowngirls.co.za

EFTs made into the school account:

If no Proof of payment has been sent to forrester@parktowngirls.co.za and a phone call has to be made to find out what the payment is for, a R30-00 admin fee will be charged to your school fee account. If your beneficiary reference is not correctly referenced and we have to contact the bank to trace the payment, a R75-00 admin fee will be charged to your school fee account. If your beneficiary reference is incorrectly referenced and the payment must be reversed (i.e. an inter-account journal) an admin fee of R50 will be charged to your school fee account.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT RULES:

Dropping off of forgotten goods

Parents/guardians please note that no learner may go the main gate or any part of the school fence to collect anything during school hours. Girls must be more prepared and ensure they bring all the necessary work and kit to school each day to avoid parents/guardians having to drop goods off. If this is necessary, parents/guardians must come onto the property and deliver the goods to reception. The learner must then be informed by the parent/guardian to collect it. Please note: we take no responsibility for good left at reception. No deliveries from any delivery service may be collected from the main gate or at fencing during school hours. The main reason for this is the protection of our learners as we have no control over who they are meeting at these times.



Late coming

Late coming is becoming more and more of a problem. It is essential that your daughter/ward arrives at school, such that she can be at her class when the first bell goes at **7:40am**. Parents/guardians must plan themselves, or with the drivers, to anticipate robots not working, load shedding etc as well as dropping off other siblings, as these cannot be excuses for being late. If your daughter/ward is in a vehicle that breaks down, has a flat tyre etc, the learner must hand in a signed letter from the parent/guardian when they eventually arrive at school. On being accepted to Parktown, it was understood that you would be able to get your daughter/ward to school on time every day.

Tracksuits

Please take note: as the girls now have the option of wearing pants to school the **tracksuit will no longer be allowed as part of the school uniform** on very cold days or to wear during exams. In other words, when the temperature is below 14°C learners may not wear tracksuits. We urge you to make plans for these days for when they occur in winter. This, however, does not apply to Grade 12s for 2024 only. The Grade 12s may wear their tracksuits when the maximum temperature is below 14°C and during exams in June and August.



DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE

The school is looking for donations of backpacks or school bags and sports bags in good condition, for us to pass on to some of our learners. If you are able to help with any donations, please drop these off at reception.

SAFETY FIRST

For the sake of our learners, we are asking our parents/guardians to assist us in making the **safety of our learners** a priority.

After school, the learners can wait for their lift/transport in the waiting area and are requested to not sit on the drive. Learners sitting on the drive narrow the entrance and exit to the school. When walking on the drive, learners should be aware of cars reversing, as well as cars entering or leaving the premises. Learners are also reminded to remain within the school premises and not wait around on the pavement.



Learners have been seen sitting on walls and tables around the school grounds. Please could you remind your daughter/ward of the potential dangers of sitting on corridor walls and sitting on tables or the backs of chairs.

Together, we can make our school **a safer place for all**.

LIGHTNING PROCEDURE

The learners are hereby reminded of the school lightning procedure and warning systems. It is extremely important that every learner understands that they need to make sure they are in a safe, secure place as quickly as possible once the lightning alarm has gone off. The 'all clear' will be sounded once there has been no strikes within a 20km radius, for at least 20 minutes.



If a lightning strike has been detected within 20km of the school, the lightning alarm will go off. If this is during the school day (at break), the hall will be opened for learners. If this is in the afternoon, room 6 and 8 will be opened. If these classrooms are in use for extra lessons then Lab 1 and Lab 2 will be opened for learners to wait until they are collected from school.

If learners are busy with an outdoor training session, the teacher in charge of the activity will take the learners to an indoor venue where they can continue with their session; either fitness of some sort or a board talk.

Lightning warning horn = 5 second continuous horn

All clear horn = 5 short bursts



Please note:

The PHSG Uniform Shop will be closed from
THURSDAY, 07 MARCH 2024.
It will re-open as usual as from Term 2.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STORIES

Written by Keketso Smith in Grade 11

On 9 December 2023, at the University of Pretoria, I had the privilege of becoming an officially published author when my work was included in the book 'Social Justice Stories: Journeys to Justice'. I took part in the book competition run by the South African Schools Debating Board in partnership with Centres for Sexualities, AIDS and Gender (CSAG) which aims to share the youth's views on the many issues in our society and propose measures we can take to solve them, in the form of poems, short stories or essays. My piece on cancel culture was published alongside a variety of phenomenal pieces on climate change, racism, gender-based violence and many more topics.

The competition consisted of a nearly year-long editing process where we learnt how to enhance our writing skills with the help of experienced authors and peer feedback. After long hours and endless deadlines we eventually enjoyed the book launch on the

Tuks campus and each author received copies of the book including one for their school library! I am incredibly grateful to all the teachers, friends and family who supported me and I would highly encourage people to read the book to gain insight on the numerous crucial conversations we need to have as a society and ultimately how we can journey to justice.



*Keketso Smith holding
'Social Justice Stories' books*



Dates to Diarise



24/02	Fun Day – Under the Sea
29/02	Grade 7 Evening (by invitation only)
01/03	U18 Social – SOS
02/03	Interhigh Tennis
02/03	High Tea
04/03	Finance Meeting
05/03	Interhigh Diving Competition – Parktown hosting
05/03	English Olympiad
05/03	SGB Elections
06/03	Interhigh A-league Swimming Gala
08/03	Blood Drive
08/03	Geography Field Trip (Grade 8 and 9)
09/03	Open Day (strictly 08:30 – 12:00)

Sports News

HOCKEY AND NETBALL

Both Hockey and Netball are in the process of trials at the moment and are finalizing their teams for the upcoming season so that they can start working together with their coaches. Please note that these teams are not final, and players can work their way up if they are showing progress.



Once the league matches have been confirmed, they will be uploaded onto the D6 Calendar; however, fixtures will only start towards the end of the term. A reminder that in-season sport must take preference over pre-season training.

Morning Netball training in pinks for Valentine's Day with cupcakes for breakfast

SWIMMING

Our Team swimmers continue to work very hard. With lots of early mornings, the team is truly putting in a commendable effort. On Thursday, 8 February, we travelled to Kingsmead College for a league gala. Well done to all the swimmers for an overall 4th place finish.

We are looking forward to the upcoming Night Gala which is always a lot of fun and something different from the normal weekly competition.

TENNIS

On Tuesday, 13 Feb, we hosted Kingsmead College for league matches. The team did very well inspite of the heat. The First Team won 36 – 27, and the second Team lost 20 – 43. Well done to all the players.



TOUCH RUGBY

Our Touch Rugby players have been working hard preparing for the season. On Friday, 9 February, the first round of league matches took place at St Martin's School. All our teams did very well with a special mention to the U14's who really were impressive, seeing as it was their first ever Touch Rugby match.

Parktown U14 vs Reddam U14	Won 2 - 0
Parktown U15 vs Reddam U15	Won 1 - 0
Parktown U16 vs Reddam U16	Lost 1 - 2
Parktown U16 vs St Martins U16	Lost 0 - 1
Parktown U17 vs Grace Trinity (friendly)	Won 4 - 0
Parktown 1st Team vs Grace Trinity 1st Team	Won 5 - 1

Parktown Touch Rugby 1st Team



Parktown U14 Touch Rugby Team

WATER POLO

The Junior Water Polo Team have improved in leaps and bounds from where they started at the beginning of the term, with many Grade 8s playing the sport for the first time. They did extremely well on Wednesday, 14 February, in their match against Steyn City - scoring their first team goal and then going on to score 6 more by the end of the game. Well Done to all the players and keep up the hard work! Mr Madi is very proud of all of you.

SUPERSPORT SCHOOLS VISIT

On Wednesday 14 February, SuperSport Schools came through for the whole day to film our Water Polo and Soccer teams as well as to capture our overall school spirit. The energy and spirit vibrated off the school buildings and the warcries could be heard throughout the Parkview area.

Thank you to SuperSport Schools for choosing us to be involved in this great project. We look forward to seeing the results.





The Water Polo players, Mr Madi and the film crew after their close-ups



The Soccer girls had a blast in their close-up session



The Soccer players and the film crew after their close-ups

OPEN DAY – SATURDAY, 9 MARCH 08h30 – 12h00

	Compassionate		Courageous		Creative
Confident		Collaborative		Curious	

Place of Possibilities

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Open Day
9 March 2024
08h30 - 12h00

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Parents' Association News



PLEASE SAVE THE DATES:
Fun Day - Saturday, 24 February
U18 Social - Friday, 1 March

PARKTOWN HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS PRESENTS

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SAVE THE DATE • SAVE THE DATE • SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY 1 MARCH 2024 | 18H00 – 23H00 | PARKTOWN GIRLS

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PARKVIEW JUNIOR SCHOOL OPEN DAY
MONDAY 04th MARCH 2024

Parkview Junior School
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07h45: Assembly in the hall

08h30: School Tour commences

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