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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Desalites,



Creating a group of learners with global thinking and perspective has been at the forefront of educational agenda for quite sometime. Many schools, experienced educators and even School Boards have been trying to instill this universal thinking in the mind of the students. And global thinking will sprout only when global education is imparted. Global education refers to an education that helps the young learners become globally aware and well equipped with 21st century skills. Global education builds among students the capacities to integrate a range of activities and sensitizes them to create a world of greater justice, tolerance, harmony, co-operation and collaboration, equity, appreciation for diversity that exist across the boundaries of the nations and human rights for all. It also seeks to raise awareness of global challenges such as poverty, unfair distribution of opportunities and resources, environmental degradation and climate change. The basic attributes of global education are the openness to multiplicity of cultures and traditions that exist across the globe along with the willingness to explore the ethos of other countries and a positive approach to deal with projects and programs pertaining to internationalism in the curriculum.

St. Francis de Sales Hr. Secondary School, Narengi, always stood for liberal outlook, inclusive thinking, freedom of expression and creative manifestations - keeping in mind the formation of a band of citizens who are truly worthy of the term - ambassadors of universal brotherhood. The educational activities and curriculum, co-curricular domains, infrastructure and administrative system, facilities and opportunities offered in the school, always synched with this idea of instilling a global thinking and value system to the future generation. Here I am delighted to place before you the latest edition of Desalite New & More for your happy reading. My sincere thanks and appreciation to all the members of the editorial team that includes committed and passionate teachers along with a group of students who are talented in their own field of interest. It is the fruit of their hard work that is in your hand.

God bless you all

**Fr. George Thomas msfs
Principal**

Touching lives, moulding future

A SEMINAR ON 'COMPREHENSIVE MATHEMATICS' AT IIT GUWAHATI



It was Stephen Hawking who said "Mathematics is not just the study of numbers. It is the study of bounding and comprehending what cannot be bounded and comprehended." It was in pursuit of comprehension that on the 28th of October 2017, a group of forty-five selected students from Classes VI to X made a visit to the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati to attend a seminar on Mathematics organized by the Outreach Department of IITG. It was held at the renowned Lecture Hall in the IITG campus.

To our expectations, the 8-hour long seminar attended by many students of several schools turned out to be a power packed session of awe and learning. The all-day session was divided into three very interactive and interesting segments. The first of

these was focused on "Experimentally understanding Mathematic Principles and Concepts ". This session was focused on experimentally deriving and proving certain frequently used mathematic principles and formulae whose origins are unknown to most of us.

The second segment on "The use of Mathematics in Cryptography and Data Transmission" focused on demonstrating to us how defense organizations use mathematics to encode and decrypt confidential data. It also focused on the origins of Digital Cryptography. The session was followed by a riddling segment where the students were shown a series of puzzles and riddles and which they solved enthusiastically. The third and the post-lunch segment was perhaps the highlight of the day.

Focused on "WOW Maths", the session's objective was to teach all students that mathematics is beautiful and magical. The presenter, Mr. Kuldeep Karwa, who is the founder of 'Edugenie' and an alumni of IITG, beautifully demonstrated how mathematics can be magical and awestruck whilst highlighting the fact that a **'WOW should always be followed by a HOW'**.

The students left the seminar satisfied and inspired. It reminded them that even though students in our country spend a large portion of their lives trying to get into an eminent institution like IIT, in the end it is all worth it.

All the students are extremely thankful to our principal Rev. Fr. George and Dr. Saurabh Basu, the event organizer for letting us avail this wonderful opportunity. A seminar like this can have a life changing impact on a student's life and we are very fortunate that this time, it did.

Jayditya Dey



SISTER PAULINE'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



A kind and modest figure, Sister Pauline deserves a lot of credit and appreciation for the untainted glory of S.F.S. The morning of 16/10/17 was dedicated to the birthday celebration

of Sister Pauline. A short program, which included a dance by class 7 and the birthday song, was arranged during the assembly as a token of gratitude for her dedicated service to the school. The Principal, Fr George wished and thanked her for her role in the school management. The School Band played

the 'Birthday Song' with the whole school providing the chorus. It was a joyous affair.

Partha Pratim Sarma



THE PHILOSOPHICAL CONFERENCE



The 42nd National Philosophical Conference was held at St Francis de Sales School, Narangi from October 24th to 27th on the theme "Indian Hermeneutics of Suspicion." It was hosted by the Association of Christian Philosophers of India (ACPI) and MSFS Northeast province. It was held in the new conference hall of SFS School. The event was inaugurated by Rev. John Moolachira, Archbishop of Guwahati. A total of 100 philosophers, intellectuals and academicians from across India participated in the programme.

Sandra Abraham



VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK

"The duty of the youth is to challenge corruption". A vigilance Awareness Week was held in the school from 30th Oct to 4th Nov with many prominent guests and speakers gracing the occasion. To mark the occasion, a debate competition was held amongst students from various schools. The topic being 'A strong digital India is the only way to make a corruption free India', the students spoke with confidence and many proved to be eminent speakers and debaters.

Chinmoy Mazumdar, IX C



THE ANNUAL SCIENCE EXHIBITION



'The whole of Science is nothing more than a refinement of everyday thinking', said Albert Einstein. Science exhibitions are a stand as proof to the truth of this saying. The Annual Science Exhibition for the academic year 2017-18 was held on the 3rd and 4th of Nov. Students actively participated in it, showcasing their talents and creativity in the form of models related to Science and Mathematics. These presentations contributed to their all-round learning experience. An art and craft exhibition was also held wherein students put up various exhibits.

Reesha Singh class 8B



INTER SCHOOL SFS SCHOOLS COMPETITION



"Competition makes us faster; collaboration makes us better." The inter SFS schools competition was held in the new conference hall of SFS School, Narangi on 4th November wherein about 15 schools from different parts of northeast participated. There were a variety of programmes held- debates, singing, speech competitions etc. The entire atmosphere was one of sharing and brotherhood.

DISTRIBUTION OF RANKS TO NCC CADETS



On 7th November, NCC cadets of SFS were presented with their ranks. Lieutenant Animesh Kakoti, an ex-student of SFS school, Narangi, currently serving the nation at the Indian Navy, made the day a special one by distributing the ranks to our NCC cadets. It was a moment of pride for the SFS family to see one of its students as the guest of honour. In his speech he encouraged the students to honour and respect the nation and said that each one must do one's level best for the prosperity of the nation.

Abhijeet Talukdar, Class 8 B

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

"Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children."

They say the best things in life are free and it's funny how we fail to recognize them even though they are in front of us, each day and each hour. However on the morning of 14th November 2017, it took us only a split second to actually open our eyes and realize that what we had sought for had taken a form and transformed into the love that our teachers showed us.

The morning began as usual with the assembly, but the only difference was that this day the teachers were staging it. The performances that followed- dances, skits, songs and the speeches lifted our spirits and made us feel extra special. It was evident that they had practised their acts to perfection.

The day ended with us leaving for home after a hearty snack prepared for us. As we departed, we had nothing but gratitude in our hearts.

Boilen Singsong and Christina Mushahary, Class XI Sc



CHILD RIGHTS DAY

"All children have rights and those rights must be protected."

On 20th November, Child Rights Day, the members of the Child Rights Club put up a programme in the morning assembly to spread awareness among the students of the school concerning several issues such as child labour and child marriage. A dance drama depicting the plight of these children was enacted. A student also gave a speech on the necessity of curbing these atrocities on the young generation of our country.

Darshana Takoe, Class XI Sc



SFS CHALLENGERS TROPHY 2017



The inter School Basketball Tournament, held during 24 - 26 Nov 2017-18, got underway with a grand procession at SFS Narengi. The spectators experienced the finest of sports people with the great sportsmanship spirits during the matches. Sanjiv Das, Regional Officer, CBSE, was the chief guest.

The first day's fixture saw the following teams fight it out to get to

the next round.

1. SFS(A) V/S Don Bosco School, Panbazar
2. Indus Academy V/S K.V Narengi (Boys)
3. SFS (B) V/S Sarla Birla Gyan Jyoti (Girls)
4. Kaziranga English Academy V/S K.V Maligaon (Boys)
5. Kaziranga English Academy V/S SFS (A) (Girls)

The home team did not languish even for once throughout the tournament and bagged the champions title for the 8th consecutive time. SFS (A) Boys locked horns with Don Bosco, Panbazar and SFS (A) (Girls) with

Sarla Birla Gyan Jyoti and defeated them keeping the score line at bay. The closing ceremony on the 26th Nov included a series of cultural programmes in the presence of Hon'ble MLA, Dispur Constituency, Mr Atul Bora, who encouraged the teams and congratulated them for their efforts.

Sachin Prasad, XII Humanities



ISHAN VIKAS - IIT GUWAHATI



'The science of today is the technology of tomorrow.' The 'Ishan Vikas' at IIT Guwahati, was a ten day programme which started on the 5th of December 2017 . The programme included lectures and workshops on various topics such as mechanical engineering, life science, design and animation. Some of the main highlights of the event were invigorating quizzes, lab visits, trip to the planetarium, cultural night and movie screenings. The scenic beauty of the campus kept us energetic and curious. It was an unforgettable experience which has widened our view on what science has in store for us.

Christina Mushahary, XI Science

Touching lives, moulding future

RELEASE OF THE 7TH EDITION OF THE DESALITE NEWSLETTER

The 7th edition of the Desalite Newsletter was released on the 2nd of November by Rev Father George, principal of SFS Narangi. It was a proud moment for the staff and students.



HOME SWEET HOME

"..... it is in giving that we receive". What are man's basic needs? Food, clothing and shelter! And we were able to fulfil one of these basic needs for one needy family. A house, with the financial assistance of the parents, students and teachers and other stakeholders of SFS



Narangi, was constructed for the family. We, as a family, always step forward to help the needy whenever possible. On 10th Dec, the house was blessed and handed over to the family in the presence of the Principal, Rev Fr George, two teachers and the school captains. We are ever grateful to all those who lent a helping hand in our endeavour. God bless you all!!!!

Jeet Pathak, IX A

ADVENTURE CUM TREKKING



PRE-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT MONFORT SCHOOL(Teachers)



On the 16th of December we, the cadets of the NCC and Scouts and Guides, went on a trek to the Basistha hilltop along with our teachers. It was a trek that we are not going to forget in a long time. Along with being adventurous, it was also fun as we were with our friends. It was like a picnic as there was lots to eat and drink. Our teachers took great care of us and so we felt safe. On the way we also collected a lot of material for our arts and craft class. It was also a huge learning experience.

Samriddhi and Dibakar



GUCSA, Guwahati Catholic Schools association, organised a get together of teachers at Montfort School, 9th mile, on December 13th, 2017. Seven esteemed institutions participated on the event of pre-Christmas celebration. The Archbishop, Rev. Fr. John Moolachira, was the chief guest. This is the first time that such a programme has been organised. The celebration was unique as schools from all the corners of Guwahati took part to spread the message of love and joy. The highlight of the event was the sumptuous lunch.

Rashmi Saxena, (Asst. Teacher)



2ND STATE GOJURYO OKINAWAKAN KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2017



also good in co-curricular activities. SFS students took part in the 2nd State Gojuryo Okinawakan karate Championship held on the 26th and 27th of December in Chandrapur. The two-day programme was a grand success. Both the

'Successful people are not gifted; they just work hard, then succeed on purpose.'

SFS students proved it again that we are not only brilliant in studies but

boys and girls excelled with their dazzling performance, bagging many medals at the event. The school won 55 medals in all - 21 gold, 28 silver and 16 bronze medals and the icing on

the cake was winning the best team of the year trophy. We are proud to have such talents amongst us who have made us proud and will continue to do so in future.

Reshma Begum, Class VIII B



REPUBLIC DAY

'To survive in peace and harmony, united and strong, we must have one people, one nation and one flag.' That's precisely what the Republic Day means for Indians.

On 26th January 2018, SFS school celebrated the 69th Republic Day bringing the feeling of oneness amongst all the spectators present there. The students performed various programmes such as traditional dances and a skit depicting secularism. The march past by the NCC, scouts and guides and the four houses was a flawless one. We are proud to be part of such an institution.

Chinmoy Mazumdar, Class IX A



DEBATE COMPETITION



The Literary Committee held the finals of the debate competition (grades 6-8 and grades 9-12) during the morning assembly on 20th Dec '17 and 16 Jan '18. After a long discussion of both the pros and cons of our topics, the winners were announced. It makes us proud to be part of such a prestigious competition.

Chinmoy Mazumdar IX C and Ankush Roy VIII A



ANNUAL SPORTS 2017-18

The Annual Sports, one of the most awaited events for every desalite, started on 27th January 2018 and continued till 30th January 2018. It was a three-day extravaganza. The most significant segment of the event was the opening ceremony. Ms Amanjeet Kaur, deputy commissioner of police traffic, Guwahati, was the chief guest and Rev. Fr George Panthanmackel was the guest of honour. Parents too were invited to inspire the budding talents of our school. The opening ceremony included mesmerizing dances, speeches and skits. The march past by the four houses, school band, NCC and scouts and guides was just brilliant. The school flag was hoisted by the chief guest and the guest of honour and with this began the events. Then it was three days of competitions wherein the SFS students proved their physical fitness. The three-day programme ended with the prize distribution ceremony.

Jeet Pathak, Class IX A



CHILD PROTECTION POLICY



'A child is an uncut diamond', said Austin Omalley. So, every child is to be handled with extreme care. On the 6th of February ,2018 , a workshop based on 'Child Protection' was held by Rev. Fr. Christodas in the SFS premises. Respected father enlightened all the teachers present there on the rights of children and how they are protected. Father also emphasized on the beautiful bond that we have with our students. The session included interactive topics such as inclusive learning, common goal for teachers and the importance of team work. Staying updated is the key to success in all fields especially in education. The whole session was a learning experience and we all have benefitted from it.

Deepa Bayan, Asst. teacher

FAREWELL TO CLASS XII

Moving on is an integral part of life. Every person at some point of time bids farewell to a dear one leaving behind memories.

On the 6th of February, 2018, the class XII students were bid farewell by the SFS family. The programme was organised by the students of class XI. The event was hosted by Nilupa Ahmed and Neha Patel. The programme included various dances, songs and an inspiring speech by the Principal, Rev Fr George. The most heart touching moment was when a special video was played displaying most of the students' journey in SFS. A token of love was also gifted to each outgoing student.

**Nilupa Ahmed
Class XI Humanities.**



VISIT OF REV. FR. ABRAHAM VETTUVELIL MSFS

On the 20th of February, Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvelil, MSFS, Superior General visited our school to encourage us. His inspiring speech motivated all of us to awake from within and do our best in the coming future.

**Bhabashekhar Daimary,
Class XI Science**



PARENT -TEACHER MEET



'Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.', said Helen Keller. SFS school believes in the message and always invites parents' participation in the growth of their

wards at school. The school, teachers and the parents have a vital role in the life of a child and it is together that we can do what is best for each and every child. This can be done only if we meet and discuss what is right. Therefore parent - teacher meets are

held on a regular basis. This year too, SFS met with the parents starting on the 13th of February and culminating on the 22nd of February. Many parents gave their views, and this will be taken into consideration.

**Sandra Abraham
Asst Teacher.**



NBA RELIANCE BASKETBALL WORKSHOP

On the 20th of February, 2018, NBA Reliance organised a workshop with 75 coaches and physical education teachers on the basketball court of SFS school, Narengi. The objective of the workshop was to train individuals



of different schools in and around Guwahati. They will be selecting the best players from the schools and train them to achieve the highest level of sports in their respective fields. The guest lecturer / coach, Mr

Leonardo Bruno from U.S.A, interacted with the coaches and P.E teachers. It was a learning experience for all of us.

**Partha Pratim Sarma
Asst / P.E teacher (SFS)**

PRE-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

'Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas.'

Christmas is a time for joy, happiness, sharing and loving. It is a time when all forget their differences and get together to celebrate the birth of our saviour Jesus Christ. On the 23rd of December our school had the pre-Christmas celebration. It was a fun-filled occasion with carols, dances and enactment of the birth of Jesus Christ. It culminated with the much awaited entry of Santa Claus amidst cheers from the students.

Bedanta Gogoi, IX C



CHURCH INAUGURATION

'Let us not demean or belittle. Rather, let us be compassionate and encouraging.' - Thomas S. Monson. And so today, the 24th of January 2018, a twenty year long wait has finally come to an end with the inauguration of the church in the SFS premises. The church was blessed in the presence of Rev. Fr. John Moolachira, Archbishop of Guwahati and Rev. Fr George Panthanmackel, Provincial MSFS Northeast. To mark the occasion, many dances were put up and above all many confirmations into the faith took place. It was a proud moment for all.

Prity Minj
Asst. teacher



EDITORIAL

What is notable about doing the work of editing a magazine is the opportunity it provides one to delve into the original achievements and works of several contributors. It is a pleasure to put together the works of such talented people forming a part of the desalite family. Like always, there is news about events that happened at SFS and there's a lot of artistic work of the students and the staff of our school. What has defined this year is the Annual Sports . The whole school was alive with the cheering of the students from different venues. Hope you all enjoy reading this newsletter with all the interesting events that took place from September 2017 to February 2018.



Photo Gallery



