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Mathematics saw learners progress through to further rounds, with golds being awarded in abundance.

In the Business Studies sphere, the annual Grade 10 entrepreneurs’ day took place, and besides the delicious goodies on sale, a profitable and successful business day was held.

On the cultural front, two young ladies in the College won the Chinese Bridge South African Competition and spent a delightful three weeks in China competing internationally. Our Music School, aptly lead by a College teacher, saw a very successful music evening being presented. The annual PCS has talent also did not disappoint with a mass interest from College students this year.

Deputy Principal’s Report

AS 2017 DRAWS TO A CLOSE, THE TIME NEARS FOR REFLECTION.

The College section can certainly boast a year of new beginnings and successes.

On several fronts, new niches were identified. We have seen the introduction of Meneer en Mejuffrou Afrikaans – an award and title offered to the top achievers or the most improved, and dedicated learners in Afrikaans.

The Gauteng Annual Bridge Building competition, which we participated in for the first time, saw PCS send two teams through to the finals, and the clenching of a well-deserved second place.

Boys’ hockey was introduced into the College this year, and the girls’ first hockey team won their league for a second year running.

On the academic front, English, Mathematics and Computer Olympiads were written. In the De Beer’s English Olympiad Silvers and Bronze awards were the call of the day, whilst the Computer Olympiad saw Bronze, Silvers and Golds awarded, as well as learners going through to the final rounds.

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Furthermore, all files submitted were complimented on the work standard and presentation of pieces. This certainly re-affirms the high standard that the College staff are constantly striving towards.

Two of the winning acts had College students in them, and a resounding applause needs to be given to all who added to this spectacular show.

PCS has PRIDE, the school’s community service based programme, boasted a wonderful success this year. A community garden initiative was started, and outside parties showed pertinent interest, volunteering goods for the further development of this enterprise.

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At the end of the year, we bade a sad farewell to our Mathematics teacher, Mrs Robertson. She is relocating to the Cape, and our loss will certainly be their gain. We wish her everything of the best in her new beginnings.

And as December rolled in, our year came to an end. With an unchanging staff contingent for next year, I look forward to a very successful and exciting 2018.

Mrs Jacky Saffy
Deputy Principal – College
In the third term of 2017, our school was fortunate enough to have special guests; a group of wrestlers from WWP. They had an important goal of putting an end to bullying in schools throughout South Africa. Their message was simple: The person who we are tomorrow will be better than the person we were yesterday. In order for us to prevent bullying, we first need to find respect for ourselves, and those around us. One of the speakers gave a detailed account of his experiences of being bullied at school. Staying true to himself was the main thing that helped him get through it. Jade du Preez (Grade 9)

One in every three teenagers attempt suicide due to bullying, and thus the school, despite not having a major bullying problem, decide that this message was important to share with the entire student body, it might prove useful both in and out of school in the future. This anti-bullying assembly ended on a positive note as they notified student of a helpline that they could use now and in the future if they need it.

**Grade 8 Induction**

PCS is known for being a close-knitted community, especially in the High School. Just as last year, the Grade Eights of this year were welcomed with open arms. This year, along with the Matrics, they put on a show for the rest of the High School students and teachers. They performed a series of practiced routines that included everything from synchronized swimming (on stage in the absence of a pool!), to a fountain performance where students did in fact spew water from their mouths, looking like a real fountain.

When their act was finished, the Grade Eights received badges and left the hall to ring the old bell before proceeding through the crowd of students creating a pathway. Hopefully for them it marked the start of a year full of new and exciting adventures.
PCS Has Talent

The week of the 22nd of June was exceptionally exciting with the culmination of PCS has Talent. Handa down, it could easily be said that it showcased the best talent PCS has on offer. From Bollywood dancers to group superheroes, hillbilies and comedians – the evening was one not to be missed. All contestants must be congratulated on a fabulous show.

Congratulations go to the following winners:

### Junior Prep:
- 1st Tsebe Molope, Savannah Schaffer
- 2nd Sydney Curwen
- 3rd Lindokuhle – and Zintli Qubu

### Senior Prep:
- 1st Oneang Modiba
- 2nd Sydney Curwen
- 3rd Amani Ramnarain

### College:
- 1st Tsebe Molope, Savannah Schaffer and Naledo Popedi
- 2nd Yurun Cen
- 3rd Afrikaans with 75% and 1st place in Computer Application Technology with 76%

Today, the Talent Search – held by the P&F – takes place in the hall. All College students are encouraged to be part of this exciting evening.

After the mid-term break, we start with College exams. Students need to please be at school timeously – by 7h30, so to allow them to organize themselves and get into the necessary venues. All school rules apply, so correct dress and facial shaving (for boys) will be checked. There will be a study venue available daily till 13h30.

The Matric Winter School schedule, and teaching week-time-table is up for the 6th week. I wish all College studentsEverything of the best for the upcoming exams. I know that the results will reflect all the hard work they have put in.

Mr Wicus Jansen van Rensburg

You’ve Got Talent

Awards

The 5th of October saw the gathering of 2017’s Grade 12s to celebrate the passing of time. That has culminated in the forming of educated beings. A journey that was shared by very special students:

- Yurun Cen
- Tristan Coetzee
- Bradley Kleyhans
- Qing Ying Lee
- Khwezi Makopi
- Bonite Malahilela
- Koletosho Mabignani
- Meiqin Huang
- Tshudufhadzo Munaka

The results have just come in and our students have fared exceptionally well. A gold certificate is awarded to a student whose score is higher than 75% of all participants countrywide. A bronze certificate is awarded to students whose score is higher than 50% of all participants countrywide.

The following subject awards were handed over:

- Afrikaans with 75% and 1st place in Computer Application Technology with 76%
- Grade 12 Business Studies with 75%
- Millennium Award – 2nd place in Business Studies with 72%
- Millennium Award – 1st place in Mathematical Literacy with 72%

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Highlights

Congratulations go to the following winners:

- 1st Molebogeng Senoamadi
- 2nd Amani Ramnarain
- 3rd Bradley Kleynhans

The following subject awards were handed over:

- Business Award, which is given to a student who has chosen Business Studies as a subject and is currently not enrolled to study further was also awarded to Yurun. It was a bursary from Boston Business College to the value of R10 000.
- Millennium Award – 2nd place in Business Studies with 72%
- Millennium Award – 1st place in Mathematical Literacy with 72%
- Millennium Award – 2nd place in Computer Application Technology with 76%
- Millennium Award – 1st place in Business Studies with 75%

The Creative Award was introduced last year and is bestowed upon the student who complies with the vision and mission of the Pretoria Chinese School. This year’s fellowship award was bestowed upon Yurun Cen. This year’s loyalty award was bestowed upon Yurun Cen. This year’s loyalty award was bestowed upon Yurun Cen. This year’s loyalty award was bestowed upon Yurun Cen. This year’s loyalty award was bestowed upon Yurun Cen.

For participating in PCS has Talent for 2 years and ending in the top 3 on both occasions, for representing the school at the Chinese Bridge competition and being a dedicated member of the Chinese Culture Club, the award went to Molebogeng Senoamadi.

Finally, the bell which signifies the start and end of each school day, was rung as a symbolic gesture of the end of the Grade 12s school career.

Mrs Jacky Sally

Valediction

The Sportsperson Award was introduced three years ago and is bestowed upon the student who complies with the vision and mission of the Pretoria Chinese School – that of participation. The student must participate in an array of sports, across the duration of their entire College career.

This year’s award went to a student who played netball, and inter house athletics, swimming, played volleyball and played hockey (in a team that won the league twice), she did this consistently and with dedication throughout the duration of her College career - Molebogeng Senoamadi.

The Cultural Award was introduced last year and is bestowed upon the student who complies with the vision and mission of the Pretoria Chinese School – that of participation. The student must participate in an array of cultural events, across the duration of the entire College career.

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The Santa Shoebox Project collects and distributes gifts at Christmas time to underprivileged children throughout South Africa and Namibia.

This involves a network of volunteers and donors all over the country.

Dorette Nel, a parent at our school, is the Pretoria East Centurion Coordinator. Through her involvement the organisation uses our school as the Pretoria East Drop off.

This is not only a great way for the parents and students to get involved in giving back to the community but also a way for the school to gain exposure, as thousands of donors visit our school to drop their boxes off. Many parents at the school are involved each year by either donating boxes or volunteering at the drop off event.

One of the tasks that are performed is the decoration boxes. We received a few blank brown cardboard boxes and gave the students in the college carte blanche to decorate them.

The college students exceeded our expectations and embraced this creative outlet and some of the results were breathtaking.

(For more information on the Santa Shoebox Project please visit https://santashoebox.org.za or contact dorette@santashoebox.org.za)

The Walkathon always presents itself as a wonderful opportunity to get out and enjoy yourself and this year proved that yet again.

Whether you like taking long walks, spending time with your family or kicking back with your friends, the Walkathon is the place to be.

As always, students dressed up according to a theme in a competition to see which class would be best-dressed. At 08h30 Mr Gelling opened the event and the colourful, excited crowd was led out by a fantastic Mustang (Roush Stage 3 model).

Students and parents returned after the walk to a busy setting with both a flea market and rides for all ages to enjoy. If they still were not entertained, they could grab a chair and watch the performers on stage.

Some of the on-stage entertainers included the band Flash-Zenith, the popular DJ AJ, the Dance Xtreme group and students who took part in the talent competition on 29 July 2017.

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Outing to Hirsch’s

Hirsch’s Silver Lakes recently held a store tour for grade 10 and 11 classes from the Pretoria Chinese School to find out how different departments in retail work.

Commented Hirsch’s Tsz Yan Lau, “The students had to introduce themselves and what they aspire to be when they grow up - ranging from CA’s to criminal psychologists!

Each department gave a thorough explanation of their job description, why they add value to the company and a short motivation on achieving the goals in life.

After the tour, the students were given the chance to demonstrate their cooking skills and made some flapjacks. The person who flipped the highest pancake won a Hirsch voucher.”

Tsz Yan Lau

This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to see theory in action. We are very grateful to Hirsch’s for the invitation. When we thanked them for the day this was their response:

“They were definitely one of the best well behaved (and funny) students I’ve had 😊 a very vibrant bunch!”

Mrs Simone Olivier

Students - Getting to Know the Retail Ropes at Hirsch’s!
A fundamental concern for others in our individual and community lives would go a long way in making the world the better place we so passionately dreamt of.

- Nelson Mandela

Ms. Hundermark and her fellow PCS Pride volunteers have been very busy during the first term. They have endlessly to make vegetable gardens! They used old tires and panels and turned them into a community vegetable garden.

Thank you to all the learners involved.

Mrs Francé Human

The College Basketball team started the year off with an exciting invitation to the American International School of Johannesburg for a basketball tournament.

It was exciting to see how popular the sport is in South Africa. Our young team held their own facing tough opponents, and while we did not make it to the playoffs, our team did not make it easy for the other teams. By the time the league started the team and coaches had settled into a strict routine and their efforts paid off in friendly games. Regrettably injuries and illness crippled the team during league, and 3 of the 5 starting line-up players were unable to play. The other team members stepped up and they still managed to come second in their pool.

We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Collins for their contributions to the team. They were able to lay a solid foundation for the team to grow and we look forward to their efforts next year.

Mrs Simone Olivier
Grade 8O had a very creative week before the August holidays. They prepared a small skit called Jannie en die monster. They wrote their own scripts and performed informally for some Grade 10 and 11’s. They were very creative and enjoyed their performance.

Well done OUKIES!

Miss Anike Coetzee

Grade 12 Business Simulation

The Business Studies students participated in the Business Simulation again this year. It is a long day and the students work continuously, however, included in this task is a game.

The students are required to use their knowledge of the subject and their own ability to take calculated risks and plan for a certain scenario.

These predictions are then entered into the simulation software and depending on the role of the dice an outcome is calculated.

At the end of each round all teams are asked to stand and one by one the lowest profit scoring teams are asked to take their seats. I am very proud to report the PCS students were still standing at the end of each round.

Finally, of the eighteen teams participating that day, PCS ended up making the most "virtual" profit at the end of the day and were declared the victors.

Mrs Simone Olivier

Entrepreneur’s Day

The day finally arrived. The Grade 10 Business Studies’ students were ready to test their ideas.

Two teams participated. They had spent weeks planning; costing, designing adverts and now the moment of truth had arrived.

The purpose of the task is to come up with a product to sell at first break. They needed to test their idea by conducting research. The students had to raise their own funding and were also required to evaluate the viability of their idea and take into account various factors, including a rental cost to the school.

The aim was to sell all goods and cover costs. (We did not want wasted food or any financial losses as the students had provided the funding.)

Thankfully both teams sold out before break was finished. While this left some customers disappointed, it was a relief to the students that they had accomplished what they had set out to do.

Both teams realised that running a business is not as easy as it looks. Especially when all the elements of the project had to be formally presented in a business plan as well.

We would like to thank all who supported this task. It is a valuable learning experience for the students.

Mrs Simone Olivier
Maths

Grade 9 Maths Class

The Grade 9’s had some fun in the Maths classroom. Below they were making Tessellations!

They had to use either a square, triangle or hexagon to make their Tessellations.

Below are some images of the learners and their creations.

Mrs Francé Human

Problem Solving

Problem Solving

Here at the Chinese school College, we like to keep life interesting.

We would have problem solving lessons every Friday, which allows the learners to discover some creative ways to solving problems with their teammates.

On occasion, we like to add some spice to life and through in a mystery prize for the teacher in the College, who take part in the problem solving.

Mrs. Saffy, our deputy, was the lucky winner of our first mystery prize. She is now the proud holder of a limited edition movie poster!!

Below are some images of the learners working together on their questions, as well as Mrs. Saffy receiving the prize from the Proud Maths Department.

Mrs Francé Human
Visual Art

On the 2nd of August, PCS hosted the annual Art exhibition: A Night of a Thousand Drawings.

The theme for this year was “My past will not define me; my present can never confine me; my future will surprise me”.

The hall was filled with beautiful artworks, showcasing the artistic talent of our learners, and everyone enjoyed a festive evening of good food, music and mingling.

Thank you to everyone who supported the evening and invested into the creativity of our school.

Miss Casey Strong

Physical Sciences

30 Seconds in Science!

The Grade 10 Physical Sciences class were assigned the task of making a Physics and Chemistry 30 Seconds game.

At first, we loved the idea of 30 Seconds, because we took a great game and turned it into a fun way of learning, but as we began working on it, we realised this was going to be more difficult than we thought.

When we were done with the project, the finished results were spectacular. This can be a great project to do at school and a fun way to learn Science.

I hope that other learners and schools can create masterpieces like these to showcase.

Andre Petersen (Grade 10)
Bridge Building

The 10th of June was a date that will always be remembered as yet another achievement in the history of Pretoria Chinese School.

Six teams, consisting of three pupils each, competed against each other to, not only design a sturdy bridge, but to build one that could hold maximum weight.

Students did not commence this rigorous task by going in blindly or unprepared. Guidance was given from a previous participant whose team came 8th Nationally as well as from an engineer. Parents and teachers also assisted.

The teams who were placed in the top four at the school level competition progressed to the regional competition which took place in August 2017.

The regional competition took place in a heavily packed hall at Hoërskool Centurion on 5 August 2017. The tension in the air was palpable. Due to this being our school’s first year of involvement, the number of students and other schools taking part seemed overwhelming.

The event, however, served as a wonderful opportunity to meet students from other schools and it added to the personal experience of learners in various fields such as Physics, Mathematics and Engineering. Students were also awarded a mark for aesthetics which required an added creative and artistic approach.

Pretoria Chinese School is very proud to announce one of their teams as having achieved 3rd place. Congratulations go to Gilan van Reenen, Bradley Kleynhans and Tristan Coetzee.

All the other teams from PCS also achieved impressive results in the regional competition and students and teachers alike eagerly await the 2018 entry date.

Ms F Paterson

Teams who participated in the Regional Competition:

- Bridgit: Prisha Bisaj, Beth Rundle, Hyunhee Ko
- Casio: Gilan van Reenen, Bradley Kleynhans, Tristan Coetzee
- Bridge ad Ultimate: Bianca van Zyl, Connor Cloete, Jade du Preez
- B.O.B. the Builder: Ethan Domingo, Eugene Chen, Katlego Kgogome
Matric Dance

On the 7th of April, the grade 11 class hosted the Matric Farewell Dance in the school hall with the guidance of Miss Sykes.

The Theme was ‘The ancient Greeks of Olympus’ which was brought to life with the aid of Mrs. Olivier, Miss Baker, Miss Paul and Miss Coetzer. The Matrics and teachers looked extremely elegant and sophisticated and they enjoyed a Greek style meal with entertainment by dancers from Cecily’s AIDT Dance Academy.

The matrics spent the rest of the evening dancing, thanks to the services and equipment provided by the DJ, Mr. Jose da Silva.

Miss Tara Sykes