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Dear Parents

13 February 2020

We started the school year prepared and ready to go and it seems like we had no sooner started than we have reached the end of the first half-term. I am certainly proud of our school and everyone in it.

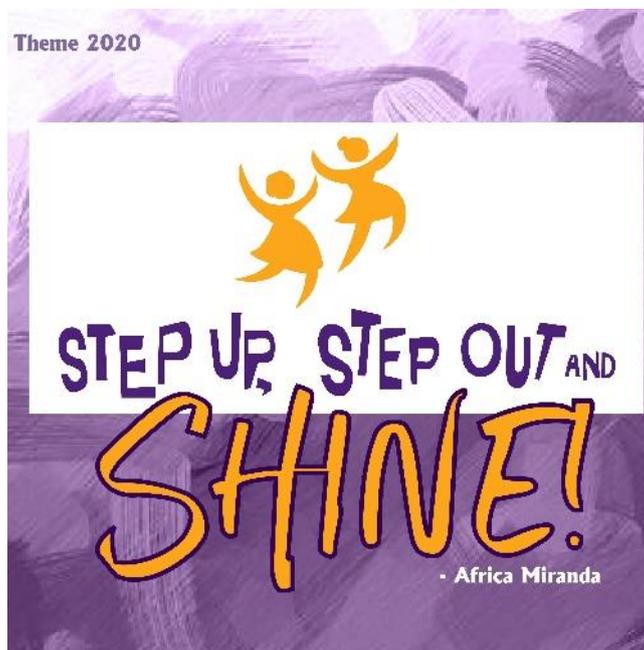
MATRIC RESULTS 2019

Inanda Seminary once again obtained a 100% pass and a bachelors pass rate of 88%. There were 157 subject distinctions. We celebrate Dux Scholar of 2019, Billy Mbuyazi and the runner up to Dux, Njabulo Dlomo, who obtained six distinctions each. We were invited to attend the Ethekwini Mayoral Awards for the top performing schools in the Pinetown and Umlazi Districts where we obtained a trophy for our 100% pass rate. At the Mafukuzela-Gandhi awards we received a certificate of excellence and at the Pinetown District Annual Awards we received a trophy and a certificate for achieving 100% from 2017 – 2019 and our history teacher Merlene Beeby received an award for excellent history results in 2019.

2020 THEME AND EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

This year we have chosen as our theme “**Step Up, Step Out and Shine.**” (from a book written by Africa Miranda: **Step Up, Step Out and Shine**). This theme has been met with great enthusiasm. Our Educational Objectives for 2020-2022 were adapted from the Strategic Planning of the Board of Governors (2019-2024), where the trajectory for the school going forward was agreed upon in a well-represented collaborative planning day.

Theme 2020



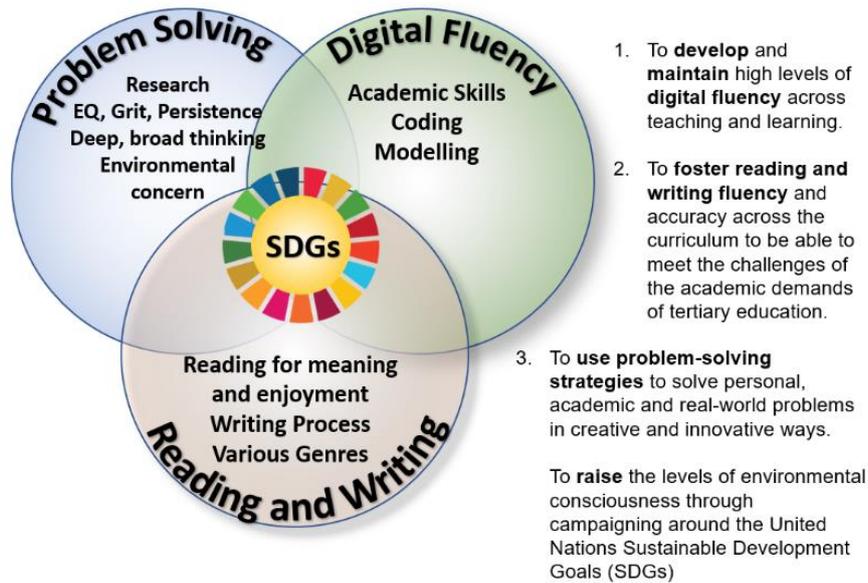
Inanda Seminary:

Executive Director: JAT Tate M.Ed, B.Ed. B.Sc. HDE

Directors: AE Wentzel (Chairperson); S Koyana; GCH Khumalo; LH Lambert; J-RDT Mazibuko; NP Mbatha; CS Mkhize; SSN Mthimkhulu; JAT Tate

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Educational Objectives 2020-2022



TEACHER SUMMIT

Academic Professional Development started with the Summer Summit on 07-08 January 2020. This Summit set the tone for the whole year's professional development, strengthened relationships among the staff and defined quality teaching and learning expectations.

GRADE 12 LEADERSHIP

The grade 12 leaders returned early on Wednesday 8 January 2020 for their leadership workshop facilitated by the NALEDI team. This year's outcomes were practical skills of resilience, resources to be resilient, and affirmation and awareness of resilience. The programme pushed members out of their comfort zones and made them understand the reality of their roles as leaders and finding a balance between their matric academic year and leadership responsibilities.

On Friday the 17 January a grade 12 monthly Indaba Meeting was launched with the inaugural motivational address given by the Executive Director Judy Tate.

ACADEMIC AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Our Academic awards took place on Tuesday 14 January. The top 10 students in every grade (including grade 12) were recognised for their 2019 final results.

STAFFING NEWS

We welcomed three new members of staff at the beginning of the year:

- Mr Thami Vezi who teaches gr 9, 10 and 11 mathematics
- Mr Khanyisani Mnguni who teaches mathematics gr 10, 11 & 12
- Ms Sinxolo Ndlovu (former teacher-intern) having been appointed onto our academic staff to teach English GET and life orientation.

- Mrs Heather Horner who teaches GET mathematics, is the locum teacher standing in for Ms Phumeza Zwezwe who is away on maternity leave for 2 months.
- Ms Robyn McQueen who has been appointed to work part time on mathematics intervention.

MATRIC DANCE

This will take place this mid-term on Friday 14 February. The grade 12 PR committee has spent a lot of time with Mah Busie Mdladla preparing for this event. We wish them a special evening and encourage them to enjoy their 12th hour moment.

ID DOCUMENTS

We still have gr 12 students without this important document. Please could this be attended to urgently. It is also a reminder for our gr 11 students to note that this is required for 2020 matric registration. We encourage families to use the half-term to get this done early if you are already 16 years old.

HEALTH DOCUMENTS

New students with incomplete health forms are asked to please complete these over this weekend with the assistance of a doctor.

VALENTINE'S DINNER

This will take place on Saturday 22 February. This is an informal event so please do not allow your daughters to pressurise you into unnecessary expenses of décor or clothing.

SCHOOL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The school's 151st birthday is Sunday 1 March 2020. We will celebrate this by sending a representative group to the cemetery to lay flowers on the graves of those who have gone before us. In addition, we will celebrate as a school with all who would like to join us on 29 February at 10:00. According to what has become the custom at the Inanda, the Dux /SRC chairperson of 10 years previously will give the keynote address. We look forward to former 2010 Dux Thandolwethu Dlamini (nee Mbotho), being our guest speaker. All are welcome to join us in celebrating 151 years of the school. Please see attached invitation and RSVP to the School Secretary.

MARCH TESTING

March testing will begin for grade 10-12 on Thursday 12 March 2020 and for grades 8-9 on Monday 16 March 2020. Please encourage and support your daughters as they prepare for these. The format of these assessments are a 1hr test at the beginning of the day, followed by the regular 6 periods. We guard our contact time with students and do not stop classes for 1st Quarter standardised tests.

PARENT MEETING

The 1st parent meeting will take place at 10:00 on student Home Go day, Thursday 27 March 2020. Please make an effort to attend this as we share with your essential information regarding the school as well as events of the term.

HOME GO DATES AND TIMES

We run a full academic programme until the last day of school at 12:15. Please refer to the school calendar when making transport arrangements for mid-term and Home go days. This is particularly important at the end of the term when the members write tests/exams on the last day. **(Please note that for Term 1 2020 our holidays do not fall in the same week as public schools.** The reason for this, is that we included the Easter Weekend in our holidays).

HALF TERM RETURN

Please ensure your daughter returns on **Sunday 16 February before 16:00**. Late students will be turned away at the gate as this compromises our security and your safety. Those travelling from Gauteng and Eastern Cape have permission to return by 07:00 on Monday 17 February 2020 provided they inform Mah Busie Mdladla of this arrangement. Please do not return your daughters later than this as they will miss an important CASS test which begins at 07:30 on Monday.

Wishing you a special break with your daughters and the opportunity to connect, reflect and plan for the rest of the term.



A.T Ndlovu
PRINCIPAL – INANDA SEMINARY