



THE LITTLE JOSEPHITE

PRE-PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

HERE WE ARE

BACK TO
School



St Joseph's Boys' High School is happy to present the first issue of 'The Little Josephite', our online pre-primary department newsletter. At Joseph's, we use the activity-based approach to ensure holistic development of the children. All children are given equal opportunity to participate and show their talent. Fun days, assemblies and many competitions are conducted throughout the academic year. These events serve to motivate, encourage and learn many things in interesting, fun ways.

In keeping with the Jesuit principle of forming men and women for and with others, we strive to place our little Josephites on the right path by inculcating in them, values and life skills early in life. We appreciate and look forward to your active support in this endeavour.

In June, we were exhilarated to meet our little Josephites after an exile of two harrowing pandemic years, though online classes were conducted successfully during this period. Children were given ample time to settle down to the new routine and the time spent in school was gradually extended to make the transition from online to regular school a comfortable one. Individual attention was given to make each child comfortable in the classroom and encourage meaningful peer interaction.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is often said that children remind us of the innocence of life and having them back in our presence after two years of the pandemic is a source of great joy to all of us at School. Our staff have taken great care to gently ease our children back to school, mindful of their circumstances and experiences these past few years. We have celebrated several events since reopening: The Monthly Fun Days, the Annual Athletic Meet, Inigo Fest, Independence Day and more to educate our children in non-academic ways. We look forward to the Grameena Utsava, Chilgala, Phenomenon, Colour Splash (Art & Design Festival) and other interesting events in the next few months.

Our Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTM) and the recently conducted Parenting Sessions have been much appreciated by parents and have served to build a bridge between parents and teachers. As always, we are grateful to you for your continued support and look forward to many years of fruitful collaboration.



Fr Sunil Fernandes, SJ
Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

“EDUCATION IS NOT PREPARATION FOR LIFE; EDUCATION IS LIFE ITSELF”

-JOHN DEWEY

It is indeed a feast for the eyes to see our little boys walking in with smiles that light up their faces, reflecting the joy in their hearts. The school campus sorely missed the sound of happy chatter accompanied by joyous laughter for two whole years. I particularly missed the sound of little feet running into my office for short visits. We give grateful thanks to God that this dark period has passed.

Children are like flower buds in a garden, to be carefully and lovingly nurtured. We have curated myriad activities to ensure the holistic development of every child. In keeping with the values and principles of St Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, the school provides hands-on experience for the children to learn and grow, becoming independent and responsible.

The management and teachers strive to provide value-based education, laying special emphasis on inculcating of values early in life, that will go a long way in making them men for and with others. I congratulate all the teachers and the lovely students for their commendable achievements so far and wish them success in many more, that will lead them and the school to greater heights of glory in the days to come.



Fr Vishal D'souza, SJ
Administrator

“CHILDREN ARE MASTERS OF UNCONDITIONAL LOVE”

Their love transcends all boundaries. It is pure and innocent. It is so profound that it surpasses the limited understanding of most of us, adults. Their love is personal, messy, sweaty and crazy at times. However, it is always authentic and wholesome. It brings healing and restoration to every soul that it touches.

Their very presence breathes life and adds colour to our lives. Children are great teachers. They teach us how to live life to the fullest. They teach us how to give without strings attached. They teach us that life in all its forms is beautiful and worth living.

Our children are indeed our greatest treasures. Children, we see the Master's brilliant work in each of them. We are privileged to share our lives with them and we strive each day to be more like them.



Mr Brian Mckertish
Vice Principal

CAMPUS NEWS : ORIENTATION

“A PARENT IS A TEACHER AT HOME AND A TEACHER IS A PARENT IN SCHOOL AND THE CHILD IS THE CENTER OF OUR UNIVERSE”

Dr Debmita Dutta (parenting and wellness consultant), the speaker for the orientation programme for the parents of the newly admitted LKG students addressed the gathering with mindful insights on parenting and nurturing a child with love and care to build a strong foundation for a glorious future. Apart from giving tips on good parenting, she laid stress on the importance of following a healthy life style.



Dr Debmita Dutta
Parenting and Wellness Consultant



INIGO FEST

Many events were organized to commemorate this day. The LKG and UKG students participated in a fancy dress and colouring competition respectively. A special assembly was conducted by the pre-primary department which was graced by the presence of Father Oswald Mascharenas.

Our little Josephites also enjoyed a short film on the life of St Ignatius. A candle tagged with a picture of St Ignatius was given as a takeaway to every little Josephite.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

THEY SAY COMPETITIONS BRING OUT THE BEST AND WORST IN INDIVIDUALS BUT HERE AT SJBHS WE NOTICED MANY POSITIVES IN OUR LITTLE JOSEPHITES.

Independence Day was celebrated on the 15th of August. Boys dressed in tricolour clothes were taken to each class where they spoke about India's struggle for freedom. A competition based on the tricolour was conducted; Children of LKG classes brought tricolour snacks, arranged it asthetically and explained what each colour stands for.



ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET



Our tiny tots celebrated Sports Day in a unique way this year. It was a beautiful sight to behold their spectacular drill performance using their colourful scarfs and shimmering fans. They put up a great show and the runners showed promise of following in Usain Bolt's footsteps.



HEALTHY LIFESTYLE



Healthy Lifestyle was the topic for the Fun-Day held on 7th September 2022.

Our children learnt that health is wealth and focus was laid on a healthy diet. They were made aware of the importance of exercise and self-hygiene which helps to lead a healthy lifestyle.



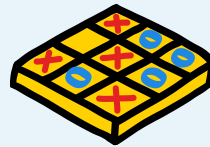
TEACHERS' DAY

TEACHING IS A
WORK OF HEART

The UKG boys participated in the Teachers' Day Programme and made their beloved teachers feel special. They danced to an old popular Kannada song which showed their love for their teachers.



LEARNING THROUGH PLAY



Play nourishes every aspect of a child's development and facilitates holistic development. It forms the foundation for intellectual, social, physical, and emotional development of the child.

Young children learn to do things better through experience (play way) than by being told how to do something. It's vital that learning is fun at this stage. Children are at a sensory perceptual stage and learn using all their senses i.e., taste, touch, sight, hearing, and smell. They observe people and everything around them and replicate their language and behaviour. Each child is unique, embrace them just the way they are. Try to not compare them to other children. All they need is love, affection and some quality time with their loved ones.



Ms Ashwini Rao Padubidri
Special Educator

FROM THE COUNSELLOR'S DESK



GOOD TO KNOW: Children are hardwired to seek attention, so the best gift for the child is parental availability and playfulness. One can pay attention by:

CONNECTING - Hugging your child, smiling, making pleasant eye contact and listening without interrupting are some simple yet effective ways to connect with your child.

PROVIDING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT - When kids are agitated, angry or crying, it is important that you remain calm. Allow the child to express his/her feelings. Acknowledge those feelings so they feel safe to move through it.

PLAYING - Pretend play and laughing out helps the child to develop social competence and enhances positive emotions, thus increasing the abilities to perform.



Ms A Shanida Nasser
Counsellor

PARENTS' INTERACTIVE SESSION

"AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE MOST OVERWHELMING KEY TO A CHILD'S SUCCESS IS THE POSITIVE INVOLVEMENT OF PARENTS"
- JANE D HULL

POSITIVE
VIBES



The interactive session held for the parents of LKG and UKG children aimed to highlight the above-mentioned quote. Ms A Shanida Nasser, our school counsellor and Ms Gowri Miralay Achanta were the speakers for the session. Both the speakers based on their experiences of being a parent and being in school dealing with children of different kinds spoke about the importance of giving good quality time to their child and also stressed on the fact that the child should be the center of the universe for the parents.

PARENTS CONNECT

The decision to admit our son to St Joseph's was an easy one considering the enviable reputation the school holds. We are fortunate indeed to have our child enrolled at SJBHS. Our son loves the school and looks forward to school days.



Ms Ambika Govind
LKG Parent

Our son is a third generation learner at the prestigious SJBHS. The LKG champs are progressing steadily on their journey at school, playing, interacting and bonding with each other; learning and growing along the way.

We are very proud and happy to have our son study at SJBHS.



Ms Rosette Shirley da Costa
LKG Parent



ASSESSMENTS

Assessments help to chart students' progress in academics as well as in the development of social, emotional and cognitive skills.



MORNING ASSEMBLIES

School assemblies play a quintessential role in a student's life.

It is the perfect time to impart and imbibe new learnings, important moral and social values.

The weekly morning assembly provides a great platform for students to build confidence and public speaking skills.



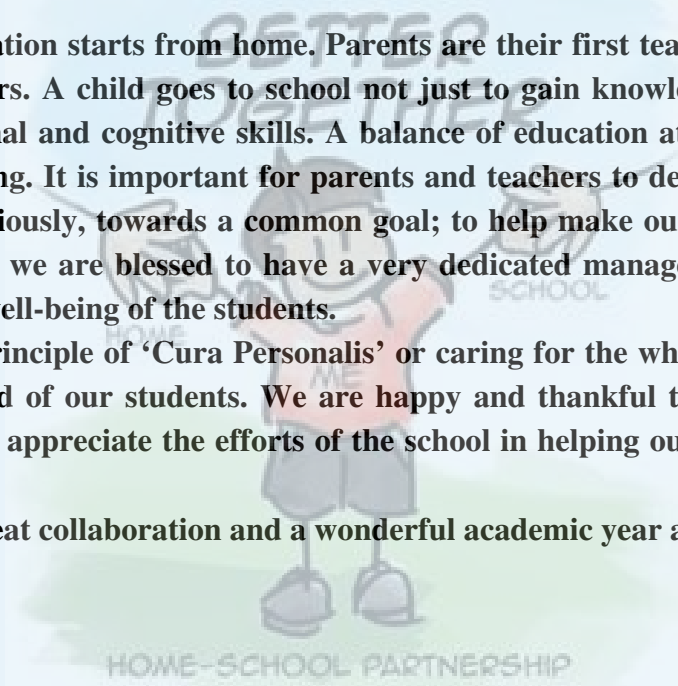
CURA PERSONALIS

“TOGETHER MAY WE GIVE OUR CHILDREN THE ROOTS TO GROW AND WINGS TO FLY”

A child's education starts from home. Parents are their first teachers and play a key role in shaping their characters. A child goes to school not just to gain knowledge but also to develop his physical, socio-emotional and cognitive skills. A balance of education at home and school moulds a student's actual learning. It is important for parents and teachers to develop a good relationship to work together harmoniously, towards a common goal; to help make our students' lives holistic and bright. At St Joseph's, we are blessed to have a very dedicated management and staff, whose first priority is always the well-being of the students.

Following the Jesuit principle of 'Cura Personalis' or caring for the whole person, we endeavour to take care of every need of our students. We are happy and thankful to have kind and supportive parents who value and appreciate the efforts of the school in helping our students excel in all walks of life.

Looking forward to great collaboration and a wonderful academic year ahead.



Ms Nichelle Sharon Pinto
Pre-Primary Co-ordinator

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