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LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE



EDITORIAL MESSAGE

Dear readers,

Hailed as one of the greatest teachers of his time, St. John Bosco, or affectionately known to many as Don Bosco, viewed education as the means to help youth find their place in society. He was the master of classroom management, good discipline rooted in liberty, and a strong identity. For Don Bosco, interpersonal relationships were his primary approach when reaching children. He advised many of his teachers to take this approach with the children under their care. We could talk endlessly on the life and contributions of St. John Bosco, but we would like to share a few of his motivational sayings with you for this edition of our E-Magazine.

TO HIS BOYS HE SAID:

"My children, jump, run and play and make all the noise you want but avoid sin like the plague and you will surely gain heaven."

"Learn to flee from bad companions and bad books. Instead, look for good ones."

TO HIS EDUCATORS HE SAID:

"Spend as much time as you can with your pupils. Try to whisper a kind word to them privately, as you well know, whenever you see the need. This is the great secret of becoming the master of their hearts."

IN MATTERS OF RELIGION, HE QUOTED:

"In matters of religion I stand with the Pope, and as a good Catholic, I intend to stand with him until death."

DON BOSCO STRESSED ON THE NEED TO:

"Love one another, advise one another, correct one another and never be carried away by ENVY or BITTERNESS."

Don Bosco exhorts young people to respond to divine calls, to live a moral life, to joyfully

do all those things that may please God and avoid those things that could displease God. Boys in need discovered a devoted teacher and a spiritual father in Don Bosco. They found meaning and hope in his teachings, but more significantly, in his humour, patience, understanding and compassion. He once told his disciples, "For you I study, for you I work, for you I live and for you I am ready even to give my life."

We are fortunate to be members of such a marvellous institution, whose father and founder tirelessly provided opportunities for the well-being of the poor, abandoned and the down trodden. Through him we see divine light shine. When people most needed love, hope and joy, his unconditional love and sacrifices brought it to them.

Then, let us be motivated by this wonderful educator and friend of the young, and allow our own light to shine by providing for the underprivileged, aiding those in need, protecting the environment, and fostering peace in the areas of our world that most need it.

To be the light in someone's life is ultimately the best thing you can do for them. Shining your light makes you the embodiment of goodness and optimism. So, let your light shine.

The editorial team wishes you all a blissful and peaceful Diwali.



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RECTOR'S MESSAGE



My dear parents, students and teachers,

I extend my sincere and warm greetings to each one of you. I am delighted to announce that Pope Francis has named our Rector Major, Fr. Angel Fernández Artime, SDB, a Cardinal of the Catholic Church. Fr. Angel Fernandes is the 10th successor of Don Bosco and the 1st successor among his predecessors to be appointed as Cardinal. In his message to the Salesians around the world he said, "One of the greatest focuses of Don Bosco's teachings is to rediscover the great

value of closeness, friendship, find simple joy in everyday life, and the value of sharing, talking, and communicating."

While visiting the Salesian Community at Naigaon, the Salesian Provincial, of Mumbai Province, Fr. Savio Silveira, referred to the words of Don Bosco from a 'Letter from Rome 1884'. He reiterated the relevance of perceiving the novelties of the historical times that we presently live in and then went on to explain the most significant elements of the Letter from Rome, which were – Knowing how to use the language of love, understanding young people, to have happiness at heart, to be present, overcoming formalisms, and sharing the action.

It is very evident from the above messages by our Rector Major and our Provincial that Don Bosco's mission and perspective on education is the holistic development of a child. It is directed towards character formation wherein; the educator joyfully and lovingly provides assistance and accompaniment in helping the young reach their desired goal. One of the greatest strengths of our school is to care for our students and help them grow through a curriculum that is designed to facilitate intellectual, physical, moral and spiritual growth.

We are presently seeing a rising tide of hate, xenophobia and are experiencing drastic impacts of climate change. In such situations it becomes very easy for us to fall victim to the darker side of our own personalities. As we get caught up with the fear of war, unrest, animosity and the hustle and bustle of our daily lives let us remind ourselves that even when the world seems dark and uncertain, we always have the ability to kindle our own light and share it with others.

We will soon be celebrating Diwali, the festival of lights. "Light is a symbol of truth." A Chinese proverb once said, "If there is light in the soul, there will be beauty in the person. If there is beauty in the person, there will be harmony in the house. If there is harmony in the house, there will be order in the nation. If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world."

Our school motto is "Let your light shine". And somewhere inside each of us is a bright light waiting to shine if we just dig deep enough. Only when we are brave enough to explore the darkness can we discover the infinite power of our light that can transform us all. The light within us that we share with others allows us to deeply connect with each other and bring peace to all.

I wish everyone a happy, peaceful and safe Diwali.

God Bless you all.

Rector,

Fr. Dominic Martis sdb

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents, and well-wishers,

Greetings from the Management and Staff of Don Bosco's, Naigaon.

Since its founding in 1999, Don Bosco High school has been dedicated to providing the very best education to our students. Throughout our proud 24 years history at Naigaon, Don Bosco has been a place where students are intellectually ambitious and engaged in a plethora of activities. Our students are compassionate, creative, and filled with a desire to meet new challenges and pursue creative paths in classrooms that are filled with activities and ideas that challenge and inspire them.



There is a much more consistent approach to the curriculum planning, and our school has seen a number of events and beneficial changes for the holistic development of our students. With our engaging co-curricular activities, we enhance our academic programme. These activities foster in our students a sense of mental and emotional balance making them well-grounded. Kindly make sure that your child or children enrol in extracurricular activities at school.

We have introduced a "Language Development Programme" to encourage superior language proficiency. We value each and every child, which is why we have started offering "Remedial Classes" for weaker pupils, wherein fundamental language and arithmetic concepts are addressed, in an effort to assist those who struggle with learning. The fact that so many of our students participate in sports pleases me, and our football and basketball teams have proven that Don Bosco's Naigaon, is home to a talented student body.

We are aware that our kids require support both, from home and from school, so as to succeed in school. With your assistance and involvement, we are sure that having a good relationship with you will benefit your child's education. We want to reassure you that as partners, we are responsible for our children's success and that we will do everything in our power to meet them.

As we celebrate the joyful festival of lights, when we rejoice over the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness, let us not forget to let our own light shine by being accountable for fostering peace in our families, our communities, our country, and the environment that we live in.

May this Diwali be the harbinger of peace, joy and prosperity for all. I hope this festival of light brings your way bright sparkles of peace, contentment and happiness throughout your life.

God Bless each one of you and your families.

Happy Diwali to each one.

Principal,

Fr. Anthony Fonseca, sdb

VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Discovering our Inner Diamonds



Dear well-wishers,

Diwali is a festival of lights with its variations also celebrated in other Indian religions. It symbolises the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance". The festival gets its name from the Sanskrit word from the row (avali) of clay lamps (deepa) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness.

We all harbour troubled emotions and sometimes we are in spiritual darkness. We all have shadows. Using awareness and compassion together can help us loosen their grip. Abiding in loving awareness, we become more spacious, and these unhealthy states begin to lose their power. We all have feelings of pain, loss, and insecurity without expending all our energies to judge, retaliate, or push them away, a new feeling often arises. Freedom dawns as forgiveness and compassion enter our body and mind, which leads our soul to bliss and happiness.

There is a story of a poor merchant who walked past a holy man, sitting deep in meditation. The merchant ran up to him and sat at a distance. When the holy man opened his eyes, he noticed the man and asked what he wished. The merchant replied, "Give me the most precious thing you have." Hearing this, the hermit put his hand inside the flowing cloak and took out a diamond and gave it to him. Stunned at the good fortune, the merchant was elated and thanked the holy man profusely.

"It is most dangerous to display this huge piece of diamond." He thought and took the diamond home hiding it in his sack. At home, he did not tell his wife and the children. He knew that if the word went around, his neighbours were sure of being jealous of his possession and fortune. There could even be some who would suspect him of theft. Keeping the diamond hidden in this manner from all took a huge toll on his mental peace. Distraught and tormented, he finally took it back to the holy man, and regained his peace of mind.

"Diamonds are Forever" but what about the Diamond in each of us? Am I at peace? Each one of us has to discover our Inner Diamonds and allow them to Shine!

Many possessions in our life often bring with them the burden of tension and worry and our life is in pieces rather than being in peace. Let the Festival of lights help us to attain victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. The true wealth is peace of mind which we can all have with the right attitude which leads us to our inner self and union with God.

May this Diwali illuminate our inner self, may this festival be the harbinger of joy, prosperity and illuminate our life, home and surrounding with light and colour. Have a safe and Green Diwali.

Wishing you a very Happy Diwali! Blessings of Happiness, Bliss, Love, Peace and forever Good Health.

Vice-Principal,
Fr. Joaquim Fernandes, sdb

OUR BEST PRACTICES

From academics to co-curricular and sports, skilled educators and coaches help our students to reach their full potential and develop them into well-rounded individuals. Professional coaches oversee all major sports. Students have achieved great success in a variety of prestigious and challenging sports, bringing home multiple honours for the school. Here are some of the best practices of our school -

INTER-CLASS FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL AND CRICKET TOURNAMENTS

Skills like teamwork, leadership, patience, discipline, learning from failure, sportsmanship and physical fitness are developed only when children play sports regularly. The school has provided a great platform for experiential learning, through the medium of sports. The boys and girls of both, the school and college have exhibited amazing skill and dexterity at various tournaments held at the taluka and district level. The school's football and basketball teams have made us proud by winning trophies in tournaments organised by Vasai-Virar Mahanagarpalika and at the district level. The teams have played fantastically and advanced to the Divisional Level in Mumbai.



VALUE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The primary goal of our school's 'Value Education Programme', is to promote responsibility, engagement, respect for the worth of every person and diversity in the community, the development of democratic thought processes, and the preparation of students with moral principles for life after school. Theme-based assemblies are conducted by various sections of the school and college to promote these values. Students deliver speeches, enact skits on the theme, present poems, songs and dance to highlight the theme, thus sending out powerful messages to the audience of students. The Value Education Program, thus serves as a process for the overall development of the students that includes personality development, character formation and spiritual development to a great extent.



READING FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

A language improvement programme called "Reading for Effective Communication" has been implemented in school. It is an effort to improve the pupils' communication abilities. Its goal is to inspire pupils to make reading a habit. As a result, it helps students learn new things, expand and improve their vocabulary, talk clearly and fluently, freely express and communicate their ideas, and eventually gain confidence. The program's deft use of the three Rs—Read, Reveal, and Recite—has skilfully prepared pupils to be presenters for the rest of their lives. After reading a book from the library, the students confidently present a short summary of the book over the public address system at school.

BOOK REVIEW

To encourage students to read more books and engage them more deeply with what they are reading, a 'Book Review' is presented every week over the public address (PA) system of the school. Besides getting students into the habit of listening to the book summary, it allows readers to save time and give them a sneak peek of the book.

MORNING / AFTERNOON ASSEMBLY TALKS

The start of the day at school is an important time for students as they transition from home to school. One strategy used at school to set the tone for the day is an interactive morning message. With the help of the class teacher, students provide a well-prepared, by heart, morning presentation that includes a moral. The morning message provides students with moral values, cultivates self-confidence and motivation in students and inculcates correct public speaking skills.

REMEDIAL CLASSES

With the objective of providing additional help to slow learners who have fallen behind the rest of the class in subjects like Math and English, remedial teaching is provided at school. The slow learners are identified and provided with the necessary help and guidance to overcome their learning problems.

PEACE EDUCATION

Promoting peace and developing students' morals and competencies is one of the goals of Peace Education at school. The school conducts Peace Education classes with a motive of developing intercultural understanding, helping pupils to think critically and logically and preserve harmony and peace in their neighbourhood. These programmes foster a good environment and raise awareness of the importance of fostering peace through activities and lessons in the classroom.

DON BOSCO YOUTH GLOBAL FILM FESTIVAL

The Don Bosco Global Youth Film Festival is an international event that takes place in 136 countries at the same time and is hosted by Salesians of Don Bosco Institutions. The festival inspires young people to use the potent medium of self-expression while honouring the craft of storytelling and filmmaking. The subject of the Global Film Festival, which featured students from both the school and college sections, was, "Become ambassadors of Love and Solidarity."

There were 540 applications from 40 different countries. After a rigorous evaluation process by a regional jury, 52 films that demonstrated remarkable storytelling and filmmaking talent were chosen. Our students produced nine short films in all. Initially chosen, all nine were later eliminated in the subsequent selection stages.

Fr. Joaquim Fernandes, the vice principal, led an educational training session where the students taking part in the event had a thorough understanding of the technical aspects of shooting as well as other necessary dos and don'ts.



WELL-BEING PROGRAMS

The school implements wellness programmes in order to promote a happy and healthy learning environment and support students in making healthy choices for life.

Professional councillors and speakers are invited to deliver lectures on various relevant topics that pertain to the social, mental, physical and moral well-being of the students.

Our recent well-being program for the college students dealt with relevant topics that provided an insight and guidance for the students, helping them to build resilience and set a pattern for how they will manage their emotional, social, physical and mental health throughout their lives.



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

From June 2023 To October 2023

PRAYER SERVICE

To begin the school year well and to invoke the blessings of the Almighty, a Prayer Service was held by every section during the first week of school. Pupils were urged to reflect on readings which promoted introspection. The prayer addressed a number of topics, necessary for a fruitful and satisfying academic year, including the desire for world peace, responsible care of the planet, thankfulness for the steadfast support of parents and guardians and academic productivity and happiness.



S.S.C & H.S.C RESULTS

Hearty congratulations to our SSC and HSC students of batch 2022-23, for good results.

Out of 179 students who appeared for SSC Board Examination, we had 100 students who secured distinction. The highest percentage in the school was secured by Daksh Jain, that was 91.4 %. Meanwhile, in the college, the highest secured in commerce section was 90.6% by Anushka. Malvi and in the science section the highest was secured by Mudassir Ansari with 85.3%

Congratulations to all Boscoites!!



Daksh Jain
91.4 %



Anushka Malvi
90.67%



Md. Mudassir Ansari
85.33%

COLOURING COMPETITION

A Colouring competition was held on 7th July, for the students of the Jr. Kg and Sr. Kg. The theme for the competition was 'Rainy Day'.

CLEAN AND GREEN DAY

Clean and green day was celebrated on 13th July, 2023 by the Sr. Kg section. The main aim of this celebration was to teach students the need to value nature and how to keep their surroundings clean.



INVESTITURE CEREMONY / FEAST OF ST. DOMINIC SAVIO

The Investiture Ceremony is one such significant occasion that is highly valued in all educational institutions. This ceremony was held on 6th July 2023, with great enthusiasm at Don Bosco's Naigaon. It was an occasion where the young students' leaders from the primary and secondary section were all prepared to don the mantle of leadership and discharge the responsibilities entrusted to them by the school. The celebration of Saint Dominic Savio's feast was combined with the event. Students from the secondary and college participated in the inter-house football and throw-ball tournaments held on the day. The college organised a 'Tree Plantation Drive'. Saplings of Neem and Ashoka were planted in the campus.



TAGORE HOUSE DAY

The students and teachers of Yellow House, celebrated their House Day on 18th and 19th July 2023, demonstrating the life and works of their house mascot, Rabindranath Tagore, a great poet and writer.

Students danced to the tunes of songs written by Rabindranath Tagore.

They delivered speeches, enacted skits and recited poems written by the great leader and freedom fighter.



FIELD TRIP FOR PRE - SCHOOLERS

Students of JR. and SR. KG were taken for a field trip on 1st and 2nd August, 2023. The students visited various places like residential colonies, schools, railway stations, temples and more. It was a great learning experience for the tiny tots.



PATRIOTIC SONG AND DANCE COMPETITION

The students of Don Bosco High School and Jr. College, Naigaon, participated in the inter-house, Patriotic Song and Dance Competition and performed with a dazzling exhibition of talent, ability and devotion in order to communicate their intense love for their motherland through the language of music and dance. They were around 320 students from various classes who participated in the event which was held in the school hall on 5th August, 2023.

The Rector, Fr. Dominic Martis, congratulated the participants and stressed upon the need to foster peace through kindness, compassion and respect for each other.

The Principal, Fr. Anthony Fonseca, complimented the students and staff and urged students to stay away from indiscipline and wrong actions so as to inculcate and foster good values that would make them honest citizens of the country.





DESH BHAKTI DAY

The students of Jr. Kg and Sr. Kg celebrated “Desh Bhakti Day” On 21st August, 2023, on the occasion of India’s 77th Independence Day. Students sang patriotic songs that depicted the importance of our national flag. They performed dances paying tribute to our national heroes and brave soldiers.



GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM BAG THE PRESTIGIOUS SUBROTO MUKHERJEE TROPHY

The District Level Subroto Football Tournament 2023-24, organised by Vasai – Virar Municipal Corporation, by District Sports Office Palghar, was a memorable one for the girl's football team. The girls spared no opportunity in giving their best and played with a winning spirit from the first match itself. They were determined to prove that there is no dearth of talent at Don Bosco's Naigaon, when it comes to sports. It was heartening to see the young team rejoice and celebrate their victory on bagging the prestigious trophy on 5th August 2023.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The 77th Independence Day celebration at Don Bosco High School and Jr. College Naigaon, was commemorated with a patriotic spirit through a variety of colourful, cultural events. From drawing and colouring competitions for the tiny tots, to patriotic songs and dance competitions, speeches and a skit sketching the context of the occasion, all created a festive atmosphere in the school. Colourful and well decorated classrooms, corridors, entrances, and the backdrop set a beautiful and fitting tone for the occasion. Our senior support staff member, Mr. Anil Bohir, who recently retired, unfurled the tricolour flag to honour our nation's sovereignty.

Transporting the audience back in time, the Rector, Fr. Dominic Martis, spoke about the efforts and sacrifices made by our heroic liberation fighters. He urged the students to uphold the values of great liberation fighters like Mahatma Gandhi and others, and he enlightened them about the need for peace, truth and unity.



MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE – 2023

Seven students of Don Bosco High School and Jr. College, Naigaon participated in the Model United Nations conference held at Don Bosco International's, Matunga. This conference spanned two days on the 18th & 19th of August with over 100 student delegates across various schools in Mumbai. Delegates representing countries solved real-world problems using debating, research, and public speaking skills.

Participating in MUN, gave our students the opportunity to speak confidently on international matters, and develop the art of conflict resolution through negotiation and debate. Students enthusiastically practiced their skills in diplomacy and improved their negotiation and public speaking skills. Furthermore, in this process our students emerged as good team-workers and leaders.



TEACHER'S DAY

On September 5th, 2023, in honour of Teacher's Day and what is unquestionably one of the most significant professions on earth, the administration and students of Don Bosco High School and Jr. College Naigaon, expressed their appreciation for their teachers. The day was made special for the teachers through a cultural programme that included a prayer service, welcome address, and energetic dance performances by the students.



CELEBRATING GIRL CHILD DAY

In order to spread an awareness on issues that matter to girls a session was conducted on 8th September, for the girls at Don Bosco's Naigaon, on the occasion of 'Girl Child Day'.

The girls were shown a series of succinct, motivational videos and PowerPoint presentations with strong themes. While addressing the girls, the co-ordinating supervisor, Dorothy Fernandes, emphasised the value of education for girls. She underlined the importance of every girl child maintaining their concentration, being determined, having great dreams, being empowered, and taking action.



STELLAR PERFORMANCE BY THE GIRLS OF THE UNDER-17 FOOTBALL TEAM

The under-17 girls of Don Bosco High School and Junior College Naigaon East, won the Final DSO, (District Level) Football Match organised by Vasai- Virar Mahanagarpalika on 15th September, 2023. The finals were played against Rustamjee High School Virar, where they won by a score

of 1-0. Under the able guidance and supervision of the Principal, Fr. Anthony Fonseca and Vice- Principal, Fr. Joaquim Fernandes and the training of our capable coaches, the girls displayed an exceptional sense of teamwork.



TRI-LINGUAL ELOCUTION COMPETITION

Under the expertise and able leadership of the principal, Fr. Anthony Fonseca, the Trilingual Elocution Competition held on 18th September 2023, at Don Bosco High School and Junior College, Naigaon, was a resounding success in achieving its objectives of improving communication skills, instilling confidence and developing public speaking skills among the students. This novel event was introduced, strategized and implemented effectively by the principal, Fr. Anthony Fonseca, who shaped a motivational climate among the staff and students in preparation for the competition.

Around 54 students from the Secondary Section and 30 students from the Primary Section actively participated in this long-awaited event. Each participant exhibited remarkable confidence and articulation, making the competition a true celebration of young, powerful voices.

The competition was honoured by an esteemed jury who brought in their knowledge and experience to evaluate the presentations of the participants.



'JESUS IS MY SUPER HERO' – RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC AND CHRISTIAN STUDENTS

To enable students, deepen their faith and help them navigate through the challenges of school and college life, the School Annual Retreat for the Catholic Students was held on 20th September 2023. The theme of the retreat was 'Jesus Is My Super Hero'. Around two hundred and fifty children from grade V to grade XII participated in the retreat facilitated by twenty-three teachers and five resource persons to strengthen the spiritual foundation of the youngsters in Christ. The highlights of the retreat were the reflective sessions, confessions, counselling, enacting the parables, Bible Quiz and Holy Mass at the end. The speakers enlightened the students about God's plan for them and their response.



DSO BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT UNDER 14 - BOYS

The boy's under-14 basketball team of our school, for the second consecutive year won the Basketball DSO Tournament held by the Vasai-Virar Mahanagarपालिका, at St. Augustine's Grounds, on 27th September, 2023. The boys managed to take home their victory after keeping an aggressive opponent team at bay, with the skills and training imparted by their coach, Sir Abraham Thomas. They qualified themselves for the Mumbai Divisional Level Tournament.



CLEANLINESS DRIVE

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, our school organised a Cleanliness Drive on 1st October, 2023 at 10.00am in the school premises as a part of Swachh Bharat Swasth Bharat Abhiyaan Programme. The main objective of the Cleanliness Drive was to educate the students about Cleanliness and its advantages. The students of std 8th to 10th participated in this event. They picked up the wrappers that were scattered around the campus, they swept the campus using stick-brooms and carefully dumped the garbage in the bins.



PROVINCIAL'S CANONICAL VISIT

The Salesian Provincial, of Mumbai Province, Rev Fr. Savio Silveira, visited the school and spent two days in the institution on 5th and 6th October 2023.

He was greeted by the Salesian Community and staff. While addressing the staff, he touched on the mission and vision of Don Bosco. He expressed his gratitude towards the staff for their relentless service to the institution. He reminded the teachers about the ideals of Don Bosco and focused much on the urgent need to impart moral and peace education in school.



POT PAINTING ART WORKSHOP BY DAVID JAIN

To promote creativity and self-expression, a pot painting art workshop was organised at school. The four days of the workshop were spread out over the weekends during the month of October. Around 40 students from 5th to 9th grade participated in the workshop. Mr. David Jain, a renowned artist and art consultant for UNICEF, and a child educator who has been a relentless crusader for the rights of deprived children, served as the instructor for the workshop. The programme was designed with the objective of providing a holistic and joy-filled approach to education and helped students to engage with subjects from multiple angles, deepen their understanding, think freely, give vent to their emotions and develop a lifelong love of learning. The sessions provided hands - on experience to the students and a creative outlet, allowing them to express themselves and develop important skills. The setting of the workshop and the instructor's approach to teaching, provided the students with an opportunity to develop their artistic skills and explore their creativity. Students learnt the colour wheel and were given an opportunity to explore colour schemes. They acquired the skill of painting in three dimensions, and they were able to showcase their artwork through exquisitely crafted pots that showcased paintings of abstract and natural subjects.



GANDHI HOUSE DAY

The students and teachers of Blue House, celebrated their House Day on 4th and 5th October, demonstrating the life and works of their house mascot, the great freedom fighter, Mahatma Gandhi. During their presentations at the different assemblies, the students highlighted key aspects of Gandhiji's life. They delivered speeches, enacted skits and recited poems written by the great leader and freedom fighter.



MODEL UNITED NATIONS INTER-HOUSE DEBATE

An Inter-House Debate titled, 'M.U.N' was organised on 11th October, 2023 for the students of STD IX and X. The theme of the debate was – 'Refugee crisis around the world'. There were eight contestants overall, all from grades X and IX. It was a rare debate in which the participants were delegates or representatives of different nations rather than two teams. The audience was informed about the rules and regulations of the debate and a video was shown to give an idea of the topic of the debate. The delegates were judged on their content, presentation and overall effectiveness. Throughout the conference, students explored the challenges faced by refugees and strived to find resolutions that benefit the global community.

The Chief Guest for the day, Mr. Jayesh Mhatre, the principal of Shanti Govind High School expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all the participants and emphasized the journey of transforming the event from an idea into a remarkable reality.



PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

To recognize and honour the outstanding achievements and talents of the students a prize distribution ceremony was held on 18th October, 2023. Parents of the winners were invited for the event wherein prizes and certificates were distributed to the winners.



VALUE BASED ASSEMBLIES



VII - A



X - A



VII - B



X - B



VII - C



X - C



VI - A



IX - A

VALUE BASED ASSEMBLIES



III – A



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DIWALI CELEBRATION – LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Students from all sections of Don Bosco High School and Jr. College, Naigaon celebrated Diwali, the festival of lights, with tremendous enthusiasm on November 4th, 2023.

The day started off with a flurry of events and competitions, including the customary "Rangoli" sketching and colouring contest as well as contests for decorating earthen lamps and applying mehndi. The pupils used their fingertips to create and colour complex Rangoli designs. This artwork is said to be a lucky charm that will protect against all misfortune. They also created beautiful paintings and sketches on the diyas to demonstrate their skill. The mehndi designs made by the students of the college section featured floral motifs, religious symbols, and other elements that gave each design a special attractiveness.

The school hall exuded warmth and joy thanks to its colorful décor, theme and lights.

"Let your light shine" was the celebration's theme for the day. The children performed a lovely welcome dance to open off the cultural programme, which was then followed by the customary lamp-lighting ceremony. A somber prayer ceremony praising God for his help and direction and seeking His blessings preceded the celebration. With a skit and a spectacular prayer dance performance, the children enthralled the audience and gave a lot of energy to the celebration. During their prayer session, the Primary Section students emphasized the importance of having a pollution-free, green, and clean Diwali. Along with their class teacher, the students held a pound party in their own class to encourage charity and giving. The school distributed boxes of traditional Indian sweets to each student.

Using the Diwali theme, the Rector, Rev. Fr. Dominic Martis, addressed the staff and students, emphasizing the need for us to use our inner light to dispel darkness and promote kindness, love, and generosity.

Students of Grade X performed in a special band concert and showcased some upbeat songs in a melodic instrumental presentation.

In his speech, Rev. Fr. Joaquim Fernandes, the Vice Principal, shared an anecdote with the students to enlighten them about the inner light that lies within each of us. He concluded the story saying, "Diamonds last a lifetime, but what about the diamonds that are inside each of us? Everybody needs to find their inner diamonds and let them shine!" He also urged the pupils to celebrate Diwali in an environmentally sustainable manner and to preserve the environment.

The students took part in the celebration with tremendous excitement and wholeheartedness. The festive atmosphere was enhanced by their dazzling faces and vibrant attire. All in all, it was a happy experience. A vote of gratitude marked the end of the festivities.

DIWALI CELEBRATION



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Happy diwali

