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Dear Senior School Parents

From the Senior School Office

This week has undoubtedly belonged to the Legends, CBC St John's Matriculating Class of 2009.

Valedictory 2009

We bade a sad farewell to them on Friday at a moving Valedictory Mass, celebrated by Fr David. The CBC St John's tradition of piping the students out was continued and once more the graduating class passed on the light to the Grade 1's who will be the Class of 2020. The Grade 1's will keep these candles which they will in turn pass on to the Class of 2031. And so the legacy of service we have inherited from Our founder, Blessed Edmund Rice, will continue.

We are enormously proud of this group of matriculants, who have stood out as the Legends they called themselves. They initiated activities which will become imbedded in our culture such as Blood Drives, Charity Drives and workshops; they have excelled academically and we look forward to good results in the final NSC examinations; they have led on the sportsfields and the stage and most importantly set a high standard of service and love for others. It is fitting therefore that their gift to the College is the two new flagpoles outside the entrance to the Peter Barnard Administration Block and the brand new South African flag. We had lumps in our throats when we 'broke the flags' on Friday before the Valedictory Mass and 'struck the colours' for the first time in Parklands. Thank you, Legends, for your magnificent contribution to the College.

Prize-giving

It gives great joy to teachers to honour the students who have excelled during the year and this year prize-giving was a fine occasion, in a fitting venue to pay tribute to those who achieved great things. We thank Mrs Booysen, not only for her careful organization of this huge event, but also for her brief yet powerful speech. Her words of wisdom will remain as a challenge to all of us in the coming years.

The torch of leadership was passed on from this year's prefects to our leaders for 2010. We congratulate the following new prefects and charge them with the task of leading the student body into a new year with energy, creativity and compassion.

Head Prefect: Ross Watt

Deputy Head-prefect: Danny Kühberger

Kayla Brittan
Geoffrey de Vartek
Jessica Dewhurst
Kelly Fowler
Tamsyn Hutchings
Bianca Martignone
Luthando Mtsi
Tarryn Naude
Dana Nemeth
Gareth Sayers
Chris Wilson

First Communion

We congratulate our little brothers and sisters in the Primary School who made their First Communion yesterday at a beautiful mass celebrated by Fr David.

Tuckshop Menu

From food for the soul to food for the body:

Monday: Chicken Mayo Rolls
 Tuesday: Scones, muffins, brownies, samoosas and doughnuts
 Wednesday: Hamburgers
 Thursday: CLOSED - GRADE 8 AND 9 MARKET DAY
 Friday: Pizzas

Pro-20 Charity Cricket vs Parklands College

A group of enterprising Grade 10 students have organized a Pro-20 Competition versus Parklands College for Friday afternoon this week. They have obtained sponsorship from various businesses in the area and looks like it will be an exciting afternoon of fun and good cricket. Food and refreshments will be on sale. The proceeds of the day will go to TEARS which is the focus of this term's charity drive.

Lost Property

A black jacket was left at prize-giving. It can be retrieved from Mrs Gill.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ross Watt who competed at an international karate competition this weekend, bringing home one gold and one bronze medal. No messing with our new head prefect!!

We are in awe of Mrs Sylvia Clutton who was awarded her Masters Degree in Educational Psychology cum laude last week. How she manages to do all she does and still study and achieve such high accolades is an example to us all.

Dates to Diarise

19 October: Matric Design Final Practical
 First Team Tennis vs Bellville
 20 October: Mrs Le Roux's (middle-aged, not old, remember) birthday
 U17 Cricket vs TVHS
 Interact Dinner, Italian Club
 21 October: Mrs Langerman's birthday
 Grade 8 Music Outing
 U14 Cricket vs TVHS
 22 October: Grade 8 and 9 Market Day
 Softball vs The Settlers HS
 23 October: Civvies Day
 Pro 20 Charity Cricket Match for TEARS

Proverbs 27:9 says 'A sweet friendship refreshes the soul'.

This is the image I shall have of the Legends as they take their leave of us and prepare for their final examinations. They have had a remarkable closeness and epitomize good friendship. We wish them well and ask St Thomas Aquinas, patron saint of studies to intercede for them. Every morning a group of parents prays for each student by name. Please join them and be a special intercessor for a student at this time. Contact Rev Lawrence in this regard.

Yours in education

Colleen Mongie

Senior School Principal