

ST. JOSEPH'S SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, KANPUR



News Letter 2007-08

From The Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

As consumerism in India reaches new heights, it is perhaps time to pause and think: Are we teaching the kids the right values?

Children in India today have almost as many entertainment options as their counterparts in developed countries. It would be naïve to imagine that by good values, one is talking of monetary values. The right values would also mean taking care of the child's moral upbringing. If both work well in tandem, one can never overshoot the other. It begins with much smaller issues like teaching the child to share with others so that he doesn't grow to be a self centered prig. Or teaching the child it is important to be honest. Or teaching the child to face responsibility when he/she has erred. Or teaching the child to stand up and face whatever life offers - that running away never solved any problems. Small things perhaps that are not taught with lectures but with examples of your own behaviour. While it is true that technology progresses in leaps and bounds, equally needed is proper parental guidance to children, giving them age appropriate knowledge about right and wrong, about vices and virtues. In the absence of such knowledge and practice of right values, children are not able to face challenges. They miss the inner discipline necessary to achieve their goals.



For a child to grow and develop, the home needs to inculcate values, freedom and love. Hence the home school atmosphere plays a vital role in the all round development of the child, and so you, parents and guardians, are collaborators with the school in realizing this vision of education. Today the challenge before us is to bring about a social transformation - a New India.

I invite you, dear parents, to join hands with us to bring up the young, energetic children of today, with right values and moral principles that they may in turn build families where relationships are upheld, sincerity, honesty, truthfulness, patience, tolerance, perseverance, selfless service, courage etc. are nurtured and love, compassion, respect for one another become their way of life. Let's mould the young generation for Nation building.

Sr. Rose George
Principal



School Chronicle

2-4-07

The School is a carnival, which brings joy to hundreds of young and bright children. But this carnival springs into life only when you hear the chatter of happy voices, when the corridors resound with the trudge of shoes. This year school gates opened for the new session on 2nd April, 2007 and a special prayer service was held to invoke God's blessing for the coming year.

6-5-07

After a brief stint of academics, the school closed down for the summer vacation with everyone wilting under the strong sun.

1-7-07 to 2-7-07

A Teachers Orientation was conducted by Fr. Leo Sequira, on the negative aspects of globalization and the role of teachers in awakening students to this issue.

9-7-07

Hectic canvassing for the election of school pupil leader and assistant school pupil leader. Students of classes VI and above cast their votes through a secret ballot.

13-7-07

A solemn oath taking ceremony was held to install the School Parliament. The oath was administered by the Principal, Sr. Rose George and Sr. Rose Cherian, the Manager.

14-7-07

The Parents Teachers Association of the School is a strong body and there is active coordination with the School. A Parents Orientation was held for the benefit of the students

16-7-07

Josephites are keenly passionate about environmental pollution. Collaborating with "Eco-Friends", students planted a number of

trees in the school grounds.

25-7-07

St. Joseph aims at taking its students to newer heights and efforts are made to provide avenues to students to display multifarious talents in co-curricular activities. The Literary Activities were inaugurated by the Principal, Sr. Rose George and the students put up a programme pepped up with gusto.

1-8-07 to 4-8-07

Time for the grind. The First Unit Tests were held and every body made an earnest attempt to give a good Academic performance.

15-8-07

Keeping in tradition of the school, Independence Day was celebrated with great pomp and show. Fr. John Lobo, the priest of St. Joseph's Church, was the Chief Guest. Several Inter Squad Competitions were held, such as March Past, Folk Dance and Patriotic Song.

5-9-07

Teachers' Day was celebrated with great aplomb. There was a prayer meeting followed by a variety programme put up by the students. There were smiles on the faces of all.

8-10-07 to 20-10-07

Students turned into hard-working, laborious drones with the Half Yearly Exams knocking at their doors.

14-11-07

Children's Day was celebrated amid a lot of Inter-Squad activities and the students had a rocking time displaying their talents.

22-11-07

General Knowledge Olympiad was held much to the delight of the participants.

29-11-07

National Science Olympiad Team was held in



which Sharun E. Shaju of Class IX secured 147th All India rank and was selected for the 2nd level. He also secured 37th All India rank in FIIT' JEE.

2-12-07

Eat and play your way to charity. That's the way Josephites raised funds for the financially weak students studying in the Hindi Medium Section and some in the English Medium too. Mr. Faisal Aftab (ADM) inaugurated "Aakarshan" amidst a lot of fan fare and the day ended with a Raffle-draw.

12-12-07 to 15-12-07

Board Students burnt the midnight lamp as their pre-board exams commenced.

18-12-07

The Annual Sports, a keenly awaited event at St. Joseph was inaugurated by the Principal with the hoisting of the meet flag. The four squads staged a March Past, followed by Oath taking by the Sports Leader. Various personal records were set in races, throws and jumps.

20-12-07

X-mas was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the Management, Staff and Students. There was a special assembly with X' mas play, crib and a touching message of love and peace was conveyed to all by Fr. John Lobo. All the classes also held their individual parties and every one was in great spirit to usher in the new year.

School closed down for the winter Hols.

2-1-08

Time to meet bum-chums again. Excited gossip, news exchanged, every one looked rested and raring to move ahead in the session despite the bone-cracking low temperature.

26-1-08

Ms. Rita Banerjee, the senior-most teacher of the school, hoisted the Tricolor to mark the 58th Republic Day Celebration. She honoured the

sports persons for their brilliant performance in various events.

January also saw a spate of class picnics in different locales. Every class had its own tale of fabulous fun during this outing.

29-1-08

A prayer service was held to bless the Board students.

15-2-08

The Chief Guest Mr. Ravindra Kumar Gupta, (Father of Puneet Gupta, XII topper-2006) was delighted to give away prizes to the class X and XII Toppers, Sonam Tiwari of X scored a staggering 94.8% and Puneet Gupta of XII notched up the same. The School premises echoed with thunderous applause as various squads won shields and trophies for Literary Activities, Sports, Charts, Cleanliness and Discipline Duties.

6-2-08

Students of Class XI hosted a Farewell Party for class XII- Au Revoir. Each out going student was gifted a memento which they can cherish. Judged by a panel, two students were selected for elegant dress and attractive personality. They were Ms. Chic-Asma Wasim and Mr. Debonair-Soumyajit Dey.

It was an emotional adieu to the Batch of 2007-08.

29-2-08

Exams started and the silent corridors echoed with the scratch of pens as students sat for the Final Exam.

1-3-08

D-Day-Board Exams commenced and students concentrated on the intricate Question Papers.

28-3-08

Report Cards were distributed and many were applauded for a commendable performance. A small brigade of underscorers also stood



around with tearful eyes. But the message was, no failure is a failure till the day you give up. So gear up and work towards a good result. Till the new session starts, let us all **CHILL-OUT**

A PEEP INTO THE JOURNEY OF THE LTSers, 2007

The academic year for the LTS group, which consists of 45 members, from classes eight, nine, and eleven, began in the month of July with a prayer service, proceeded by lighting the lamp by Fr John Lobo, National Promoter, LTS, from Kolkata, Sr. Rose George, our Principal, Sr. Nirmala, Sr. Anita, and LTS guide, Ms Veronica Pinto.

We had a fund raising in the month of September to help the HIV + patients. The LTSers had another fund raising for two days on 18th & 19th December, 2007. The funds we collected were used in purchasing eatables and stationery items that were packed and distributed to our Hindi medium children in the



presence of Sr. Ersilia, the Principal and her teachers. The LTSers then visited the orphanage (Shishu Bhawan) at Cantt, gave hand sewn nappies, eatables, toys and clothes to the children. We completed our journey not with the contentment of a job well done but with the realization that much more still needs to be done.

Ms Veronica Pinto
LTS Guide.

Best Teacher Award-2007

Pradeep Kumar Singh

He has been conducting different competitive examinations for the last ten years. In the year 2007-08, General Knowledge Olympiad, Cyber Olympiad, and Science Olympiad examinations were conducted in the school. A large number of students participate in these exams every year.



The following are the School toppers of 7th National Cyber Olympiad.

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| 1. Ishita Pooja | - | Class 4 |
| 2. Rohil Pal | - | Class 5 |
| 3. Harkiran Kaur | - | Class 6 |
| 4. Samiksha Gupta | - | Class 7 |
| 5. Anmol Gupta | - | Class 8 |
| 6. Arindum Ghosh | - | Class 9 |
| 7. Apoorv Purwar | - | Class 10 |

Following are the school toppers of 10th National Science Olympiad

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| 1. Shreya Singh | - | Class 4 |
| 2. Prakhar Chaurasia | - | Class 5 |
| 3. Atresha Pradhan | - | Class 6 |
| 4. Samiksha Gupta | - | Class 7 |
| 5. Sharun E. Shaju | - | Class 9 |

AU REVOIR, BATCH OF 2007-08

Dear Seniors,

We have been glad to have you in school for while you were preparing for the morrow, we too received a great deal from you. Our association during the past years was mutually enriching. Your support and co-operation were our strength and courage and they kept us going even in the midst of hard work and, at times, even in the midst of great difficulties.

You have kept alive in all of us the spirit of cheerfulness and simplicity. You have taught us, with your unpretentious behaviour to be honest and bold like you. You had the magic ability to reduce our tensions and to renew each hour the joy of being



guided by you. You have taught us your ability of no limit dreaming which has made many a dream come true in our lives.

You have inspired us to live the present moment and taught us to derive wonder and excitement from everything and everybody. You have kept us happy and active by your humour and wit and your readiness to see fun in human situations. You, dear seniors, have taught us unconditional acceptance of everyone, that enabled us to experience life to its fullest.

Now your school days have come to an end. Now you journey forth in life. New duties, new responsibilities, new plans await you, of what kind, you cannot quite for see. But still, you are ready and eager to learn. There will be new joys, and new sorrows too. There are always certain principles to be upheld for a successful life. Be always ready to work on them. Life demands of you a valuable contribution and active service.

It is going to be a challenge. Take it with courage and confidence in the principles you have learnt and the ideals you cherish. Be enthusiastic cheerful and consistent. As we bid you farewell, may we remind you of the 5 C's that will be the motto of your lives ----

1. Character
2. Cheerfulness
3. Courage
4. Calmness
5. Conviction

Good Bye, Dear Seniors, please remember that we, your juniors, will walk in the footsteps you leave behind in the sands of time. I end with this tribute to the Batch of 2007.

"We probably cross paths with thousands of people in a lifetime and hardly even notice a number of them, but there are a few like you, who affect our outlook in an important way. You were our leaders and that is the way it shall always be.

Thank you

Avantika Mishra
(XI- (A))

HOBBY CLASSES

Education today encompasses not only the physical, intellectual and spiritual training of students but also the development of aesthetic sense which stimulates creativity and imagination .

In lieu of this, our school offers a plethora of hobbies, which the students choose independently. Ranging from classes III to VIII, students spend time in creative pursuits like needlework, art and craft. For those who are musically inclined, they can choose various instruments like Bongo, Casio or Guitar and Tabla. Boys shake a leg in western dance hobby whereas girls opt for classical. From classes VI-VIII, games enthusiasts choose basket ball or khokho, karate and yoga are also offered as a choice.

Hobby classes are eagerly looked forward to by the students.

Mrs. Asha Santosh

The Rising Star Mayank Tandon

Mayank Tandon, a student of St. Josephs Sr. Sec. School has won more than fifty tournaments. A Champion in district- level and national- level tournaments earlier, his recent achievements are marvellous.

Mayank, who started playing at the age of 6, earned his very first title at the age of 7. After the National Championship 2001 at Chennai and States title thrice under 12 & under 14 boys events, he was selected for India Camp in Calcutta, 2003. He was ranked no. 3 in U.P. under - 17 Juniors in 2004. He bagged the 5th rank in National tournament at Chennai 2005 and reached the quarter finals in doubles. He became the Kanpur School's Junior (under-17) Champion in 2006 and U.P. champion in Meerut in the same year.

He has won the Kanpur District Championship in 2007 and School Championship in 2007, thus representing himself as No.1 table-tennis player in U.P. His ultimate ambition is to represent the country at the highest level, he is aspiring National





Sports Scholarship from the government of India.
Deepanjana XI-A

MOTHER NATURE

The lap of soothing comforts for all
With selfless care for all
Where all worries vanish, with no blemish,
Where the delicate colours of the rainbow,
Stretch themselves in the sky,
Birds sing, high and higher they fly.
Trees bear sweet fruits of affection,
Rivers linger through cresses with anticipation
Thus, nature through its humble phase,
Confers on man a graceful place.
Man today in his passionate greed,
Cutting down trees without need.
The smoke looming high from chimneys,
Toxicants thrown into rivers by industries.
Exploring, exploiting, denuding, eroding,
Man is gradually destroying his own living.
Benumbing, choking the Mother Nature
Forgetting all her cares and nurture.
Tomorrow someone will surely ask:
Who is Mother Nature?
The barren lands with no life,
Or the carcasses of early extinct animals?
Is it ???
So, can't we be kinder to nature,
For all her care and nurture?
Can't we strive today,
So that never comes this tomorrow.
So that Mother Nature never cease to grow.
Can't we ???

ANJALI SHARMA
IX-B

I owe everything to my Almater

Studying in this institution for the past twelve years, a metamorphosis of my personality took place. It has made me a confident, self dependent and a good human being.
Ours is a crucial age as it can be both the best of times and the worst of times as in this age we inculcate in ourselves the sense of responsibility, enjoyment, entertainment and "Never-Say-Die Spirit."
This institution has always inspired us never to long for lavish things or be mercenary by nature. Instead it made us dream that the entire sky should be ours,

wherein we can fly. It has made us distinguish between COMPETITION AND QUEST FOR PERFECTION because, competition if not done on a healthy level, can ruin us whereas seeking perfection in whatever we do, will make us much, much better.

We are motivated by all our teachers as a result of which today we are visualizing a bright future ahead.

Today's era does not demand students to be confined to bookish knowledge but they should possess a commanding personality.

Studying in St. Joseph has made me exceptionally good in education. Along with it, it has even groomed and enhanced my speaking skills, completely made me an optimist and it made us realize that no goal is Utopian Every goal can be achieved if our determination is focused.

It has given us a confidence that one day we will be able to guide the rest of the world. It has made us educated and productive members of the society I would like all Josephites to be alert & understand the role entrusted to them, for they are the backbone of this institution and society.

Heena Bhatia.
XI- Commerce.

My Broken Home

*Days passed by but no one came,
Months passed by but no one came,
Years passed by but no one came,
Time slipped away from my hands,
I tried to make my home on the sand,
Which was broken down by cruel waves
of the sea,
I kept on cursing that wave,
Which made me feel unsure of my self,
Your memories to me are like an old tree,
Whose roots are deep in me,
No one can ever pull them out of me,
The lamp of hope is still burning in me,
Now I'm waiting for you to come back again,
So that we could make that broken home again...*

NEHA SINGH
XII-B

**Prayer Service
for the
New Session**



Eco- Friendly Josephites



**The Chief Guest
Fr. John Lobo
hoisting the flag on
15th Aug.**



Students of Class III Dancing with patriotic fervour



Sare Jahan se Accha Hindustan Hamara...



**Sharun E. Shaju
Qualified for
FIIT-JEE**



**Fancy attire
on
Childrens' Day**





The Chief Guest, ADM, Mr. Faisal Aftab, Lighting the Lamp to Inaugurate the School Fete -Akarshan



Round and Round on the 'Merry Go Round'



The Chief Guest tries his hand at Formula Car Racing



Waiting expectantly.....



Dipping for the Lucky Numbers



"The Little Champs" enchanted the audience



The Topper of Class X - 94.8%



The Topper of Class XII - 94.8%



Racing towards Victory - Annual Sports Day



Saheba Rizvi displays Grit & Determination



Toiling to Greater Heights



Standing tall on the Victory Stand



The gift of the Magi



"Santa, where is my gift?"



Spreading the message of peace at Christmas



Chief Guest Mr. R.K. Gupta, the Manager, Bank of India addressed the students in the Prize Distribution Ceremony



The Best Squad (Nehru Squad) walked away with the School Shield



The Kho-Kho Champions with their Coach Mrs. Nutan Shukla



The Sports Champions



**Farewell XII -2007-08
Ms. Chic, Asma Wasim,
Mr. Debonair, Soumyajit Dey**



Thrill on Swings



Academic Toppers



**Expanded
Infra-
structure**

Maths Lab



Geography Lab



स्मृति के झरोखों से

स्मृति तो है ही ऐसी लुभावनी, चुलबुली और दूसरों को आकर्षित करने वाली जिसका बीती बातों के ठीक विपरीत असर होता है। जितनी खुश करने वाली बातों को सोचेंगे उतने ही आँसू तुम्हारी आँखों को भर देंगे। कौन कहता है कि बीता समय वापस नहीं आ सकता। जरा इसी स्मृति के झरोखे से निहार कर देखो, बीता समय भी लगेगा कि तुम्हें उसके होने का अहसास दिला रहा है आप सभी की जिंदगी में इसी स्मृती ने कभी न कभी आपको वर्तमान झण भर के लिए भूलने को विवश कर दिया होगा और आपकी आँखें नम हो गयी होगी।

16 फरवरी 2008 को मनाए गए विदाई समारोह में कुछ देर के लिए हम सबकी आँखें भर आयी। ऐसा लगा, मानो हमसे कोई हमारी जिन्दगी के महत्वपूर्ण अंशों को ही छीन ले रहा हो। उन्हीं क्षणों को याद करते हुए मुझे मेरा इस विद्यालय का पहला दिन याद आ रहा है जब मैं माता-पिता की उँगली पकड़कर विद्यालय आयी और चुपचाप सहमी सी अपने सहपाठियों के साथ बैठी थी। कितना परिवर्तन आ गया है, आज उस चार साल की मुझमें और आज जब मैं बारहवी, कक्षा की परीक्षा में बैठने जा रही हूँ। 14 साल के इसी कारवाँ में चलते-चलते कई ऐसे पल आए जब शिक्षक-शिक्षिकाओं की डॉट, उनका प्यार, प्रोत्साहन मित्रों की सद्भावना, उनकी हमारे प्रति वफादारी, प्रतियोगिताएँ और सबसे अहम विफलताएँ और सफलताएँ। शायद विफलताओं के बाद ही मिलती है सफलताएँ।

आज इस मोड़ पर खड़े होकर जब पीछे मुड़कर देखती हूँ तो ये आँखें नम हो जाती हैं। और हो भी क्यों न? यहाँ बिताया हर पल हर लम्हा मेरे दिल में जुड़ा है। किसे पता था कि आज की बातें इतनी जल्दी अतीत की यादें बन जाएंगी।

कहा जाता है कि जिसके पास विद्या है वह जीवन युद्ध का सफल योद्धा है। मुझे ऐसा योद्धा बनाने का श्रेय मेरे शिक्षक एवं शिक्षिकाओं को जाता है। मुझे ऐसे पथ प्रदर्शक मिले जिन्होंने मुझे कभी हार न मानने

की सीख, आत्मविश्वास व आत्मनिर्भर बनने की भावना उत्पन्न की। इन सभी शिक्षाओं का फल है कि आज मैं इस प्रतिस्पर्धा के दौर में अपने कदम आत्मविश्वास के साथ बढ़ा रही हूँ।

अपने जीवन में मैं कुछ भी डॉक्टर, इंजीनियर किसी भी पद को प्राप्त करूँ, अपनी जीवन में आपको ओझल नहीं होने दूँगी। यह विद्यालय, कक्षाएँ, खेल का मैदान, बगीचा, पुस्तकालय, सदा हमारी यादों में रहेंगे।

रग-बिरंगी दुनिया के इन्द्र-धनुषी सपने लिए।

अपनी मंजिल की ओर हम सभी है चल दिये।।

जा रहे हैं-जा रहे हैं, छोड़कर अपना आशियॉ।

भूल न पायेंगे हम इसे, दुनियाँ में हो चाहे जहाँ।

मैं स्वाति गुप्ता पूरी बारहवी कक्षा की तरफ से हम सब आप से आप के आशीर्वाद का और आपकी कल्याण कामना की प्रार्थना करते हैं।

ओउम् जय मच्छर राजा

ओउम् जय मच्छर राजा, जय हो श्री मच्छर राज।

तुम हमें रोज सुनाओ बेसुर राग बाजा ।।

सुबह भी काटो, शाम भी काटो, काटो पूरे रोज ।

दिन भर हम खुजलाये -2 फँले मलेरिया रोग ।।

ओउम् जय

तुम हो मलेरिया दाता, खटमल के भ्राता ।

दोनों भ्राता मिलकर खून चूसते आधा ।।

ओउम् जय

मच्छरदानी काम ना आवै, मोरटिन भी बेकार ।

आल आउट असर ना लावै, सब तुम्हें करे नमस्कार ।।

ओउम् जय

हम सब चरण छुअत है तुम्हारे, मत करो दिन बेकार ।

परीक्षा हमारी अब तो निकट है,

पढ़े हम दिन और रात ।।

ओउम् जय

॥ बोलो ॥ मच्छर भगवान की जय ।।

शबनम

कक्षा-5

सेन्ट जोसेफ विन्डी मीडियम



CORPS DE VIGILANTE



TEACHING STAFF