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- ◆ Moms Com Meeting
- ◆ Test Day Routine
- ◆ Athletics KZN Champs
- ◆ Internal Rugby Trials @ DHS

Congratulations, Mr Norton!



It is with great pride that Durban High School congratulates Mr Alan Norton on his promotion to Principal of Durban North College. Mr Norton served School with distinction for 30 years and this is a well-deserved appointment.

Mr Norton played a key role in the academic sphere of School through Geography, the Pastoral side as a Grade Head and Head of Discipline and on the sport fields.

Ms Jeanette du Plessis, HOD of Geography, and colleague and friend of Mr Norton's for many years has written the following:

"Alan Norton is a very proud Old Boy of Pretoria Boys High School. He often speaks about his days as a boarder there with such awe and gratitude and has kept in contact with his former Maths educator and is a reliable donor for many initiatives at his alma mater.

He attended the then University of Natal, Durban Campus, initially to study Commerce. He opted to major in Geography and Afrikaans-Nederlands! He continued to read for

his Honours degree in Geography and opted to do his UED so that he could teach.

Whilst he was at university he met his future wife, Beverley Heath. Her father, Grayson Heath (a DHS Old Boy) allowed her to drive his car, a BMW, on condition that she took him to and fetched him from the airport on a weekly basis because his business was in Johannesburg. Alan fell for the girl and the car. It cannot be contested that Alan did always have a good eye for a good model!

Alan did his teaching practicum at Durban High School and the management at the time were impressed by his acumen in the classroom and also his expertise as a coach. He was appointed as a teacher to School, despite the fact that he still had to complete his two years of compulsory national military service.

He arrived at School to take up his post in 1990. He was a form III, now Grade 9, class tutor and taught a multitude of junior classes until he had earned his stripes in the Geography department under the guidance of Ms Margie Fielden. Very reluctantly, he taught a few Afrikaans classes but eventually threatened to resign if he was allocated any more of these classes.

In 1994 he was appointed as Grade 11 Grade Head and he was also the MIC for Cricket. Between matters Geography, Grade 11 issues and MIC, he had to ensure that 26 teams were fielded on a weekly basis. He had to co-ordinate the practices, coaches and fields, ensure that there were buses to transport players, organise umpires, balls, bales, stumps and refreshments
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Congratulations, Mr Norton! cont'd

and still coach the first XI. He also played club cricket on Sundays for many years. His love and passion for this code made him qualify himself as a rated coach and selector for Natal Schools.

He is revered by many of the Old Boys of School as a coach and mentor. He coached cricket for 22 years at School and the likes of Hashim Amla, Imraan Khan, Jonathan Vandiar, Ainsley Ndlovu and Sibs Makhanya are but a few who relish looking up their old coach when they are in town, or an opportunity arises to visit school to motivate the boys or donate a jersey or two ...

Alan also coached Rugby for 17 years and was the 1st XV Rugby Coach for many years, coaching international players BJ Botha, Antonie Claasen and Greg Rawlinson and provincial players Scott Mathie, Anton Bressler, Morne Snyman and Jody Jenneker.

His passion for soccer was also realised when he coached the 1st XI for a number of years.

With these duties came many fixtures, mostly on weekends and during school holidays for local and international sport tours. He toured to every major tournament throughout South Africa and arranged many tours, both locally and overseas. Alan garnered the support of the boys' parents and together they embarked on many fundraising events to assist with the funding of these tours.

Without a doubt, Alan's proudest achievement, according to him, is that he married the right woman! Beverly has staunchly and uncompromisingly supported Alan throughout his career.

Their daughter, Christy is a second year Fashion Design student at Vega and was voted top of her class and most promising maverick last year. She is the creative one in the family, who loves to experiment in the kitchen.

Matthew, his son, has followed in Alan and Grandpa Grayson's footsteps. He is an excellent cricketer, hockey player; actually an all-round good sportsman who loves watching all sports on television.

Alan is a committee man. He likes to hear other people's voices and ideas when planning events. Apart from chairing the Discipline, Games and Cultural Committee meetings, he was been at the coalface with arrangements for Founders Day for many years. He was tasked with the 150th Celebrations when others shied away from doing so.

He took on this challenge with his usual methodical and affable approach and amassed a group of people whom he knew he could rely on to work independently and meet the deadlines. Alan and Matthew, his son, became the face of the 150th celebrations. Alan attended every function, meeting, pre- and post-tournament meetings with the various coaches from the participating schools, welcome cocktail events, early breakfasts and late suppers, plays, musical festivals and gala events to name but a few. And Matthew was his shadow at all the sports events. Thus ensuring that the DHS he knew and loved, would shine.

Alan is a firm believer in the justice of the universe Karma, the truth, honesty, integrity, to analyse your motives for your actions, and to have a wonderful sense of humour. Under his carapace of "take no prisoners" and his Capricorn horns, is a softy, with a generous spirit - kind, thoughtful and creative - with two sweetie jars on his desk in his office.

All and sundry would pop into his office for some advice on matters of the heart, financials, the trials and tribulations of the Blue Bulls, or just to get a sugar rush. He is a wise, intuitive counsellor, caring, a confidante and friend.

Many may not know that Alan has a passion for music and acted as the impromptu DJ on many an early morning in the Admin block passage where his office was located. He loved to croon along to his favourites like BB King, Jim Croce, Elvis, Elton and Freddie and would often start dancing spontaneously with great energy and delight. *Kaptein Span die Seile* and *40 Days* will always bring fond memories to mind.

He was a Deputy Head at Durban High School for many years and has had aspirations of being a principal of a school for a number of years. What an accolade for a true gentleman who has never shied away from responsibility, commitment, hard work and serving his community.

Al-my-Pal, know that the thousands of people who have been associated with you over your 30 year tenure at School salute you for your unwavering loyalty, dedication and pay tribute to you. They as one will stand and congratulate you and wish you well for the next part of your journey, as educator, mentor and leader of Durban North College.

VIRTUTE ET LABORE

Through Courage and Labour

*Ms J du Preez
HOD, Friend & Colleague*

We wish you all the very best at Durban North College, Mr Norton Sir, they are very fortunate to have a person of your calibre to lead them.



Alan Norton with Hashim Amla and Nathan Poole (Cricket Captain in 2010)

KZN SCHOOLS' JAZZ & ROCK MUSIC FESTIVAL

AGE GROUP: 13-18 YEARS
 COST: R900 (INCLUDES MEALS & ACCOMMODATION)
 EVENT DETAILS: 2 DAYS @ CONCERTS

DATE: 20TH-22ND MARCH 2020
 FESTIVAL DIRECTOR: NATALIE RUNGAN
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KZN School Jazz & Rock Music Festival @ Durban High School- 20 to 22 March 2020



*History Quiz Team Win Gold!
 Nuraldin Mohamed, Aaron Jamwal,
 Milind Bandulal and Jamie King*



Mr Michael Baker (left) has been appointed as a selector for the SA Men's U21 Hockey Team



The DHS Swimming Team has been achieving great results!

KZN Schools Jazz & Rock Music Festival @ DHS

Durban High School is proud to be hosting the inaugural KZN Schools Jazz & Rock Music Festival from 20 to 22 March 2020. Our Head of Music, Ms Natalie Rungan is the Festival Director.

An article on the Festival appeared in the Sunday Tribune, a copy of which is below:

A soulful, uplifting and educational holiday break has been lined up for KZN youth with an affinity for music, who will get into the mix with some of the best local musos.

Non profit company Nabak Arts, an organisation focused on developing music education in the country, have planned a weekend-long KZN School's Jazz and Rock Music Festival, which begins on March 20.

Entry to the holiday camp that will play out at Durban High School (DHS) and ends with a grand finale music concert on March 22, has been limited to 80.

Well known Durban singer and songwriter Natalie Rungan, the festival's director and founder of Nabak Arts, said the holiday camp would expose youngsters to a loaded programme of teachings on jazz and rock music and rehearsals for the finale.

Rungan together with other accomplished music educators and professionals will conduct the workshops and rehearsals at the festival.

She said it was her mission to provide the next generation of musicians with a platform to display their talent, and KZN was an ideal starting point. After all, the province was home to Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Black Coffee, Big Nuz and other great musicians.

Rungan is also the DHS Music director.

"Part of me joining the DHS music program was to build the next generation of musicians.

"Knowing where the music industry is right now, classical music is a very good foundation. Many students, however, fail to take it further. Our hope is that this camp will help build a bridge."

Rungan said music genres like jazz, rock and pop had a good impact on the youngsters.

"I found that by teaching jazz especially at school (DHS), it has opened the minds of young people. They have discovered a different style of music, and have embraced it to such an extent that we now have a big band at school."

She said the idea of a festival had long been on her mind. Participants at the festival will be split into four bands, with each having a leader. One of those bands will be led by famed local singer, Ernie Smith.

"When Ernie Smith heard about the idea, he jumped on board. He will be one of our headliners for the main concert (Sunday, March 22).

"The entire programme will happen at DHS, including the main concert."

Rungan revealed that all the youngsters would be housed at the school's dormitories for the event because it enabled them to take in camp offerings in a safe environment.

Other performers at the festival will include the KZN Youth Orchestra, Rungan and her band and others.

FESTIVAL DETAILS

Dates - 20-22 MARCH 2020

Age Group - 13-18

Cost - R900 (includes meals & accommodation)

CONTACT DETAILS:

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We are very excited about this exciting initiative and look forward to enjoying some wonderful performances.

Extra Mural Results

SWIMMING

TOP 8 GALA

The DHS Swimming Team took part in the KZN Top Schools Gala held at Clifton in rainy conditions on 18 February.

This is a prestigious event and is the only gala where all the KZN Schools compete solely against each other. The boys were adamant not to finish in last place, where they ended in 2019.

They performed brilliantly. From the first event, it was evident that they were focused and determined to do well. In the end they secured two first placings; nine second placings and four fourth placings.

Final points and positions:

1 st	Westville	222
2 nd	Clifton	174
3 rd	DHS	144
4 th	Hilton	132
5 th	Kearsney	126
6 th	Maritzburg College	108
7 th	Northwood	107
8 th	Glenwood	92
9 th	Michaelhouse	51

WESTVILLE GALA

The DHS Swimming team also put in a much improved performance at the Westville Gala. All the swimmers improved on their times from the previous week.

Westville Gala final results:

1 st	Westville Boys High School
2 nd	St Benedict's
3 rd	Grey College
4 th	St David's
5 th	Affies
6 th	Clifton
7 th	DHS
8 th	Hilton
9 th	Kearsney College
10 th	Glenwood High School
11 th	Maritzburg College
12 th	Northwood

INTERHOUSE/CHAMPIONSHIP GALA

The Durban High School Inter House/ Championship Gala was held recently, with the following results:

1 st	Swales	114
2 nd	Payn	97
3 rd	Langley	84
4 th	Blackmore	58
5 th	Grice	50
6 th	Campbell	32

Congratulations to Swales on a wonderful performance!

WATER POLO

vs REDDHAM UMHLANGA

The DHS 1st Water Polo team were invited to play Reddam Umhlanga in their compulsory Valentine's Day exhibition. It was a tough game but our boys played well winning 7-6.

vs HILTON

The DHS 1st Water Polo team had a tough match against a very strong Hilton College team, going down 11-14. It was only in the 4th quarter that Hilton were able to pull away and hold onto their 3 goal lead. For DHS, M Makhanya had an outstanding match scoring 4 goals.

DEBATING

Seniors @ Inanda Seminary

DHS Senior 1 vs Inanda Seminary 1
DHS lost the debate

DHS Senior 2 vs DGC 1

DHS won the debate.
Eyami Mthembu (DHS) was the best overall speaker.

Juniors @ New Forest High

DHS Junior 1 vs Clifton 2

DHS won the debate

DHS Junior 2 vs Clifton 3

DHS won the debate.
Abhay Nunan (DHS) was the overall best speaker.

Congratulations!

- ◆ Mr Michael Baker has been appointed as a selector for the South African Men's U21 Hockey Team.
- ◆ Milind Bandulal, Aaron Jamwal, Nuraldin Mohamed and Jamie King participated in a History Quiz at Clifton School, beating 15 schools and 40 teams to win the tournament.

MUSIC

The Music Department was privileged to host award winning American Saxophonist, Ernest Dawkins last week.

Ernest was well received by all the boys who attended, largely due to his incredible virtuosity and charismatic approach to music education; a quality that has made him well loved all over the world.

Ernest was extremely impressed by the standards that have already been achieved by music students at Durban High School. He has agreed to come back to be a part of the music vibe that is being established at our school through the Chris Seabrooke Music Centre.



Ernest Dawkins with the Music Boys



The DHS Water Polo Boys



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The Grade 11 Music Class will be performing at the Lunchtime Concert on Tuesday 25 February. The concerts, normally held on a Thursday, have been changed to Tuesdays due to the timing of loadshedding.



Weeks Ahead

Friday 21 February

Cricket vs Westville Boys'
SCA Inter Schools Rally : AJ Human
Room : 14h30

Saturday 22 February

Cricket / Basketball vs Westville Boys' (h) & (a)

Tuesday 25 February

Guardian Presentation to Grade 9 : AJ Human Room : 08h35
Grade 11 Music Class Concert : 13h40
Chris Seabrooke Music Centre
Bouldering Round 3
Swimming - D&D Gala hosted by DHS (h) : 18h00

Wednesday 26 February

Marketing Visit to Kokstad
School Governing Body Parent Election Meeting : AJ Human Room : 17h30

Thursday 27 February

Marketing Visit to Izotsha (Expo)

Junior Debating @ Westville Girls' : 14h45-18h00

Saturday 29 February

Cricket / Water Polo / Basketball vs Northwood (h)
Vega Vibe (Lewis)

Tuesday 3 March

Test Day Routine : Test @ 11h25-12h30
Moms Com Meeting : 13h00 : Bill Payn Boardroom

Thursday 5 March

Athletics - KZN Secondary School Champs : 5-7 March

Friday 6 March

Rowing - SA Schools Champs : 6-8 March

Saturday 7 March

Internal Rugby Trials @ DHS

Sunday 8 March

Bouldering Round 4 & Finals

This Weekend's Fixtures

CRICKET vs WESTVILLE : Friday 21 February

Team	Time	Venue	Overs
3 rd XI	14h30	Bowdens (a)	20
4 th XI	14h30	Danville 2 (h)	20
U16B	14h30	Danville 1 (h)	20
U16C	14h30	Commons 1 (a)	20
U15B	14h30	Theobald (h)	20
U15D	14h30	Commons 2 (a)	20
U14D	14h30	Pitlochry Top (a)	20
U14E	14h30	Pitlochry Bottom (a)	20

CRICKET vs WESTVILLE : Saturday 22 February

Team	Time	Venue	Overs
1 st XI	09h00	Theobald Oval (h)	50
2 nd XI	09h00	Bowdens (a)	50
U16A	09h00	Commons 1 (a)	50
U15A	09h00	Commons 2 (a)	50
U15C	09h00	Danville 2 (h)	20
U14A	09h00	Collegians (h)	50
U14B	09h00	Danville 1 (h)	20
U14C	09h00	Pitlochry Top (a)	20

BAKSETBALL vs WESTVILLE (h) : Saturday 9 February 2019

Team	Time	Venue	Team	Time	Venue
1 st	12h35	Court 1	2 nd	11h30	Court 1
3 rd	10h30	Court 3	U16A	10h30	Court 1
U16B	11h30	Court 2	U15A	09h30	Court 1
U15B	10h30	Court 2	U15C	08h30	Court 1
U14A	08h30	Court 2	U14B	09h30	Court 3
U14C	08h30	Court 3	U14D	10h30	Court 2



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12 PROFESSIONAL MUSIC EDUCATORS

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