
LORETO CONVENT SCHOOL



Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK



Grade 12 2025

Loreto Convent is once again celebrating our Matric results. We have 100% pass rate and 94% Bachelor's. Of the 35 learners 33 received Bachelor certificates.

Sanctus has set a high standard for excellence, finishing her matric year with a fantastic 76% overall average. Her focus and hard work earned her three distinctions in,

- 🏆 Business Studies
- 🏆 Mathematics
- 🏆 Life Orientation

Our Dux Scholar is
Sanctus Tuyishmire





HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

1. We **welcome** all our learners back and particularly new learners to our High School. We wish them all a fun-filled and successful 2026.
2. We welcomed the **GRADE 8 class of 2030** on the 12th of January. We are excited to have you!!

Gr 8 Orientation Camp

The Grade 8 camp, was an enlightening and memorable experience for all the learners who attended. Although the camp was fun and extremely tiring, the learners thoroughly enjoyed every moment of it. The activities were well planned and filled with excitement, encouraging teamwork, participation, and personal growth. One of the highlights of the camp was the opportunity for learners to meet one another, build connections, and step out of their comfort zones. Through these activities, learners were able to form meaningful bonds and begin building lifelong friendships. Overall, the camp was a valuable experience that successfully combined fun, learning, and relationship building.



3. Afternoon activities: Learners have now signed-up to join a particular activity (either a sport or a club or a lesson) which started 26 January. Parents must please ensure that transport arrangements are made according to the times allocated. For parents' convenience, the Extra Curricula Roster has been uploaded onto the school's website.

Kindly note that some activities require a commitment for the year, as in Netball teams, Art, Choir (both traditional and liturgical), Tennis teams, Swimming Squad and SPAMM. Learners who opt to leave these activities in the course of the year, or, who simply find an excuse not to be present, let the team down. Weekly practice brings results and make a team feel proud, confident and successful.

Please note that any learner who misses her activity and no valid reason is given to Ms Alves, this learner will get a demerit (-15 points).

4. Assessment plans have been handed out to all learners. Teachers will adhere as far as possible to the dates. However, if an assessment needs to be rescheduled, the teacher will liaise with the class. Please follow up with your daughter with regards to assessments done so that you are aware of her performance. For parents' convenience, the Assessment Plans have been uploaded onto the school's website.

If a learner is absent for a formal assessment, a doctor's note is essential. This note cannot merely mention "medical condition" as a reason by her doctor. The actual diagnosis must be mentioned.

Some learners take chances when absent. In particular when a specific subject's formal assessment is written (PS or Maths). We need parents to assess whether their daughter's illness is merely to get out of writing on that specific day (therefore bunking) or whether it is a fact.

5. AFTERNOON ARRANGEMENTS

High School learners end school at 14h00 from Monday to Friday. Learners not in any activity can be picked up from the Nana Sita street entrance until 14h30. Gates will then be locked and learners must then be collected from the Visagie Street drive through. Please note that it is important that your daughter is not moving aimlessly around the school. If she is not in an activity and cannot be picked up by 14h30, she must be in the homework room where there is a teacher supervising until 16h00.

For certain subjects, it is compulsory, for the year, that all learners attend as in CAT (Gr 10 – 12), PS (Gr 11 and 12), Business Studies (Gr 12), Maths (Gr 12).

Gr 8 and 9 compulsory Maths, English or Afrikaans will be compulsory on a termly basis.

6. **Sports uniform** does not replace the school uniform. It is used only on days where learners have physical education for assessment for Life Orientation. The class will be informed by their teacher when they need to wear it to school.

Learners who have a sport after school must come in school uniform and will be able to change into sport uniform during break so as to be ready once the end-of-the-day bell goes.

7. **Gr 12 Inauguration Mass** will take place on 6 February (Friday). Mass will be in the Chapel at 13h00. Please ensure that you are seated no later than 12h45. Parents must please use the Visagie street entrance so as to park on the field. Due to limited space, we request a maximum of 2 family members per learner.

8. High school learners (Gr 8 – 11) will end school at 13h00 on 6 February.

9. **Sibling and individual photos** will be taken on 3 February. Please ensure that your daughter is wearing the appropriate school uniform. Tuckshop photos (for new learners only) will also be taken for access to a tuckshop card where parents can upload money.

10. **Gr 11's will have their annual Mass** at CBC on Thursday, 19 February at 9h00. They will leave around 7h30 accompanied by Mrs Truter, Ms Nyika, Mrs de Kock and Ms Mazango. They will be back, at school, before 14h00.

11. **Valentine's Day** is around the corner. On 13 February, all learners may come in civvies (red/white/pink). Annually we request a chocolate from all learners which will be donated to old age homes. We would greatly appreciate that the same be done this year and given on or before 11 February.

Civvies means that all learners adhere to the 3B's rule where no crop or revealing tops are allowed, denims are not ripped and no short shorts. If learners wear leggings then a proper T-shirt that covers the bottom must be used.

The Swimming Gala will start at 8h00.

As part of EMS, the Gr 9 learners will take part in a market where they will work in groups to set up their business and make some money. The market will start at 09h00 and end at 11h30. Grade 9's will take part in the gala prior to the start of the market day. More detailed information will be given to learners and parents.

The Social and Cultural team of prefects will host an unforgettable Valentine's Carnival for Gr 8 and 9 learners from 14h00 to 16h00. Our senior ladies, Gr 10 – 12, will enjoy their night with the stars 16h00 until 19h00.

Please ensure that your daughter is picked up on time. More details will be given to the learners and communicated to parents.

12. **BLOOD DRIVE**

The school has been requested to once again be available as a Blood donor venue. This is done under very strict conditions. Girls have to be 16 years and older and have to weigh 50kg or more. This is a voluntary service, but all of you know that this is a vital part of health services and there is always a shortage of blood in the country. Only those girls who feel comfortable will be requested to donate blood. Our first drive is on 10 February from 9h00 – 13h00. Parents are also welcome.

13. Our **mid-term break** is from 20 to 23 February where learners stay home while teachers attend a Catholic schools' seminar.

14. Gr 8 to 12 SAMF **Maths Olympiad** will take place on 12 March at 14h00 at school. Learners who would like to participate must sign up on or before 10 February with Mrs Smit at a cost of R45 cash. Kindly pay the cost as you sign up.

15. **Smart watches:** Learners are using these devices to school. Kindly note that smart watches like smart phones will be confiscated for the year. Please refer to the School rules on the back of your daughter's diary.

16. **A note from the Prefect of Discipline Portfolio:**

It is common for learners to dye or bleach their hair over the festive season. It is a great way for learners to express themselves but bleaching does have consequences that will last throughout the year.

As we all know, Loreto is a strict natural hair colour school. Learners who bleach their hair often damage it from all the chemicals which completely alters the natural hair. When learners bleach their hair, it changes to a blonde/maroon colour that cannot be dyed back to its natural colour as the hair is too damaged and the dye merely falls off. This is often made worse when learners only split dye their hair and have to deal with permanently damages patches of hair that are a completely different colour from the rest of their hair.

We, as the Discipline Portfolio prefects, ask that learners be wise in how they go about dyeing their hair during festive occasions as it will cause unnecessary unhappiness at school.



PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

· Welcome back to school, and a very special welcome to our new children and parents. We hope to have a very long and happy association with you and that you soon feel part of the Loreto family.

MEET THE TEACHER AND ORIENTATION

· Thank you to all our parents in the pre-school and Grade 1 who came to meet the teachers on 13 January, as well as the new Grade 2 to 7 learners and parents. Our teachers enjoyed meeting you and look forward to the exciting year ahead.

· A big thank you to all our Foundation Phase parents who came to the “meet and greet” with the teachers on 20 January.

· Thank you to all our Grade 4 parents who attended the orientation session on 20 January. We trust that you found it helpful and are feeling inspired and motivated to support your child this year.

MARY WARD WEEK

· The week 26 to 30 January is Mary Ward week, where we celebrate the foundress of our school. The learners will participate in various class activities to celebrate this period, as well as attend a special Mass on 30 January.

AFTERNOON SPORT AND EXTRA LESSONS

· Afternoon sport started on Monday, 26 January. Please see the roster for these activities in this newsletter.

· Extra lessons also started on Monday 26 January. Letters were sent home, should your child need to attend extra lessons in English, Afrikaans or Mathematics. If you did not receive a letter and would like your child to attend, please send your child to Ms Hill for a letter. Extra lessons take place between 13h30 and 14h10 Monday to Thursday afternoons. Afternoon sport ends at 15h15.

· All the Primary School children will be swimming during their Phys-Ed periods this term. The timetable for swimming is as follows:

- Monday: Grade 1
- Tuesday: Grade 2
- Wednesday: Grade 6 and 7
- Thursday: Grade 5
- Friday: Grade 3 and 4

UNIFORM

· Learners may come to school on their Phys-Ed day in their sports uniform. They must wear full school uniform on the other days. NO TRACKSUITS ARE ALLOWED IN SUMMER.

· Learners must please NOT wear their swimming costumes under their clothes when leaving home. It sometimes happens that they forget their underwear at home!

CLASSROOM NECESATIES

· All Foundation Phase parents are requested to send in a box of tissues every term for use in the class. Foundation Phase parents are also asked to send in a packet of sealed sweets for the term.

BIRTHDAYS

· Primary School children may bring party packs to school to celebrate their birthday. A cup-cake for each child and NOT big cakes that have to be cut may be sent too. Learners may wear their home clothes to school on their birthday, or on the Friday before if it falls on a weekend.

TEXTBOOKS AND DEMERITS

· A kind request to our Senior Primary parents to make sure that all the necessary **textbooks** have been purchased. It makes it very difficult for the children to keep up with the work and complete homework if they do not have all the textbooks. It has come to our attention that some of the books have been placed on order-the learners will not be disadvantaged by this.

· There are already a number of children who have received **demerits** in the Primary School, for homework not done, or books not at school. Parents, please assist the teachers by checking your child's homework.

CODE OF CONDUCT

· All new children have been issued with a Code of Conduct. Please take the time to read through the booklet with your child to familiarise yourself with the school rules. Please ensure that you sign the back of the book. All learners must keep the booklet in the bags at all times. The Code of Conduct can be replaced at a cost of R30. The class teachers will check that each learner has their Code of Conduct in their bags during the next few weeks.

LOCKERS

· There are still lockers available for rent in the Primary School at R60 for the year. Please send in the money, together with a lock and two keys to Mrs Ferreira, and a locker will be allocated.

CLASS DOJO

· All our Primary School parents must please join their child's Class Dojo classroom.

NAME BADGES

· All Senior Primary girls and boys must have a name badge. Should a child need to replace the badge, a new one can be ordered from Mrs Ferreira at R30 per badge.

INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING PHOTOS

· Individual and sibling photos will be taken on Tuesday 3 February. All children will pose for an individual photo, and parents can decide when they receive the order form whether or not they would like to buy the photo package. Sibling photos will be taken ONLY between 7h00 and 7h45.

· Photos of the new children will also be taken on 3 February for the lunch cards for the Tuck shop.

APPEARANCE

· Please ensure that your child has all the necessary items of uniform. Boys may not wear short white socks, but must wear the long blue socks. It would be most appreciated if parents can check that their child's hair is neat and tidy, and that she is wearing earrings in accordance with the school rules. Nails should be kept short and no nail polish is allowed. Senior Primary learners MUST wear a blazer to Assemblies on a Friday or to Mass in the Cathedral. Regular uniform inspection will take place this year.

· On Friday, 23 January, the Primary School learners participated in our annual **Summer Games**. A lot of fun was had by all.

GRADE 7 RETREAT

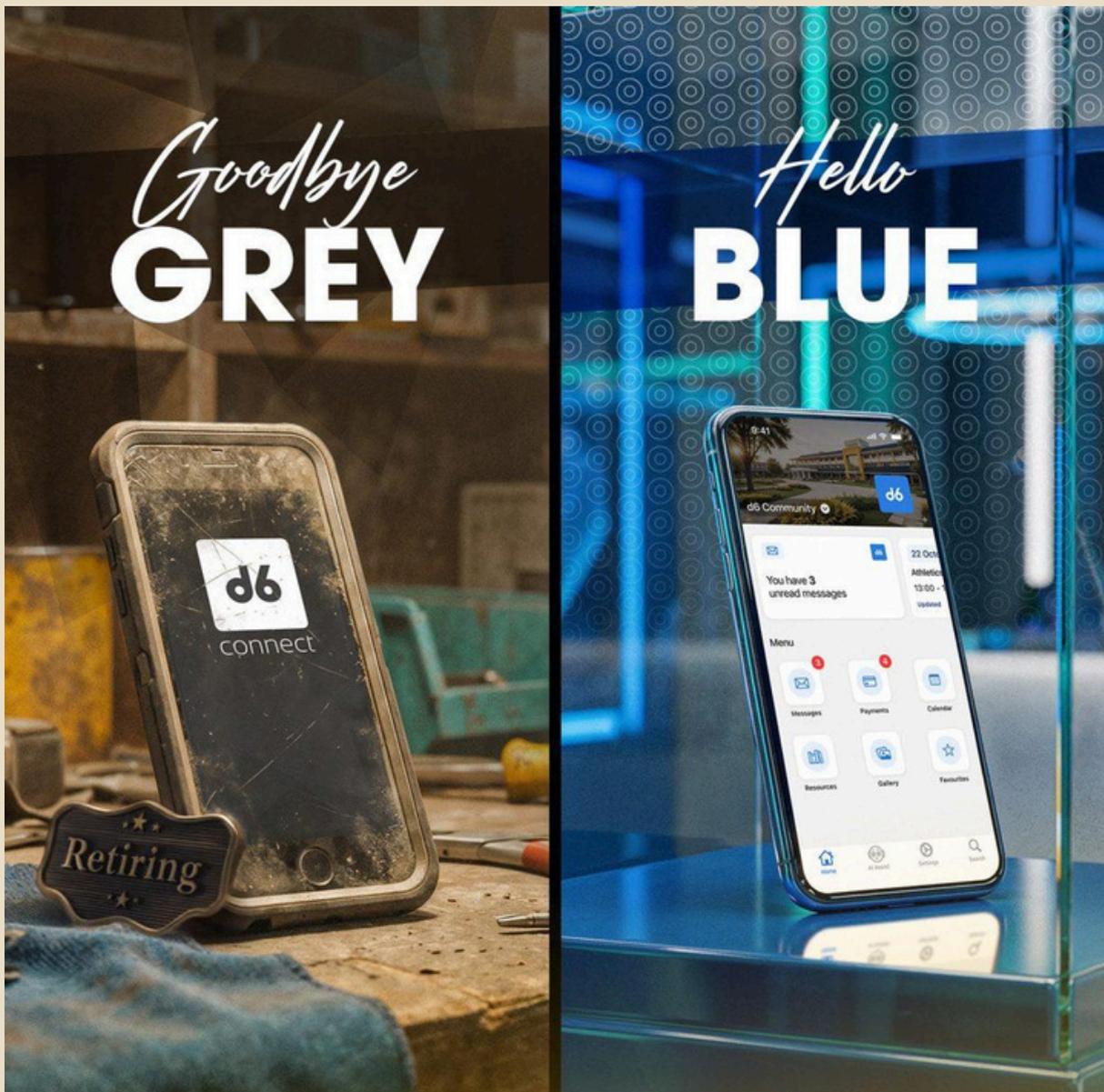
· The Grade 7 learners will have their annual retreat on Thursday 5 February. The retreat will take place at school.

MID-TERM BREAK

· Our mid-term break takes place between 20 and 23 February. There will be NO SCHOOL for learners on 20 and 23 February, while the teachers will be attending a seminar on the 20th.



D6 App – We are making a change from the Grey app to the Blue app. Please download the Blue app from your play store to replace it with the Grey App.



Excellent results



Well done!

1st Sanctus Tuyishimire

2nd Ruzivo Madzivire

3rd Tshego Ditsela

3rd Tshego Manell

3rd Refentse Sekati

4th Keaobaka Mashilo

5th Kholofelo Ramaboea



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PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR PHONE LINES CAN GET EXTREMELY BUSY
DURING THE DAY - IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO THE
APPROPRIATE PERSON INSTEAD, SO THAT WE CAN ATTEND TO YOUR
QUERY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

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DETAILS, CALENDAR, NEWSLETTERS AND OTHER INFORMATION)
WWW.LORETO.CO.ZA