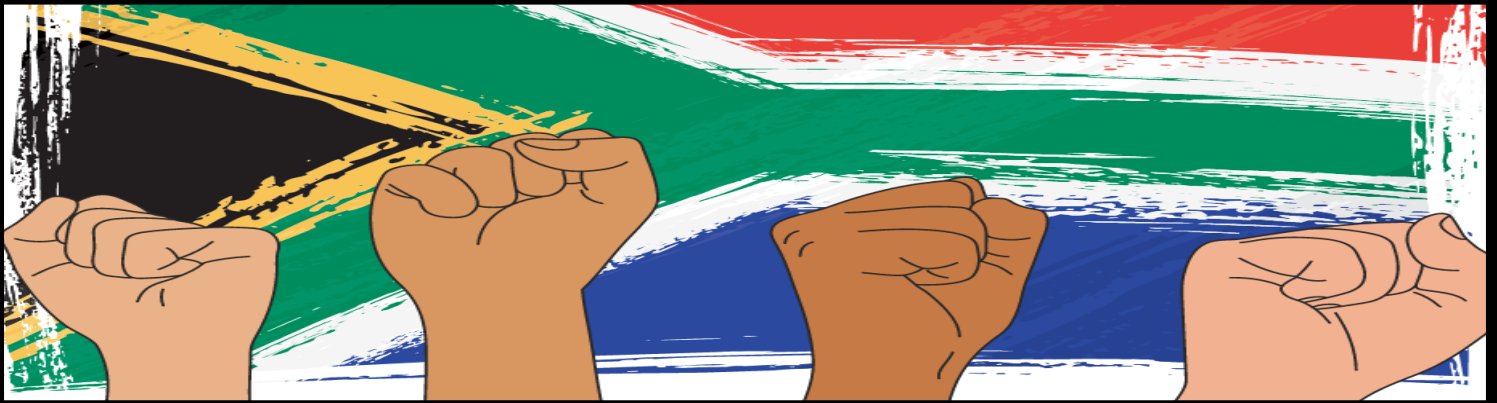


# S<sup>3</sup> News Buzz



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**Celebrating Youth Day with our top 20 Matriculants for Term 2**



Merit List June: 1. Aaisha Solomon, 2. Kayleigh Classen, 3. Jade Nomdoe, 4. Michael Hudsonburg, 5. Maysarah Mutabazi, 6. Hawolaal Hassan, 7. Bruneal Behr, 8. Nicolette Makoko, 9. Shivonia Price, 10. Cassidy Logenstein, 11. Lee Thompson, 12. Layla Johnson, 13. Sinonelisile Qununu, 14. Angelo Vollenhoven, 15. Emily Hendricks, 16. Bulelani Makasi, 17. Israfeel Nordien, 18. Ethan Assur, 19. Lauren Williams, 20. Nirvana Maroyi wa Maroyi

## A Message From The Principal

DEAR PARENT/GUARDIANS

As we come to the close of Term 2, I want to take a moment to reflect on the challenges we've faced and the successes we've achieved together. Despite the obstacles, our students have shown remarkable dedication and hard work, and I extend my sincerest congratulations to each and every one of them.

We are also grateful for the unwavering support of our parents and guardians, who have been instrumental in our school's progress. The sports events this term were thrilling, and we applaud all the learners who participated with enthusiasm and teamwork. We eagerly anticipate the next term's games.

Our fundraising events exceeded our expectations, thanks to the tireless efforts of our fundraising committee, parents, and guardians. Your dedication and creativity have made a significant impact, and we are truly thankful.

As we celebrate our achievements this term, I encourage our learners to use the break to relax, recharge, and revise their school work. We look forward to an exciting next term, filled with new opportunities and experiences.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Y Basson

Principal

## CHESS



Chess matches 24 April 2024 vs Academy Private school we won 4 matches and 2 matches not achieved.



# Sports Achievements: Faraz Gatiep



It is with great pleasure that we congratulate and commend this young student of Sarepta Secondary, Faraz Gatiep for his spectacular achievement as a cyclist.

Your dedication, perseverance and passion have propelled you to success. Keep pushing yourself to new heights and may this success be the first of many more to come. Ride on and continue to inspire others with your incredible journey!

The Rider's perspective: My biggest supporters are my parents and my immediate family. My brother and father used to cycle and I always wanted to be like them and when my dad used to watch cycling I watched with him and I always wanted to be on T V and fulfill what my dad wanted which was to become a pro cyclist. Every time I win my races I see the excitement and happiness in my dad's eyes. My latest achievements is when I was first in the 2023 WP Road race champion. I was first in 2024 WP Road Time Train Champion. I was 3rd in the Cape Town cycle tour u/17 in 2024. I was 1st SA track points race champion in 2024 and I am currently in 1st place in the SA team pursuit.





# Mr & Miss Matric





## In Memory of our Alumni and present learner



### Always With You

*By Michele Meleen*

Do not stand at my desk and cry,  
I am not there; I did not die.  
I am the laughter filling these halls,  
My spirit lingers in these walls.

I am the bell that rings each day,  
My memory, a reminder that we still  
play.  
I am the knowledge learned and gained,  
A soul continuing each day, unchained.

When you enter school in the morning  
rush,  
I am in the moment; a teacher says,  
"hush."  
Do not loathe these days,  
I am never very far away.





What a nail biting experience we have had with this year's elections. For many the choice was simple, for others there were conflicting feelings around making the ultimate choice. Nevertheless, from a less political perspective, as an educational institution our main concern is this: what will happen to Load shedding when the Final Matric Exam of 2024 hits us. Load shedding has been a challenge right across the country and has a great impact on our learners especially. Not all of our learners study in the same routine, some study during the day and others better at night. Besides this, everyone's circumstances differ from one home to another and we as a school would like to accommodate our students who want to use the school as a quiet conducive space to study and prepare for their exams. All we can hope for is that when the time comes we will not be sitting in the dark again!

-Elresha Tladi Gr 10 G



## Mental Health matters

The entire month of October has been declared Mental Health Awareness Month with the objective of educating the public and reducing the stigma and discrimination that people with mental illness are often subjected to.

Mental health problems, such as depression, anxiety, substance abuse and academic and job related stress are common, affecting individuals, their families, friends, peers and co-workers. In addition, they have a direct impact on classrooms and workplaces through increased absenteeism and reduced productivity. Very few of us seek treatment for mental disorders for various reasons. It is important to encourage those around us in our family, at school and at the workplace to speak up about things that bother them, encourage them to seek counseling in their community so that we can prevent losing a loved one to mental health.

- Shaun Lee Diedericks





# Soccer

The soccer tournament that took place over the march holidays. Once again Sarepta Secondary is so great even the gold trophies have a hard time outshining us. Bright smiles all-round . Well done Sarepta Secondary Soccer boys for representing our school at the regional schools invitational tournament that took place at HTS on Saturday. Our under 15's took top honors in their age group while our under 19's put in a great performance as well. As Mr Rossouw put it "Hulle was kwaai, ons is baie trots op hulle".

Thank you to Mr Rossouw and Mr Louw for the great work behind the scenes.



# RUGBY

Caleb Clarke 9E will be representing our school as part of the Falcons regional team in the 2024 Legends cup tournament that will take place on 13, 18 and 20 June 2024 at The City Park stadium Athlone.

Make us proud!  
All of the best Caleb.





# Rugby



Under 19 Game Silversands Vs Sarepta Secondary. Results Silversands 17- 12 Sarepta. Amazing match and the final results was tight. The boys put on an amazing show. The opposition coach said during the combined team talk that Sarepta was the better team on the day.



Under 15 team is our babies and we are still building with them. They put in a resilient performance to limit the loss to Sarepta 7 - 12 Silversands. That's a huge improvement from a 37 -12 loss in 2023. Overall the boys enjoyed themselves and exhibited amazing talent on the day. It was definitely a win for rugby in the greater scheme of things.



# FUNDRAISING- KARAOKE EVENING

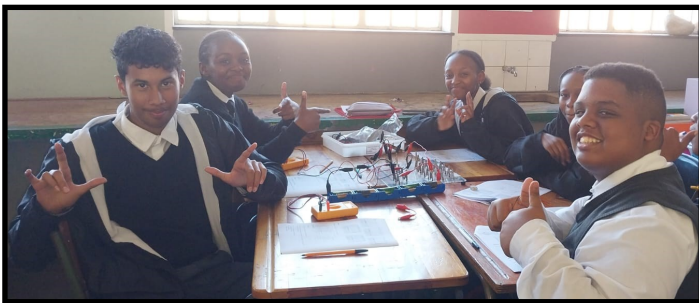




# ITEMBA LABS



Itemba Labs came to school to perform the grade 10 physical sciences electrical circuits practical on 14 May 2024. A huge thank you to Mr Hilton Tobias for facilitating the sessions with our learners.

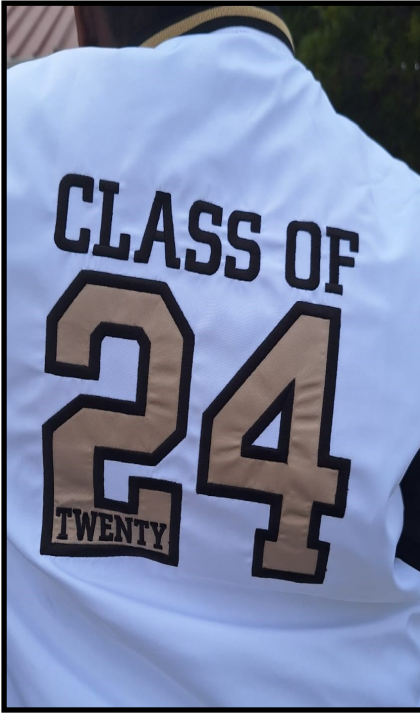


Grades 10 to 12 Physical Sciences learners were privileged with a science excursion to Itemba LABS on 11 June 2024. The learners enjoyed it immensely seeing scientists in action! They were exposed to science beyond school and were blown away by all the possibilities through nano-technology.





## Matric Jackets– Class of 2024



The matric jacket is a significant symbol for learners in their final year of high school, representing. Completing high school is a notable accomplishment, and the matric jacket embodies that sense of pride and fulfillment. It's a tangible representation of their school identity and affiliation, often featuring the school's crest, colors, or logo. Wearing the matric jacket signifies being part of a cohort, sharing experiences and memories with fellow classmates. It marks the transition from high school to the next chapter of life, whether that's further education, career pursuits, or personal endeavors. The matric jacket often becomes a keepsake, evoking memories of friendships, struggles, and triumphs during their final school year. From a learner's perspective, wearing the matric jacket is a badge of honor, symbolizing their hard work, growth, and the culmination of their high school journey. It's a tangible representation of their pride and sense of accomplishment.



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## Staff Development



Teachers can significantly improve the working environment and instill good values in students by attending professional development workshops. These workshops provide educators with the latest pedagogical strategies, classroom management techniques, and insights into student psychology, enabling them to create a more effective and supportive learning atmosphere. For instance, workshops on culturally responsive teaching can help teachers understand and appreciate their students' diverse backgrounds, allowing them to incorporate inclusive practices that make all students feel valued and respected. Additionally, training on social-emotional learning equips teachers with tools to support students' emotional well-being, fostering a positive and nurturing environment. By learning and implementing these techniques, teachers can better address the unique challenges faced by students from impoverished areas, promoting a culture of empathy, respect, and perseverance. This professional growth not only enhances teachers' abilities to manage their classrooms effectively but also empowers them to be role models who exemplify and impart essential values, thereby shaping students into well-rounded individuals.

## School Community

### My School Community

As a member of my school, I am honoured to write my honest opinion about what I think of my school community. 2024 is my third year being in this school and one thing I want to talk about, and have seen, is how different races from diverse backgrounds and cultures went from being strangers to being family. One of the things that communities value is unity and that is what my school has. I just love seeing how different races come together and love one another, it deeply touches my heart and I'm proud to say that my school is a community of inclusivity.

-Ikho Gabuza Gr 10G



## Kaalvoet Sanna

Daar stap sy  
Sie rooi karoo veld in  
Hare gelint en blou geblommende rok-  
kie  
Waar die wind haar rond

Blomme van die veld  
Liefkoos sy met haar hele hart  
Kaalvoet haar beste trant  
Sing, sing stap sy deur die  
Ou rooi Karoo veld  
Sonder engie geweld  
Kan sy mens se hart laat smelt

Lewe sanna, tog te soet en oulik  
Met haar is die lewe tog te vertoulik  
Sal sy jou altyd omferm  
Met haar sagte druk vol van haar geluk  
Dit is so aansteeklik  
Dit laat jou somer nik

Blomme veld kind  
Wat sommige ouens se hart verblind  
Tog wens sy vir die dag tot  
Sy die een vir hart vind

Kaalvoet Karoo kind,  
Dis tog haar beste trant  
Net die veld en haar blomme  
Vermy al haar bekommer

- Shehandra Absalon 11A

## Dreams do come true

Dreams do come true, but only when  
They make it through despair,  
Limping into everyday  
Transformed beyond repair

No dream would be a dream if it  
Could pass for something real,  
Nor would we sail for paradise  
Would if it's shoal conceal

So it is with love: the dream  
Long longed for, now possessed,  
Must be a dream no longer, but  
An emperor undressed

Stark naked it must come for us  
In unaccustomed shame,  
And we must take it in our arms  
And love it all the same

And we must love love as it is  
That dreams might still come true,  
Mangled into miracles  
To make our lives anew

- Peace Mugadza 11



# MENTOR PROGRAMME

Sarepta Secondary has implemented a mentor programme between educators and learner.

We have found that mentoring is a crucial aspect of the educational experience, especially in schools where learners are still developing their skills and knowledge. It provides a supportive environment for matric learners to navigate through their academic journey, offering guidance, advice, and encouragement along the way. From the of learners, having a mentor can significantly impact their growth and development, both personally and academically.

One of the key of mentoring learners at school is the personalized support and attention that matric learners receive. Mentorship provides learners with valuable insights and perspectives that they may not have considered on their own. Mentors can share their own experiences, knowledge, and expertise, offering a different lens through which students can view their own learning journey. This exposure to different viewpoints can help learners expand their horizons, develop critical thinking skills, and cultivate a deeper understanding of the subject matter.

The outcomes of mentorship between educators and learners can be profound and long-lasting. Matric learners who have a mentor often show improvements in their academic performance, self-confidence, motivation, and overall well-being. They are more likely to set and achieve their goals, develop positive habits and attitudes towards learning, and build resilience in the face of challenges.

- Q. Esau ( Educator)



Geagte Juffrou Johnson

Dankie vir Juffrou se belangstelling. Dankie vir juffrou se omgee, liefde, gebede en opp hart. Juffrou het nie net gese juffrou stel belang nie, juffrou het regtig belangstelling getoon. Dankie vir juffrou se gebde ons waardeur dit. Juffrou is regtig die beste mentor wat enige leerling sou wou he. Juffrou het regtig uit juffrou se pad uit te gaan om seker te maak dat ons uitsorteer is. Dankie vir alles juffrou, ons kan nie genoeg dankie se nie. Vir my is dit n grooy eer om vir juffrou as my liefste mentor te het. Juffrou het so gou in my hart gekruip. Juffrou het die beste persoonlikheid. Ek voel tuis rondom juffrou want juffrou laat my tuis voel. Juffrou se warm hart en klomp liefde ek is verewig dankbaar.

-Zoe De Wee



# Introducing our Future Leaders



**Aisha Solomon**

## Head Girl

1. I've always felt that there was a divide present amongst the learners at our school. We lacked unity, and also firm leadership. My goal is to restore the unity and the firm leadership that we once had at Sarepta Secondary School

2. Humility is a beautiful characteristic you can have and something that will help you throughout your life, as well as being kind, hard work, consistency, dedication, to listen and not always command, see things from the perspectives of others and not just your own, and treating people the way you wish to be treated.

3. I would motivate them in a way that inspires them to partake in activities, I would make sure they the reason behind why they're partaking in it and let them know that it not only benefits them but the school as a whole.

4. Anything can be achieved if you believe it can be done, don't allow anyone to determine your future for you, believe in yourself and stay focused on achieving your goals. Remember that the path to success is never easy, the more difficult the path, the sweeter the taste of success will be.

5. I plan doing Islamic studies before going into my actual career, putting my Creator first is always a big thing to me and I do feel that if you put that first, only good things will follow after

6. "Success lies in the silence of the tongue"

7. I don't think I have a specific person that inspires me, but seeing everyone around me, whether it's in person or on social media, seeing their drive and hunger to become the best version of themselves and to constantly improve and work towards their goals, makes me want to do the same. I never look at anyone with jealousy, I look at them in search for inspiration with the thought "what are they doing that could inspire me at this moment? What are they doing that could cause me to improve on my self or even do some self reflection?" That's truly where I get my inspiration from.



**Randino Pieterse**

## Head Boy

1. What traits do you believe should characterize a good head/deputy at your school?

I believe that every leader should lead by example and I pride myself in the good leaders we have in our school and the potential of being leaders of tomorrow.

2. What makes you desire to work as a head/deputy girl/boy at school?

I want to make a positive change in our school by leading with example.

3. What approaches would you use to inspire other learners to participate in school activities?

We need to create a holistic approach. The same way learners put 100 percent in sports like soccer and netball, in the same way we should approach our academics. Knowledge is power. Its power that no one can take away.

4. What type of legacy do you want to leave behind at school?

I want to be remembered as a person who cares for his school, teachers, his academics as well as his peers. Our school is our second home, the teachers our parents at school and learners, peers are like family. So, we should treat each other with love and care.

5. What does next year hold for you?

My plan is to study Education as my plan is to become a teacher.

6. What is your favorite quote?

"Education is the key to success"

7. Who inspires you and why?

My primary school teacher Ms. R. Kartjie inspired me throughout my primary years. She believed and inspired me to reach for gold.

# Introducing our Future Leaders



**Shivonia Price**

## Deputy Head Girl

1. What made me desire to become head/deputy girl at school was the fact that I could be an inspira-

tion to other learners like me at school. Like me in the sense of being shy and introverted .

2. I believe kindness , compassion and good leadership skills such as critical decision making and adaptability are good characteristics for a head/ deputy at school.

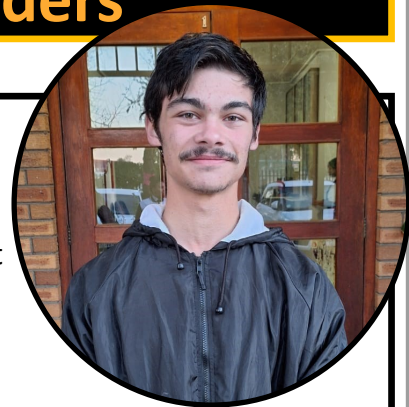
3. I would promote a safe learning environment where learners would feel comfortable making mistakes. Making activities fun in ways that allow learners to improve themselves while having fun.

4. I would love for shy and introverted learners like myself to venture out of their shell to fulfil their own purpose while at Sarepta Secondary School , that would be me leaving a legacy behind. That would be prove that I have truly influenced and inspired others as a head/deputy at school.

5. Next year , by the grace of God I would love to go on to study pharmacy at the University of Western Cape and hopefully I will be working towards making my own money while doing so.

6. My favourite quote is by Jim Rohn and it says : “ Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishments.”

7. My mother is my inspiration. Everyday she instils discipline, faith and wisdom into me all while being a loving , supportive mother , daughter and a wife . I truly believe that a mother’s love is the greatest gift given to us .



**Michael Hudsonberg**

## Deputy Head Boy

I always wanted to test my leadership skills and develop them. I realised being head/ deputy head boy gave me the opportunity to develop myself and to help develop the school and those around me.

2. I believe they would need charisma, assertiveness, compassion, patience and a willingness to help.

3. Making school activities more accessible to students who are disadvantaged.

4. I want to leave behind a legacy that motivates others to try harder than what they already do, a legacy of a hard worker and a dedicated learner who never stops learning.

5. I plan to go overseas to London to do a paid internship and a veterinary clinic for a year then come back to continue my studies.

6. You will fail countless more times than you will succeed, but in order to find success you need to travel the road of failure.

7. Jesus Christ Himself as He has always been the perfect human and who better to be inspired by than the very God Himself who embodied perfection and sacrificed Himself to save you.





# Birthday Announcements

Dear Sarepta Staff we wish you a very Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to all our amazing staff members at Sarepta Secondary School. Your dedication, hard work, and passion for education make a difference in the lives of our students every day. We appreciate everything you do to create a positive learning environment and inspire the next generation. Wishing each of you a fantastic birthday filled with joy, laughter, and special moments. Cheers to another year of success and growth!

## Important Dates to Remember

	Event	Date
1	School Close	14 June 2024
2	Winter School	18—21 June 2024
3	School Opens	9 July 2024
4	Gr8-11 Parent Intervention Meeting	9 July 2024
5	Sport Week	29 July– 2 Aug 2024
6	Women's Day	9 Aug 2024
7	Gr 12 Trial Exams Start	29 Aug– 13 Sept 2024

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come before you with grateful hearts for the opportunity to rest and recharge during this vacation time. We ask for your protection over all learners, keeping them safe as they enjoy their time with family and friends.

May they use this time wisely to revise their work and be constructive in their activities, while also taking moments to have fun and relax. We pray specifically for grade 12 learners, that they may focus on their school work and make the most of this break to prepare for the challenges ahead.

Grant them the strength and determination to excel in their studies, and the wisdom know when to take rest and recharge. May they return to their studies refreshed and ready to tackle whatever comes their way.

In your name we pray, Amen.

- Randino Pieterse (Head Boy)



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