



LORETO CONVENT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

“Because of the empty tomb, we have peace. Because of His resurrection, we can have peace during even the most troubling of times because we know He is in control of all that happens in the world.” Paul Chappell

A word of gratitude to the many parents who have been very supportive during this challenging time we have to all endure. It is extremely important, now more so than ever that the school and parent community work together in partnership to keep the school community safe.

The principal's office is open for communication, should any parent feel the need to address an issue. Every avenue possible will be followed to try to resolve possible issues. As far as financial constraints are concerned, it is important that all parents make sure that payments are paid up to date, to ensure that the school can offer the service which is paid for without any challenges. THANK YOU to the large number of parents who have paid in advance and those making huge sacrifices to afford their child/children quality education.

As we enter this Easter Season, it is important that parents make sure that all learners are kept safe and that you are aware of your child/children's whereabouts. This is also a time which could be spent on re-enforcing work which had been challenging during the first term. After this break, hard work is ahead during the Winter months of the school calendar.

We would like to extend our condolences to Mrs de Mendonca, whose sister passed away today. This is the third family member that she has lost in a very short space of time (one of whom was also her mother) and our hearts are truly broken for you and with you. We pray that our Lord will comfort you and your family and that He will give you the strength that you need to carry this incredibly heavy burden. Please know that your Loreto family is carrying you in prayer and that you are not alone in your grief.

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GENERAL NEWS (HS AND PS)

SCHOOL CONTACTS:

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Executive Principal– Mrs Truter – principal@loreto.co.za

Executive Principal's Office – Mrs Stoman – pa@loreto.co.za

Admissions – Ms Westra – admissions@loreto.co.za

Finance and Finance Matters – Mrs Swart – finance@loreto.co.za

Primary School Deputy Principal – Ms Hill – michelleh@loreto.co.za

High School Deputy Principal – Ms Alves (previously Mrs Pinto) – mariaa@loreto.co.za

EMIS Officer – Mrs Swanepoel – admin@loreto.co.za

Sports and Physical Education Queries – Mrs Haupt – sherilynh@loreto.co.za

Uniform Shop - Danny Venter - 083 658 9859 - pmc@mweb.co.za



(012) 326 6342

Office Hours

Mon to Thu 07h00 to 15h00

Fridays 07h00 to 14h30

Admission Office and Card
Payments to 13h00 daily

Our admin staff currently screen learners until approximately 08h00 every morning, so please be patient - they will attend to you as soon as they are able to. Also please note that our phone lines are 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.

Website (for booklists, school fee info, bank details, calendar, newsletters and other information)

www.loreto.co.za



LORETO CONVENT SCHOOL
School Calendar for 2021

	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
TERM 1	25 January	26 March
TERM 2	13 April	25 June
TERM 3	13 July	23 September
TERM 4	05 October	08 December

Term 1

Support Staff Starts 04/01/2021
Admin Starts 12/01/2021
SMT Starts 15/01/2021
Teachers Start 18/01/2021

School Opens for All Learners 25/01/2021
Mid-Term Break 26/02/2021 - 01/03/2021
School Closes 26/03/2021

Term 2

School Opens 13/04/2021
School Closes 25/06/2021

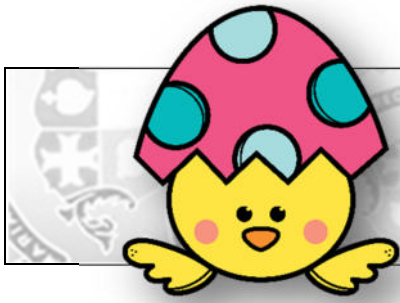
Term 3

School Opens 13/07/2021
School Closes 23/09/2021

Term 4

School Opens 05/10/2020
School Closes 08/12/2021

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR CALENDAR HAS NOT CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY AND THAT DATES ARE NOW DIFFERENT FROM THOSE GIVEN OUT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.



PRIMARY SCHOOL

💡 We would like to wish our Loreto parents, learners and staff and a **blessed and safe Easter**.

💡 **Physical Education classes** will continue next term, and learners must please wear their sports clothes on these days. All learners must please continue to bring a towel and skipping rope to school for these lessons. During the winter months, the learners may wear their tracksuits to school on the activity day.

PHYS ED

Grade/Class	Day
1D	Friday
1F	Monday
2D	Friday
2K	Thursday
3G	Wednesday
3V	Monday
4	Tuesday
5	Tuesday
6	Thursday
7	Friday



💡 **Drop-Off and Pick-Up:**


The gates in **Visagie Street** open for vehicles at **7h00**. If you drop your child before 7h00, they may walk through and line up to be screened. There are staff members already present from 6h30, and the children are supervised.


Please ensure that your child is **ready to exit** the vehicle as soon as you stop. If the children take too long to gather their belongings, it causes severe traffic congestion in Visagie Street and in the driveway. Thank you to all our parents for taking others into consideration!


The **Foundation Phase** (Crèche to Grade 3) finishes school at **13h10**, and the **Senior Primary** (Grade 4 to 7) finishes school at **13h30**.


The Visagie Street gates will open in the afternoon at **13h10**; please **DO NOT** come too early (before 13h10) as this creates problems with the traffic build-up in the street.


Parents with siblings in the school are reminded to please only come to fetch the children when the **oldest sibling finishes** school as there is no safe place to park and wait for the children in the school grounds. High School learners finish school at **14h00**.


 A reminder to **day care parents** of the service being offered by the tuck shop to prepare lunch for the learners. Please contact the tuckshop directly, Orlando, at 083 265 4768 with orders and payment.

 Please make sure that your child has all the **necessary items of uniform**. A reminder that the sports skirt may only be worn by Grade 4 to 7 girls. The Foundation Phase girls must please wear their blue sports shorts as part of their sports uniform. Please contact Mr Danny Venter on 083 658 9859 at the uniform shop to make an appointment should you need to purchase any items.

 **Winter uniform must be worn as from 3 May**. Tracksuits may be worn in winter on Phys-Ed days.

 Unfortunately, due to **COVID-19 regulations**, learners may not bring cake or party packs to school for their classmates on their birthday. Children, may, however, wear their home clothes on their birthday.

 Our first **Outreach programme** for the year has started. Our **Blanket Drive** has started. We are asking our very generous parents to donate a blanket that will be distributed to organisations that serve the needy in the community around the school. The blanket must please be a new one, although we do not expect our parents to buy very expensive blankets, only what you can afford. There will be an area where the children can leave the blankets when they are dropped off in the morning. Please take note that this is a voluntary donation and parents are by no means forced to make a contribution. The last day for bringing a blanket is Friday 16 April.

 A reminder that Loreto Convent School's **terms and holidays** now differ quite significantly from those of public schools. The first term comes to an end on **Friday 26 March** and school reopens on **Tuesday 13 April**. Reports for the first term will be issued after our return in April.

 **Extra lessons** will start in the Primary School on Monday 19 April.

💡 **Foundation Phase teachers** will be taking the children who need **extra assistance** after school, and will communicate directly with the affected parents.

💡 **Senior Primary girls** will receive a letter in the first week of school if they are required to attend extra lessons. These lessons will take place between 13h30 and 14h00 on days specified for the different subjects.

💡 **Gordon Harris Photography** will be coming to the school on **Tuesday 20 April** to take individual photos only. **No sibling photos or class/group photos will be taken.** All the children will sit for a photo and order forms will be sent home thereafter and parents can then decide whether or not to order the package. The package will cost R120 and will include a "class photo" which has been created from all the individual photos.

💡 The **Grade 6 and 7 girls** will be attending a **Mass** in the school hall on **Tuesday, 20 April**, at 7h45.

💡 It is with great sadness that we are **saying good bye** to one of our Senior Primary teachers at the end of this term. **Mrs Rochelle Fourie** is relocating to Stellenbosch in the Western Cape. Mrs Fourie started as a relief teacher at Loreto, and was appointed as a full-time teacher in July 2014. She has proved her versatility by teaching and specialising in a number of subjects over the years, including NS/Tech to Grade 5 and 6, RE, Phys-Ed to all the Primary School children, and more recently Maths in Grade 5 and Technology in Grade 7. Mrs Fourie has contributed many other talents and skills to Loreto, such as co-ordinating the dance routines for our last concert in 2015. She is an energetic and vibrant teacher whose enthusiasm and dynamic personality will be sorely missed. Mrs Fourie, on behalf of the whole Loreto family, particularly the Primary School staff and learners, we wish you and your family all the best in Stellenbosch. We hope that you will be very happy and wish you success in all your future endeavours. Thank you for everything that you have brought to Loreto, and the legacy that you will leave behind. May God bless you and your loved ones and keep you safe.

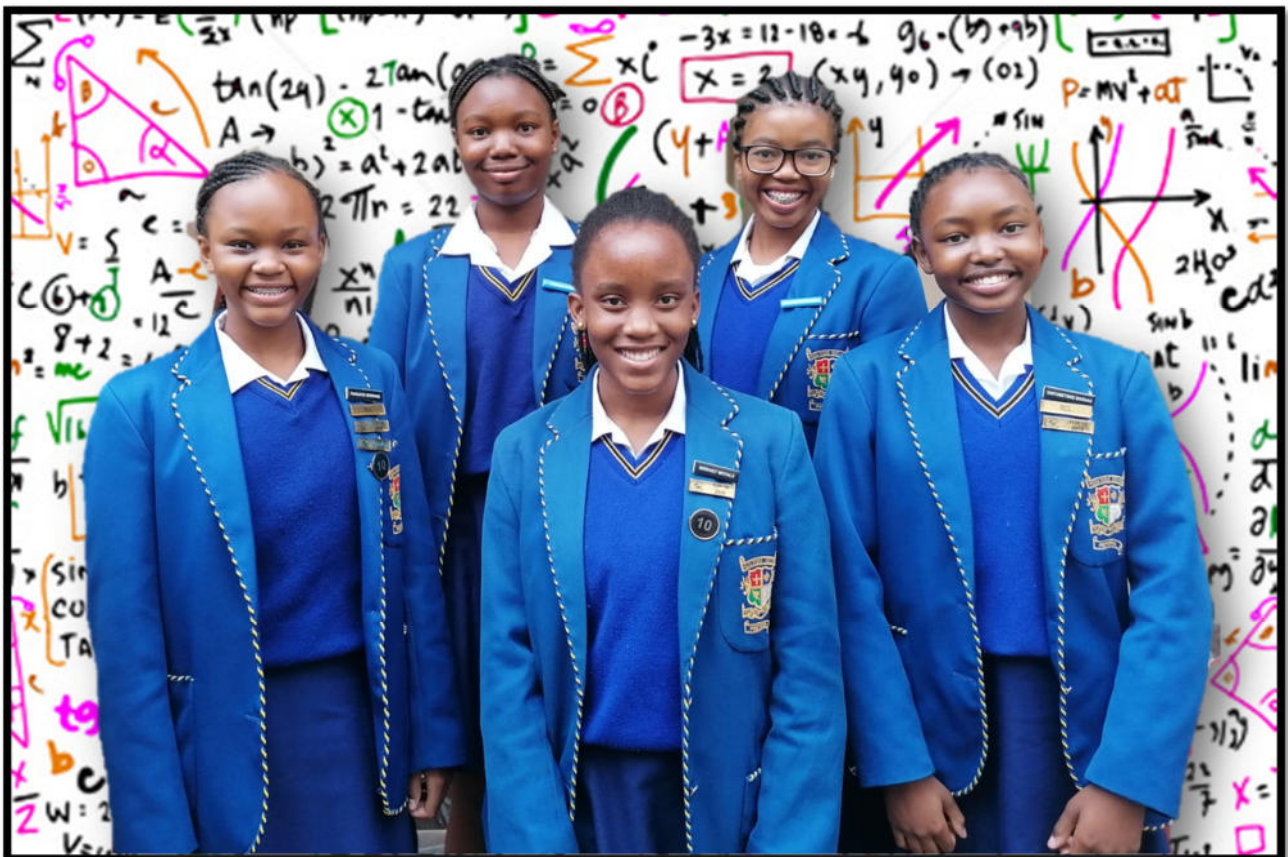




HIGH SCHOOL

- 💡 As from 19 April, learners who achieved below 40% for any subject, will have **compulsory lessons** from one of our senior tutors guided by the help of the teacher during **one break** (once a week) in the **school hall**. Because we cannot take the term 2 results into account, (we are still waiting for the department of education for weightings) we will start with the results of the 2020 promotion marks. Learners, who must attend, will be informed in the first week of Term Two by Ms Alves.
- 💡 Congratulations to the five learners below who have gone through to round two of the Mathematics Olympiad. We wish you every success in the next round.

Tawana Dube (Gr 8S) Goitumetswe Mashao (Gr 9M) Bridget Motale (Gr 9N)
Tshegofatso Manell (Gr 8S) Thakgatso Moropane (Gr 9N)



- 💡 π - Day was celebrated on 14 March, with the **Maths teachers enthusiastically motivating** learners to come up with creative ways of explaining the concept. Well done to all who took part in this initiative.
- 💡 This last week of Term 1 we have seen our High School competing in their **houses** with creative **sporting events** where learners could have fun. Thank you to our Sport Committee for their efforts in bringing about the spirit of joy. How wonderful that in the midst of these turbulent times, our ladies are still making time for some fun!
- 💡 Term 2 will also see the start of any **catch-up classes after school from 14h00 – 15h00**. Parents will be informed (in advance) of the different classes and the dates for these classes.
- 💡 **Term 1 report cards** will be emailed as soon as possible in April. We are still waiting for the updated curriculum set-up by the department on their database system. Until this has been done, unfortunately no administration regarding marks can be done.
- 💡 Due to curriculum adjustments, we can confirm that the **promotion weightings** for Gr 10 and 11 will be: 60% year mark, 40% November exam.



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HOLIDAYS

FINANCE MATTERS

Firstly, we need to **thank** those parents who have faithfully been paying their school fees. In order for the School to stay operational, parents HAVE to pay their school fees on time. Loreto Convent School is not a State or no-fee paying school, and as such, we need to rely on the payment of school fees as the majority stream of income that must finance all expenses throughout the year.

Statements have been sent out to parents. If you are not receiving our bulk mails, please do let us know.

Please note that school fees are payable **UPFRONT**, by the **7th of every month**. This means that all fees, up to and including January/February 2021 fees are already due and payable in full. Overdue accounts will be followed up and handed over to our debt collection company for recovery. Please note that you will be liable for any **interest** on the account and collection and/or legal **fees**, should the account be handed over. **Overdue accounts will be charged an interest rate of 2% per month, as per our contract.** We are going to be very strict regarding the payment of fees in 2021.

We have a large number of payments that have been made into the school's bank account that do not have any references, or incorrect references. If you have made one of these payments, please do send your proof of payment to Mrs Swart at finance@loreto.co.za so that she can allocate it.

We would also like to appeal to parents to **PLEASE** reference their payments correctly, as it is almost impossible to allocate correctly, or understand what is being paid for when the references are missing or incorrect. Examples of such references are "School Fees", "Loreto Fees" or "Cash Payment" – it does not indicate who is making the payment or what is being paid.

Reference payments as following please:



LORETO CONVENT SCHOOL

P O Box 11381
The Tramshed
0126
Tel: 0123266342
Fax: 0123242780
E-mail: finance@loreto.co.za

Banking details: Standard Bank Main Account
Bank: Standard Bank of S.A Ltd
Branch code: 051001
Account holder: Loreto Convent School
Account number: 010387927
Account type: Cheque

ACCOUNT STATEMENT ON 14 JANUARY 2021

Account reference **1033** (MNI002)

Learner information:

P O Box 13487
The Tramshed
Pretoria 0126
Tel: 0845807241

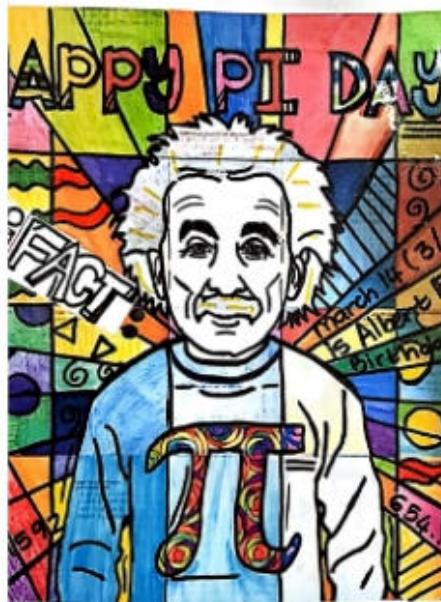
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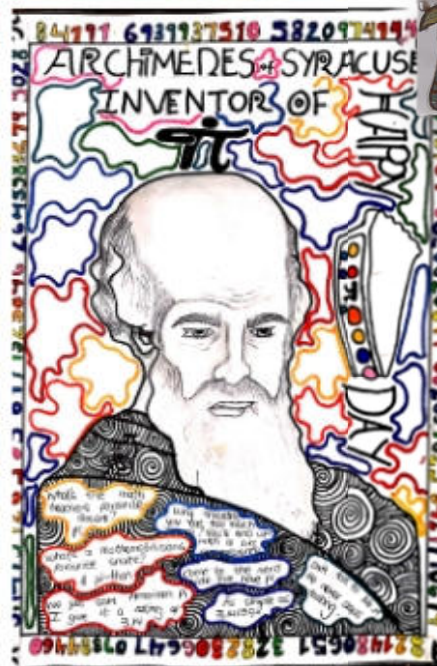
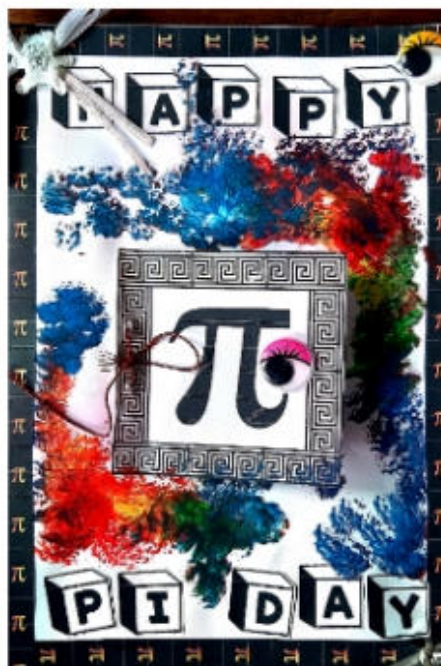
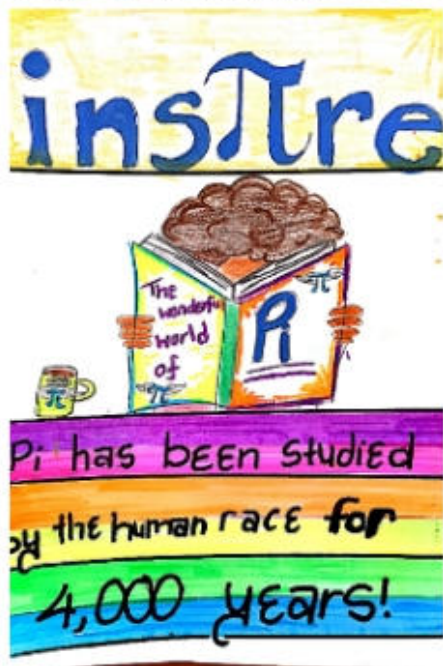
Reference: Your account number at school i.e. 1110 ** **Take note that these references are only examples and must not be used.** Please contact the accounts department to get your account reference. The reference will also appear on your monthly statement in the place indicated by the red circle above.

The reference is your four-digit family code number, NOT the old family code or your surname or the child's name.

Please also do try to pay correct amounts, in this way, the system is able to allocate to the account automatically and mistakes are avoided.



π Pi DAY



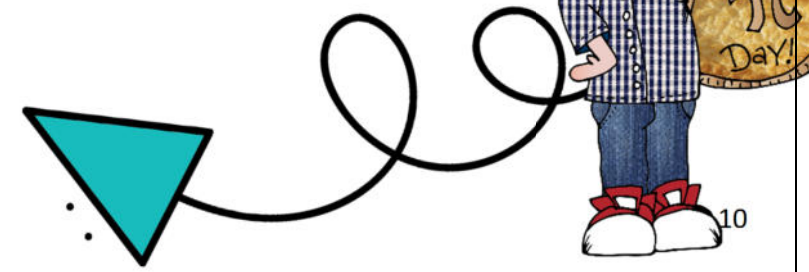
International π -day

This year's challenge...

- Design a card/mini poster (not bigger than A5).
- Depict anything connected to the concept of π .
- Must contain at least ONE interesting fact about π .
- Must be eye-catching.
- No PLAGIARISM, please!
- To be handed in on or before Monday 15 March.

* Each learner that participates will earn a point for her house. (1st 5 places will earn bonus points. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

THE CHALLENGE



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CONGRATULATIONS!



ESTHER SAFARI
AND
CHARLIZE VAN DER COLFF

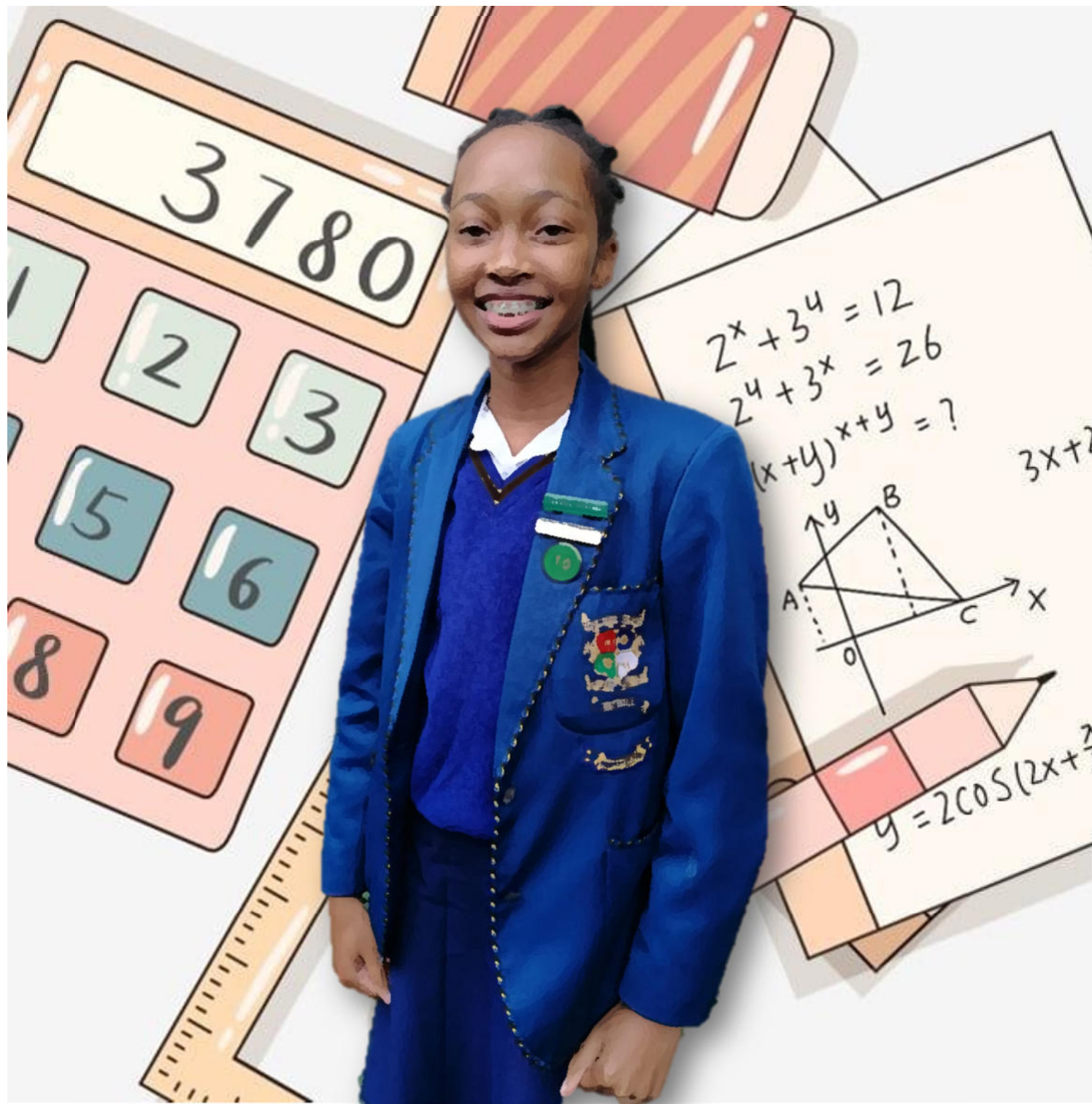


entered a "Design-a-Poster"
Competition

The theme was "Mathematics for a
Better World"

Esther was awarded a prize for her
design.

Amazing!



LISANDA KUTSHWA

(Grade 10)

scored the highest marks in the recent Maths Olympiad in the Grade 10 to 12 group of Loreto learners that took part. Although she did not progress to the next round we are still VERY proud of her for doing so well amongst her peers.

WELL DONE!