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From the Principal's Desk

St Joseph's Indian Primary School is a new entrant into the Josephite family which is more than a century old. The guiding values of compassion, commitment, conscience, competence, creativity, critical thinking, collaboration and care for mother earth and the whole of the cosmos, are the foundation on which we proceed to build our School. Along with the excellent infrastructure which is already in place, we hope to offer a broader range of co-curricular activities as the School grows.

We are fired with the force and fervour of Jesuit education behind our motto 'Faith and Toil', to transform the lives of students by making them academically accomplished, athletically vibrant, morally strong and socially sensitive.

It is natural that you look forward to shaping your child's future and by choosing SJIPS, you are enrolling your child in a school that is committed to ensure that your child reaches his/her fullest potential.

We in turn are committed to nurture each student's potential and personalize their learning experience. Our professional and motivated faculty is dedicated to innovative methods of teaching. We aim to keep our students' dreams and aspirations alive.

At the core of all our education is our value system. This is based on our vision of education as described by St Ignatius of Loyola, the democratic ideals of our nation and the deep rooted traditions of our country. As we embark on this new venture, we seek the blessings of God Almighty and the support of all our parents and collaborators so that we can do our very best.

Rev Fr Sunil Cletus Fernandes SJ



**Thank You to
our Former Rector**



Rev Fr Anil D'Mello SJ

**A Warm Welcome to Rev Fr Leo Pereira SJ
who took charge from Rev Fr Anil D'Mello SJ.
We look forward to his guidance and support.**

**A Warm Welcome to
our New Rector**



Rev Fr Leo Pereira SJ

EVENTS OF THE SEMESTER

Orientation for Teachers



Mr Glen Brass, Founder and Principal Advisor of 'Peoples' Pulse' conducted a seminar on 'The Teacher as an Educationist', teacher-student relationship, role of the teacher in society and the relationship between parents and teachers. The main aim of the seminar was to build team spirit among teachers and awareness on the broader role of the teacher.

Orientation for Parents



Orientation for parents began with a prayer and welcome address. Our new Principal Fr Sunil Fernandes explained the rules and regulations of the school.

Inauguration of the New School Building



On 23 July the new school building of SJIPS was inaugurated. This solemn occasion was graced by the Archbishop of Bangalore Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, the MLA of Shanthinagar Constituency, Mr N.A. Harris, the Provincial of Karnataka Jesuits, Dr. Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza SJ, the Rector Fr. Leo Pereira SJ, Fr Anil D'Mello SJ, Fr. Anthony Joseph SJ, the BEO of North Range, Mr Ramesh Kumar, the Principal Fr. Sunil Fernandes SJ, the Vice Principal Fr. Melwyn Lobo SJ, Fr. Manoj D'Souza SJ and Educational Consultant Ms Sucheta Kalappa.

The auspicious occasion began with a prayer dance by our students invoking God's blessings. Lighting the lamp and cutting of the ribbon as a symbol of joy and achievement was done by



Fr. Dr. Stanislaus D'Souza SJ, the Provincial of Karnataka Jesuits. The MLA of Shanthinagar Constituency Mr. N A Harris unveiled the plaque. The Archbishop of Bangalore Dr. Bernard Moras delivered a meaningful message sharing God's grace and mercy on his people. The Rector, Fr. Leo Pereira SJ, felicitated the architects, engineers and contractors who toiled tirelessly towards the completion of the building.

The students put up a lively dance as part of the show, concluding with an expression of gratitude by our student Arpitha of Class 3.

Inter-Religious Prayer Service



The first Inter-Religious Prayer Service was held on 29 June to bring about a spirit of tolerance and to encourage harmony among different religions. The students read from different holy books and sang hymns and bhajans in different languages.

Curriculum Day

"The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows" - Sydney J Harris. Curriculum day was held on 2 July. Parents and teachers introduced themselves and the former



learnt about the CBSE curriculum and syllabus. They were also made aware of the academic content and other activities for the academic year.

Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola



A solemn Mass was celebrated on 31 July in the school quadrangle on the occasion of the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus. The main celebrant was Rev. Fr. Joseph Mathias SJ, Rector of St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bengaluru. Parents of all the Catholic students were invited for the Eucharist. Fr. Mathias stressed on the Ignatian value of service to humanity and exhorted all the students to grow in the Ignatian spirit.

Child Protection Workshops



A team from INSA-India conducted an educative seminar on 'Safe and Unsafe Touch' on 9 and 10 August for students from LKG to Class 7.

An educational workshop for parents on 'Parenting Skills for Child Protection' was conducted on 28 August by Ms. Edwina Pereira and Ms. Agatha Shekar from INSA-India. They spoke on child sexual abuse, Erikson's stages of development, safe and unsafe touch, and how to communicate with children.

Health Check Up



The doctors from St Philomena's Hospital conducted a routine health checkup for our students on 18 and 19 August. Advice was given

to those parents whose child needed additional intervention and follow ups.

Independence Day



We celebrated Independence Day with great joy and fervour. Prof. Cherian Alexander, the Head of the Department of English at St Joseph's College, was the chief guest. The performance by students inspired one and all to imbibe the patriotic spirit.

Inauguration of the Clubs



The different clubs were inaugurated in the month of August. Participation in club activities will help boost creativity, innovation and self esteem among the students. The various clubs are Health and Wellness Club, Literary Club, Science Club, Heritage Club, Eco Club and Integrity Club.

Teachers' Day



Teachers' Day began with a tribute to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and had an emotional and recreational touch. A short prayer service was followed by an entertainment programme by the students. A throwball match between the teachers and the students was the highlight of the day.

Investiture Ceremony



"Leadership is unlocking people's potential to become better" - Bill Bradley. A solemn ceremony was held where the young leaders of our School were entrusted with the prestigious badge of leadership to lead and guide their fellow students with sincerity and dedication.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN	Arhaan Ahmed
SCHOOL VICE CAPTAIN	Keira Rafferty
SPORTS CAPTAIN	Chirag Sharma
CITRINE HOUSE CAPTAIN	Pratyush Skanda
VICE CAPTAIN	Vanessa Harshal D'Souza
EMERALD HOUSE CAPTAIN	Farhan
VICE CAPTAIN	Angelina Santosh
RUBY HOUSE CAPTAIN	M Bharath Kumar
VICE CAPTAIN	Thejaswini A T
SAPPHIRE HOUSE CAPTAIN	Subhash Ponnann
VICE CAPTAIN	Rakshita Ramesh

The badge of office was handed over by our Principal, Fr. Sunil Fernandes and our Educational Consultant, Ms. Sucheta Kalappa.

The four houses have been named in keeping with the essence of the Precious Gems - Ruby, Sapphire, Emerald and Citrine. The House Mistress administered the Oath to the House Captains to be loyal and to abide by the rules of the House. The School Captain, Arhaan Ahmed addressed the audience and Keira Rafferty the School Vice Captain, proposed the vote of thanks.

Sports Day



The 3rd Annual Athletic Meet was held on 16 September. The Chief Guest for the day was



Ms. Pratima Kollali, a swimmer of international repute. The Rector of St. Joseph's Indian Institutions, Rev. Fr. Leo Pereira presided over the function along with the Principal Rev. Fr. Sunil Fernandes, Fr Manoj D'Souza and Educational Consultant Ms Sucheta Kalappa. All of them inspired the students with their words of encouragement and the importance of sports in one's life.

The students of the four houses Ruby, Sapphire, Emerald and Citrine were resplendent in their respective house colours and marched briskly past the saluting base in an opening ceremony that was filled with pride and honour. On behalf of the students the school Vice Captain swore to take part in all the events abiding by the rules and regulations. The drills and displays that were exhibited were vibrant and full of vigour. Various



events and novelty races were conducted for the students of different classes. The pyramid display showcased the importance of teamwork and a cheerleading display applauded all the athletes for their performance. The day concluded with a solemn closing ceremony that involved a brisk final march past and a prize distribution.

The best display was awarded to the Ball Display by students of Class 2, 3 and 4. Citrine House was declared the Best House. The entire day was a resounding success with students looking forward to the next Sports Day.

Fun and Frolic Day



Our tiny tots of Pre-Primary have a 'Fun and Frolic Day' every month on various themes.

Over the months the celebrations were centered around the 'Rainy Season', 'Fruits and Vegetables' and 'Animals'. This activity based learning involves face painting, identification of fruits and vegetables, vegetable printing, art and craft. This innovative and creative way of instruction breaks the monotony of regular classroom learning and encourages creativity.

Workshop Builds Teachers' Skills



Drishti together with Sampurna Montfort College conducted a workshop on 'Creating Happy Classrooms' on 28 August. Ten teachers represented our school at the event and shared their learning experiences with the other staff members.

Our teachers attended a State Level Workshop on 'Safe, Secure and Supportive Learning Environment' conducted by Christ University's School of Education. The objectives of the workshop were to cultivate a meaningful relationship with students while creating a safe, secure and supportive climate in school.

An in-house workshop to enhance the teaching-learning experiences was conducted for the teachers by Ms Isabel Paul, a clinical psychologist. The session was both informative and interactive. Teachers were given practical tips and illustrations of errant student behavior. They were provided with probable solutions to make their classrooms more conducive to the development of students, socially and academically.

Trendsetters

Dance



For the first time our school participated in an art conference held by Sublime Art Galleria. 'Berserk' is a national level creative conference for children between the age group of 8-14 years. It aims to raise the artistic capabilities of a child to a new level. The four art verticals - theatre, dance, music, visual art and design are enabled by a select panel of national/international mentors who are accomplished experts in their respective creative fields.

Keira Rafferty from Class 7 represented our school in the dance vertical.

Art

To mark the Independence Day, Bal Bhavan held a painting competition for students of various ages.

Our little Josephite Nithya of Class 1 participated in the event and won the First Prize.



Sports

The enthusiasm and achievements of our athletes never ceases to impress. The students who received accolades in the sporting arena are:

Cluster Level

- 1st Prize : Chirag Sharma (Shot Put)
- 2st Prize : Chirag Sharma (Discus Throw)
- 3rd Prize : Kathiresan S (Discus Throw)
- 3rd Prize : Rakshita Ramesh (600m)
- 3rd Prize : Relay 4x100 Boys

Taluk Level

- 3rd Prize : Chirag Sharma (Shot Put)

Divisional Level

- Gold Medal : Keira Rafferty (500m Skating)
- Silver Medal : Keira Rafferty (300m Skating)

District Level (Cricket)

- Pratyush Skanda, Syed Imdad Ulla,
Presley Shaun Peters and Vrateen P Padti



Dear Parents,

We are happy to share with you our first newsletter after moving into the new building.

Education is about providing a nurturing and balanced environment that encourages a child to achieve his/her own potential. We at SJIPS aim to provide a comprehensive education together with a strong moral foundation. We are constantly upgrading and tailoring our curriculum to offer personalized teaching, keeping in mind each child's individual learning style. We also believe in educating the parents on various aspects of child development.

We would like to update you with information about the activities of the semester. We look forward to your ideas and feedback and hope you enjoy reading this newsletter as much as we have enjoyed putting it together for you.

Sucheta Kalappa Srinath
Educational Consultant

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