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CHRONICLES OF NPSI, CHENNAI

Dear Parents,

Greetings!

Fortitude is the marshal of thought, the armour of the will and the fort of reason – Francis Bacon

The above words have been our guiding force as we smoothly motored through another month in these unusual times. July witnessed several moments of joy and learning for teachers and students. Here is a glimpse:

Board Results

We started the month with outstanding results secured by our grade 10 and grade 12 students in the ICSE and ISC Board Examinations 2020. With a class average of 90.5%, the school topper is Nisha Ganesh with an impressive average score of 97.8 %. A very thin margin set apart the school topper from Reshma Rose Girish who secured 97.3% and Ishanika Radder who scored 97%. We had a record 11 centums in History & Civics, 7 in Computer Science and 1 in Physics.

In Grade 12, the overall school average is 82%, with 87% secured by the Science with Biology stream, 82% secured by the Science with C.Sc. stream and 72% secured by the Commerce stream. Janani Maanasa Gurumurthy is the Class Topper securing an overall average of 93%.

Orientations

We completed orientations with all grades, right from Early Learning till grade 12 in the first week of July. It was a pleasure for us to have an opportunity to share with you all the progress and efforts taken by the faculty to extend the joy of learning.

After a long wait, we kicked off online sessions for grade 11 students. They were given a warm welcome from our grade 12 students who planned an ice-breaker session for them with games and insights on stress and managing academics.

Online Learning Review

Our students attempted their reviews. Answer papers were shared and discussed. The reviews have teachers and students an opportunity to analyse the level of understanding and take measures to course correct, where required.

Revised Curriculum

The Council shared revised curricula across subjects and grades. These have been shared with you by email. Teachers have reviewed them and revised the programme of work accordingly. The focus remains strengthening of concepts while reducing the load on students, as far as possible.

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Revision of concepts

With special focus on concepts given the current circumstances, we redesigned the last week of July towards revisions. Students were broken into smaller groups to facilitate special attention and honing of concepts. We hope these sessions have helped our students.

Book Distribution

Amidst the lockdown, we kicked off and completed distribution of books across grades after taking substantial precautionary measures. We do hope this will further the learning for our students.

Co-curricular Events

*July was dotted with events which witnessed participation from students across grades. **Vanamahotsav** saw our students sow seeds and nurture saplings, right from micro greens to plants. The collages made for an eye-pleasing display.*

*We paid our respects to our Gurus in all aspects of live on **Guru Poornima**.*

*Grade 9A presented the first **virtual assembly** of the year on the theme, 'Hope, Not Cynicism is the Need of the Hour'. Despite being separated by distance, they put together a cohesive show which made for great family viewing.*

*We remembered former president **APJ Abdul Kalam** with our students sharing their thoughts of life lessons they would like to imbibe from his life and words. It was endearing to watch the videos compiled, replete with positive thoughts and vibes.*

Our judges are enjoying listening to their melodious renditions and creative outpourings in Music and Poetry competitions. The results for the competitions held in June will be released soon. This month witnessed our students send their entries for Freestyle Dance and Creative Writing. We have also enjoyed reviewing your plans for the Rediscover India event and look forward to your videos and research in this regard.

Over 35 students from our school participated in an online Model United Nations event this month. A unique experience, they all participated virtually and we are pleased to share that 3 of our students from Grade 9 and 12 received a special mention.

*We launched the **School Leaders Election 2020-21** this year which saw our 9-12 students vote for their student leaders. All the candidates prepared engaging campaign videos to woo their voters. A lively debate ensued where the candidates spoke of ideas they would like to introduce and their efforts to support juniors. Online voting took place and results will be shared soon.*

Pastoral Connect

We embarked on a unique model of engagement with parents and students through Pastoral Connect this month. Feedback forms across grades were shared and received and we have begun analysis of these responses. A multi-pronged approach is being adopted with the involvement of the academic and pastoral coordinators to talk with parents and students individually.

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We look forward to August with a sense of anticipation. Besides another round of reviews, we have a range of events planned for our students to exhibit and explore their skills. While we may be confined within our homes, our minds and creativity know no bounds. We look forward to engaging with our students in the digital medium in August.

Warm Regards

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