

# ARTYFACTS

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## AND WHAT HAPPENS THEREAFTER?

Welcome to 2010 at the NSA. This year promises to be a bumper year filled with lots of activities, surprises and, of course, the FIFA World Cup. A warm welcome is extended to the new parents and learners of the NSA. We hope your stay with us is as rewarding as Bafana Bafana lifting the trophy!

It is with regret that we note the passing of Hostel Matron Strydom on January 2 2010. Matron Strydom will be sorely missed by staff and learners alike. RIP.

Congratulations to Mrs McLoun who was promoted to Head of Department - Natural Sciences. A well deserved promotion

The NSA would like to welcome Mrs Ncube to the school. Mrs Ncube replaces Mr Kuun in the Business Studies Department. Also a word of welcome to Mr Petrus of the Contemporary Music Department who is now a full time member of staff.

As everyone contemplates the World Cup and its impact on South Africans, the NSA needs to look forward and ensure that every learner participates fully in all the activities of the school. This will help each learner achieve their goals for the year. A point to remember is that there is life after the world cup and all targets must be achieved so that learners progress to the next grade.

The Grade 12 group of 2009 provided the school with two top achievers: Sarahjane Sowter with 6 distinctions and Mpho Manyala with a full house of 7 distinctions. A 100% pass rate was achieved. Well done to the matrics of 2009.

In the Grade 8 to 11 group there was a 99% pass rate. Well done to all the learners who worked diligently throughout the year.

### MUSIC DEPARTMENT

#### Results for 2009

Congratulations to all the matrics and to all learners passing their external exams. The Grade 10's from 2009 had an average of 85% for these external exams. Well done and keep up the good work.

#### Music Camp

The music camp takes place from 12 – 14 February. Parents must please complete the camp forms and return them to Ms Swart as soon as possible.

#### Music PTLA

The first PTLA meeting will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> February @ 18:00 in the music department. I urge all music parents to attend as we have to elect a new chairperson.

### DRAMA DEPARTMENT

#### TALENT LAB

A few fortunate drama learners were given the opportunity to participate in Talent Lab - a workshop held in the holidays that prepares girls for the television and theatre industry. Apart from the workshop, the learners were given an opportunity to go on Yfm and had a fabulous time. Jolene Martin, who ran the workshop was extremely impressed by the NSA learners enthusiasm and talent. We are very proud of them!

#### THE OSCARS

The 2009 Oscars were a great success and a substantial amount of money was made for the Drama department. Thanks go to the teachers who worked extremely hard to ensure that the event was a success and to Mr and Mrs Van Rensburg, Mrs Babe, Mr Meurs, Mrs Goddard, Mrs Wallace and Mr Lewis for all their help and generosity.

#### Drama Newsletter

Please email or SMS your email address in order to be put on the Drama Department's database in order to be kept informed of rehearsals, assignments and other relevant news in a Drama Department Newsletter.

082 694 4651 [misstiffh@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:misstiffh@yahoo.co.uk)

### CONTEMPORARY MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Contemporary Music Department is looking forward to a wonderful and fun filled Term 1! Make sure you do not miss any of their performances this year!

**Function:** Contemporary Music Braai

**Date:** 13 February 2010 **Time:** 10am

**Place:** Contemporary Music Department

Join us for a wonderful performance by the learners followed by a braai/picnic.

**Function:** Industry Day "Meet the Partners"

**Date:** 19 February 2010 **Time:** During school hours

**Place:** Contemporary Music Department

Learners get the opportunity to meet leaders in the industry.

#### ASSESSMENT WEEK: 8 – 12 MARCH 2010

**Function:** Ensemble showcase

**Date:** 12 March 2010 **Time:** 7:00pm

**Place:** Still under review

Join us for the learners' first full length showcase of the year. Not to be missed!!

### ART DEPARTMENT

The Art Department says .... WELCOME to the new Grade 8 Art learners. We know that you will soon feel comfortable in the school and will begin to produce the kind of work that will make us all proud.

A special WELCOME to Ms Wafer who has agreed to join us while Mr Cook is away on sick leave. We wish her luck and hope that she will enjoy her stay with us. The Staff and learners of the Art Department wish Mr Cook a speedy recovery.



With The Festival rapidly approaching the NSA Art learners are preparing for a parade that will blow your minds!

## DANCE DEPARTMENT

The Dance Department would like to welcome all our new students and wish everyone a very happy and successful new year. Dance Spectrum rehearsals have begun and are in full swing in preparation for Festival of Fame. We are very excited for the new programme consisting of a Ballet, Contemporary, Spanish and the "Tribute to Michael Jackson" which is a fusion of Jazz, Lyrical Contemporary, Ballet and Spanish. Once again the Dance Department will be venturing off to Grahamstown in the last week of June after our success last year, with a new and exciting programme.

We are extremely proud of our Matrics of 2009, having received outstanding results. We wish our Matrics of 2010 the best of luck for this year and hope they maintain our high standards.

## PRIZE GIVING

Two Prize Giving evenings will be held this year **IN THE NSA MAIN HALL**. The evenings will start at 18:30 and learners should be seated by 18:20. Learners must be dressed in full school uniform. Parents are requested to dress smartly. The list of achievers will be placed on the notice board asap.

**Monday 25 January: 2009 Grade 8 and 9 learners**

**Tuesday 26 January: 2009 Grade 10, 11 and MIP learners**

## FESTIVAL OF FAME

The Festival will be running from 15 to 20 March, which means that it is just around the corner! Tickets will be available from the school at the Festival ticket office from 15 February. Please consult the Festival website ([www.festivaloffame.co.za](http://www.festivaloffame.co.za)) to select the shows you wish to attend.

Enquiries relating to the schools programme must be directed to the Festival Office on (011) 339 3941 or Email: [pro@artschool.co.za](mailto:pro@artschool.co.za)

### Ticketing:

Tickets for evening performances at The Jo'burg Fringe can be bought through Computicket before or during festival. Date to be confirmed.

The Day Tickets for the public can be booked for R60,00 in the NSA Festival Office, which allows entry to all events for a single day on a first-come, first-served basis. Block bookings are R50 (10 people or more) at the Festival Office.

There will be evening shows at the school venues as part of the NSA FRINGE FESTIVAL. The tickets are R60 and will be sold at the ticket office which opens at 18:00 or during the day in the FOF office.

Tickets for shows at The Alexander Theatre can also be booked from the Festival Office. Only EVENING PERFORMANCES will have seat reservation.

## SCHOOL FEES 2010

At the school fees meeting held on 22 October 2009 the school fees for 2010 were set as follows:

School Fees: Grade 8 - 12: R13 800

Contemporary Music: R21 200

Hostel Fees: Weekly: R13 600 Termly: R17 800

Parents who have requested financial assistance must collect the relevant forms from the Finance Office before 31 January 2010 (between 07:00 and 13:00)

## RCL

### Grade 8 Sleepover

With the brand new bunch of sparkling Grade 8's, the RCL and Hostel Prefect body prepared their first bonding, learning and "get to know each other better" event and it turned out to be a great success.

The programme comprised of learning the traditional school song and grade song and, of course, they got to know the school through the unforgettable ghost story telling by Ms Nel. It also included new tasks and games which geared the new learners to work together successfully in teams and get to know their own weakness and strength and those of others. A task was also created especially to form trust and bonding between the Gr. 8's and their RCL by revealing unspoken secrets which became a smash hit and definitely brought everyone closer together.

Considering the stress of being new, finding new friends and entering the exciting world of NSA, the sleepover was the perfect place to let loose and enjoy the variety, talent and characters of NSA. It was also the perfect platform for the Gr. 8's to establish themselves at NSA.

The sleepover could not have been a better success and was a showcase of the bigger and better organisation by the RCL of 2009/2010.

## EXTRA MATHS LESSONS

Extra Maths tuition given in the Benoni area for all grades. Contact **Brigette** on **082 340 9155**

## LIFT REQUIRED

Transport is required from Strubens Valley or surrounding areas. Please contact Brenda on 0824073095 or email [brenda@visionvan.co.za](mailto:brenda@visionvan.co.za). Willing to share costs.

## FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

Jan	22	SGB Finance meeting 14:00
	25	2009 Grade 8 & 9 Prize Giving 18:30
	26	2009 Grade 10, 11 & MIP Prize Giving 18:30
	28	SGB meeting 17:30
Feb		
	3	PTLA AGM 18:00
	4	Music PTLA meeting
	6	Dance Braai
	6	Drama Grade 8 & 12 Braai
	11	V Ball
	12-14	Classical Music Camp
	12	SGB Finance meeting 14:00
	13	Contemporary Music Braai 10:00
	18	Contemporary Music Industry Day
	18	SGB meeting 17:30
	22	Magazine Photos
	27	Open Day

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