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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



The 150<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation has been celebrated across India and world with a spirit of solidarity befitting to Bapuji. A lot of has been written and proclaimed gloriously about this iconic personality who almost single handedly managed to drive away the mighty British. From Prime minister of India to the last one in the far-flung villages of India had an opportunity to revisit and cherish the values of Mahatma Gandhi, on this historic occasion of 150<sup>th</sup> Gandhijayanti. The values taught, lived and spread by Gandhiji such as Ahimsa, Sathyagraha and non-violence is so universal, beyond time and space, inclusive that it can never be removed from the core values that shape not only India but the humanity as a whole. For Gandhiji values are not just a lip service to be articulated and preached, but to be lived out which he did until he breathed last. On this historic occasion, the Desalite Family stand shoulder to shoulder with every Indian and SALUTE the FATHER OF THE NATION.

Mahatma Gandhi said that *“literacy in itself is no education. Literacy is not the end of Education or even the beginning. By education I mean an all-round drawing out of the best in the child-mind, body and spirit”* As we are ready with the next issue of Desalite News & More we are here to interiorize and live wholly once again this ideal of the Father of the Nation. Here at SFS, education has always been what Gandhiji said the all-round development of the child, body, mind and spirit. Day after day, relentlessly SFS always strives to make the education versatile, inclusive, complete and all round. The biannual that is in your hand is a proof. I thank the staff and students for this 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the Desalite News & More. Long live SFS.

**Fr. George Thomas msfs**  
Principal

*Touching lives, moulding future*

## Duke International Model United Nations 2019



The event, which began on 17th May 2019, was opened with a speech delivered by Mr. Arindam Sharma Goswami, the Secretary General of DIMUA 2019. Mr. Goswami also distributed the ID cards to the participants. The event was an opportunity for the participants to transform themselves to be better citizens of the future.

It was a three-day committee session, attended by 8 committees and about 300 delegates. The competition set a very high standard in debating, and the delegates maintained the standard throughout the event. The

participants were well-prepared, and the first-time participants found the event awe-inspiring.

The organizers arranged a colourful 'gala' for the delegates. The delegates got an opportunity to showcase their talents and to voice their opinions freely. There were dances, singing and beatboxing performances that created an electrifying atmosphere.

The third day witnessed the highest level of enthusiasm. The event ended with the closing ceremony, which also included prize distribution. Sarla Birla Public School was awarded the Best School Delegation prize. The event displayed how a high-calibre organizing team with its dedication and hard work can put up an event successfully.

**Rohan Sharma, Class X-A**



## State Karate Championship



The 33rd All Assam State Karate Championship was held on 25th-26th May 2019 at Bhugaswari Pukhanmani Indoor Stadium, Dispur.

SFS students bagged 16 medals in all - 5 gold, 2 silver and 9 bronze. Mr. Gopal Mondal received the best Referee Trophy. It was a note-worthy achievement by the Desalites.

**Mr Gopal Sharma Mandol, Asst. Teacher**



## District Level First Aid Camp

On 9th June 2019, the SFS Scouts and Guides participated in the district level First Aid Camp held at Bharat Scouts and Guides Headquarters, Panbazar. It was a one-day programme, where the cadets learnt how to administer first aid.

**Sahil Paul, Class 8B**





## Felicitating Class X and XII Students for their Academic Performances

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow." Mary Anne Radmacher said it right.

On 10th May, the SFS family felicitated the SFS students of Class X and XII for their outstanding performances in the Board Examination. The ceremony began with a dance invoking the divine, followed by a Bihu dance performance. Rev. Fr. George Thomas congratulated the awardees, and also motivated them to perform even better in future. Mr. Basudev Mandol, Mr. Biju Bora and Mr. Mahesh Pradhan were welcomed and honoured as the Chief Guests of the day. SFS Topper, Jimani Sarma, proposed a vote of thanks at the end of the ceremony. The struggle to get to the top never ends, but an event to recognize such struggles ended at least for the moment.

*Sumi Datta Cl.X A*



## Morning Assembly ( Class XI Talent show)



If you don't act on your talents in your work, people will never know what you are or what talents you have. The morning assembly on 10th June 2019 was an opportunity for Class XI students to showcase their talents. 11 students each from Commerce and Humanities streams mesmerized the school with their amazing dance performances. The Science stream students entertained everyone with their melodious voices.

**Mayur Sarma Cl. XI (Humanities)**





## Blessing of School & Release of School Magazine



Henry Ford had said, "Coming together is the beginning, keeping together is progress and working together is success".

30th April 2019 was indeed a special day for students, teaching and non-teaching staff and

management of SFS Narengi as it witnessed the harmonious blending of the school and its management with the divine. Rev. Fr P.M Mathew led the blessing ceremony and the prayer service. Other priests from the Provincialate joined in to

bless the interior of the school building and its premises.

A school magazine is not a collection of articles; it's more the soul and heart of the people that make up the school. The 14th edition of SFS Magazine was released on the occasion. The ceremony ended with a vote of thanks from Fr. George. It is hoped and prayed that SFS remains a temple of learning and moral values forever.

**Koushik Gogoi Cl. X (C)**



## Magic with learning

Collin Powel said, "A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work".

On 21st May, SFS students had the privilege of attending a session on 'Value-based Learning' conducted by the well-known motivational speaker, Mr. Rajesh Fernando. The students were mesmerized by Mr. Fernando's style of communication and amazing magical acts. The students were impressed by his oratory and drew inspiration from him.

Students were amazed at Mr. Fernando's unique motivational skill. He inspired them to believe in themselves, and he convinced them that if they could do that, anything would be possible for them. Students are grateful to Mr. Fernando for taking time of his busy schedule to be with them at SFS.

**Reshma Begum, Cl. X - B**

## Oath Taking Ceremony



The captains and vice captains along with the Head boy and girl, asst. head boy and girl gathered at the assembly point for a very special occasion on the 12th of April 2019 and that was the

'Oath Taking Ceremony'. It is a day when they take an oath to lead their fellow school mates in the best possible way. This year the school had the honour to have Rev. Father Saji George to hand them the badges and class diaries. An inspiring speech by respected father followed in which he said that a leader does not wait to be served, he is always ready to serve.

In addition, the school's basketball team was presented their trophy for being the champions in the tournament held at Assam Downtown University. Way to go Desalites!

**Sawmlalven Valte, IX C**



## Orchestra by Divine Charity Trust



Nothing can beat human spirit when one is faced with disabilities in life. A lot of people think that disabled people aren't as productive as others. They can't be further from

the truth. This attitude is what creates a division in our society.

On 5th August 2019, a group of talented specially abled souls from Divine visited SFS. The

students learned, were inspired and entertained by these talented people. They shared their inspirational thoughts, sang songs and displayed their talents. The show was organized by Mr. Vincent Reddy, the founder of this NGO. Mr. Reddy is a great source of inspiration, and as he shared his inspirational story with the students, they felt motivated. What impressed them most was the sacrifices he had to make in dedicating his life for charity.

When the programme ended, Sanjiv Kalita, Deep Nayana Sinha and Bhargab Patowary, the School Head Boy, gave the vote of thanks and spoke in appreciation of the day's performances. In response, M. Reddy exhorted everyone to pray for and do whatever they can for the needy.

**Hiyashree Dekka IX A**



## Welcoming Class I Students

Steve Maraboli begins his inspirational poem with the line, "When a new day begins, dare to smile gratefully". Every new day is another chance to change your life. Every morning is a chance at a new day.

On 3rd April, the Desalite family open-heartedly welcomed the tiny tots of class 1 as they stepped into the school for the first time. Some of them were crying even as they held onto their mothers, while some others were spotted with smiles on their faces. Excitement at the new beginning was in the air.

The little ones stood in line, each one holding a candle. The Welcome Ceremony started with a prayer song, followed by the auspicious lighting of the lamp. The ceremony symbolized the new beginning and new hope in everyone's heart. The Principal, Fr. George Thomas, welcomed all students to the new academic year, 2019-2020. He also thanked all parents for their participation and cooperation.

SFS stands firm in its motto of "Touching lives, moulding future" as it welcomed another batch of students to the Desalite family. It pledged to assure betterment and overall development of every student.

**Noshin Nilofer, Cl. IX-B**





## Sister Josna's Birthday



6th August, 2019 wasn't just another day. It was a day of celebration. Sr Josna, who has been serving the school as a great vice principal was the centre of attraction for it was her birthday. Sr. Josna has dedicated her life for the welfare of others. In the two years that she has spent in SFS, she has proved that one can work wonders with love and belief in the heart.

The students had been preparing for this particular day for weeks as they each felt the need to do something for their dearest vice principal. A beautiful dance performance was put up by them.

In his speech the principal, Fr George Thomas expressed how Sr Josna has been a gift for everyone in the Desalite family. Sr Josna thanked the principal and the staff for their non stop support.

**Ritwesh Deb, VIII B**

## Independence Day Celebration



'Freedom is something that money can't buy; it is a result of the struggles of many brave hearts.' On 15th August, 2019, the desalite family witnessed a grand 73rd independence day celebration. The programme started at sharp 7:45 am with the arrival of the chief guest, Mr Angshuman Bora, Senior advocate of Guwahati High court who hoisted the flag. This was followed by an enthusiastic march past and band display. The patriotic song sung by the talented students made everyone recall the martyrs who shed their blood for the motherland. On this day the school also paid homage to all the freedom fighters who freed India from the clutches of the intruders.

**Tanjil Wazed, IX A**

## Teacher's Day



It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge'.

St Francis De Sales High School solemnly celebrated teacher's day with gusto and gaiety on 5th September 2019. The chief guest of the day was Rev Father Santhosh MSFS. The students performed a beautiful cultural show denoting their love, respect, acknowledgement and recognition towards their teachers. The school band put up an amazing display of their skills and this was led by Anushree Sarkar IX A and Nikumoni Baishya IX C. The cultural show incorporated a prayer dance, modern dances ranging from western dances to Korean pop songs. The enthralling music had everyone tapping their toes. It was a special day dedicated to the teachers.

**Hridisha Saikia, IX A**

## Assam Future Chef Competition



On 6th September, the first round of Assam Future Chef Competition was held at St Francis de Sales School, Narengi. This competition helps in raising awareness and promoting chef apprenticeships and encouraging youngsters to take it up as a profession.

In the first round, a good number of students from all the three streams of class 12 took part and demonstrated their culinary skills and their passion for cooking. Their recipes were healthy, nutritious and mouthwatering.

All the participants presented their platter before the panel of judges from IAM. They were impressed with the quality and presentation of the food and stated that 'the students demonstrated their ability to not only produce amazing food but also brought passion and fun into the kitchen'.

At the end of it all, Partha Pratim Sarma, Arpita Singha and Santoshi Kumari have been selected for the next round.

The principal, Rev Fr George Thomas, appreciated the efforts of

the participants and congratulated the winners wishing them luck for the next round. He also stressed upon the advantages of healthy eating. Overall, it was a delicious event !!

**Chhandapran Garg, XII Sc**



## Teacher's Training on Capacity Building Programme on Science

A training on capacity building was organised by CBSE on 16th and 17th of August, 2019. The training was conducted in St Francis de Sales Higher Secondary School by Mr Debangshu Deb who was the resource person for the programme. All in all about 41 teachers from various schools around Guwahati attended the training. The training lay stress on the methods of assessment for learners, lesson planning, objectives of assessment in Science, characteristics of a good evaluation programme, question paper setting, types of questions and their marking scheme, methods and strategies of teaching.

It was a learning experience for the teachers from the Science department.

**Sandhya Devi, Asst teacher (Sc dept)**



## CBSE Cluster-I Basketball Tournament



On 6th, 7th, and 8th September 2019, the basketball team of SFS participated in the CBSE Cluster I basketball tournament. Many teams from the northeast region took part in the tournament. There were three teams representing SFS Narengi- U-17 boys and girls team and U-19 boys team. The matches were thrilling to watch. There were a total of 24 schools that participated including 5 outstations teams from the whole northeast region. Sfs team Narengi, once again emerged winners in the category of U-17 boys and U-19 boys. The girls team of U-17 were the runners up. Coming out champions and runners up by defeating 24 other teams was a great pleasure and a fantastic experience.

**Akash Parbat, IX B**



## Flood Relief 2019

The year has witnessed a massive loss of life and livestock of the people of Assam. In its own small way SFS school tried to ease the loss of the people by organizing a flood relief camp on 8th August 2019. The students of the school open heartedly donated food, clothes, money etc and this was distributed to the

people of Morigaon. It was a humbling experience for the NCC and scouts and guides cadets of the school who went there with a few teachers and distributed the items.

**Dilip Subedi, Asst Teacher**



## Yoga Day

"Yoga is that light, which, if lit once, will never be dimmed. The more you practise, the brighter the flame will be". In keeping with the spirit of the day, a number of students and staff participated in the yoga day organized in SFS school, Narengi on 21st June, 2019.

**Mukta Das, Asst Teacher**



## Inter School Debate Competition

On 31st May 2019, The Punyabrata Memorial Inter School Debate Competition was held in which two students of SFS, Rohan Sharma and Namrata Nayak were awarded the best team trophy. Rohan Sharma was also awarded the best debator prize. Congratulations to the both of them.

**Tanjil Wazed, Class IX A**





## Principal's Day

20th September marked a very special day for all the members of the desalite family. On this day, we celebrated the birthday of our source of inspiration, our principal, Rev. Fr George Thomas. It was an honour to have Rev Fr George Panthamackal as the chief guest of the day.

The day was filled with joy and happiness. Everybody, from students to teachers to non teaching staff, were excited about the event. The entire school was beautifully decorated for the occasion. All the students gave their heartiest greetings to Fr George in person and then a cultural programme followed.

The programme was studded with beautiful performances by both teachers and students. The event came to an end with a grand cake cutting ceremony. Later the staff was invited to a grand lunch.

**Ankur Roy, Class X B**



## Career Counselling 2019

Career decisions play a pivotal role in shaping the future growth and development of students and so to enable students to make the correct choices, a career counselling session was organized by the faculty of Rajagiri University on 12th September 2019 in the Mermier Hall of SFS school. The session commenced with the principal, Rev Fr George Thomas, welcoming the resource persons.

The session aimed at making the audience aware of the multiple career options available. They spoke about importance of knowing one's potential and subjects of interest before making a decision. A diagnostic test was conducted which highlighted the fields of interest of the students. They urged the students to make decisions based on interest and capabilities and not family expectations. The session concluded with Jeet Pathak of class XI Sc delivering the vote of thanks. It was an informative and enriching session for the students.

**Partha Pratim Sarma, Class XII Sc**





## Training of the Leaders

On 2nd May 2019, a special training for the leaders - Head boy and girl and class captains and vice captains was organised. The school had the privilege to have Mr Anjan Choudhary as the resource person. The training will help the students to carry out their responsibilities in a more precise, systematic and effective way. This training will also help them develop their skills and abilities that support both studies and their future.

**Bhargab Patowary, Class XII Sc**



## Book Donation

On 1st July, Abhishek Jha (ex student batch 2018) donated some books for the SFS school library. It is indeed a great act of kindness on his part. The school is grateful to him.

**Partha Pratim Nath, Class IX A**



## Investiture Ceremony

On 8th August 2019, the morning assembly was conducted by the cadets of the Scouts and Guides in view of the investiture ceremony. The new cadets were given their badges by the principal, Rev Fr George Thomas and vice principal Sr Josna.



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**Namrata Nayak, Class X C**



## Parent- teacher Meet

The first parent- teacher was conducted on 27th April 2019 in which parents cleared their doubts and gave their suggestions. The principal, Rev Fr George Thomas assured them that the staff would do their utmost best to guide their children in the best possible way. The school was also honoured to have Mr Dinesh Lahoti who shared various aspects of parenting.

**Tarali Devi, Asst teacher**





## Chess Championship

Master Krishnav Mrinmoy Hazarika of class I B secured the 1st position in the 42nd All Assam Inter District Chess Championship under 17 category. He is also the 1st position holder in Eleven Brothers Society One Day Rapid Chess Tournament 2019. He was placed 96th position in the 33rd National under 7 Open Chess Championship.

It is also a great honour for the school to have Miss Baibhaba Baruah under 11 category of class 6 who holds the 2nd rank and Miss Medha Baruah under 15 category of class 9 who holds the 2nd rank in the 'Smart Girl' All India FIDE Rating Chess Tournament 2019.

**Asha Bhuyan, Class IX C**



## Red Bull Reign Basketball Tournament



On 11th May the Red Bull Reign Basketball Tournament hosted in association with SFS school Narengi, was organised in the school premises. The school basketball teams participated in the event with great enthusiasm.

**Akash Parbat, Class 9 B**

## Motivational Session

The school was privileged to have Prof. John Jose, IIT, Guwahati, to conduct a motivational session with the students on 3rd August 2019. This will enable the students to have a clear perspective of the future and will encourage them to give their best in what they pursue. On 1st June, prior to the above, another such session was conducted by Mr Dipak Sarma motivating the students for a successful future.

**Sanjib Kalita, Class XII Sc**



## Child Care Camp

The yearly child care camp was organised in the premises of SFS School, Narengi from 5th August to 7 August 2019. A number of specialists were present in the school to conduct check ups for the students and teachers.

**Donald Das, Class IX B**



## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the 11th edition of the biannual newsletter of SFS School. Once again, we are back, proud and exuberant with new hopes and hues. This edition will unravel the most unforgettable and precious moments of our school.

The write ups of our young wards are indubitably sufficient to hold the interest and admiration of the readers. This souvenir is an attempt to make our budding talents give shape to their creativity. Our students have put in relentless efforts to bring excellence to this treasure trove.

What makes this a special year is the fact that our school has accorded greater emphasis on overall development of students and their preparation to face the world outside. As the author, Jess Lair says, "Children are not things to be molded, but are people to be unfolded."

The efforts of the school administration and the staff will definitely have had an impact on the contribution of our students to this edition. It gives us immense pleasure to ensure that this magazine has successfully accomplished its objective. We take the opportunity to thank all the editorial board and the contributors as their contribution is the reason that makes this magazine endearing with our readers.

We wish all the readers our best wishes and hope this souvenir will entertain and enlighten you and play a vital role in the all-round development of the children.



## PHOTO GALLERY

