



ST NICHOLAS DIOCESAN SCHOOL

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OUR VALUES: Faith, Respect, Compassion, Integrity, Humility, Passion, Wisdom, Truth, Discipline and Courage

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From the Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Learners

We are already into week six of our term and we remain as busy as ever with our students participating in numerous extracurricular activities, sport and still maintaining their focus in the classroom. Our focus value for the following two weeks is respect and we are working hard to instil the values of self-respect, respect for others, and respect for the world around us. With this in mind I would like to share a story with you, which comes from the not too distant past.

An old man drove up to a respected dealership in Pietermaritzburg, got out of his bakkie, and walked onto the showroom floor. He was dressed in his blue boiler suit and had his steel toe boots on. A young sales assistant, dressed in a suit, walked up to the man and asked if he could help to which the old man replied that he was in the market for a new vehicle. The young man rather arrogantly said that he could show the old man some second hand vehicles that might be in the old man's price range and tried to shuffle him out of the showroom. The old man walked out of the showroom got in his bakkie, drove across the road to the dealership's competitor and ordered six brand new bakkies for his very successful construction company.

The lessons from this story are numerous:

1. Never judge a book by its cover
2. Show respect to all who may cross your path
3. The external appearance is not the true worth of a man
4. Remain humble in your success

The Bible also teaches us to respect others and older people.-1 Peter 2:17 says, "Show proper respect to everyone" and Leviticus 19:32a says, "Rise in the presence of the aged and show respect for the elderly." Most importantly we must obey, serve and worship God with reverence and respect. In Psalm 119:15, David set out to do this:

*"I will think about Your commandments and teachings,
and have respect to Your ways."*

Yours sincerely

Leon Grové

From the Headmaster: Junior School

Dear Parents, Guardians and Learners

I trust that you enjoyed the extra day with your children and that some quality time was shared. The second half of this term is just as busy as the first half – so please check all communication regularly from the school.

This week we continue to focus on INTEGRITY as one of our values at St. Nicholas Diocesan School. There are many Bible verses on INTEGRITY – here are a few that I used in school this week:-

1 Kings 9:4-5 - “And as for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, with integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you, and keeping my statutes and my rules, then I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, You shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.”

Psalms 41:11-13 - “By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me. But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.”

Proverbs 2:20-21 – “So you will walk in the way of the good and keep to the paths of the righteous. For the upright will inhabit the land, and those with integrity will remain in it.”

Psalms 101:1-2 – “I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will make music. I will ponder the way that is blameless. Oh when will you come to me? Will walk with integrity of heart within my house.”

Proverbs 28:18 – “Whoever walks in integrity will be delivered, but he who is crooked in his ways will suddenly fall.”

We also shared with the children how to build INTEGRITY:-

- KEEP YOUR PROMISES EVEN IF IT TAKES EXTRA EFFORT
- GO BACK TO THE TUCKSHOP AND PAY FOR SOMETHING YOU FORGOT TO PAY FOR
- NEVER BETRAY A FRIEND’S TRUST EVEN IF

- DO NOT GOSSIP OR TALK BADLY ABOUT SOMEONE
- REMAIN TRUE TO YOUR SCHOOL/PARENTS/TEACHERS/FRIENDS
- RETURN MONEY THAT YOU NOTICED SOMEONE DROPPED WITHOUT EXPECTING A REWARD
- DO NOT LET SOMEONE ELSE TAKE THE BLAME FOR SOMETHING YOU DID
- IF SOMEONE GIVES YOU CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, NEVER TELL ANYONE WHAT YOU KNOW
- ADHERE TO THE SCHOOL RULES
- BE RESPONSIBLE - DO WHAT YOU SAY YOU WILL DO

We are trying to encourage all our children to do the right thing and to do things right whether or not they are being watched or observed by anyone. Oprah Winfrey once said: “Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody’s going to know whether you did it or not” However, my best quote is by W Clement Stone who said: “Have the courage to say no. Have the courage to face the truth. Do the right thing because it is right. These are the magic keys to living your life with integrity.”

I encourage all parents to spend some time at home discussing this topic with your children.

All children should have come home on Friday with our BIG WALK donation form. Please assist us by getting your family, friends and work colleagues to sponsor your child for this Big Walk. All funds raised will go towards the lighting of our new indoor court which will enable our children to play sport till late in the afternoons without being affected by inclement weather and darkness. As mentioned in the letter sent home by Mrs Dobson, for every R100 raised by a child, an entry will go into the lucky draw for a prize of R2000 off one month’s school fees. There will also be two smaller cash prizes of R500 each. Our Big Walk takes place on Friday, 11 March 2016.

“You are in integrity when the life you are living on the outside matches who you are on the inside.” - Alan Cohen

Take care.

Kamal Rugbar



Well Done to our Basketball, Netball and Swimming Teams. Each one of you has contributed to the success achieved over these past few weeks. Keep up the commitment, dedication and most of all have fun in these matches. We at St Nicholas are very proud of all of you!!!

Effort and Attitude

“There are two things in life of which we have complete control . . . effort and attitude.”

-Chuck Wilson

RESULTS:

17 February 2016 VS Carter High School

1st Team: Won☺

U16: Won☺

U14: Narrowly lost-Great Team Spirit and Effort team.

There were strong and united performances all round. Well Done!!!

18 February 2016 VS Richmond

U13: Won☺. The boys played very well winning both games. Well done on this great win!!!

23 February 2016 VS. Maritzburg Christian School

1st Team: Won☺

24 February 2016 VS Alex High School

1st Team: Won☺

U16: Lost but showed immense team spirit and effort.

U14: Lost but fought bravely in the heat.

Our Swimming Team participated in the Gert Maritz Gala. Well done to the team for a great effort!!!



The Grade 12 Umtwalume Trip – 26/02/2016.

We wish all Grade 12 Learners a safe and memorable trip.



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Join us for our 1st Blood Drive for 2016.

When: 04/03/2016(Friday), 13:30-15:30

Where: St Nicholas Diocesan School

Why: Because your blood donation could save a life....

RESPECT PEOPLE'S FEELINGS

*Even if it doesn't
mean anything
to you,
it could mean
everything to them.*

WRONG

is **WRONG,**

even if *everyone*

is doing it.

RIGHT

is **RIGHT,**

even if *no one*

is doing it.