



Dear Parents & Guardians,

On Tuesday the 8th of March, we celebrated International Women's Day. The day celebrates the achievement of women in general and in particular, it is a day which speaks about gender equality, the reproductive rights of women and speaks against gender-based violence. There are many women to choose from, but here are a few notable examples;

i. Poorna Malavath

She was the youngest girl to climb Mount Everest at 13 years of age. To give you some perspectives Mount Nyangani (the highest mountain in Zimbabwe is 2592m high, Mount Kilimanjaro stands at 5895m and Mount Everest which is 8849m. What an achievement!

ii. Greta Thunberg

She is now a world renowned Swedish environmental activist. She is well known for saying, "This is all wrong. I shouldn't be up here. I should be back in school on the other side of the ocean, yet you all come to us young people for hope. How dare you?" She was 16 years old.

iii. Barbara Hilary

She is the oldest African American to make the grueling trek to the North Pole at the age of 75 years of age and three years later she made the trek to the South Pole.

From these few examples, we learn that you are never too old or too young to make a difference. We learn that our sex, age and background do not limit us, it is the scope of our dreams, our determination and the choices we make along the way which do.

Incidentally, before men feel left out, International Men's Day is on the 19th of November.

1. COMMON TESTS

The end of Term 1 Tests are scheduled to begin on Monday 21st March and will run until Wednesday 23rd March. I urge all pupils to adequately prepare themselves for the tests.

2. COVID-19 VACCINATION

The Ministry of Health will be rolling out the Covid-19 vaccinations in schools for all those who are 12 years and above as from the 21st of March, 2022. We have sent a consent form to Parents & Guardians seeking your approval and this should be returned to school by the 14th of March, 2022.

3. LAPTOPS INDEMNITY FORM

As indicated in the Newsletter of the 4th of March, Form 4, Lower 6 & Upper 6 pupils have been permitted to bring laptops to school to prepare for their exam projects and course work. If your child intends to bring a laptop to school we kindly ask that you read and sign the attached Indemnity Form and return it to the school via email (info@hillcrestcollege.net) or in person to the school office.

4. SDC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The College SDC will have its Annual General Meeting next week on Saturday 19th March in the Beit Hall in conjunction with our Inter-House Athletics Competition. We encourage Parents to attend as we plan to discuss the development of the school and to nominate & appoint new members.

5. UPPER 6 TUTOR & PARENTS MEETING

We hosted the meeting at the Lighthouse Church in Mutare last night at which a fair number of parents were in attendance. It was a fruitful discussion on Upper 6 Boys & Girls possible career options, exam preparation and behaviour.

6. CRESTCAN WALK

The CrestCan Walk is a fundraising event held annually and whose funds are donated to either Island Hospice or an identified cancer patient. This year's walk is scheduled to take place on Saturday 2nd April. The event has been closed to parents and visitors the past two years because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. However, we would like to open the event to parents and visitors this year to try and raise as much as we can. We will emphasize that everyone present for the event will be expected to observe all the laid out Covid-19 protocols. More information will be sent out during the course of the next two weeks.

7. MERITS FOR THE WEEK

NAME OF CHILD	SUBJECT	REASON FOR MERIT
Zvavamwe Kundayi	Travel & Tourism	Always giving his best & assisting others
Nyawani Valerie		Excellent course work
Matore Natasha		Great effort in course work
Chokureva Tessa		Great effort in course work
Chiomba Kristen	ICT	Excellent work
Murapa Joyce		Excellent work
Mandonye Tawana		Working hard
Mutsemi Chikomborero		Most improved
Chirindo Renee	English Language	Highest marks in narrative writing
Mafanuke Mia		
Mautsa Maranatha		
Msindo Nicole		
Mahohoma Ruvarashe		
Murapa Rukudzo		Very creative essays
Manhika Hillary		
Sithole Donell		Highest mark in article writing
Dube Natasha		
Jura Takudzwa		

8. SPORT

RESULTS

4th March Fixtures

- 1st Team Girls' Hockey Vs Africa University
Hillcrest College 3 – 1 Africa University
- 1st Team Girls' Soccer Vs La Fontain
Hillcrest College 6 – 0 La Fontain
- 1st Team Boys' Soccer Vs La Fontain
Hillcrest College 5 – 4 La Fontain

5th March Fixture

NAAZ (Athletics) Open Championships

- Anesu Makuwatsine - 1st Place in the 100m Hurdles
- Tanatswa Chikotosa - 1st Place in High Jump
- Panashe Nhenga - 2nd Place 100m

9th March Fixtures

Rugby Vs Peterhouse

- Leopards (1st Team) 26 – 17 Peterhouse A
- Leopards (1st Team) 38 – 7 Peterhouse B
- 2nd Team 7 – 12 Peterhouse A
- 2nd Team 46 – 0 Peterhouse B
- Cubs (U16) 27 – 5 Peterhouse A
- Cubs (U16) 14 – 31 Peterhouse B
- U15 Team 5 – 33 Peterhouse A
- U15 Team 0 – 52 Peterhouse B

Rugby Vs Wise Owl

- Leopards (1st Team) 21 – 14 Wise Owl
- 2nd Team 26 – 14 Wise Owl
- Cubs (U16) 20 – 22 Wise Owl
- U15 Team 0 – 52 Wise Owl

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sport

Saturday 12th March

- 1st Team & U16 Boys' Hockey Vs Prince Edward (A)
- 1st Team Boys' Soccer Vs Prince Edward (A)

9. THE WEEK AHEAD

Please find attached the week ahead for your information.

Kind regards,



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