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ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

St. Cecilia's Public School has been long known as a pioneer institution of higher education. Our vision is to continue in our pursuit of academic excellence as well as co-curricular accomplishments that inspire children to re-imagine the future and stand on their own two feet in the global world.

Also, set in place is our mission that aims to develop a sense of community in our students; thriving on the idea of relentless learning so that they are well-equipped to contribute to the society and the world that is dynamic and ever-evolving.

In former UN Secretary General's words:

"Education gives us a profound understanding that we are tied together as citizens of the global community, and that our challenges are interconnected."

2022–23 session proved to be another spectacular year of learning and growth at St. Cecilia's Public School. While visualizing brilliance in all aspects, to be achieved through persistent hard work and effective methodologies and pedagogy, we embarked on this journey that took us to normalcy in the post-Covid era.

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This year certainly began with renewed aspirations and excitement as we witnessed the commencement of our first offline batches after the Covid-19 pandemic had hit the world. We realized a new-found meaning in the words – “Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardour and attended to with diligence.” As the world geared up to turn towards better things, we were no less. Our goal to bring back the zeal for a fundamental sense of learning helped us to offer a system of education to our beloved students that addressed their emotional, physical, mental and cognitive needs in the developing stages.

School infrastructure and technology are constantly upgraded to create a conducive learning environment for students. With smart boards and constructive visual resources, we attempt to make learning a fun-filled experience.

Moreover, the teaching fraternity of our school is highly educated and well-trained to understand the needs of the current times and mould students’ personalities for their long-term benefit. By attending CBSE Capacity Building Programs and other workshops and seminars on 21st century skills, our staff keeps themselves up-to-date and well-versed with the demands of the world.

CBSE RESULT 2021-22

Our school saw a fabulous CBSE Board Examination result in this session. In Class X, our first three toppers are – Nirmal Bhatia, Niharika Chhabra and Sriza Goel (each at II position) and Rashmeet Kaur with the scores of 98.2, 97.2 and 96.8 % respectively. Our topper from Class XII science stream, Harishankar Jaiganesh got 96.4 %, followed by two students - Ridhima Arora and Gurmann Singh Jaggi scoring 96 % aggregate at II Position each and the third topper, Anshula scoring a wonderful 95.8 %. In Commerce stream, Jaanvi Tehlan secured I position with 96.8 % followed by Raghvi with 95 % aggregate and Ishita who got 94 %. We hope that they have set an example for the students in the upcoming session.

Our students have been admitted into some of the most prestigious colleges and universities such as Delhi Technological University, NSUT Dwarka, VIT Chennai, SMVIT Karnataka, Mukesh Patel School of Technology Mumbai, etc. Numerous students secured their seats in reputed colleges of the University of Delhi like SRCC, Hansraj College, Lady Shri Ram College, Ramjas College along with other universities such as JamiaMiliaIslamia, Delhi Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research and so on. Medical students took admission in renowned universities and colleges such as Hassan Institute of Medical Sciences, Karnataka, KMC Manipal, JawaharLal Nehru College Karnataka, Index Institute of Medical Sciences Indore, SGT University, Gurgaon, etc. Some of the universities outside India, in which our students took admission are - St. George Campus University of Toronto, Deakin University Australia, Sheridan College, Canada, Kazan Federal University, Russia etc.

VALUES

At. St. Cecilia's, our first and foremost objective is to give shape and right direction to the students who turn into responsible and disciplined citizens of tomorrow. Instilling values such as kindness, helpfulness, empathy, generosity, forgiveness, punctuality, gratefulness, respect for all, etc. ensure that our beloved students live a successful, satisfying and prosperous life in future.

This is incorporated in the teaching-learning methodology that involves various activities, tasks and events so that students learn the fundamental virtues of life in an enjoyable manner.

ODYSSEY - INTER-SCHOOL EVENT

With the spirit of patriotism on the rise, St. Cecilia's Public School organized an inter-school competition, a mega event, Odyssey 2022, on 06.08.2022 to commemorate 75 years of Indian Independence under 'AzadikaAmritMahotsav'. It consisted of umpteen competitions for separate classes, such as Jungle Safari, Poetic Swings, Rhythmic Feet, Master Meals, etc. With commendable creativity, novelty and efficiency, this event was conducted that saw the participation of around 600 students from 50 schools across Delhi. It was presided over by Honourable Madam Manager. Prizes along with the prestigious rolling trophy were announced and given away on the same day.

Students got immense exposure in terms of organizing, planning, shouldering responsibility and dealing with people from different walks of life. We pride ourselves on giving this huge opportunity to the Council Team of St. Cecilia's and other students on duty. The sense of achievement seen through the cheerful faces at the end of the day motivated us to carry on the legacy of this event in the years to come.

ZONAL AND INTER-SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

Students participated in Zonal competitions with enthusiasm. With supreme talent and dedication to excel in the given tasks, our students bagged prizes in competitions like English Essay Writing, Extempore, Recitation and debate. Inter-school prize winning competitions include Ideologue (debate), Panel discussion on Sustainable development: path to Global Citizenship, Science Exhibition, Doodle Art, Web Designing and so on.

A lot of prizes were bagged in the field of sports such as Table Tennis, badminton, yoga, rope skipping, handball, athletic events etc.

Cecilian prodigies are doing wonders not only at the district and state level but also at the national level. Samiksha Manaktala of Class XII won a silver medal in an Archery competition at the National level and Rudrani won a bronze medal in the same.

Samiksha also bagged a silver medal in DDA State Championship in Archery.

With intense commitment to academic and co-curricular goals, our students are moving onwards and upwards with each new event and competition.

This year also saw the return of the much coveted, inter-school, Model United Nations event in the offline mode. Devanshi Singh and Khushi Kohli won the best delegate awards with the cash prize of Rs. 5000 each. Many students from our school also got 'special mention' prizes in this event.

Another feat was the conferring of the Child Prodigy Award by Wunderkistan Robotian Education Pvt Ltd on the Cecilian, Srishti Mehra of Class X. And Rhythm Pahuja of Class X secures second position at National Level French Olympiad.

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Praiseworthy accomplishment at State level was achieved by our stars, Srishti Mehra of class X and Chaitanya Malhotra of class VII who have been selected for INSPIRE Award of Rs. 10,000/ each for preparation of Science project for further participation in the District level Exhibition and Project competitions to be organized by the District Education authority.

CEREMONIES

The Badge Ceremony was conducted to recognize various talents of the students categorized as per the six major clubs that regularly function in the school – Eco Club, Editorial Club, Geekoz IT Club, Mathematics Club, Scientia Club and Quiz Club. Eco Club of the school heralded many steps to achieve a sense of responsibility towards clean and green Earth by spreading the message of sustainability. Geekoz IT Club paves the way for enhancement of technological skills and learning among the students. Editorial Club inculcates literary skills and language-specific abilities. It organized several assemblies where students took over the mike and managed announcements. The Quiz Club of the school has always remained active during all the celebrations. It conducted a number of quizzes on days such as Independence Day, Republic Day, etc.

After two academic sessions, Investiture Ceremony was organized in the school after conducting interviews for a number of prestigious positions. The Council and the Junior Council Team were selected based on merit and skills. Parents were invited to attend the felicitation ceremony. It instilled a sense of responsibility amongst the badge holders who worked to ensure discipline in the school premises throughout the year.

Installation Ceremony was also conducted. This ceremony confers badges to students who form the Interact Club of the school. Several visits were made to different organizations and NGOs to help the needy. Interact Club students' team along with the teacher in-charges made their presence felt at District Interact Leadership Assembly held on 11.11.2022 at Apeejay School, Sheikh Sarai, New Delhi. Moreover, 'Joy of Giving' spirit was celebrated in the month of December wherein teachers and students gave generous amounts of charity to help several organizations in their noble endeavour to work for the poor, elderly and the needy.

WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS/TRAININGS

A notable 'Period Awareness Workshop' was conducted by the Student Council Team 2022 for all the students of Classes IX to XII with the underlying objective – to normalize conversations around menstrual cycle and menstrual hygiene amongst all.

Many other workshops, campaigns, sessions and seminars were held on – Good touch & bad touch, Table manners, Importance of Sports & fitness, Anti-drug Awareness Campaign, deworming campaign, Medical Emergency – dos and don'ts, Self defence training session for girls, Gender sensitization, motivational session by Indian Naval officers, Mathematics exhibition, Hindi Diwas and so on.

An Educational Fair was attended by the students of Classes XI and XII at Hansraj Model School, Punjabi Bagh which helped them to make better decisions for their career and future.

Another HIV AIDS Awareness Workshop was attended by the Interact Club members along with the teacher in-charge, hosted by Mamta Modern School in the month of December.

Students of classes VI to XII also saw 'ParikshaCharcha' live program on YouTube on 28.01.2023. Our Honourable Prime Minister gracefully answered exam-related questions and motivated the students to perform to the best of their ability.

COUNSELLING

Regular counselling sessions are taken in the school by the school counsellor. In classes VI to XII, several sessions were conducted for all the students on - Mindfulness, Interpersonal relations and skills, Importance of principles in life, Kindness, How to exercise Creativity, Menstruation and Hygiene, etc.

Apart from this, the school counsellor remains vigilant and identifies students from different classes who might be in need of help and counselling. Parents are always updated about the progress of their children and how they can further help them in their improvement at home.

Continuous remedial classes and Parent Teacher meetings were a part of the framework of this academic session for the academic accomplishments and overall development of students. This helps students to strengthen their strong points and work on the weak areas to boost their confidence.

IMPORTANT DAYS/FESTIVALS/EVENTS

Kindergarten level and the primary wing of the school energetically participated in the celebration of important days and festivals like Earth Day, Mother's Day, Children's Day, Constitution Day, Independence Day, Republic Day, Christmas, Janamashtami, etc. Interactive activities that involve expression and public speaking witness the maximum participation of students from all the classes. This also helps them gain confidence early on in life. Other special events that were celebrated include - Flower Show, Fancy Dress competition, Geekoz IT club Autumn fest, Poetry Recitation (English and Hindi), Magic Show, Memory games, Fruit chaat party, Show & Tell, etc.

In the wake of attainment of normalcy, school also celebrated Teacher's Day with great gusto. It marks a significant day not only for teachers but also for the Class XII batch. XII class students had come dressed as teachers and taught the rest of the classes.

Another remarkable event that marked the month of September was 'ShikshakParv'. A staff meeting was held on 26 September 2022, wherein an activity – 'Demonstration on Innovative Pedagogy' – was conducted as a part of CBSE guidelines to lay emphasis on innovation as the learning medium. Numerous teachers from the primary, middle and senior wing presented marvelous demonstrations on teaching varied topics to the students in novel ways.

The festival of Diwali was celebrated with great delight. Students made rangoli, painted diyas, created lanterns, and played games to mark the spirit of the day.

Two prominent Gurpurabs were celebrated – Guru Nanak Dev Ji and Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Students participated in the recital of spiritual hymns, narration of stories and distribution of Prasad. Such celebrations help to instil the values of sharing and caring for each other and uplift the spirit of service amongst the students.

School assemblies also played a huge role in celebrating important days. Different classes would prepare class assembly on rotational basis for the upcoming festivals through the portrayal of skits, poem recitations, speeches, rallies, display of posters, etc. This gave the opportunity to students to plan and organize performances in creative ways and showcase their talents in front of a gathering.

ANNUAL CLASS PRESENTATIONS

St. Cecilia's can boast of the hundred percent participation of students of classes I-V in three separate Annual class presentations, successfully conducted in the month of December. Class 1 and 2, 'Timeless Treasures: Our Values' and Class 3-5, 'NrityaVatika' were splendid shows of sheer talent, abilities, energy, vibrancy and hard work. Parents were invited and they were enthralled by the performances.

The events were blessed with the gracious presence of Worthy Chairman sir, Honourable Madam Manager and Revered Director Sir. 'NrityaVatika' was also presided over by the special guest, Ms. ArupaLahiry, a renowned Bharatnatyam dancer, who motivated the students and appreciated everyone's efforts in making the event successful.

These events offered a platform to students to shed their inhibitions and gain confidence in the early stages of their life.

BOARD CLASSES, 2022-23

In the month of February, 2023, the school arranged Blessings Session for class X and Bidding Adieu Session for the outgoing batch Class XII. Both the sessions turned out to be motivating for the children to gain confidence for their Board examination. Class XII students were given mementos to be cherished as a lifetime memory.

Meticulous planning was done to successfully execute Class XII Board practical and X and XII Board theory examination in the school. CBSE guidelines were followed to perfection and norms were respectfully adhered to.

The 2022-23 session ended with the execution of home examinations and declaration of results.

EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS

An educational cum recreational visit to GurdwaraRakabGanj Sahib was undertaken for the students of Classes IV and V. They experienced a world of spirituality; away from the bustle and noise of everyday life. Students enjoyed watching a short, religious movie that taught various lessons from the lives of Sikh gurus.

For enjoyment and recreation, students of pre-primary wing as well as classes I and II were taken on a picnic to Aeroplanet, Dwarka in the month of February. Students took part in numerous activities like rope climbing, zip line, etc.

Classes III to V students went to Rangmanch Farms, Gurugram, Haryana. Students were fascinated with the lush green environment and activities such as rappelling, wire crossing, illusion room, and so forth.

With this, we came to the culmination of the wonderful first offline session, post Covid-19.

Here, I would like to mention that we are able to reach the fulfillment of our noble goals and cherish the school motto: Education for Knowledge, Wisdom, Character and Courage. This could happen only with the help of supportive parents who join hands with us for the welfare of children.

May we work harder and continue to prosper in the academic session, 2023-24.

Our prayers and wishes are with you all.

With Kind Regards,

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Principal