

Title:

House of Courage

Power:

The Strength and Courage of a Lion

Heritage:

South Africa

Language:

Zulu

Symbolic Animal:

The Mute Swan and the Lion

First Student Leader:

Chichi Ugwuh

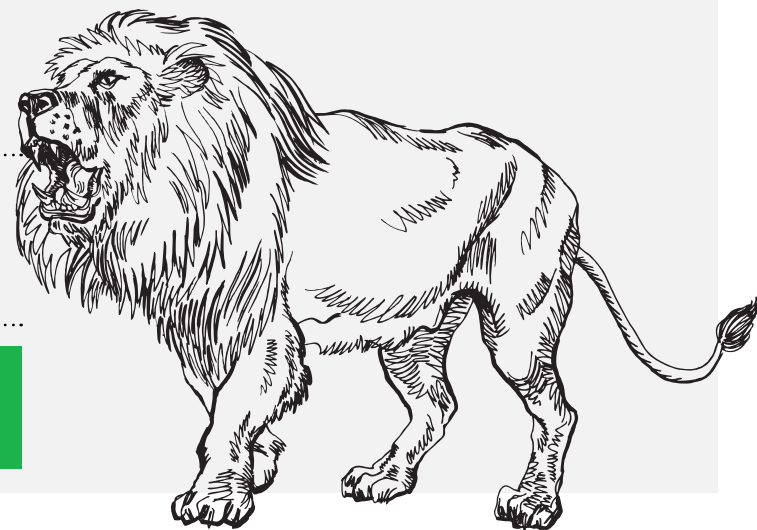
First Staff Leader:

Stanley Adkins

Championships Won:

2011, 2013

Global Champions:

2020

HOUSE HISTORY Isibindi is a tight-knit group of individuals, like a pride of African lions, where family means everything. The House's symbolic animals, the mute swan and the lion, serve to empower incoming members. While new students might be quiet or shy at first, the longer that they are in the House, the more they begin to display the characteristics of strength and bravery. In Zulu, Isibindi means "courage."

The dichotomy of sharing symbolic animals between the gentle and beautiful swan and the proud and courageous lion is what makes Isibindi so unique. It is a House that inherits the legend and influence of both Shaka Zulu as well as Nelson Mandela. It is a House that knows when to be strategic and creative, or when to pull back and be reserved, but also when to go full force with power and strength. This is why Isibindi welcomes creative and quiet kids and turns them into leaders over time. They learn that, like the mute

swan, their quiet creativity can be harnessed to speak volumes in its own way.

TRADITIONS Amistad and Isibindi are friendly rivals, and each year around the holidays, the red House and the green House partner together to throw a holiday celebration.

Isibindi holds a tradition of hosting a House welcome breakfast for incoming members called the "Bindi Breakfast." The first year, they served green eggs and ham — perfect for the green House! Over the years, Isibindi has had anything from green pancakes to green grits.

Isibindi celebrates St. Patrick's Day — of course! — with the whole school. With green decorations and treats, this is a way the House gives to all the others while also decking out the halls in their colors.

Isibindi's Hand Signal

The House hand signal is used in meetings or gatherings, to rally around the House, encourage and support one another, or just for fun to show pride and spirit.

Isibindi's hand signal was created by the first student House Leader, Chichi Ugwuh. She had a vision for the house to be one of vision and bravery, but also love and friendships. So the hand signal is to use the American Sign Language (ASL) sign for "I Love You." Fold your middle and ring finger down to the palm, extend your thumb, index, and pinky fingers, and hold it up. When we give the sign, we say "Who you with?" and expect a response, "Isibindi!" This shows others that no matter what, Isibindi loves you and is with you on your side.



ISIBINDI'S "WHO YOU WITH" SIGN

Isibindi's WSA Cheer

Isibindi 1: B - I - N - D - I

Isibindi ALL: B - I - N - D - I BINDI!

Isibindi 1: C - O - U - R

Isibindi ALL: Courageous



Our House Crest

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The most important visual representation of each House is its House Crest. This is a specially designed Coat of Arms filled with

symbols that speak to the values of the House. The crests should never be changed or altered. Preserving them builds House heritage!

The Mute Swan

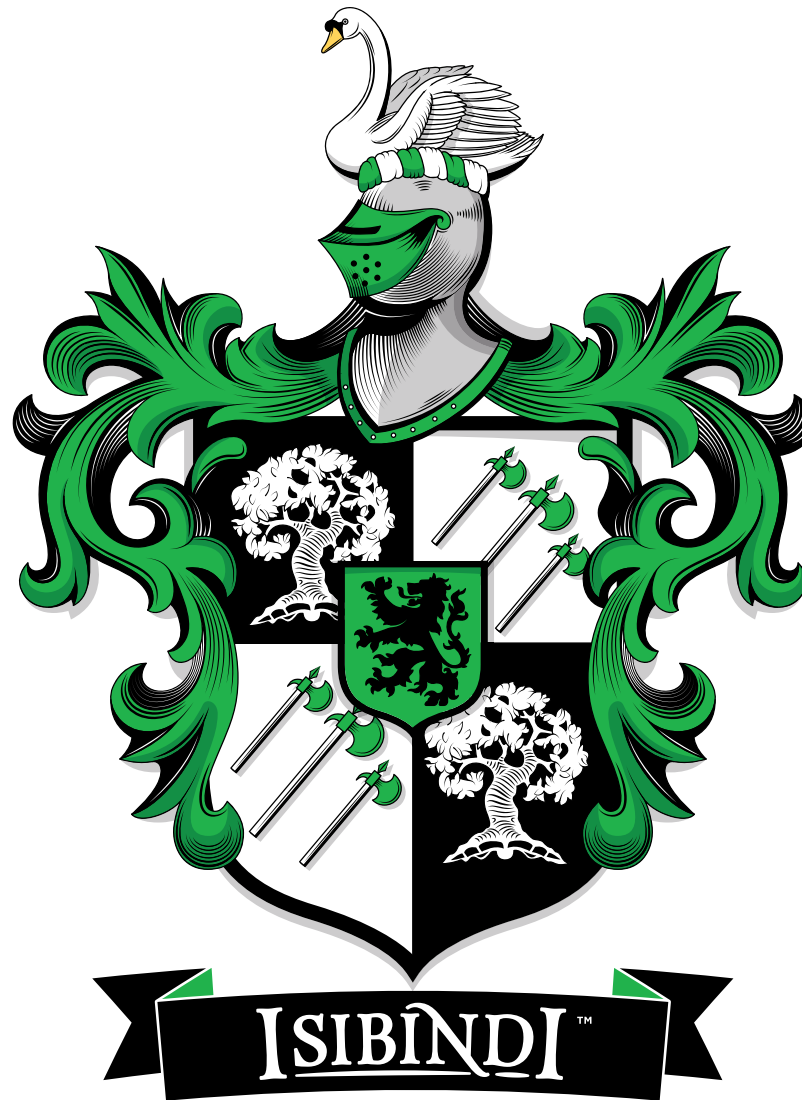
At the top of our crest is the Mute Swan, its beauty speaking volumes and its discernment a reflection of the storied tradition of Zulu leadership — astute, compelling and unwavering.

The Ebony Tree

The African ebony tree pays homage to the awe-inspiring beauty of the continent of our heritage.

Courage

“Isibindi” means “courage” in the language of Zulu.



The Zulu Axe

The ancient Zulu axe, hewn in the time of Shaka Zulu, pairs shrewd thought with the power to stand firm in the name of protecting land, people, and spirit.

The Lion

At the center of the crest is the lion. Living in a pride, dedicated to family, he is revered throughout the world for his enviable strength and courage.

Green

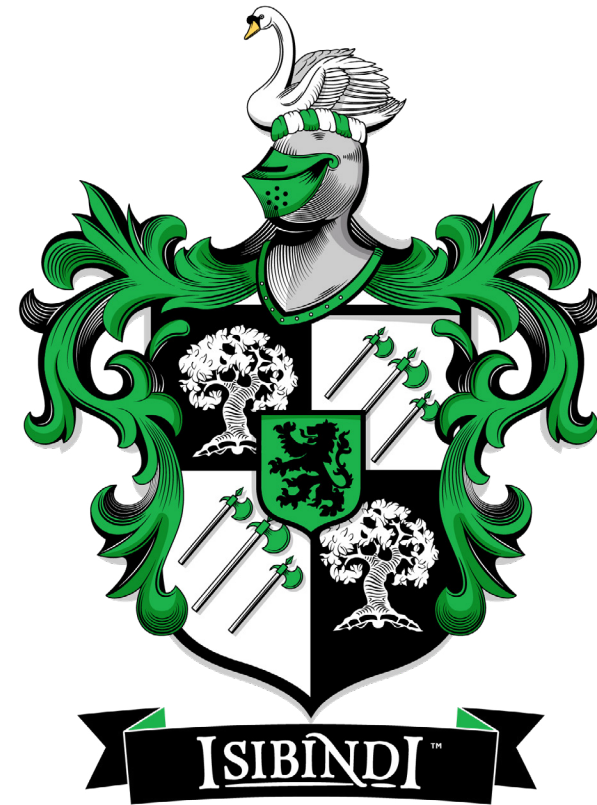
The color green reminds us of the rich and abundant resources of Africa.

Assets

All of the assets are available for download at
www.rcahousesystem.com/isibindi

- A — **House Crest**, the primary logo (comes in full- or 2-color)
- B — **House Name**, for signs and banners
- C — **Team Isibindi**, for team shirts and apparel
- D — **House Scroll**, alternate for signs and banners
- E — **Banner Icon**, for social media badges or *really* small use!
- F — **Secondary Logo**, for smaller or lower-detail print needs

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