

MOUNT COLUMBUS SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Greetings to all of you as we find ourselves at the midpoint of this academic session. It is with great pleasure that I share with you some reflections and updates on our journey of learning and growth.

As we navigate through the challenges and triumphs of the past months, I am immensely proud of the dedication and resilience exhibited by our students and staff alike. The spirit of collaboration and the pursuit of excellence have truly defined our school community.

Academically, I have witnessed the spark of curiosity ignite in our classrooms, with students delving into diverse subjects and engaging in thought-provoking discussions. Our teachers have continued to inspire and guide, nurturing not only the intellect but also the character of our students. It is heartening to see the progress that has been made, and I encourage each student to remain committed to their studies as we approach the second half of the session.

Beyond the classroom, our extracurricular activities have flourished, offering students the opportunity to explore their passions and talents. From the arts to sports, our students have exhibited remarkable dedication and sportsmanship. I commend our coaches and mentors for their unwavering support in nurturing well-rounded individuals.

In the realm of community service, our students have once again demonstrated their compassion and commitment to making a positive impact.

Their involvement in various initiatives, whether local or global, is a testament to their understanding of the power they hold to effect change.

As we look ahead to the remainder of the session, I encourage everyone to continue embracing the values of respect, integrity, and empathy that define our school ethos. Let us keep our lines of communication open, ensuring that our partnership in your child's education remains strong.

I extend my gratitude to our parents and guardians for your unwavering support, and to our dedicated staff for their relentless efforts. Together, we create an environment that fosters growth and excellence.

Wishing you all a productive and enriching second half of the session.

Warm regards.



Aditi Roy
Principal

Editor's Message

OPEN YOUR MIND

There is a saying that ‘the world is full of knowledge.’

People should be ready to learn anytime, anywhere and everywhere. We can learn wherever we are whether in a bus, in a market, among the crowd or listening to people and even when the people are fighting. Don't look for a book or a classroom. Learning from the experience is the best thing anyone can do. Yes, but for that you need to **OPEN YOUR MIND** you should be ready to listen, to accept, to analyze and then reach out to the result. Your mind should be open for all kinds of thoughts, opinions and suggestions. Don't be an orthodox and create a barrier in your head if you really want to experience the wondrous world and expand your knowledge. As it'll give you the ability to choose what is wrong or right. Open your mind to new thoughts, new changes and challenges of present. Be ready to learn from any one even a child or illiterate humankind. We can take the example of Mr. Sonam Wangchuk, a great engineer and reformist who was not enrolled in a school until the age of 9. He has learnt many things from his surroundings.

We just need to be keen observer and a follower. There is always something which is needed be learned or understood. But we keep our head so stagnant that we just shut the doors of acceptance if it's not entertaining or related to our interest or something you want to listen.

So, keep your mind open if you want to come out strong, knowledgeable, a person to whom world wants to listen.

Be A Good Listener.....!



Ms. Usha
T.G.T English

3D Marquee Competition



The 3D Marquee Inter-House Competition was a spectacular event that showcased the creativity and talent of students from various houses within our school. This competition aimed to foster a sense of teamwork, creativity, and healthy competition among students while also promoting skills related to 3D design and presentation. The event was held at Mount Columbus School on 7th August 2023, and it was a resounding success, drawing participants and spectators alike. Each house showed tremendous performance and created stupendous 3D doodle art on the logos of G20. Students had depicted the theme very well.

The purpose of this activity was to encourage creativity, develop eye-hand coordination, fine and gross muscle development, develop positive thinking and critical thinking among the students while fostering a love for Art through nature.

There were three judges - Ms. Pooja Chandel, Ms. Kumud Narula and Ms. Shipra.



Traditional Attire Competition

The Inter-House Traditional Attire Competition was a vibrant and culturally enriching event that took place on 09th August 2023 for classes III-V. This competition was organized by Mount Columbus School to celebrate and showcase the rich diversity of traditional attire from various cultures of countries included in G20.

The competition witnessed an overwhelming participation from students, with representatives from each of the six houses. Students enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to display their cultural heritage and showcase their pride in their traditional attire.



The event showcased the remarkable diversity of traditional attire from different regions and cultures. Participants donned a wide array of traditional clothing, including saris, kimonos, dashikis, hanboks, and many more. The fusion of colors, fabrics, and styles made the event a visual feast.

In addition to the attire display, the students also spoke about their food, culture and languages etc.

This information further enriched the audience's understanding of the traditions and stories associated with the attire.

The competition successfully achieved its goal of fostering cultural awareness and appreciation among the participants and the audience.

It served as an educational platform, promoting understanding and respect for various cultural traditions.

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all participants, judges, volunteers, and the audience for making this event a grand success.



Sash Making Competition

The Sash Making Inter-House Competition took place on 04th September 2023 at Mount Columbus School for classes VI-VIII, bringing together students from various houses to showcase their creativity and craftsmanship in the art of sash-making. The event was a testament to the skills and teamwork of the participants, creating a vibrant atmosphere filled with artistic energy. To add an extra layer of creativity, a theme of "G20" was introduced for the sash designs. Participants were encouraged to incorporate elements from different cultures to symbolize one earth, one family. Participants had a set amount of time to complete their sashes, which added an element of excitement and urgency to the event. Participants had the chance to express their creativity and artistic skills in a unique way, using sash-making as a medium. Participants had shown an outstanding work. The activity was judged by Ms. Sangeeta Parashar.



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Global Village Competition

The Global Village Inter-House Competition, held on 11th August 2023 at Mount Columbus School for classes VI-X. It was a spectacular event that offered a unique and immersive experience in celebrating cultural diversity from around the world. It aimed to promote an understanding of different cultures, traditions, and lifestyles while fostering unity and camaraderie among students from various houses. This report highlights the key aspects of the competition.



Participants created vibrant displays that included traditional clothing, artifacts, artwork, and informative posters about their chosen countries.

These displays provided visitors with a holistic view of each country's cultural heritage.

Throughout the event, houses presented cultural performances, such as traditional dances, music, and demonstrations of cultural rituals. These performances added a lively and authentic touch to the event.

The Global Village Inter-House Competition was a resounding success, fostering cultural awareness, unity, and appreciation among the student body. The event not only showcased the rich tapestry of global cultures but also encouraged teamwork, research, creativity, and culinary skills.

The Global Village competition saw enthusiastic participation from all houses, with each house assigned a specific country of G20 to represent. Students prepared elaborate displays and activities to immerse visitors in the culture of their chosen country.

Each house was assigned a specific country to portray, and they were required to create an exhibition that reflected the culture, traditions, cuisine, and lifestyle of that country. This encouraged students to conduct research and gain in-depth knowledge about their assigned countries.



Independence Day Celebration

Mount Columbus School celebrated the 77th Independence Day of our nation on 14th August with great valour and enthusiasm. It was a moment of pride and joy.

All the students of classes III to X along with teaching and non-teaching staff gathered to celebrate the auspicious moment. The programme started around 9:00 am in the morning with the welcome of our Chief Guest Commandant Benudhar Nayak from 22nd BN, ITBP, TIGRI. The school captions presented a Guard of Honour to the Chief Guest. The ceremony was followed by hoisting the national flag and oath-taking ceremony.



We are fortunate that since last three years we are getting an opportunity to celebrate the Independence Day with ITBP soldiers and their band.

The first performance was beautiful Sattriya dance from Assam presented by a group of girls to welcome our chief guest. It was followed by role play on Ghandiji, Rani Laxmi Bai and Bhagat Singh by our toddlers. It is always joy to see them on the stage.

Later, the student of class X, Bhumika delivered a speech on Independence Day, followed by Hindi poem, song – Sarejhaan se aaccha hindusita humara, dance performance, a tribute to the soldiers which made every one emotional.

Finally the time came where our guests



The ITBP Band performed many patriotic songs. It is always a pleasure to listen or see them perform. The performance lit up the event and it was mesmerizing.

Our chief guest was welcomed on the stage to share a few inspiring words with the students and enlighten them. He stressed upon environmental changes and what we can do to protect it. The program was concluded with a vote of thanks by our Middle Wing Coordinator Ms. Sangeeta Parashar and the memento was given by the Junior Wing Coordinator Ms. Jaya Samant.



The best part of the event was when all the students got a chance to enjoy and have some fun by dancing together on the beats of ITBP band. There was a feeling of pride and patriotism in everyone's heart. The program ended with the national anthem.



Character Portrayal Competition

Freedom fighters were people who sacrificed their lives selflessly for the freedom of their country. Every country has its fair share of freedom fighters. People look up to them in terms of patriotism and love for one's country. To enhance imagination, and creativity and to build confidence in the students. Character Portrayal activity was conducted on 10.08.23 with the theme of 'Freedom Fighters' for the students of Grades I and II. The judgment was made on the basis of Costume, Expressions, Confidence, and Overall Presentation. All the participants showcased versatility. They were dressed smartly and presented themselves beautifully. They won the hearts with their exuberance. The activity was judged by Ms. Jaya Samant, Ms. Pooja Chandel, and Ms. Khushboo Sejwal.

The purpose of this activity was to enhance imagination and creativity, build confidence, and develop a feeling of patriotism. The success of this competition demonstrates the importance of providing platforms for students to express themselves and hone their creative and artistic skills. Such events are essential for fostering a love for the arts and promoting self-confidence among participants. It is anticipated that future editions of the Character Portrayal Competition will continue to inspire and captivate both participants and the audience alike.

The activity ended with the National Anthem. We thank our school authorities for their support.



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