

St. Joseph's Senior Secondary School

KANPUR



'Diligentia'
2013-14



From the Principal's Desk

Practically, every adult turns back to look at his/her schooldays with nostalgia. School days are the best time in a person's life. Childhood and teenage is the time to lay foundation for future life.

The changing trends in today's society like nuclear family, small family norm and the permissive atmosphere of the family makes the young person succumb to the false idea that they are entitled for gratification of all their desires at any cost. Many youngsters have spoiled their future by not paying heed to parental advice. While unscrupulous elements of the society exploit the country and its resources, a great majority of the youth are gleefully busy with mobile, internet and blind pursuit of pleasure.



The youth need to open their eyes and look around to see, what needs to be done to build their future and their nation. That means there is a serious business of answering certain questions to oneself. The students who pass out of school should be able to answer the questions, like-

Who am I ?

What do I want in life ?

What are my strengths and short comings ?

What can I do for the society ?

The question, how do I treat people, do I help others, what is my opinion on corruption, how can I eradicate misery and promote peace will make the student a responsible citizen. The clarity of thought on his environment, his share in reducing pollution, his value addition in improving society and the importance of responsibility in society will ensure the student's contribution to society.

A student with superior thought will fight against corruption, weak sex domination, destruction of nature and lawlessness. What the youth of today needs to realize is that they live in a fast moving world where the tested values are disappearing.

The time and opportunity they squander, without learning the fundamental values of society, will hurtle them towards a chaotic future. So, it is very essential for every young person to equip himself to build a harmonious society based on respect for human dignity, equality and brotherhood.

Sr. Clare





Memorable Assemblies : A Lucid Expression

"Education does not mean teaching people to know what they do not know; it means teaching them to behave as they do not behave." - Ruskin Bond

**2 Apr. '13 :
Righteousness :**

The year began with a skit by the students of class XII propagating righteousness as the motto of the year.



**20 Apr. '13 :
Investiture
Ceremony :**

The new cabinet members were vested with responsibilities. Sr. Linnet, the manager, administered the oath of office.



1 May '13 :

Labors' Day : A fervent effort to acknowledge the helping hands; as it is said "It is in giving that we do receive."

2 July '13 : Welcome :

The school cabinet arranged a welcome assembly for the new principal-Sr. Clare, office administrator-Sr. Elena, Sr. Lucy; Sr. Manju and Sr. Blanch as Hindi medium administrators.



9 July '13 :

Prevention against Cancer : The students were addressed by Mrs. Anita Gupta from Cancer Aid Society on simple ways to prevent cancer through food habits and abstaining addictions.



11 July '13 :

World Population Day : The students of class XI A presented a short skit highlighting problems due to population explosion.



**19 July '13 : Prayer for
Uttarakhand Victims :**

The LTSers organized a prayer session for the victims of Uttarakhand who lost their lives. They also thanked God for the NSG soldiers and other helping hands who rendered their selfless services.





4 Sept. '13 : Blessed Mother Brigida's Feast Day : Mother Brigida was honoured with a garland and floral tributes by the reverend sisters. A song was dedicated to her and speech highlighted her teachings.



12 Sept. '13 : Hindi Diwas : The students of class IX and X portrayed 'Nav-rasa' of Hindi literature through dance and song.



17 Feb '14 : Foundation Day of UMI Congregation : The students of class X dedicated a song and read thoughts from the writings of Blessed Mother Brigida, the foundress, to commemorate the occasion. The Principal, Sr. Clare, addressed the assembly and shared her thoughts.



Festive Galore

Various festivals of secular nation were brought on stage to build in students' faith, love and brotherhood. Festivals like Christmas, Eid, Diwali, Independence Day and Republic Day were celebrated with full enthusiasm. Teachers' Day and Children's Day bonded the teacher and the taught.





Regional Summit of School Principals

The regional summit of school principals was held on September 11, 2013 at Methodist High School, Kanpur. This summit was held for "Maximizing Educational Leadership Competencies". It was a joint initiative of Institute of Counselor Training Research and Consultancy and Methodist High School, Kanpur. The summit was conducted by Professor V.S. Ravindran (ICTRC), Dr. Seema Bawa, Dr. Anil Sarin and Prof. Preeti Dewan. The theme of the summit was "Students - At Risk"- Identification, Prevention and Intervention of students bullying.

Prof. Ravindran said that the student bullying is a continuous process that occurs with imbalance of power. Bullying can be mental, physical and knowledge powered. He said **"50% of the children are bullied but only 5%-10% are reported"**. Bullying results in depression, suicidal tendencies, mental stress etc. Bullying should be identified from aggression. A patient listening, smiling and a pat at the back can cure stress up to some extent for the victims.

Causes of bullying can be heredity, parents' glorifying aggression and children not taught delay in gratification. Children bullying need more counselling because they have less power expression and more aggression. Development of technology gives rise to cyber bullying. 42% are reported to be bullied online.

Symptoms of victims to bullying can be seen in children with sudden fall in academics, not wanting to go to school and not talking to and about friends. Victims cannot fight this problem themselves; they should be trained to be assertive.

School can play an important role in teaching assertiveness. Children should take part in competitions like painting posters on effect of bullying, debate, speech etc. All these can be incorporated in "Anti-Bullying" week. Punishment does not help much as punishment closes learning. All bullying cases should be followed up by the school authorities. Education strategies should involve, engage and evolve as children are unparalleled force of the Divine.

Mrs. Eshani Chakraborty.



OBITUARY



Sr. Jeanne : 1952-2014

Sr. Jeanne took over her office as the principal of St. Joseph's Sr. Sec. School, Kanpur in July 2010 but left for her heavenly abode on 14 March 2014 after suffering from cancer. How very quietly she tiptoed into our world, shared a moment of just three years, but left behind upon our hearts the imprints of her footprints. Every life has a purpose to fill and so was Sr. Jeanne. She was a gift from heaven whose purpose of life was to spread love, humbleness and generosity through her divine approach. Her sanctity, simplicity and ever smiling face stole away all cares from every soul.

As a principal, she was strict as well as comforting. She was a perfect leader who steered the school so diligently through all trials and triumphs. For the students, she was caring and affectionate. We could always feel her calm and composed nature when everybody was frantic. She would always say "Don't worry, things will set right". Her optimism ruled her ways.

She brought many happy moments in our life and left us with a treasure trove of memories. In the last one year of her suffering she kept her morale high to fight the killer disease. Through this, she taught us to fight all odds and adversities with a smile. She is now a withered rose, its fragrance will always be a reminder of such an angel, and in our hearts she will be eternally bloom.

God saw her getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put his arms around her and whispered 'Come to me'. With desperate eyes we watched her pass away. Although we loved her dearly, we could not make her stay. It proved : God also needs the best.

I pray to God - our heavenly Father to give us the reasoning to accept His plan. Sr. Jeanne belongs to heaven now, and we know she is watching us from there bestowing her beautiful smile upon us.

May every drop of tear her path to heaven! We, the management, staff and students of St. Joseph's Sr. Sec. School, Kanpur, extend our sincere sympathy and condolence to the family and friends of Sr. Jeanne, the UMI congregation and all the well wishers on her untimely demise.



Orientations

"Sometimes our light goes out but is blown again into flame by an encounter with another human being. Each of us owes the deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this inner light" - **Albert Schweitzer**

18 July '13 : A thought provoking orientation was held for the teachers on "Challenges in Education" by Fr. Joe Arimpoor (SDB) and Mr. Aziz. They thoroughly briefed us and showed us the means to meet the issue. 'Move from a learned teacher to a learning teacher' was the golden teaching of the day.



7 Oct. '13 : One day capacity building programme on life skill, attitudes and values, health and well being education was arranged for the teachers of our school. Four other schools also joined the programme. Miss Neha and Miss Irwina, the resource persons from PCTI empanelled with CBSE for conduct of in-service training programme of teachers of CBSE affiliated schools, critically touched every detail of life skill through interactions and group discussions.

21 Oct. '13 : An extensive orientation for parents was organized under the guidance of Fr. Varghese Alengadan who stressed on responsible upbringing of children incorporated with tolerance, patience and support. The parents interacted with the resource person with zeal, signifying overwhelming response from the parents.



21 Nov. '13 : A team of 30 students of class XI and XII with 2 teachers attended the Regional Symposium on Higher Education (RSHE) in Methodist High School, Kanpur. It provided the students with unbiased and authentic career information and also to equip them with scientific process of choosing career and courses under renowned educational psychologist and counselor-trainer Dr. V.S. Ravindran.

20, 21 Nov. '13 : Four English teachers attended Assessment for Speaking and Listening (ASL) workshop in Sir Padampat Singhania Education Centre under the guidance of Dr. Prachi Agarwal and Ms. Kanta Vadhehra.



Fare-Thee-Well

**"You meet a new friend but never forget the old.
New is made of silver but old is made of gold".**



Retirements and transfers opened the gate for many. Sr. Anastasia, Sr. Anjali and Sr. Reena stepped out to new missions and we wished them good-luck. Mrs. Rita Chopra (teacher), Mrs. Rosy (aaya aunty) and two security guards Mr.K.B. Singh and Mr. Neem Prasad were bade adieu on their retirement after years of dedicated service.



The outgoing batch of class XII was given a short and sweet farewell on 31 January, 2014 by the students of class XI, who wished and prayed for their seniors' success.

Landmarks

Art and Craft Exhibition : All the students exerted every effort to display their art and craft talent and lure the parents. The display marked an artistic knack of students.



Principal's Meet (KSS) : Our school successfully hosted the principal's meet of Kanpur Sahodaya Schools on 7 December, 2013.





Success Unlimited

Panorama 2013 : An annual techno-cultural-literary-sports fiesta was organized by DPS Kalyanpur where, out of 50 schools, we bagged the Overall Championship Trophy.



Inter School Science Quiz : Saraswati Gyan Mandir in association with Indian Physics Teachers Association and Anweshika organized an Interschool Science quiz. We secured the third position out of 18 schools.



Genesis : A Science fest was organized by Sir Padampat Singhania Edu. Centre, Kanpur. We managed second position in Quiz, Mind Game, Collage making and Nukkad Natak.



Open District Athletic Meet-2013 : Kanpur Athletic Association organized an open athletic meet in Armapur where our girls clinched Overall Championship Shield by winning individual championships in, under 14 and under 16 categories.



Drawing Competitions : We bagged a gold medal and cash of Rs. 1000 in the competition organized by St. Mary's School, Balia. In the open drawing competition organized by Mount Litera Zee School, we won first positions in category B, D and third in category A, D.

Olympiads in Collaboration with Silver Zone : Every year we conduct olympiads in English, Hindi, Mathematics, Science, Informatics, General Knowledge and Commerce. A large participation of students is seen in each faculty. The class toppers are awarded with medals. This year several students have qualified for the second level examination in every faculty bringing excitement in other students to participate in the next year.





Glorious Moments

"Real glory springs from silent conquests of ourselves" - Thompson



Silver Jubilee of
Mr. Sanjay Rajput (PTI)
from the Management,
Staff and Students.



Provincial Superior
Sr. Roopa's visit



LTSers in service in
St. Patrick's School

Class XII Toppers

Science



Shubham Bhatia
95%



Vartika Srivastava
94.6%



Samiksha Gupta
92.8%

Commerce



Divyanidhi Jaitly
92.4%



Madhulika Singh
90.6%



Adeeba Nigar
86.6%

Class X Toppers

(10 CGPA)



ABHAY RAJ BAGUN



ABHISHEK AGARWAL



NAMAN AGARWAL



ROHIL PAL



SHRADDHA MISHRA



SUBHAGINI SRIVASTAVA