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### **ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24**

"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships." –  
Michael Jordan

The 2023-24 session was exemplary for St. Cecilia's Public School where teamwork, diligence and intelligence were its hallmarks.

We, at St. Cecilia's, truly believe in the dynamic synergy between teamwork and intelligence that catapults the success of any institution. To propel ourselves towards our goals and objectives, we utilised our collective intelligence and worked with a collaboration approach. Not only did we find progress and positivity falling into our lap, but we also enjoyed the fruits of healthy relations and partnerships while fostering a sense of mutual respect and community building amongst all.

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All of this would not have been possible without the valuable guidance and a disciplined vision of our esteemed members of the management, our Chairman Sir, Madam Manager and Director Sir. Their comprehensive vision to enrich the lives of all our students in all possible ways is a benchmark that is effectively implemented by our skilled and able teaching fraternity. We believe that accomplishments of milestones are the rewards that are attained with continuous efforts and a conducive environment to learning that is provided to the students without fail. We are highly grateful to the management as this year St. Cecilia's Public School had a fully functional Air Conditioning facility in all the classrooms to make the classroom environment comfortable and more learner-friendly during the summer season.

Their vision for a holistic development of students becomes the teachers' mission so that every student feels seen and heard in their journey to enhance their capabilities. The whole staff of St. Cecilia's Public School is exceptional in their motive to serve the institution and the community by becoming the students' mentors.

We thank our companionable parents who have always stood with us from time to time and supported our far-sighted goals for their children's welfare in the long run. And all of it would amount to nothing if our lovely students would not be cooperating with us in these challenging times.

**First and foremost, the mark of a progressive institution manifests itself in its academic results. We are proud to have had a fabulous CBSE Board Examination result in this session. Our school toppers as well as Commerce stream toppers are Ojas Arora who secured I position with an exceptional score of 98.4 % followed by Shourya Singla with 97.2 % aggregate and Dhairya Singla who got 97 %. Our topper from science stream, Dhruv Aggarwal got a fantastic score of 95.4 %, followed by Sraavya Kochhar scoring 94.8 % aggregate at II Position and the third topper, Jhumpa Banerjee scoring a wonderful 94 %. A total number of 504 distinctions and 180 merits were achieved by the students. Our highest score in Accountancy, Business Studies, Economics and Psychology is a fabulous 100, followed by Mathematics, Computer Science and Physical Education 99, English 98, Biology 97, Chemistry 96, Physics and Political Science 95.**

**Similarly, our Class X students also passed with flying colours. Amaira Singh, Ansh Soni and Srishti Mehra bagged wonderful scores of 95.4, 95 and 94.8 % respectively. In Class X, a total number of 442 distinctions and 166 merits were achieved by the students.**

**Our highest score in Mathematics is a perfect 100 score, followed by Social Science and Hindi 97, Science and English 96, Punjabi 94 and French 92.**

These students have made all of us proud with their praiseworthy achievements.

**The triumphs continue with our Cecilian prodigy, Dhruv Aggarwal, who scored an incredible score of 680/720 marks in the NEET examination, 2023. He has inspired many students to work relentlessly till the goals are achieved.**

All these meritorious students were bestowed with trophies and certificates for their paradigmatic performances during the magnum opus event of the school, Annual Day held on 06.12.2023. Students were felicitated with awards for their exemplary performances not only in academics but also in co-curricular activities.

Several **scholarships** were awarded to the meritorious students too. Scholarship of Rs. 24,000 each was awarded to six students of Class XII who scored aggregate 85 % - 94.9 % marks in Class XI. Similarly, twenty six students of Class XI who had scored an aggregate of 90 % - 96.9 % in Class X were given the scholarship of Rs. 24,000 each. Along with this, Exclusive Scholarship Award of Rs. 6,000 each was given to three students of Class XII for their exemplary score in Political Science subject in Class XI. This scholarship is given in the fond memory of Sardar Mohinder Singh whose son, Prof Bir Inder Singh, Retired Professor of Political Science of SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi, had graced the Annual Function and acclaimed the students.

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Besides the Prize distribution ceremony, the Annual Day also celebrated the spirit of Swami Vivekananda's values in its cultural fiesta. 'Swami Vivekananda: A Luminary' was a spectacle to behold. We had the beloved presence of our Honourable Chairman sir, Madam Manager and Director Sir. Our eminent chief guest, a talented Kathak dancer, Leena Malakar Vij, graced the event with poise. We also had the privilege of hosting several Principals of various prestigious schools.

Parents were truly enamoured seeing the mesmerising talent and meticulousness with which the occasion was planned.

Everybody rose to the occasion by having put their best foot forward.

Our dear students worked sincerely for their entrance examinations after the CBSE Boards and made the school proud by getting admissions into some of the most prestigious colleges and universities like Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Science, Delhi Technological University, Amity University, Lloyd University, etc. Many students have also secured their seats in reputed colleges of the University of Delhi like Hansraj College, Hindu College, Miranda House, Gargi College along with other universities such as BR Ambedkar University, BML Munjal University, IP University and so on. Every year, our masterminds prove their mettle by joining the best institutions all over the country.

The year began with the Orientation Programmes for classes Nursery, I, VI and IX which were arranged for the parents to make them aware of the examination structure that is followed for the entire academic session. Moreover, the counselling sessions were also conducted by the school counsellor.

We also pride ourselves on the hundred percent participation of students of class I in the Annual Class Presentation successfully conducted in the month of May. Parents loved to see their children performing on the theme - **School is Fun**. Students shed their inhibitions and came forward to perform in their best capacity and energy.

Likewise, on 24 May 2023, the school organised '**Rendezvous**', a **middle wing students' exhibition** that captivated the parents. It consisted of models, activities and games made by students on all the academic subjects that complemented their conceptual learning in the classrooms. Parents were highly impressed by the huge display. Active participation of all the students could be seen.

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**21 July 2023 will be remembered as a red letter day in the history of this institution as on that day, St. Cecilia's accomplished the uphill task of organising its first edition of Model United Nations, 2023.** We felt honoured to have given the young minds a platform to engage in real world political deliberations and seek resolutions. There were seven committees namely UNEP, UNCSW, UNHRC, AIPPM, CSHA, UNGA and IP. While debating, students expanded their intellectual horizons and learnt a million new things about world issues. While simulating the United Nations Conference, participants addressed global environmental policies, universal brotherhood, peace and other burning issues across the globe.

The MUN Closing ceremony was held on 22 July 2023 wherein dignitaries applauded the mental alertness and promptness of the participants. Prizes were given away to the rightful candidates on the basis of merit.

Once the MUN was over, we decided to carry forward the rich legacy of the school by organising '**Odyssey 2023**', the inter-school competition whose grandeur touched everyone's heart. A humongous participation of more than six hundred students from approximately forty schools all over Delhi enthralled our minds. Participants were enthusiastic beyond measure and exhibited their prowess and calibre in competitions such as Trash to Treasure, Mighty Millets, Rhythmic Tribes, Rang Manch, etc. It was a day marking talent infused with vibrant energy and smiles. A lovely day ended with the prize distribution ceremony by felicitating the deserving winners.

Fun & frolic is always accompanied by the inseparable shadow of responsibility. We conducted various ceremonies to assign duties to the children for the smooth functioning of the school and instilling of the virtues of leadership and discipline amongst students.

**Badge Ceremony was conducted to give away the badges to the deserving students. We run seven clubs in the school, i.e., Commerce Club, Eco Club, Editorial Club, Geekoz IT Club, Mathematics Club, Scientia Club and Quiz Club.** Commerce Club organised a Commerce exhibition titled "Vanijjya Mahotsav" on 20 October 2023. XI and XII students of Commerce stream prepared innovative models and charts based on the topics in Accountancy, Business Studies and Economics. The event cultivated the spirit of teamwork and learning by doing.

Eco Club conducted rallies and Plantation drives for a greener planet. Editorial Club put in execution competitions like Mono acting, poetry recitation and Nukkad Natak to create a literary aptitude and verbal and written skills amongst students. This year, Geekoz IT Club conducted competitions such as Web Designing and PPT on topics like environmental hazards, yoga etc. Scientia Club arranged an educational visit to the National Physical Laboratory for XI, XII science students which helped them in enhancing their innovative skills along with the scientific temperament. Quiz Club has been rigorously enriching students' minds on general awareness, literary, technological, and scientific areas. And, Maths Club helped in cultivating the right skill set for Mathematics in students by conducting debates and other similar activities. Students are found joyful while participating in the activities of their choice.

Similarly, **The Investiture Ceremony** was also conducted in the month of July. The deserving Council Team members were selected on the basis of interviews taken by the panel of teachers. Parents' bliss knew no bounds when they savoured the moments of their children getting the badges.

Besides this, **Installation Ceremony** was held in this session too wherein members of the Interact Club are given the badges. They work on social issues to uplift the needy and the underprivileged. A one-act play competition was conducted for the senior wing students on sensitive issues such as mental health and LGBTQIA by the club that encouraged the children to reflect on the need for empathy and compassion. Interactors visited Sanjay Gandhi Shelter Home for animals and donated coolers along with 75 kg of rice. Book donation campaign was also carried out in the school. More than 20,000 books were donated to the NGO, Guzaarish. At the same time, twelve Interactors attended District Interact Leadership Training held at APJ, Sheikh Sarai on 2nd December 2023.

**‘Joy of Giving’** theme was celebrated in the month of December. Teachers and students gave generous amounts of charity to help several organisations in their noble endeavour to work for the poor, elderly and the needy. We collected a worthy amount of Rs. 202995/- Bed sheets and Bed mattresses were offered to ARYA Gurukul Tihar Gram Orphanage that is working towards making the life of many orphans aged between 4 to 14 years worthy. Computer Systems were bought and donated for the training of the inmates at Akhil Bhartiya Netrahin Sangh that is serving the visually impaired people by imparting free education and training for job oriented courses. MAIKA (Sweet Home Anathalaya) homes destitute girl children and women by providing them free shelter, food, medical and day to day facilities. Groceries, stationery items, Baby Products and daily need items were joyfully received by their team. Students learnt the lessons of compassion, helpfulness and generosity for lifetime.

Teachers’ Day was celebrated on 05.09.2023 with a lot of excitement and cheer. Class XII students had come dressed as teachers and taken classes. Class photographs were clicked and the day culminated in joy.

While the school was organising such grand events, our students were etching their names in the history of zonal as well as inter-school competitions. Our school bagged some amazing prizes in competitions like Fantasia held at Adarsh Public School and Spectrum held at Bosco Public School. Vivante 2023 held at DAV Public School also brought home the coveted first prizes. We also left our imprints in the records of Arcadia 2023 held at Paramount International School. Technophilia held at Mamta Modern School, Unnat at Indraprastha World School and Confluence at K R Mangalam World School again conferred several first and second position prizes on our students.

**Ganeev Kaur of Class XI (Vocal Classical category solo) and Niharika Chhabra of Class XII (Hindi Extempore) bagged the prestigious second and third positions respectively, at the State Level competition. It's a huge feat to be praised by all.**

**Ganeev Kaur also won third place in the Vocal Classical Music competition (state level) organised by Kala Utsav, which is an initiative to promote arts in education.**

**Not only this, In Vocal music - Girls Semi classical Junior category, Hiranya Jain of class VII won the first position at the zonal level and also cleared the inter-zonal round to qualify for the prestigious state level competition.**

**Trijal Kapoor of Class X brought another first position for the school in Hindi Zonal Declamation Senior category (boys) and got the second position at the inter-zonal level; along with Vedant Thakur of class VIII who stood first in the Zonal Boys Hindi Poetry Recitation Competition (Jr). and bagged the third prize at the inter-zonal level.**

**In Khelo India Delhi State Yogasana Sports Championship, Shiveen Kaur bagged a second prize in Traditional Individual category and Kayra Khanna received a third prize in Artistic Individual category. Also, both the girls won a fabulous first position as the artistic pair and second place in Rhythmic pair.**

**Kavyansh Jain of Class X was selected by SGFI (School Games Federation of India) for the National level under 19 Recurve event in Archery. He has played at the national level and made all of us proud.**

These students have glorified the walls of St. Cecilia's Public School with their wondrous attainments.

A lot more prizes were bagged in the field of sports such as Table Tennis, badminton, yoga, rope skipping, handball, athletic events, cricket etc. In fact, the school put into execution G-20 sports activities like chess, basketball, cricket etc where students participated with full vigour. Class-wise sports meets were also enjoyed by the students where several sports were included for children's physical education and activity.

Talented Cecilians do not stop and jump in the bandwagon ; bringing stupendous results in all areas of life. **Bineet Kaur and Shrishti Tyagi of Class X won the third position at the State level event "Science and Mathematics Exhibition" held on 4 December 2023.** The students presented their project on the topic – Millets: Forgotten Grains or Smart Crops. Our hearts are elated at the wonderful growth journeys that our students undertake every day.



Apart from these, our students secured several positions at the zonal level in events like Hindi Declamation, Hindi Poetry Recitation, English debate (boys), English declamation, Vocal semi classical music (junior girls), Qawwali (senior boys), Slogan writing, Poster making, Paper mache, etc.

It is a sheer delight to witness the amount of talent this building possesses. Our students have proved it time and again that "Diamonds are nothing more than chunks of coal that stuck to their jobs." It is because of their hard work and commitment that we enjoy such outcomes.

When we talk about activities and events, Kindergarten and the primary wing of the school cannot be left behind. The school was reverberating with interesting activities throughout the year. Students were seen participating in the celebration of important days and festivals like Earth Day, Mother's Day, Children's Day, Constitution Day etc. Engaging activities such as Show & Tell, Sounds & pronunciation activities, reading comprehension etc. were done throughout the academic year. We celebrate all the festivals and national days in their true spirit across all the wings. Mahashivratri, Basant Panchmi, Diwali, Dussehra, Gurpurab, Christmas, etc were enjoyed and cherished through assemblies and activities. Days of national significance such as Independence Day, Republic Day, Gandhi Jayanti, Ambedkar Jayanti, Armed Forces Day, and so on arouse a sense of belongingness to the country and a spirit of service amongst students.

It cannot be forgotten how beautifully the tiny tots of our pre-primary section amalgamated their dancing, singing, speaking and theatrical skills to present the impressive spectacles of '**Adbhut Bharat**'. The diverse, cherished Indian culture was showcased in front of the parents. From Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh to Gujarat, Jharkhand and Goa, the performances were spellbinding!

These events tried to inculcate a sense of nationalistic pride amongst the children who will be the harbingers of positive changes tomorrow.

Our Nursery class students were not behind. They presented an enthralling extravaganza in their presentations; displaying the values of **Sharing is Caring** and **Togetherness is Happiness**. Their story enactment was top notch that charmed the audience while simultaneously inculcating such beautiful values of life.

Students learnt these values and gained confidence to face huge gatherings with aplomb and enthusiasm.

As we can see, a lot of teaching and learning happens beyond the textbooks and classrooms in the 21st century. For that, we conducted workshops, campaigns, sessions and seminars on a plethora of topics such as – anti-bullying, pathways to success, Communication skills and public speaking, intelligence Quotient Vs Emotional Quotient, self defence camp for girls, Peak Performance Workshop, Critical Thinking and Perspective building, stream selection, journalism and so forth.

Students of classes VI to XII saw ‘Pariksha pe Charcha’ live program on YouTube on 27.12.2023. Our Honourable Prime Minister addressed the students from all over the country and offered valuable guidance with respect to performing better in the exams.

To have meaningful interactions between teachers and parents, the school conducted regular Parent Teacher meetings. Parents were apprised of their ward’s strengths and weaknesses for overall improvement and progress. Along with this, students were benefited by the remedial classes that were taken from time to time.

To enhance other aspects of students' personalities, theme-based assemblies were arranged throughout the year. Relevant topics were taken up such as dignity of labour, National Unity Day, Mental Health Awareness, Harmful Effect of single-use Plastic, Road Safety, etc.

To cater to the mental and emotional well-being of our students, regular counselling sessions were conducted by the School counsellor on topics such as Time Management, Relationship Building, Delinquent Behaviour, Social Skills and Etiquettes, Menstrual Hygiene, Morality and Values, Goal Setting, Team Work, Emotional Intelligence, Good Touch and Bad Touch and so on. These sessions proved fruitful for the students as they found themselves better equipped to handle academic demands as well as personal issues related to peer pressure and adolescence.

We also pride ourselves on the fact that our vision for our children's bright future goes far and wide. We never restrict ourselves to the CBSE curriculum. Keeping in mind the students’ admissions after XII, this year we began with the CUET mock examination to enhance their confidence and give them practice in all the subjects.

Keeping in accordance with the CBSE guidelines, we introduced skill-based subjects for class IX and class XI students in 2023-24. Class IX was given the choice between IT and Healthcare while Class XI saw the introduction of Mass Media Studies, Retail and Painting in their curriculum. It's an effective step taken to help the students in their holistic development.

St. Cecilia's is a modern, go-ahead institution that is always striving to do better and be better. We believe in Carl Roger's words, "The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn and change." Therefore, we also host Capacity Building Programmes for teachers so that they keep themselves updated and equipped to address the challenges of the demanding times. This session had three CBP workshops on '**Learning Outcomes and Pedagogies**', '**Life Skills (Advance)**' and '**National Curriculum Framework Foundation Stage**' for all the teachers. Teachers found these immensely helpful and effective for dealing with students in a much more constructive manner.

Teaching fraternity also attended other workshops throughout the year such as 'Empowering Mind Power', 'Teaching Phonetics', 'Spiritual Rejuvenating Talk' by Prabhu Bali Murari Das from Iskcon, Dwarka, 'Art of Living' and so on.

Further, in the month of January, **Class XII Farewell** was held with great fervour and warmth. Class XI hosted the event wonderfully. Chairman Sir, Manager ma'am and Director sir had graced the event and blessed the outgoing batch for their future. Cultural performances were the highlight of the day. Everyone enjoyed the foot tapping dances and rhythmic songs. Mementos were given to them as a cherished memory for lifetime. In the end, lunch was relished by one and all.

Also, there was a **Blessing Ceremony for class X** students in February 2024. Students were given tips and tricks to crack the Board exams without panicking. We are sure that our valuable mentorship will definitely result in the expected outcomes.

When students work so arduously, they need relaxation and break too. To cater to their recreational needs, **picnics** were arranged for all the classes. Classes IX to XII students were taken to Lohagarh Farms, Gurugram while classes VI to VIII went to Vishalgarh Farms. III to V class students enjoyed their trip to the Adventurous Wonderland Kidzania while Prep, Nursery, I and II class students were overjoyed and had a fun-filled picnic to the National Rail Museum.

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This academic session also witnessed **the retirement functions and farewell of our two adored teachers. Ms. Nishi Awasthi and Ms. Neeru Bhardwaj completed their tenure of working at St. Cecilia's and bid a lovely goodbye after leaving an indelible mark of dedication, strength and positivity for all of us.** The farewells were graced by the management and all the staff members where cherished tokens of gifts were presented to the retiring teachers which was followed by the sumptuous lunch.

This academic year was definitely the quintessential phase that offered a lot of learnings and insights to progress in future.

We are grateful to the management for constantly standing with us like a rock and teaching us the lesson to face the hurdles head on where solutions can be reached and progress can be ensured.

With our persevering teaching and non-teaching staff, parents' esteemed contribution and the joyous presence of our students, we are sure to move forward in leaps and bounds.

We hope to march onwards and fulfil our goal of providing an all-inclusive, encompassing and comprehensive educational environment to our dearest students.

With the Almighty's blessings and our unceasing persistence, we are sure to reach many more trailblazing landmarks in our journey ahead. May we continue to be the trendsetters in the field of education that is truly integral in nature.

Best wishes to all!

**Inderpreet Bhumra**  
**Principal**