



WHS BLOU KUDU

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Embracing Tradition and Welcoming New Beginnings at the Blue School in 2024.

As the curtains rose on the new academic year, the Blue School welcomed a fresh cohort of eager minds – our vibrant Grade 8 learners. The excitement was palpable as they embarked on their journey at the Blue School with a series of exhilarating events that truly embodied the essence of our school spirit.

The Grade 8 Athletics kicked off the festivities, showcasing the talent and enthusiasm of our newest members. The energy on the field was contagious, setting the tone for the spirited year that lies ahead. The Kudu Kalfie Concert brought a symphony of melodies to our ears, highlighting not only the musical prowess of our new learners, but also the unity that resonates through the notes.

One of the most unforgettable experiences for our Grade 8's was the Grade 8 Camp. Nestled in the heart of nature, the camp provided an opportunity for bonding, forging friendships, and fostering a sense of camaraderie among the learners. The memories created during this camp will undoubtedly be cherished for years to come.

Moreover, the Interhouse Athletics event brought the entire school together, fostering healthy competition and showcasing the athletic prowess of our students across different houses. It was a day filled with cheers, encouragement, and the undeniable spirit of unity that defines the Blue School.

As we reflect on these events, we are reminded of the rich tapestry of traditions that make WHS unique.

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Our school, steeped in 107 years of history, continues to uphold the values that have shaped generations. The blue blood that runs through our veins symbolises not just a school color but a deep sense of pride and belonging.

We are more than an school; we are a family. A family that welcomes everyone with open arms, providing a place for each member to thrive and grow. The bonds formed within our blue walls transcend the academic realm, creating a sense of community that lasts a lifetime.

Looking forward, the horizon is filled with the promise of exciting events, academic achievements, and cultural experiences. The sports field, the classrooms, and the cultural stage will all witness the unfolding of potential, the overcoming of challenges, and the celebration of success.

As we step into this new year, let us carry the spirit of WHS with us – the spirit of unity, tradition, and endless possibilities. Together, as a blue family, we are poised to make this year memorable, impactful, and a testament to the enduring legacy of WHS. Here's to a year filled with growth, camaraderie, and the unwavering Blue Spirit!

To our learners; Commit to excellence in your education! Your routines and study habits shape your success. Set up study systems at home and school to guide you. Make every day count; you only get one chance. In the journey of knowledge, every step forward is a victory. Keep stepping, keep winning.

Thank you, parents and caregivers, for supporting our pursuit of excellence throughout this new school year. Every day is a new opportunity to strengthen the bond with your child. In 2024, commit to being the anchor they can always rely on and the wind beneath their wings.

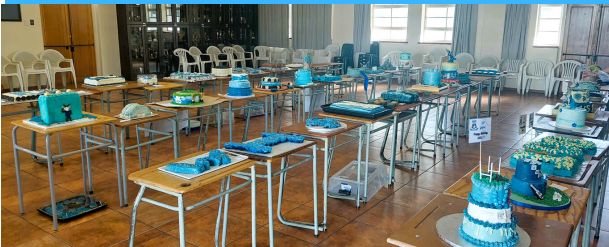
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107 Years!

On the 5th of February we celebrated the school's 107th Birthday! Windhoek High School carries the excellence of being one of the oldest High Schools in Namibia. Windhoek High School is proud to be the Blue school. In celebration learners from each class had to bake a special cake which were judged by an phenomenal panel of judges.

The winning classes received rewards to add to the festivities. Windhoek High School surely displays its best qualities; hard work, excellence and team spirit.

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Celebrating Valentine's Day

The WHS Way On February 14th everyone woke up with the atmosphere radiating a strong sense of glee and love. What was the reason? Valentine's Day of course!

That day, many of the Grade 10-12's went home after school to dress into their semi-formal attire; soon they would arrive at the Huis Dreyer cafeteria for their exclusive Valentine's Dance!

Single or taken, alone or with a group of friends, the dance catered to all!

With a diverse music playlist, beautiful decorations and good vibes, everyone spent the first hours of the evening creating fun memories and taking a break from their harsh academics. Platonic or romantic, everyone felt the love in the air.

The night was a proven success- with everyone returning back home with new pictures to frame and videos to look back on.

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KUDU KALFIES

The future of WHS

The new wave of grade 8's had to undergo a tradition that took place over many decades in this school. This initiation could not have been possible without the help and persistence of the eager LRC's. The Kudu Kalfies had to wear a specific uniform other than the rest of the school up until the period had lapsed. Boys and girls had to have their hair parted in the middle and wear name boards consisting of the name of their role model and their purpose statement.

This was enforced to ensure that they worked as a unit. Several other fun activities were carried out during morning and break time, including races, the owning of a pet rock, and fashion shows.



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Subsequently, they also went on a camp. The Kalfies and LRC members were divided into two groups, each group spending one day and one night at Rock Lodge. They spent their stay between the 25th and 26th of January. At the camp, the Kalfies bonded through an obstacle course shared meals, and spiritually filling devotion sessions. Toward the end of the camp, learners formed new lifelong bonds, became stronger spiritually, and had an overall unforgettable experience.

Shortly afterward, they prepared for the parent's braai on Vegkop which took place on the 27th of January. The LRC stood and joined them in singing the school anthem and credo.

They were full of stories to tell from the eventful camp.

Furthermore, we had the Kudu Kalfie Concert, on the 7th and 8th of February, in which LRC members were given Grade 8 classes and they had to come up with an act in the theme of Bedtime Stories. The acts ranged from 'Jan and the Beanstalk' to 'Snow White and the Seven "Laaities"'. The act of the night for both evenings was A Cinderella Story which was put together by LRC members Annabel Smit, Cal-Mare Klein, and Jadon Jooste.

The orientation period ended on a high note with the 'Kudu Kalfie Sokkie' in the Small Hall that transpired on the 15th of February. They were asked to bring along special dates. The boys had to bring a mop with a picture of a girl LRC attached to it and the girls had to bring a broom with a picture of a boy LRC on it.

The music and food caused a joyous yet sentimental atmosphere. After all the dancing and singing, the LRC members called upon all the Grade 8 learners. This was to give farewell speeches as they officially transitioned into being high school learners.

Countless photos were taken and hugs were given as this special chapter came to a close.



EDITOR: JADON JOOSTE

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BREAKING RECORDS AND BUILDING GEES: AN INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS TO REMEMBER!

The highly anticipated interhouse athletics took place from the 31st of January to the 5th of February. The three teams Kanniedood, Swarthaak, and Wag 'n Bietjie competed valiantly throughout the entire event. Firstly, the netball and hockey games kicked off the season, with learners from each team giving it their all. The day ended with exciting games where the teachers of the school played against the WHS seniors. The fun continued with the u/19 Hockey girls that ran the 5000m against the u/19 Netball girls. Additionally, the u/19 Hockey boys competed in the 5000m race against the u/19 Rugby boys.

The 2nd of February was the most cultural significant day, as the teams walked from Vegkop stadium to Robert Mugabe Avenue to prepare for the stretcher relay.



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The Dream Team

Full of gees, learners sang their way back through Independence Avenue to WHS school grounds for the Big Bag. This was followed by the swimming gala, where scholars were transported in a huge truck for each team. On the 3rd, we started the proceedings with scripture and prayer, followed by each teams' dancing and gees. The athletics items continued up until the 5th of February and the results came in. Kanniedood swept in 1st place in all three categories; gees, décor and the overall athletics. The Making of the Dream team. The Windhoek High School Interhouse have officially come to a close.

With the Interhigh approaching, the perfect cheerleading team will represent our school. We interviewed the lucky few, who were chosen to be apart of the cheer team, to find out what makes a cheerleader a cheerleader. As a cheerleader, a major part of their job is the keep up the motivations of their team. When asked how to keep up the motivation, cheerleader Tehilah Fredericks answered, "It is difficult, but when I feel tired and unmotivated I remember the legacy my team has created." Another part of the job, is cooperation. Having your voice heard is important, but listening to your team is too. When asked regarding this, cheerleader Leander Serrano had this to say: "Comprehension will always be more important than communication, one can hear all they want, but if they don't understand the deeper meaning. Then communication is pointless."

However, as a team we would sit down and brainstorm. Until we came to an agreement." A lot of pressure and anticipation can come with being as an Interhigh cheerleader. Here is how cheerleader, Chereé Louw answered, when she was asked how she dealt with pressure: "To be honest, I am nervous for that day, to be in front of the whole school. However, they chose me as cheerleader for a reason and I am honoured so I will try my best. My coping mechanisms is listening to the war cries that brings the fighting spirit in me."

Being a cheerleader is not an easy task. You have to listen to your team and understand them. Be an example and motivate them, but most importantly; remember to have fun!

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What's Next...

at the blue school.



March 2024

- 7 - 10 March 2024: Preliminary Basketball Tour Mafikeng
- 9 March 2024: Netball - Fun Walk & Fast Five
- 12 - 17 March 2024: Rugby Tour Wynberg Boys HS
- 18 March 2024: WHS Musical Auditions
- 19 March 2024: Blue Factor Final
- 19 - 26 March 2024: Netball Tour Waterkloof HS
- 21 March - 1 April 2024: Mid-Term Break
- 25 - 29 March 2024: Boys Hockey Tour Fairmont HS
- 27 - 29 March 2024: WBPHS Desert Festival

April 2024

- 3 - 7 April 2024: Girls Hockey St Mary's tour
- 1 - 4 April 2024: NSSR National Camp
- 5 - 6 April 2024: 7's Soccer Tournament
- 5 - 6 April 2024: NAPSO 7's Rugby
- 12 April 2024: Movie Night
- 15 - 20 April 2024: Interhigh
- 22 April 2024: NSSR National Trials
- 26 - 27 April 2024: NSSR National Trials
- 29 - 30 April 2024: NSSR National Camp