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24 Kearsney boys selected for KZN sports in Term 4

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SA Schools and KZN U19 Golf



Congratulations to Julian Daws (left) on his selection to the KZN U19 Golf team. The team will be playing at the SA U19 IPT in Mpumalanga from 12 to 16 December.

Julian was recently selected to the SA Schools Golf team and captained the KZN A team.

Kearsney the Top Performing KZN School in Maths Olympiad for 3rd consecutive year



Kearsney's Maths and Science Excellence Programme continues to deliver exceptional results, with Kearsney being awarded the 2022 Top Performing School in KwaZulu-Natal in the Old Mutual SA Mathematics Olympiad. This is the third year in a row that Kearsney has won the award.

Congratulations to our boys and the Mathematics Department on this excellent achievement.

International Exchange



Kearsney boys embarked on the International Exchange Programme after a two-year hiatus. Three boys were selected to represent the College at Mount St Mary's in Sheffield, England. Connor McIntyre departed towards the end of Term 3 and has had the opportunity to play First XV Team Rugby for Mount St Mary's and to go on tour to play in the Merchiston U18 National Schools Festival in Edinburgh. Luhlelo Sibisi and Keagan Coetzee arrived in Term 4 and joined Connor. KCOB Dylan Campbell (Director of Sport and International Exchange at Mount St Mary's) welcomed the Kearsney boys to the Mount.

Left: Keagan Coetzee, Luhlelo Sibisi and Connor McIntyre are currently on exchange at Mount St Mary's, Derbyshire, England.

Academic Excellence

The annual prize-giving and Speech Day was held on 30 September, where achievements of the Class of 2022 were recognised and honoured. Kearsney College's Class of 2022 has maintained the school's exceptional academic standards, with 31 percent of the Class achieving an aggregate of over 75 percent this year.

John Eastes received the coveted Dux award at our annual Speech Day. John received Academic Honours Cum Laude (an average of over 86%) and subject prizes for English, Afrikaans, Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Accounting and Information Technology. He was also awarded the coveted trophy for the best all-rounder in the 6th Form. He served as deputy head prefect, played 1st team golf and soccer, recorded excellent public speaking and debating achievements, and completed the international President's Award.

His runner-up, Javhar Naidoo, also received Academic Honours Cum Laude and subject prizes for History and Life Orientation (shared) and prizes for English essay and History essay (shared).

Eight matrics achieved Academic Honours Cum Laude (over 86% ave.). In addition to John Eastes and Javhar Naidoo, Fynn Pollock, Owen Payne, Benjamin Burton, Matthew Smith, Andrew Roden and Kayden Robinson achieved this distinction.

Academic Honours (80-85%) were awarded to 17 boys. Kearsney Old Boy Dr Jeremy Nel was the guest speaker at the Speech Day and gave the boys an



Guest speaker KCOB Dr Jeremy Nel, Dux John Eastes, runner-up to Dux Javhar Naidoo and Headmaster Mr Elwyn van den Aardweg

inspiring, positive and entertaining message. He matriculated from Kearsney in 1999, where he was an outstanding academic, debater and musician, before specialising in internal medicine and infectious diseases. He is a member of South Africa's Ministerial Advisory Council on COVID-19.

Headmaster's Farewell to the College

A special assembly was held on the morning of 12 October for the boys of the College to pay tribute to Headmaster, Mr Elwyn van den Aardweg, who retires at the end of the year after 22 years at the helm.

Rev. Kym Bishop opened with devotions and Senior Deputy Mr Peter Kirsten delivered a speech acknowledging the Head's outstanding contribution to and impact on the College. Headboy Jason Brien spoke with great sincerity on behalf of the boys, including messages from boys in each Grade.

The final speech was made by the Head, with a moving and meaningful address aimed at all the boys of the College. A portrait of the Head was unveiled at the end of the assembly. This will be framed and hung in the Henderson Hall, alongside the previous six Kearsney Headmasters. On leaving the Hall each boy and staff member collected a stone to add to the Kearsney cairn. After the cairn ceremony, each boy of the College shook hands with the Headmaster, acknowledging his enormous influence and wishing him well in his retirement.



Grade 12 boys with Headmaster Mr van den Aardweg and Mrs van den Aardweg

Mathematics Teacher Development

Continuous staff development and training is an essential part of Kearsney's Maths and Science Excellence Programme. Mathematics teachers Mr Brad Savage-Reid and Mr Pierre Le Roux recently completed the seven-week South African Mathematics Foundation Teacher Problem-Solving Course. They both achieved over 90% for this challenging course, placing them in the top 1% of all those who took the course.



Mr Pierre Le Roux and Mr Brad Savage-Reid

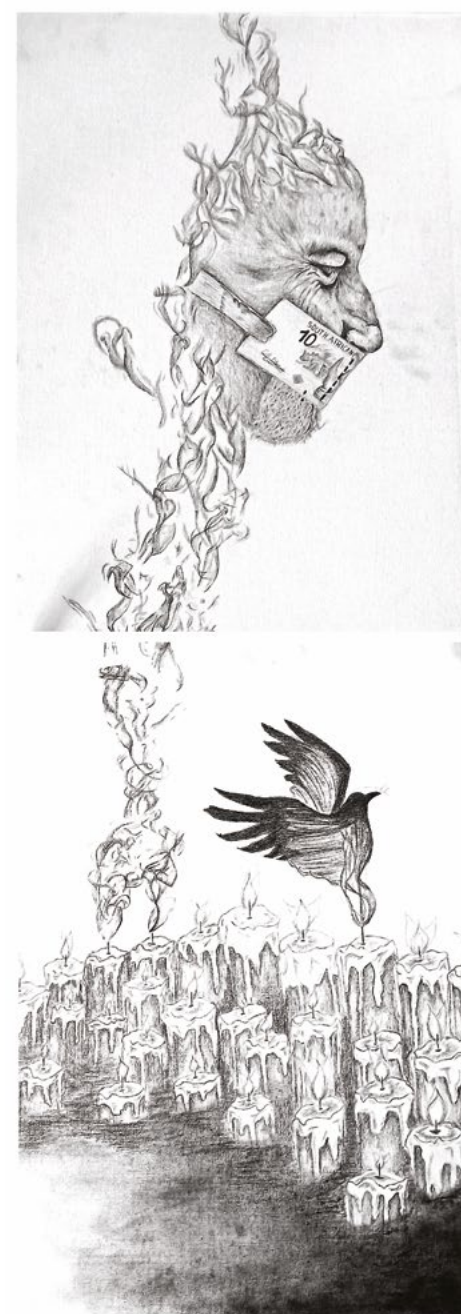
Computer Programming Olympiad

Nineteen Kearsney boys took part in the first round of the IITPSA Computer Programming Olympiad. Gabriel Delport (Grade 11) and Benjamin Hancock (Grade 8) made it to the second round. This is a fantastic achievement! Although the boys did not make it through to the final round, they gained valuable lessons from the experience.

Matric Art

Interwoven-Intertwined was the theme for the Matric practical portfolio and exam drawing this year. A broad starting point that led them all down varied conceptual paths. Each matric unpacked their individual slant on the theme in a way that revealed their creative and personal interests. Some standout

works were completed by Lonwabo Hlophe, Troy Dyer, and Cole Rencken. These young artists interrogated meaningful subjects that revealed mature skills in relevant, personal pieces.



Above: Cole Rencken



Above: Lonwabo Hlophe

Inner Circle Dinner

Our end-of-year Inner Circle Dinner for the members of the Society and Matric members' parents was held on 18 October.

The following awards were made:

- Prize for Excellence in Public Speaking: Javhar Naidoo
- Best Prepared Speech: Joshua Maskell
- Best Impromptu Speech: Toka Kgomo
- Best Icebreaker Speech: Benjamin Burton
- "My Fake Holiday" Impromptu Speech winning pair: Ryan Denekamp and Sim Mkhize
- Best Vote of Thanks: John Eastes and Anesu Chimusoro (shared)
- Best Introduction: Bongumenzi Zungu

Javhar and Javashkar Naidoo shared the running of the evening efficiently as Chairman.



Speakers' Circle Dinner

Congratulations to the boys who were awarded prizes at the Speakers' Circle, end-of-year dinner:

- Best impromptu speech: Elihle Hadebe
- Best object speech: Jasper Bruno and Patrick Rocher (shared)
- Best Icebreaker: Kyle Berry
- Best introduction of a speaker: Connor Grenfell & Josh Griffiths (shared)
- Best prepared speech: Evan Powers
- Best vote of thanks: Kyle Berry
- The Speakers' Circle Trophy for the most improved speaker: Sethu Magubane
- The Lamplough Trophy for excellence in Public Speaking: Matthew Lamplough



Dale Carnegie

The Award for the Highest Achievement for Dale Carnegie, as voted by their peers, was Siyen Gounden and Zwelitsha Sibanyoni. Congratulations on your achievements



Joshua Owen, Kudzai Kamwendo and Liam Jansen van Rensburg

Public Speaking

We congratulate our boys for outstanding performances and results at the South African Literacy Association's Public Speaking Competition. Hundreds of competitors from across South Africa took part. Joshua Owen placed 1st and Kudzai Kamwendo placed 3rd in the Grade 12 category, while Liam Jansen van Rensburg placed 4th in the Grade 11 category. Seven Kearsney boys made it into the semi-final round.

Art Exhibition 14 March
Music@Kearsney 27 April
Drama@Kearsney 13 and 14 June
Dance@Kearsney 27 and 28 July
Words@Kearsney 10 August
Photography 11 August

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Drama@Kearsney

This year over 60 students from around KwaZulu-Natal took part in our annual Drama@Kearsney Festival. The festival was run as a two day workshoping experience, where students are taken on a play creation process with a renowned theatre practitioner. This year the festival was run by Ben Voss of *Black Mamba* and *Green Mamba* fame. Ben's amazing sense of comedy combined with his incredibly well-structured workshop led to the creation of compelling and hilarious work.

Prefects for 2023

The prefects of 2023 were announced at the Matrics' Final Assembly on 14 October.

We congratulate these boys on their appointments and look forward to working with them as they fulfill their leadership roles next year.

The prefects for 2023 are:

- Head of School: Simthembile Mkhize
- Deputy Head of School: Devahn van der Walt
- Head of Finningley House: Sange Mdunyelwa
- Deputies: Hayden Davel, Dhiyarv Govender, Otsile Ntsele and Guy Roberts
- Head of Gillingham House: Dylan Wiggett
- Deputies: Chad Croshaw, Michael de Beer, Dominic Hislop and Fritz Rheeder
- Head of Haley House: Hayden Bishop
- Deputies: Oliver Brazier, Ryan Denekamp, Matthew Langeland-Hansen, Zibusiso Ngobese, Kyle Pottinger and Zwelitsha Sibanyoni
- Head of Pembroke House: Luca Veronesi
- Deputies: Jarred Christie, Ross Phillips, David Pohl and Francois Snyman
- Head of Sheffield House: Asande Nyawose
- Deputies: Siso France, James Gillespie, Liam Jansen van Rensburg and Matthew Rix



KZN Selections

We congratulate all the Kearsney sportsmen who were selected for provincial sports teams in Term 4.

KZN Cricket Selections

KZN U17: Michael de Beer, Ross Coetzee and Hayden Bishop
KZN U16: Cameron Veenstra



KZN U15 Dusky team: Bonga Maphanga, Siliziwe Keka and Nicholas Comrie (pictured left to right)



Left: Michael de Beer, Hayden Bishop, Cameron Veenstra and Ross Coetzee

Water Polo

In Terms 3 and 4 the Kearsney College water polo teams participated in several tournaments around the country and gave a good account of themselves.

The U14A team was particularly successful, finishing in 1st place in both the Top 10 Tournament and the Northwood Tournament. Our overall ranking for the combined results of all three age groups for the Top 10 tournament was 4th. The water polo programme has continued to grow significantly over the past year. We congratulate the players and coaches for this ongoing success.

The 1st team:

Clifton National Tournament 9th Place
SACS National Tournament 9th Place
Top 10 Tournament 5th Place
Northwood Stayers' Tournament 3rd Place - Bronze Medal

The U15 Team:

Top 10 Tournament 8th Place

The U14 Team:

Top 10 Tournament 1st Place - Gold Medal
Northwood U14 Tournament 1st Place - Gold Medal

KZN Water Polo selections

Congratulations to the boys who have been selected to represent KZN at the upcoming provincial water polo tournaments to be held in December.

U19B: David Pohl, James Francke
U16: Elihle Hadebe, Blake Kruger
Non-travelling reserve: Ryan Sim
U15: Luca Sandri, James Pohl
U14: Levi Thom, Oliver Ludwig,
Thomas Aylward, Thomas Francke

Mr Pierre Le Roux and Mr Brad Savage-Reid have been appointed as Head Coach and Assistant Coach respectively for the KZN U16 team.



L-R: Mr Savage-Reid, Luca Sandri, James Francke, James Pohl, Thomas Francke, Thomas Aylward, Ryan Sim, Levi Thom, Blake Kruger, Elihle Hadebe, David Pohl and Mr Le Roux

Soccer

Many pupils turned out for soccer season in Term 3, which resulted in Kearsney fielding 30 soccer teams for 2022. While providing much depth, there were challenges in obtaining fixtures for all these sides every week.

I compliment the boys for their enthusiasm and consistently turning out for practises, even when they did not have a match scheduled. In order to get games, some teams played against teams with more competent players and experienced significant losses. However, the Kearsney players always gave their best and played with enjoyment. Several teams went unbeaten in the season (2nds, U16B, U16C, U16E and U14D).

Congratulations to the boys who were selected for the Highway and District teams, and those who made the KZN High Schools teams (Simnene Kubheka U14A; Asande Nyawose U19A). These boys travelled to Gauteng to represent KZN.



Provincial Selections

Congratulations to Asande Nyawose (U19A, above right) and Simnene Kubheka (U14A, above left) on their selection to KZN High Schools soccer teams.

Basketball

Basketball started at the end of Term 3 with away fixtures against Maritzburg College and St Charles. The games were competitive, with the U14A and U15A teams winning easily. During the holidays, the 1st team and an invitation team, made up of U16s and U15s, played in the Independent Schools' Stayers Basketball Tournament hosted by Kearsney. While the first team's record was impressive, playing eight and only losing one, they only finished ninth due to the tournament format. The invitation team competed in the B division finals and finished second.

The U14A and U15A continued with their impressive form in Term 4 and beat DHS and Northwood in the only home games of the season. The 1st team managed an amazing and hard-fought victory against Northwood for the first time since 2019.

The final two games of the term will be away and promise to be exciting and tense affairs.

With the performances of the junior teams, the future looks promising for Kearsney basketball.

Provincial Selections

Four U15A players were selected for the KZN U15 team to participate in the 2022 summer games in Tshwane: James Hastings-Brown, Siphon Majiza, Mvelo Mkhize and Cullen Abrahams.



Mvelo Mkhize, James Hastings-Brown, Siphon Majiza and Cullen Abrahams.

Sportsman of the Year

We were grateful to have a full sporting year in 2022. Our pupils enjoyed competing once again and we are happy to present the Sportsman of the Year award after two years of not doing so due to COVID. Several sportsmen were considered for the award, but Bryce Wiggett was the winner of this prestigious trophy. Bryce was an enormous credit to Kearsney College on the sports field. He played 1st team in cricket, hockey, indoor hockey and soccer and captained the cricket and hockey teams in 2022. Bryce is fiercely competitive and has strong leadership qualities. Bryce consistently served Kearsney College with aplomb and excellence.





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Grey College Tennis Tournament

This was an incredible event held in October. The top 8 schools in the country arrived in Bloemfontein to compete in this stayers' tournament. The teams this year were arguably the strongest ever. The Kearsney team of John Bothma, Caleb Fyvie, Finn Coningham, Keegan Gevers, Ryan Smith, Connor van Heerden and Matt Lamplough, played exceptionally well throughout the weekend.

We make special mention of John Bothma (Grade 8 and playing at Number 1) - who beat boys 2 and 3 years older than himself. John beat the Number 1 players from Paul Roos, Affies and Waterkloof and lost narrowly to the Grey College number 1.

Festival results:
Beat Affies by 5 matches to 4
Lost to Paul Roos by 3 matches to 6
Lost Grey College by 1 match to 8
Lost Waterkloof 4 matches to 5
Beat Affies again by 5 matches to 4
Grey College beat Paul Roos in the final by 5 matches to 4.



Right: John Bothma

BJ Botha rugby coaching

We welcomed Brendon (BJ) Botha to Kearsney College for a scrum clinic on Friday 04 November. With 25 Springbok caps, BJ has tremendous experience and rugby knowledge that few people can rival. He was part of the winning Rugby World Cup team in 2007.

BJ spent a few hours with our elite rugby coaches and players, discussing various aspects and techniques related to scrummaging. His presentation was highly informative and educational. We are fortunate to be able to continue utilising his services for our rugby programme in 2023.



Canoeing

Report by Mr Steve Main, MIC Canoeing.

The Kearsney Canoeing team has once again been competitive in the KZN inter-schools competition. Canoeing, in general, has had to endure many challenges this year, including the KZN flooding and associated poor water quality in many water bodies. Despite this, the inter-schools competition remained active and highly competitive. Credit goes to the boys who could adapt and make things work.

The Kearsney A and B teams have punched well above their weight over the years, and this year was no different. Our teams finished off in 4th and 7th places overall in the Inter-schools competition. Significant credit must go to the junior paddlers who have made valuable contributions to the team result.

Rory Trealeven (U16), Raine Scoular (U16), Benjamin Wessels (U14) and Oliver Mowat (U14) all finished inside the top 10 paddlers in their respective age groups for the 2022 season.



Trail Running

Congratulations to Rory Trealeven and Andrew James, who came 3rd and 4th at the Glencairn Trail Run in Underberg in October (and 1st and 2nd in the Juniors category).

Grandparents Day

After missing out on the last two years, it was fantastic to experience that sense of family and community again at our annual Grandparents' Day on a beautiful Spring morning in September. Thanks to the grandparents who joined us.



Carol Services

Our annual Carol Services are a highlight for the Kearsney community. Our Choir worked hard to prepare their repertoire in record time, since the services week earlier than usual. We are blessed with a wealth of excellent musicians at the College who could put their skill and talent to good use and add that magic touch for which Kearsney is renowned. The Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre is one of Kearsney's long-term charity partners, and the offering taken during the services will again be donated to the Home to support their excellent work.

Farewell to the Class of 2022



It was a special morning at the College as we bade farewell to the Matrics at their meaningful and significant final assembly on Friday 14 October. We congratulate this group of young gentlemen on a wonderful year and for providing such positive leadership. Departing staff Mrs Tracey van den Aardweg and Mr Gareth Moerdyk delivered their farewell addresses to the boys.

The prefects of 2023 were announced and the leadership of the College symbolically handed over at the traditional flag ceremony.

We wish the Class of 2022 all the best for the future.



Farewell events for the Headmaster

This term several events have taken place around the country where Old Boys and friends have taken the opportunity to wish our Headmaster, Mr Elwyn van den Aardweg, a happy retirement.

Old Cricks vs Kearsney 1st XI

The 14th annual KCOB Old Cricks vs Kearsney 1st XI T20 Challenge took place on Friday 23 September and it was a wonderful afternoon of cricket.

Old Boys from various decades took part: Benji Hector (C) (1997) Kearsney 1st XI 1995 - 1997; KZN U13, KZN Schools U15, U19 (C); Boland; Griqualand West; Free State; Eagles; Cape Cobras

Andrew Perkins (2001) Kearsney 1st XI 2000-2001; KZN Coastals U13, U15, U17, U19 (C); Shell KZN Academy Captain 2002

David Cameron (2003) Kearsney 1st XI 2001-2003; Nottinghamshire U19 and 2nd Team

Graham Hudson (2016) Kearsney 1st XI 2016

Gregory Last (2008) Kearsney 1st XI 2007 - 2008
Jarryd Phillips (2009) Kearsney 1st XI 2006 - 2009; KZN 2008 - 2009; Dolphins Academy 2010 - 2011

Jordan Graven (2016) Kearsney 1st XI 2014 - 2016

Jordan Gregory (2013) Kearsney 1st XI 2011 - 2013; KZN U17; Highway Steamers, North London CC 2016 - 2017; Devon Dumplings 2016 - 2017; Dolphins Colts 2021

Marco Gouveia (2018) Kearsney 1st XI 2016 - 2018

Ricardo Gouveia (2007) Kearsney 1st XI 2005 - 2007; KZN Schools and U19; SA Schools; KZN Coastals

Stuart Lacon-Allin (2016)

The Old Cricks batted first, with Mr Benji Hector scoring 56 out of the 150 runs produced by the KCOB - a brilliant performance. In giving thanks for his 14 years of support to this T20 challenge, the Old Cricks invited departing teacher and coach Mr Gareth Moerdyk to bowl the first over.

The 1st XI, coached by Mr Matthew Savage and captained by Bryce Wiggett, put on a stellar performance, giving the KCOB a run for their money and narrowly missing the target. The Old Cricks won by four runs. Old Cricks 150/6 (B Hector 56, G Hudson 33 and Weyer 3/13); Kearsney 146/7 (Weyer 43).

It was a wonderful social occasion and an opportunity for old friends to catch up.



Kearsney Bursary and Scholarship Lunch

On Tuesday 27 September a group of exceptional boys reflected on the impact attending Kearsney College had on their lives. It was an honour to welcome Mr Wandile Linda (Finningley, 2017), Head of School, as guest speaker at the annual Kearsney Bursary and Scholarship Boys' lunch. Wandile was supported by the Class of 1952 Bursary fund while at Kearsney College.

Wandile commented about the power of community, "I am here today because of the dedication of my family, the staff of Kearsney College, Old Boys such as Mr Pat Marshall and the rest of the Class of 52 and Mr George Baikie, a proud Kearsney Old Boy."

Each of these young men have written letters to their benefactors. Reading these letters, of opportunities seized and memories made, it is apparent how much our donors contribute to Kearsney College and to the future leaders of our country.



From left to right: John Eastes (Deputy Headboy), Mr Anthony Willows (Deputy Headmaster), Marvin Gama, Callum McKeown (Prefect), Mr Wandile Linda (Guest Speaker), Lorenzo Stevens, Javhar Naidoo (Prefect), Mrs Shantell van Jaarsveld (Foundation Director), Joshua Owen (Head of House) and Ayabonga Mngaza

A reminder to support Kearsney by supporting MySchool and School-Days

Each programme offers different benefits. Please go online to get more information. If you have not registered, please sign up and start swiping.

Should you need any assistance or information, please contact Monica in the Foundation Office at foundation@kearsney.com.



GRADE 8 2024 APPLICATIONS

August 2022 to February 2023

Wednesday 11 January 2023

Saturday 04 February 2023

February and March 2023

Wednesday 22 February 2023

Tuesday 28 February 2023

Tuesday 11 April 2023

Thursday 13 April 2023

Family visits (optional)

Invitation to apply for scholarships

Sports Scholarship Assessments

Scholarship interviews

Offer of places to siblings and Old Boys' sons and grandsons

Closing date for scholarship applications

Scholarships awarded

Offer of places

Events:

Information evenings for parents and boys

At Kearsney College: 26 January, 07, 09 and 21 February 2023

In Johannesburg: 31 January, 01 and 02 February 2023

Open Weekend for Grade 8 2024 applicants

18 and 19 March 2023

Prospective families must please note the above important dates for the 2024 admissions process.

TERM	2023 TERM DATES	2023 HALF TERM DATES
1	Tuesday 17 January – Friday 24 March at 09h00	Thursday 16 February at 12 noon – Monday 20 February (incl)
2	Monday 17 April – Friday 23 June at 09h00	Thursday 18 May at 12 noon – Monday 22 May (incl)
3	Tuesday 18 July – Friday 22 September at 12h00	Friday 04 August at 12 noon – Wednesday 09 August (incl)
4	Tuesday 3 October – Friday 01 December	Thursday 26 October at 12 noon – Monday 30 October (incl)



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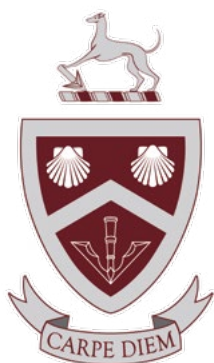
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Thought for the Moment

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

Life is busy. Sometimes there can be so much on the go that we do not always notice the things that matter most. Christmas is often like this. There are already decorations in shops, and the annual Christmas playlist has begun to receive airtime. We make lists and plans, but usually do not pause long enough to consider the great Mystery that is the Christmas story – that God stepped into our world and our humanity as Jesus. In Jesus, God has come close to us.

Because of our tendency to not notice things that really matter, the season of Advent is set aside to help us prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. I have encouraged the boys to make use of an Advent calendar, and while eating the chocolate each day, to take a moment to give God thanks for the gift of Jesus. Perhaps there are other ways you can prepare to receive Christ at Christmas. Whatever you do, may you know the nearness of God who comes to each one of us.

Rev. Kym Bishop: Chaplain

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