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**"Team work is the ability to work together towards a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments towards organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results". – Andrew Carnegie**

The 2024-25 academic session at St. Cecilia's Public School stood as a shining testament to unparalleled teamwork, unwavering rigour, and exceptional brainpower, setting a benchmark for greatness.

At St. Cecilia's, we firmly believe that the collaborative momentum amongst all the members is the driving force behind an institution's success. By harnessing our collective intellect and embracing an energized spirit, we set ourselves in motion towards our goals and objectives. This approach not only paved the way for remarkable progress and positivity but also allowed us to relish the rewards of strong partnership and meaningful relationships. The resultant atmosphere helped us to promote the feelings of mutual respect and regard amongst each other.

Our parent community also shares a strong partnership with us. When they engage in the children's learning journey, it helps us to encourage a positive and supportive environment that enhances academic performance and personal growth. The gap between home and the school is bridged to ensure better communication and student well-being.

The distinguished members of the management - Chairman Sir, Madam Manager and Director Sir - serve as our guiding force, steadfastly nurturing the school's vision and mission, with a profound commitment to the welfare and betterment of society as the ultimate goal. The exceptional teaching faculty diligently executes this vision, enabling the institution to achieve extraordinary and unforgettable results. Like a flower in full bloom, the school flourishes in an environment that fosters excellence. The fully functional air-conditioned infrastructure further enhances this ambiance, creating the perfect setting for academic brilliance and holistic growth, propelling us even closer to our noble aspirations.

**Our school takes immense pride in providing specialized coaching in sports and instrumental music-table tennis, shooting, archery, cricket, skating, rope skipping, guitar, tabla, drums, casio, harmonium.**

To ensure excellence, expert coaches have been meticulously appointed, offering students a platform to hone their talents and master new skills. This empowers students to explore their passions with professional guidance which is integrated into the curriculum. The vision for the holistic development of students seamlessly transforms into the teachers' mission, ensuring that each student feels valued and acknowledged on their journey to unlocking their full potential.

The entire staff at St. Cecilia's Public School exemplifies perfection, driven by dedication to serving the institution and the community as compassionate guides.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our ever-encouraging parents, who have consistently stood by us, championing our visionary goals for the welfare of their children. However, none of this would hold true significance without the cooperation and determination of our beloved students, who have remained resilient and adaptive through trying times.

Our students were outstanding in the CBSE Board results this year.

**Our toppers from the Commerce Stream are – Saksham Arya who stands at an excellent 97.4% aggregate; followed by Tanvileen Kaur with a wonderful 94.2% aggregate. Our third topper from the Commerce stream is Deepika Arya who scored 92.6 %.**

**In Science stream, Mehar Bajaj scored 96% aggregate and bagged I position as science school topper. Sriza Goel scored 95 % aggregate at II Position and Bhavishya Khurana scored 94.8 % at III position.**

**A total number of 466 distinctions and 160 merits were achieved by the students. Our highest score in Accountancy, Business Studies, and Computer Science is a fabulous 100/100.**

**Similarly, in class X, Sherel Rajput stands first with 95.8%, followed by Manan Raheja and Avni Kapoor with 95.6 and 95.4% scores respectively. In Class X, a total number of 460 distinctions and 186 merits were achieved by the students.**

These shining stars of Cecilia's have set the example for other students to follow their footsteps and fulfill their academic dreams.

The deserving prodigies were felicitated with awards, trophies and certificates for their exemplary performances on the landmark celebration of Annual Function held on 20.12.2024.

Several **scholarships** were awarded to the meritorious students too. Scholarship of Rs.24,000/- each was awarded to the students of Class XII who scored aggregate 85 % - 94.9 % marks in Class XI. Similarly, 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.

Our alumni have been illuminating the name of the institution and making us proud with their success stories.

**Manit Singh Bhatia secured an All-India rank III in the ICAI Intermediate Exam.**

**Dev Verma, our alumni performed amazingly at National Entrance Screening Test 2024 with All India rank 196 out of 27973.**

**Ronit Butolia secured 361 rank in JEE Mains and got admission in IIT, Kanpur. Nirmitt Bhatia scored 670/720 in the most prestigious NEET exam, 2023-24. Riya Singh, our alumni, made the school**

**proud by being selected at the national level in the School Innovation Contest by the Ministry of Education. Her idea, "Bullet-Resistant Lightweight Body Armour for Defence," stood out among 2.5 lakh submissions.**

**Further, Unnat Bhatia of class X added another feather in our cap. He earned the State Level Mukhyamantri Vigyan Pratibha Pariksha (MVPP), Scholarship, receiving ₹5000 and an appreciation certificate from the Department of Education, GNCT of Delhi.**

He also showcased his mathematical prowess by clearing the first round of CBSE Aryabhatta Ganit Challenge in September and the second round held on October 8, 2024 in online mode. He secured an impressive 29th rank in the West Delhi Zone.

**Ganeev Kaur of Class XII secured a wonderful first position in Senior Classical Girls solo, reaching the district level of the competition. She not only participated further, but came out with flying colours at the state level too.**

**And, Tejas Arun of class XI participated in the National Automobile Olympiad.** With his genius mind and calibre, he reached the national level of the Olympiad and brought us immense honour.

**Not only this, Tejas' idea of 'Use of Wheat Straw Plastic mulch sheets for sustainable crop management' got selected for the E - Pitching Round at the School Innovation Contest of the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell that aims to motivate and nurture school students' bright ideas and innovations and fund the selected innovations to build products/technology.** We hope that Tejas gets selected for further progress in his innovative idea.

Additionally, Jasmine Kaur of Class X has etched her name in the school records with her wonderful idea of 'The Parali Labs : An Innovative Approach to Repurposing Agricultural Waste'. Jasmine has attempted to develop co-friendly products using agricultural and paper waste to minimize environmental impact and raise awareness about the importance of sustainable practices in agricultural waste management.

We are proud of her noble idea that got recognition at **INSPIRE - MANAK Program**, being executed by DST with National Innovation Foundation –India (NIF) that aims to target one million original ideas/innovations rooted in science and societal applications to foster a culture of creativity and innovative thinking among school children of Classes 6 to 10. **She has received Rs. 10,000/- funding so that she can further work on the idea.**

These achievements are the true reflection of the spirit of hard work and success that Cecilians carry in themselves. The Annual Function celebration at St. Cecilia's Public School was a grand tribute to this spirit. Graced by the esteemed school management and our Honourable Chief Guest, Dr. Vandana Kalia, a distinguished scientist from the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research, the event was a magnificent cultural fiesta titled 'Vigyaan ki Udaan'. This vibrant celebration honoured the remarkable lives and legacies of six extraordinary scientists — Homi Bhabha, Vikram Sarabhai, Jagdish Chandra Bose, C.V. Raman, M.S. Swaminathan, and Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. Through captivating performances and thought-provoking presentations, the event beautifully encapsulated their invaluable contributions to the world of science and inspired young minds to reach new heights.

Parents were truly captivated by the spell binding talent on display and the impeccable planning that brought the occasion to life. Every individual gave their absolute best and made the event a resounding success.

On 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024, the school organised '**Panoramic Mosaic**' - Glimpse of India, a middle wing students' exhibition. All the students of classes VI to VIII participated enthusiastically to display their

innovative and creative skills in the form of models, charts, displays, role plays and much more. Various states of India were brought under one roof, highlighting their cultural and traditional richness. Unity in Diversity - the theme manifested wonderfully in front of the parents.

Our **Prep** students showed exceptional talent in various spectacles titled '**Our Nest is Best, Green Carnival**', '**Navras - The Journey of Life**', '**Harmonizing the Five Elements**' and '**Dancing Drops**'. Graceful and majestic performances embellished the stage; complemented by their cheerful smiles and passion.

Our **Nursery** class students mesmerized the audience equally. They put up fantastic events in their presentations titled '**World of Wonders**' and '**Glimpses of my Country: India**'. The joyous gathering of parents appreciated the performances and encouraged the hard work and preparedness behind it.

Continuing with the tradition, we conducted **Orientation Programmes** for classes Nursery, I, VI and IX this year too. Parents were familiarized with the curriculum, rules, regulations and teaching methodologies

to be followed for the entire academic session. These programmes help the parents as well as the students to be mentally prepared for the year ahead. The school counselor also addressed the parents to guide them about life skills and their significance.

To instill the virtues of leadership, discipline and teamwork, the school organised The **Investiture Ceremony** on 4 May. Rigorous interviews were conducted by the panel of teachers and deserving candidates were finalised and given the badges on the eventful day. Parents were enthralled to witness their children holding dignified positions in the Student Council Team.

Just like the previous years, '**Odyssey 2024**', the inter-school competition, was a success this year as well. It was held on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. Almost 56 schools from across Delhi and NCR with more than 900 participants availed the platform that offered them an opportunity of experiential learning, while promoting the spirit of competing with integrity.

Students of classes I to XII enrolled in different categories of twelve unique events, designed as per the students' age, capabilities and interests.

On 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2024, St. Cecilia's hosted its second edition of **Model United Nations** in the school premises. MUN organizing society established seven Committees namely **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**, **United Nations Committee on the States of Women (UNCSW)**, **United Nations Human Rights Commission (UNHRC)**, **All India Political Party Meet (AIPPM)**, **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** and **International Press (IP)**. Delegates showcased their deliberations, intellectual discourses and write-ups that were associated with seeking global environmental policies, universal brotherhood, and peace to address the immediate issues of global importance.

The MUN Closing Ceremony, held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024, witnessed distinguished dignitaries commending the participants for their intellectual agility and swift responsiveness. Awards were conferred upon the most deserving candidates, recognizing their exceptional merit.

Merriment and joy invariably walk hand in hand with the unwavering mantle of duty and obligation. To ensure the seamless operation of the school and to cultivate leadership and discipline among students, we orchestrated a series of solemn ceremonies to formally entrust them with their respective duties.

A prestigious **Badge Ceremony** was held to confer badges upon the most deserving students. Seven clubs function in the school, i.e., Commerce Club, Eco Club, Editorial Club, Geekoz IT Club, Mathematics Club, Scientia Club, and Quiz Club.

The **Commerce Club** of the school organised a visit to Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) office in East Kidwai Nagar, Delhi for class XII commerce stream students. During this visit, students learned how to make safe investments in the securities market. The visit offered a deeper understanding of financial markets and their regulation.

The **Eco Club** spearheaded rallies fostering a commitment to a greener planet. It organized a Green Plantation Drive to spread the message of sustaining greenery in the environment. Student volunteers planted saplings not only in the school campus but also near their houses. More than 50 student volunteers participated in the activity.

The **Editorial Club** organized engaging competitions such as extempore, debate, round table conferences, etc to nurture literary acumen and enhance students' linguistic proficiency.

This year, the **Geekoz IT Club** hosted stimulating competitions like Interclass Bulletin board competition, E-collage competition, Programming in Python, etc.

The **Scientia Club** aims to enrich students' innovative skills and reasoning abilities.

The **Quiz Club** has been consistently sharpening students' intellect across domains of general awareness, literature, history, technology, and science.

The **Mathematics Club** played a pivotal role in honing mathematical aptitude by conducting competitions and activities such as Basic Operations - Puzzle activity, Abacus making, Vedic Maths activity and so on.

Students choose their areas of interest and participate with zeal. Such activities not only refine their skills but also give them an opportunity to work with others and learn the spirit of competition.

**Installation Ceremony** finalises the team of students who exemplify the ethics of 'community commitment' and 'service before self' to encourage others to exhibit the same. The ceremony was held in the month of July. Students took the oath that they will walk on the path of peace, universal brotherhood, kindness, compassion and empathy.

**The Interact Club** organised 'Winter Carnival' in the month of December to celebrate the spirit of '**Joy of Giving**'. It collected funds which were then donated to the needy and the underprivileged. The winter carnival showcased vibrant stalls hosted by the students of Classes VIII, IX, X, and XI. These stalls offered a range of engaging games such as 'Mystery Box', 'Lock & Key', 'Pick the brick' alongside delectable food items like rajma chawal, chaat, sandwiches, soup, vada pav, aloo kachori, confectionery items, etc.

Through the generous contributions of students and staff, a remarkable amount of ₹1,96,270/- was raised. Student representatives from classes III to XI along with the teacher Incharges of the clubs visited **Maika** – an organization helping underprivileged girls and women who are deprived of social support. School donated needful stationery, grocery, daily essentially items etc. as requested to them. Students made a visit to **Arya Gurukul Tihar Gram Orphanage** and donated 5 Ironracks and a set of Kurta Pyjamas for forty seven young boys as per their requirement. Students also donated groceries on

behalf of the school at **Matra Chhaya – a children's home** for homeless and abandoned children. Students also visited **Akhil Bhartiya Netrahin Sangh (Blind School)** where they interacted with the blind inmates and were sensitized about their routine activities. The school donated a water dispenser and groceries. On 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2025, the school also donated money to the **Red Cross Society** for helping the needy.

On 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2025, students alongwith Teacher Incharges visited **Sanjay Gandhi Animal Care Centre** at Raja Garden where the school donated 3 inspecting tables and medicines required by the centre authorities.

The Interact Club also volunteered to organise Book donations along with newspapers and old magazines donations to several NGOs. Approximately 15000 books were donated to **Hamara Book Bank**, Karol Bagh, **Guzaarish NGO** and **Family of Disabled**, JanakPuri. Such activities instill the values of helpfulness and generosity among students.

**Teachers' Day** was joyously celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024, brimming with enthusiasm and heartfelt appreciation. Class XII students, donning the role of teachers, stepped into classrooms, creating a delightful role – reversal experience. The day was beautifully captured in class photographs, and the celebrations concluded on a note of happiness and gratitude.

As the school orchestrated these magnificent events, our students were making their mark in the records of zonal and inter-school competitions, showcasing their exceptional talent and determination.

Our school bagged fabulous prizes in competitions like Cynosure 2024 held at G.D. Goenka Public School and Zenith 2024 held at Air Force Golden Jubilee Institute. Chrysallis 2024 and Spectrum, the inter school events also brought home several prizes that filled us with pride. We shone bright in the events held at Indraprastha World School, Shah International School and Doon Public School.

Not only this, we bagged various first prizes at zonal level competitions such as Dhruv Awasthi in Junior Boys Hindi declamation, Pranay Gulati in Instrumental (Swar) category boys, Folk Dance Boys group, Qawwali girls' group, etc.

**In the CBSE National Archery event, Jaskirat Kaur, Jiya Arya and Samaira got the IV position.**

**In Archery (CBSE) State Level, U-17 category Indian Round, Sifat Kaur, Gunagya and Alaina Tamang got the amazing first position.**

**In the U-17 Compound Round, Jiya Arya X, Jaskirat Kaur and Samaira VII also bagged the first position.**

**And, under S.G.F.I (School Games Federation of India), Jaskirat Kaur of our school bagged the third position in Archery.**

**In Shooting (CBSE) State level, U-14 girls Chitgun Kaur, Drishyaa Baweja, Manya Chawla bagged the esteemed first prize.**

**In the U-17 girls category, Kaashvi Aggarwal, Vanshika Gupta and Mankaran Kaur got the second position.**

**In the U-14 boys category, Gunveer Singh Khurana, Ishit Sandhu and Santpreet Singh got another second position.**

These students have adorned the legacy of St. Cecilia's Public School with their remarkable achievements.

A multitude of accolades was secured in various sports, including badminton, yoga, rope skipping, etc.

Cecilians have a pool of talent. This year a team of six students of Class XI Science stream scoring above 90% aggregate marks in Class X Board Examination visited the **INSPIRE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME 2024** from 8 July to 12 July 2024 held at Miranda House, University of Delhi under the supervision of the Science Department Teachers.

The live simulation of the **Youth Parliament** at school was another highlight of the year. It vividly underscored the pivotal role of youth in shaping the nation's political landscape.

Students took on the roles of members of the Ruling and Opposition parties, engaging in dynamic debates on pressing issues such as economic development and growth, national security, environmental sustainability, and reforms in education and healthcare.

The event replicated parliamentary proceedings and showed a profound understanding of governance and policy making.

A lot of workshops, campaigns, sessions and seminars were held throughout the year on topics such as – **anti-bullying, Communication skills, Peak Performance Workshop, Critical Thinking and Perspective building, stream selection, Building Resilience in Children** and so forth.

To nurture productive engagement between teachers and parents, the school organized regular **Parent-Teacher Meetings** throughout the session. During these sessions, parents were informed about their child's capabilities and areas needing improvement, ensuring holistic growth and development. Additionally, students gained from periodic remedial classes designed to enhance their learning and performance.

**CUET mock examinations** were continued for Class XII this year as well. These help the students to face entrance exams with better preparation and confidence later on.

Our annual academic framework continued with the **skill-based subjects** in classes IX and XI. Additionally, this year class X and XII students appeared for the skill subject Board examination too. Classes IX and X continued with the choice between IT and Healthcare while Classes XI and XII opted between Mass Media Studies and Retail. With these subjects, students are able to explore facets of their personalities not known earlier.

When it comes to exploring talents and skills, vibrant activities and celebrations are a huge part of the Kindergarten and Primary Wing of the school. The campus buzzed with energy throughout the year as young learners eagerly participated in a spectrum of enriching events.

Students enthusiastically engaged in the observance of significant days and festivals such as **Earth Day, Mother's Day, Children's Day, and Constitution Day**. Thoughtfully designed activities like **Show & Tell, phonetic drills, and reading comprehension sessions** enriched their learning experience.

Festivals and national observances were embraced with profound enthusiasm across all wings of the school. Celebrations of **Mahashivratri, Basant Panchami, Diwali, Dussehra, Gurpurab, and Christmas** were brought to life through special assemblies and interactive activities, fostering cultural appreciation.

Days of national importance — including **Independence Day, Republic Day, Gandhi Jayanti, Ambedkar Jayanti, and Armed Forces Day**—instilled a deep sense of patriotism, nurturing in students a heartfelt connection to their heritage and a spirit of service.

Going beyond academics and curriculum, school education also caters to the mental and emotional well-being of the students. Regular **counseling sessions** were taken for students from time to time on topics such as Life Skills, Relationship Building, Social Skills and Etiquettes, Morality and Values, Team Work, Good Touch and Bad Touch and so on.

Students were greatly benefited by these sessions as these prepared them to manage academic challenges while also navigating personal issues such as peer pressure and the complexities of adolescence.

It is truly exhilarating to witness the immense talent that thrives in this school. Our students continue to exemplify the adage, "Success often requires a strong work ethic and the willingness to put in

consistent effort over time. Diligence is the engine that propels individuals towards their goals, helping them overcome challenges and setbacks". Their dedication and relentless hard work have been the driving forces behind these milestones, bringing well-deserved glory to our institution.

At St. Cecilia's, we believe in the words, "Continuous learning is the minimum requirement for success in any field." Therefore, several **Capacity Building Programmes** were arranged for teachers to help the mind dealing with the challenges of the current times. We had three CBP workshops on '**Stress Management**', '**Active Learning**' and '**Use of Artificial Intelligence in Education**'. The workshops were highly appreciated by the teaching fraternity for keeping them up-to-date.

Students' expectations and excitement with respect to excursions were taken care of. Classes III-V students were taken on an educational one-day trip to Kidzania. VI to XII students were taken to Rangmanch Farms, Gurugram while Prep and Nursery students were filled with enthusiasm as a trip to National Rail Museum was arranged for them.

The month of February witnessed **Class XII Farewell** celebration. Class XI hosted the event. It was graced by the benign presence of Chairman Sir, Madam Manager and Director Sir. The vibrant cultural performances captivated the audience with energetic dances and melodious songs. Participants were presented with mementos as treasured keepsakes. The event concluded with a delightful lunch, savored by all.

A solemn **Blessing Ceremony** was also held for the Class X students, equipping them with invaluable strategies to excel in their Board exams with confidence and composure. They were guided with expert tips and techniques to navigate the challenges ahead without stress. With our mentorship and their dedication, we are certain that their hard work will translate into outstanding success.

We successfully conducted the Annual Examination with utmost smoothness and efficiency. Fair and comprehensive assessment of students' learning throughout the year is the objective of the exams. The annual exams and results stand as a true reflection of the collective hard work put in by students, teachers and parents, reinforcing the values of discipline, consistency and excellence.

Similarly, the school successfully executes the conduction of CBSE Board Examinations 2024-25. While following all the rules and norms, the exams reflected our commitment to education and student welfare.

As we reflect on this remarkable year, we take pride in the achievements, growth, and resilience demonstrated by our students and staff. This year has been a testament to our commitment to excellence in academics, co-curricular activities, and character building.

With renewed enthusiasm, we look forward to embracing new challenges and opportunities in the coming year, continuing our journey of learning, innovation and success. Together, we strive to uphold the values and vision that define our institution, shaping future leaders and responsible global citizens.

As we commence with the new session 2025-26, we promise to commit to excellence, growth and endless possibilities that will be further explored and enhanced for the betterment of the students as well as the institution.

With the right mindset and action-oriented approach, we will certainly make new records, reach further miles and move closer to fulfilling the vision of the institution.

Best wishes to all for the session 2025-26.