



St. Josemaria's Bust,

Aloysius Maina (F3&)

Who doesn't know St. Josemaria Escriva, our School's founder, the inspiration of Strathmore School? Good, it appears that the memory of this great Saint has been carried on as it should, by everyone who had walked the halls of Strathmore. Six years after his canonization, Strathmore School not only has a relic of the Founder of Opus Dei, but now a bust! This bust gives us an image of a holy man's face: it is full of cheerfulness, serenity and hope. The bust was received by the School rather quietly, a few weeks before the feast of the Saint, on 26th June, 2008. Now, every student, teacher, member of staff, parent and alumnus who walks into the lounge can have a glance at the bespectacled face of a man who is now known as St Josemaria. It is with great pleasure that the School keeps this memento. It is upon everyone to safeguard the bust and the school, as envisioned by St Josemaria Escriva.

To Sing is to Pray Twice, Vox Populi Correspondent



Family Sports

Jackson Kihiko (F1&)

On the 19th July 2008, families flooded into the Strathmore grounds for yet another fun-filled Saturday afternoon at the Family Sports event.

One of the Strathmore parents mentioned that Family Sports should never be moved to Sundays even though it would be more reliable. On this day, kids had a marvellous time as they had activities ranging from bouncing castle to bicycle riding. Most activities got both the young and the old to participate.

One could certainly not forget the infamous aerobics which seemed to be the eye catcher of the event. The aerobics instructor, Mr. Kevin, got parents up on their feet doing stretches and jumps that caused them to break a sweat. There were also some games which parents played which included ball-passing using the legs while seated down. For those who missed out on the "Pipeline" game that got everyone wet and cold, let's hope the Scroll Digital 2008 shall have it in their long list *Continued Page 2, Column 1*



Not many know them. Fewer still have heard them. But for those who have, these young enterprising men have left eyebrows raised, eyes smarting, breaths bated, ears primed and even one or two hearts moved.

They have only been to the open public once: the recent Talent Extravaganza were they put up another good show that saw them sail right to 4th position with a comfortable 85% aggregate garnered from the judges. These young men however begun and continue to sing behind the doors of the School's chapel, customarily during the Wednesday 11:40 A.M. Mass.

Their inspiration for a choir was aplenty: Mr. Omeno and their predecessors now in the higher secondary classes blazed a trail and sparked a flame; Fr. Cormac with well-measured, corridor-encouragements to sing at Mass fanned the same flame... these young men now have a bonfire in their hands! From the simple beginnings of local Swahili hymns, they have ventured even unto polyphonic Latin hymns that tug at your soul. Well did that African intellectual, St. Augustine, write when he said that "...to sing, is to pray twice..." Priest and faithful alike have warmly commended these young men's singing; primary boys have enthusiastically asked to join the choir; older secondary students have felt challenged to meet these new heights... To borrow the now-familiar words at the end of a brilliant 2007 soccer season and an unforgettable 2008 rugby season: "standards have been set!"

But the road has not all been rosy and closely watched by envious choirs of angels. Not at all. For the sake of practice sessions, breaktimes and a few lunch breaks also have had to be sacrificed every week to stand in a stuffy room and repeat the same note for the umpteenth time – many a time with heartfelt laughter at flat out failures and pure cacophony much akin to that of Cacophonix of Asterix fame. But it proved worth it...

Our warmest regards, felicitations and encouragement to the Form 1& choir... and... yup: thanks for the great singing!



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Stori Moja Spelling Bee,

Correspondent

On Saturday 21st June 2008, we participated in the Storymoja Fiesta Spelling Bee. The event took place in Westlands Primary School...

...though challenging, we managed to lead in ALL the categories. We are now bracing ourselves for the Finals scheduled for 10th August, 2008 at Impala grounds. We are up to the challenge and hope to bring home all the trophies!

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Photos: From Tour de Strath to the Pipeline and Aerobics. The pictures depict some of the activities that took place on the day.

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of videos.

The closing event of the day was the Fathers vs. Sons football match. It involved heated game play as both teams showed skill, finesse and athleticism. Sadly for the Sons, the Fathers ended up winning the match - it is rumoured the serving of refreshments just before sports was a ploy to get the sons heavy

and thus less active giving the dads an advantage over an otherwise youthful and certainly more agile opposition: the sons.

FAMILY SPORTS

NEXT SESSION

SATURDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2008

3.30 PM TO 6.00 PM

THIS WEEK WE CONTINUE WITH THE SECOND PART OF THE SERIES THAT WILL TAKE US THROUGH THE **SAMBASPORT 2008**.

Prescott Cup An understandable degree of nervousness dogged The Bandits on Day One of the Prescott Cup at Samba Park. Everyone knew that the visiting RVA Buffaloes were no pushover. As a result, The Bandits started off cautiously. RVA capitalized on that exhibition of restraint by scoring an early try that was not converted.

The game plan settled upon had been to conjoin the BackRow with the Centres on attack on one side of the team's formation with the Tight Five doing their thing on the other. The team's flyhalf and scrumhalf would provide the link between these two sub-units. All of a sudden, the team embarked on executing this plan. Bandits of all shapes and sizes began pummeling at the RVA defense as the First Half wore on.

In the second half, not less than four superb try-scoring chances off incredibly daring runs were abruptly stopped via the odd knock-on or forward pass. Despite the application of immense pressure by The Bandits, RVA bravely held out to force a narrow but lucky win.

BlackRock So much has been said about the team's run in the BlackRock competition to the extent that repetition must be avoided for the sake of sanity. The Bandits chalked up try after try and followed that up with other tries almost effortlessly. Despite Joseph Kimeu officially attaining MVP-status, the whole team fully deserved that accolade as its players completely out-scored all and sundry including the dreaded Saints and RVA. The team lost Gideon Sambu for the rest of the season to a soft-tissue injury that required an operation. The highest try-scorer for the team for the day was none other than the unassuming, deceptively tiny speedster, Nick Mukiri.

Bush Bush checked into Samba Park for the next Prescott Cup game. The visitors started off with a ferocious display at Pack level and it was no surprise when they opened the scoring through that avenue. This ignominy galvanized The Bandits into hyperactivity.

José scored a penalty extracted after some spirited foraging featuring utility strongman, Ian Kagiri. StrathPack© literally ran like madmen possessed. Robert Njenga grounded a try off a penalty kick gone awry which the wrongly positioned referee did not acknowledge. At a different moment in time, left wing rookie Victor Anyango startled everyone by sprinting like a banshee for 30 unanswered metres towards the Alliance try-area after having been unleashed by fullback Caleb Gitau on a rousing counterattack. With the desire not to be outdone acting as appropriate motivation, Right Wing Nick Mukiri finished off a high-speed sprint-and-pass session into the Alliance try-area only to be denied honours by the Centre-referee for allegedly "having stepped out of play". Incidentally, the visiting coach candidly admitted after the game that this had been a genuine try... The Bandits lost 5-3.

NSSSA Semifinal

Versatility can be refreshing. In the NSSSA semifinal against Dagoretti High School, traditional Locks Peter Odera and Peter Wamburu were experimentally shifted to the 2 Centre positions in the squad. Scrumhalf Mwariga Mukundi was shifted to #10 as playmaker. By the end of the game, The Bandits had qualified for the Finals against the Saints. In one instance, Mwariga instantaneously accelerated into the smallest of breaches in the Dagoretti defense and then unleashed the bounding Odera into rugby's Kingdom Come as if he had been doing this all his life. It looked so simple...

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4. NAIROBI PROVINCE AWARDS - YES, WE WENT, WE WON...
5. SOCCER INTERCLASS - WHO WON : WHO LOST : WHO'S IN : WHO'S OUT
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