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Dear Parents,

Printed newsletters are outdated things in this day and age and if you consider yourself to be an environmentally conscious and tech savvy entity as St Mary's does it is but right that we move slowly on from a paper newsletter to an electronic one. Let me remind you that most news along with the photographs is already being uploaded regularly on to the school's website www.stmarysdelhi.org. The school E-magazine Bits & Pieces also offers a variety of perspectives into school activities. This newsletter will only focus on some of the more exciting ones.

Retirement:

Mr. Jacob Thomas retired from service as Vice Principal in June 2017 after 27 glorious years of service. This is a milestone in the history of the school and we wish him the very best and a relaxed retirement. Ms. Madhu Sharma who has been associated with the school for almost 30 years as senior teacher and Headmistress (Middle school) has taken charge as Vice Principal. Ms. R. Jayashree our well loved Math teacher and academic coordinator has been appointed Headmistress (Middle School). Ms. Jyoti Fotedar continues as Head (Junior School).

<u>CBSE Board Results</u>: We are very proud to share the excellent results of the All India Secondary, Senior Secondary as well as the NIOS School Examinations.

Toppers: Class XII

Muskaan Gupta (Commerce) 97.6%, Anisha Jindal (Science) 97.2%, Rajat Malik (Commerce) 96.4% 30/109 students scored above 90% & 29 students scored 80% to 90%

Class X

Five students Retika Bhatia, Yashika Gupta, Manvi Singhal, Ankit Pal and Chirag Wadhwa got an outstanding 10 CGPA.

NIOS results: Four students cleared their class XII board examination with excellent results.

Scholarships & Placements

Head girl **Aksa Paulose** has been awarded full scholarship (academics + residential) to the undergraduate program at **Ashoka University**

Apra Jain was offered a full scholarship by the Govt. of Japan for her undergraduate program in **'International Relations'** at the **Ritusumeikan University**

We have three students who have got admission into medical colleges Aman Mehla (Vardhaman Mahavir Medical College) Anjali (Lady Harding Medical Colledge) & Joyce Emmaneul (J.N. Kapoor DAV Dental College, Haryana)

Exchange to Aarhus, Denmark: Under the Indo- Danish Exchange Program eight students accompanied by two teachers Ms. Shilpa Saxena and Ms. Mannat Shergill visited Aarhus Statsgymnasium, Aarhus, Denmark on a ten day exchange program in May. This time the students are working on the project **'Sustainable Development'** as seen from two perspectives: a developed and a developing country.

<u>Exchange to France</u>: Thirty students along with three teachers Ms. Archana Arora, Ms. Jalaj Jaithak & Ms. Preeti Sharma visited Ly-Cee-Broceliande Institute, France in May.

Shivpuri

A two week residential camp called **Planet Harmony** is organized annually by the Snow Leopard group in Shivpuri, Uttrakhand with the objective of spreading the message of harmony and peaceful co-existence. This year two students Saurabh Bhusal (XI) and Jyoti Kumari (X) attended the camp to interact with students from politically disturbed parts of our country and to learn to be ambassadors of peace.

International Award for Young People (IAYP)

On successful completion of the tough Residential Project, which took place in Orchha, Madhya Pradesh in March, three students from class XII Hera Aaqil, Tanya Jain and Lakshi Phogaat received the IAYP prestigious Gold Award, 11 students from class XI secured the silver and four students of class X were awarded bronze. The award was presented by Dr. Vivek Raghavan, CTO Team Indus in a special ceremony organized by the Award Foundation on the 20th of July.

<u>Super Science High school Student Fair 2017 Kobe, Japan</u>: St. Mary's School has again been chosen to participate in the Super Science High school Student Fair 2017 organized by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science & Technology. There will be 25-30 international schools and more than 100 Japanese schools, who will be participating in the Super Science Fair. We are happy to share that participants have successfully developed an app **YOG_AI** in connection to their project 'Validation and Digitalization of Yog as the path to a Healthy Life'. The app is now on Google Play store! We are certain that Retika Bhatia, Garvit Garg (XI) and Sarthak Goel (XII) with their guide Ms. Vernika Sharma (TGT) will present themselves creditably at the JST Fair.

<u>The Annual Teachers Training</u> was held from 6th to 8th July at the school premises. The theme of the workshop was 'Turning Mirrors into Windows' which focused on professional development, mental and physical well being as well as on understanding the National Curriculum Framework (NCF2005).

<u>Showcasing of Junior School holiday home work</u> was held on 25th & 27th of July at the school premises. Theme for this year's exhibition was *Entrepreneurship*. Project Presentation by classes V & VI on the theme '*Know your Neighborhood'* was held on 15th July. Classes IX & X displayed their Projects on 29th of July on the theme '*Disaster Management'* & '*Money & Credit'* respectively. Creativity and originality was the hall mark of many of the projects.

<u>Shraddhanjali Diwas</u> marks the death anniversary of our beloved founder, Mrs. Sara Mathew. Advocate Afroz Shah, UN Champions of the Earth 2016 delivered the *XIIth Sara Mathew Memorial Lecture on 'The Road Less Travelled'*.

On the occasion of Shraddhanjali Diwas the Citizen Empower Department facilitated <u>The Annual Madam Sara Mathew</u> <u>Medical Camp</u> on the 25th July in Mohammadpur Basti. This year the camp treated around 100 patients across age groups. Alumni Dr. Rita Chawla and Dr. Amit Chaurasia were ably assisted by student volunteers of class X & XI.

In solidarity with the Right to Food campaign, **Hunger Project** at St. Mary's continues to be a participatory initiative connecting students to community. We are happy to share that the school successfully conducted three drives by classes XIIA & B and XA. Children prepared nutritious daal khichri which was distributed among the patients at AIIMS as well as at Jantar Mantar.

Prizes & Achievements:

Advit Bhargava, class VIII continues to bring laurels to the school by securing 1st position in Delhi State and NCR Badminton Championships. Harsh Phogaat, class VI has secured 'Winner Doubles' in All India Tennis Tournament, 'Runners Up' in Haryana Tennis Tournament and 'Finalist' in Super Series Tennis Championship held in the months of May & July, 2017.

We are extremely proud to mention that Shivika Rohilla (VI) a Chess Player, has secured 12th position in Nationals held in July, 2016, 1st position in U-11 Delhi State Championship (April, 2017), 2nd Best Woman in Delhi State Open Championship & Best Woman in Mayor Cup Mumbai, both held in July, 2017. She will now be playing for World Cadets U-12 Chess Championship 2017 organized FIDE, World Chess Federation, Brazil from 21st to 31st August, 2017.

- **Siddharth Sayal** of class I-C and *Aayushi Sansanwal* of class I-A secured 2nd position in *Riddle Me, Khushi Balguher* (IX) secured 3rd position in *Graphic Design Competition* held at Mount Carmel School on 25th July, 2017.
- Saransh Gupta of class XII B secured 2nd position in WARZONE Computer Gaming held at Air Force Golden Jubilee School, Subroto Park on 25th July 2017.
- Kushagra Verma of class XII B secured 3rd position in Mathematics Extempore, 8 students from classes VI-VIII secured 2nd prize in Maths Skit Competition held at St. Paul's School on 21st July, 2017 and Sangeeta (XII) secured 2nd position in Rangbahaar, Painting competition at Ambience School on 25th July, 2017.

Zonal (24) Level Games & Sports, 2017

- Junior Boys as well as Senior Boys secured 1st position in our Football zone beating the home team in the finals whereas the sub-junior boys football team secured 3rd position in the matches held at CSKM School, organized by the Delhi Directorate of Education.
- Junior girls and sub-junior girls secured 2nd and 3rd position respectively in Table Tennis match held at Hamdard Public School

The senior school first term examination will commence from 19th August; the date sheet has already been given to the children in the last week of July.

Looking forward to your continued cooperation.

Warmly,

Dr. Annie Koshi Principal