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**NEWSLETTER- NOV 2016- JAN, 2017**

Dear Parents,

The end of the academic term is a busy time for the whole school. The highpoint of the new year is that our very own **Advit Bhargava (VII)** will be representing Delhi State as Team Captain (U-14)- Badminton in the National School Games to be held from 13- 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2017, under the aegis of School Games Federation of India. Here's a look at the highlights of the last quarter. A more detailed report with photographs is also up on the school website [www.stmarysdelhi.org](http://www.stmarysdelhi.org).

### **Celebrations:**

**Children's day** was celebrated on the occasion of the 127<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Pt. JawaharLal Nehru. The day was filled with class parties and a lot of fun activities organized by teachers. Teachers distributed choco bites to children as their way of saying we love you!

Founder's Day celebrations were held over two days on the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> of November. The theme for the houses was '**In Search of Shakespeare**' since it was the 400<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of William Shakespeare this year. All the four houses presented their productions with original script and lyrics in variations of the Nautanki style. We were honoured to have Ms. Sanjana Kapoor, famous theatre personality as our Chief Guest for the evening.

Junior School observed their **Class Day** on the theme **Flora and Fauna** across the four states of Delhi, Maharashtra, Kerala & Assam. This time it was section B's turn to present. **Zaike Ka Safar**, the food festival was also celebrated by the junior school. We would especially like to thank parents who volunteered for the great enthusiasm with which all help was rendered .

**Christmas** too was a time of joy and laughter. An excellent **Nativity Play** was presented by class V children. Students decorated their classes and corridors with wreaths, angels, trees, santa, socks, caps, stars etc. Class parties were held and children shared their food with all. Last but not the least, children distributed warm clothes/toys/ socks as Christmas gifts for less privileged children and also diapers to the infants of Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity.

### **Events:**

The **Annual Inter School, Kavi & Geet Sammelan 2016** for senior students was held at the school on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December. It was wonderful to listen to the original poems and songs that each school presented. All songs were composed and sung by the students themselves. We were honoured to have Ms. Aditi Angiras and Mr. Mangalesh Dabral, prominent contemporary Indian poets as our judges.

**Annual Sports Day** a much awaited event provides a great platform for the whole school to unite in the spirit of sportsmanship. Sports day for middle and senior school was held over two days on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> of December at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium while the junior school sports day was held class-wise over four days at the school premises. The Best Athletes awards under senior boys/girls category went to Mohit Arora and Kirti Sulodia of class XII, Anant Sagar (IX) & Sejal Negi (X) under junior boys/girls category, Prashant Yadav (VIII) & Divya Sen Gupta (VII) under sub junior boys/girls and Rashid Khan (VI)/ Ishika Ajay (VI) under mini boys/girls category.

**The VI Wg. Cdr. Mathew Inter School, Junior Athletic Meet** is held every year in memory of our former Chairman who was a huge supporter of physical fitness. This was conceptualized to give junior boys and girls an opportunity to experience the fun and competition of sports. It was awesome to watch nearly 400 students from 14 schools participating in the various sports events like races, hand ball throw, long jump and relays. Vasant Valley School secured the overall championship.

**The Candle Light Ceremony** or the formal farewell ceremony to the outgoing batch of 2016-17 was held on Monday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of December. Our Chief Guests for the occasion **Mr. Rocky Singh & Mr. Mayur Sharma, Co-Anchors of NDTV Good Times Show- Highway on my plate** addressed the students and gave out the mementos. The informal farewell

was held the same evening and was organized by the class XI students. We wish the outgoing batch, luck and blessings as they prepare for their Board Examination.

**Mr. Devender Jhalaria, Indian Paralympic Javelin Thrower** visited the school. Senior students got an opportunity to interact with him and to attend to his motivational talk. He spoke on his journey to success and inspired the students with his story.

**Showcasing of the Winter Project** by classes VII & VIII was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January. This year the theme was 'War & Peace' which was exhibited through digital presentations, skits and posters. The topics covered included 'Fallout of the surgical strikes: India vs Pakistan', 'War on the Naxals: Government vs the People', 'The Role of Religion in Making Peace', 'Media Propaganda in Wartime, Disarmament for Peace, The Science of Warfare, Children and War and War in Syria: For whom does the bell toll'?

#### **Other highlights:**

The school's counselling department takes regular feedback from students as well as parents with an objective to know the perspective of students on the teaching-learning patterns and other systems of the school. "**Parent-Teacher**" interactions are held on a regular basis to enable clearer communication and a closer bond of trust between the parent-teacher and child. Students' performance is carefully analyzed for identifying their areas of difficulty and remedial classes are held accordingly. **Career and stream counselling** was organized for the students of class X to help them in choosing a stream when they step into class XI. **Field Trips & Educational Visits** are undertaken at regular intervals to enhance the knowledge of the students through exploration and exposure to real-life experiences.

#### **Prizes:**

- Project Citizen group from class IX won the overall '**Best School Award**' at the Project Citizen showcasing held at Ramjas School in November, 2016.
- Tulika, class VI secured 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in **Origami** competition at Tagore International School on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.
- Ritika Bhatia (X) and Sahil Jethani (XI) secured 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in **Absolute Maxima, an Inter School Mathematics Symposium** held at Springdales School, Dhaula Kuan in November, 2016.
- 14 students from classes III-VIII have been awarded merit certificates in the **Green Olympiad Examination** conducted by TERI (The Energy & Resource Institute) in the month of December, 2016.
- Sejal Negi (VII) secured 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the 800 mtr race in the **CBSE cluster matches** organized by the CBSE in Dec, 2016.
- Shivika Rohilla, class IV secured **Silver** medal in the Delhi State Chess Championship-2016.
- Chess team- Abhishek Vasudeva, Rajat Rawat, Sangeet Chandwara & Ayush Sagar (classes VI-VIII) won the 2<sup>nd</sup> position in the **Inter School Chess Tournament** held at Modern School, Vasant Vihar. Shivika Rohilla won the Best Board prize at the same tournament.

#### **Zonal Athletic Meet organized by the Delhi Directorate of Education**

Kirti Sulodia (XII) was awarded overall '**Best Zonal Athlete**' for securing the highest number of Golds in the Zonal Athletic Meet for senior girls held in Dec, 2016. Sejal Negi (IX) and Sara (VII) secured overall '**Best Zonal Athlete**' award for securing three Golds each in Junior Girls and Sub Junior category respectively. **We are proud to share that St. Mary's School won the overall championship trophy of the Zonal Athletic Meet, 2016-17 for standout performance by winning 14 Gold, 14 Silver & 09 Bronze medals in various sports events held by the Delhi Directorate of Education.** Truly the efforts of our P.E.T's have paid off spectacularly.

The Board examination for classes XII & X are scheduled to be held from 9<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017. A detailed schedule of the school calendar with important dates for the month of Feb-April, 2017 will be circulated to the parents shortly.

Warmly,

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**Principal**