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Principal's Message

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

As we stand at the cusp of change, I am reminded of the words of William Shakespeare: "What's past is prologue." Today, we gather not merely to celebrate achievements but to reflect on the journey that has led us here and to embrace the endless possibilities that lie ahead.

Throughout this academic session, we have witnessed a myriad of experiences, from the soaring highs of triumph to the challenging lows of setbacks. Yet, it is in navigating these peaks and valleys that we have truly discovered the strength of our collective resolve.

I am thrilled to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all our students from Nursery to Grade IX who have successfully passed their exams! Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance have paid off, and this accomplishment is a testament to your commitment to excellence.

To our diligent Grade X students awaiting their results, I extend my best wishes for success. Your journey thus far has been filled with challenges and triumphs, and as you prepare for this next phase of your life, remember that your potential knows no bounds. Embrace the results, whatever they may be, with grace and resilience. Your future is bright, and I have every confidence in your ability to excel.

As you embark on this new chapter of your academic and personal lives, I urge you to embrace every opportunity with enthusiasm and optimism. Each day presents a chance for growth and discovery, so seize it with courage and determination.

To all our students, whether you're celebrating your successes or preparing for new challenges, remember that you have a community of support here at MCS. Our faculty and staff are dedicated to nurturing your talents, guiding your ambitions, and helping you realize your full potential.

Once again, congratulations to all our students on their achievements, and best wishes for a bright and successful future. Together, let's continue to strive for excellence and make every moment count!

Warm regards

Aditi Roy

Principal





Editor's Message

Dear Readers,

Welcome to another edition of our school newsletter, a platform where we celebrate achievements, share stories, and connect as a community. As we reflect on the events of the past month, I am filled with a sense of pride and gratitude for the vibrancy of our school community.


In these pages, you will find a reflection of our collective journey, from the triumphs of our students to the dedication of our staff, and the unwavering support of our parents. Each story is a testament to the values we hold dear: excellence, integrity, and inclusivity.

As editors, it is our privilege to curate these stories and share them with you. We hope that they inspire you, spark curiosity, and ignite conversations that deepen our understanding of the world around us.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to everyone who has contributed to this newsletter, whether through writing, photography, or design. Your creativity and passion have brought these pages to life, and I am truly grateful for your dedication.

As we look ahead to the coming months, let us continue to embrace the spirit of collaboration and community that defines us as a school. Together, there is no challenge too great, no dream too ambitious.

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope you enjoy reading this edition of our newsletter as much as we have enjoyed putting it together.



Warm regards
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SDG Board Decoration Competition

On 16th January 2024, Mount Columbus School hosted an Inter-House Board Decoration Competition in our school premises for students from classes VI to X. The theme for this creative endeavor was the G20, focusing on the pivotal role played by this group of nations in global trade and investment linkages.

Participants displayed exceptional creativity and enthusiasm as they adorned display boards with vibrant decorations and delivered presentations highlighting various aspects of art, culture, dances, traditions, and cuisine from countries within the G20. Their presentations underscored the importance of global cooperation in addressing pressing issues such as peace, trade, and financial stability.

The competition witnessed outstanding performances from all participants, reflecting their passion for the theme and their commitment to excellence. Their efforts were a testament to their dedication and creative abilities, showcasing a diverse array of cultural elements from around the world.

A distinguished panel of judges, including Ms. Shipra, Ms. Pooja Chandel, and Ms. Kumud, meticulously evaluated the presentations based on criteria such as creativity, relevance to the theme, and presentation skills. Their expertise ensured a fair and unbiased assessment of the participants' efforts.

After careful deliberation, the winners were announced as follows:

1st Position: Hudson House and Indus House

2nd Position: Nile House

3rd Position: Onyx House

The competition served as an opportunity to promote a sense of togetherness among students while creating awareness of global issues and fostering creativity and critical thinking. It was a testament to the school's commitment to providing students with platforms for holistic development and nurturing their talents and skills.



Painting Competition

On 15th January 2024, Mount Columbus School hosted an Inter-House Painting Competition at our school premises for students of classes IX and X. The competition aimed to foster creativity and artistic expression among the participants, providing them with a platform to showcase their talents and skills in the realm of visual art.

During the competition, students enthusiastically engaged in the painting activity, demonstrating their passion and dedication towards the task at hand. With a diverse range of painting mediums at their disposal, including watercolors, acrylics, oils, pencils, and charcoal, participants unleashed their creativity to create captivating artworks that reflected their unique perspectives and artistic sensibilities.

The judging panel, comprising Ms. Sangeeta Parashar, Ms. Jaya Samant, and Mr. Rajnish, meticulously evaluated the artworks based on criteria such as creativity, technique, and overall aesthetic appeal. Their expertise and discerning eye ensured a fair and impartial assessment of the participants' efforts.

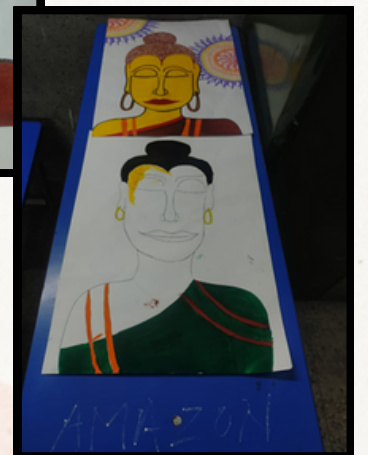
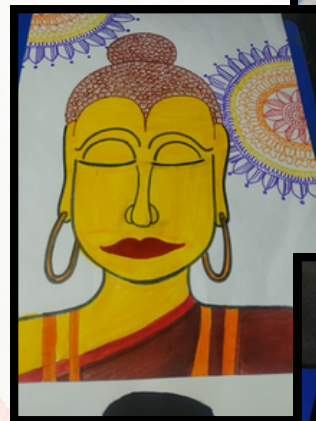
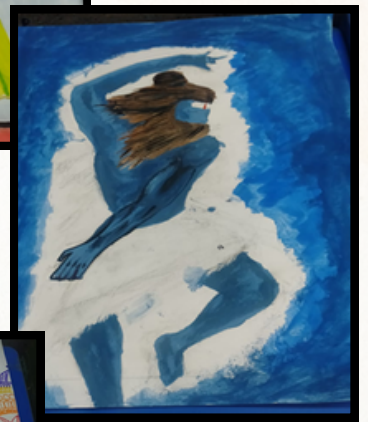
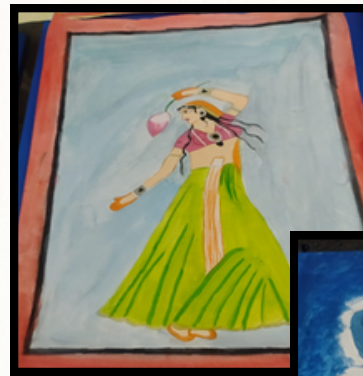
The competition served as a valuable learning experience for the students, allowing them to explore different painting techniques, refine their skills, and unleash their creative potential. Beyond the artistic realm, the activity also contributed to the development of essential skills such as hand-eye coordination, gross motor skills, and critical thinking.

Following a thorough evaluation process, the winners were announced as follows:

- 1st Position: Amazon House
- 2nd Position: Hudson House
- 3rd Position: Indus House

The winning entries captivated the audience with their artistic prowess and imaginative execution, earning them well-deserved recognition and accolades.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the school authorities for their unwavering support in organizing and facilitating this enriching competition. Their commitment to nurturing the talents and interests of our students is commendable, and we are grateful for their continuous encouragement and guidance.



Columbian Times Competition

Mount Columbus School hosted the Inter-House Columbian Times Competition on 16th January 2024 at our school premises. This engaging activity brought together students from classes III to VIII to showcase their creativity and critical thinking skills through the design of a newspaper.

The theme of the competition revolved around "General Awareness," encompassing a wide range of topics including International Affairs, National Affairs, Bilateral Affairs, Persons in Trending News, Sports, Places in Trending News, and Current Affairs in the Banking Sector. Students were tasked with creating a newspaper layout that effectively communicated these themes while adhering to editorial and graphical guidelines.

Newspaper designing, as explained during the competition, involves the meticulous arrangement of material on a newspaper page, considering both editorial and graphical objectives. Editorial goals include prioritizing news stories by importance, while graphical considerations focus on readability and balance.

Judging the competition were esteemed panelists Mr. Rajnish, Ms. Sangeeta Parashar, and Ms. Jaya Samant, who assessed the entries based on criteria such as creativity, coherence, and relevance to the theme.

After careful evaluation, the winners were announced:

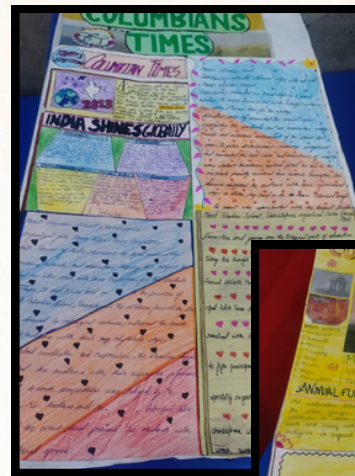
1st Position: Onyx House

2nd Position: Hudson House

3rd Position: Nile House

The winning entries demonstrated a commendable blend of creativity, critical thinking, and attention to detail, earning them well-deserved recognition.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the school authorities for their steadfast support in organizing and facilitating this enriching competition. Their encouragement and guidance have been instrumental in providing students with opportunities for growth and learning beyond the classroom.



Republic Day Celebration



Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the chief architect of our Constitution, left behind a legacy that continues to inspire us today. His commitment to justice and equality, coupled with his unwavering dedication to building a nation where every citizen is treated with dignity, echoes through the corridors of time. As we celebrated the 75th Republic Day, it is imperative to reflect on the progress we have made as a nation and the challenges that lie ahead.

The theme for this year's Republic Day celebration, "Unity in Diversity," reminds us of the rich tapestry of cultures, languages, and traditions that make India unique. Our strength as a nation lies in our ability to embrace this diversity and forge a common identity that transcends regional, linguistic, and cultural differences. It is a reminder that, despite our diverse backgrounds, we are all united under the tricolor flag.

In the spirit of Republic Day, let us reaffirm our commitment to upholding the values enshrined in our Constitution. As responsible citizens, it is our duty to contribute positively to the growth and well-being of our nation. Let us strive for an inclusive society where every individual has equal opportunities and access to education, healthcare, and basic amenities.

Mount Columbus School has always been at the forefront of fostering holistic development in its students. Our emphasis on academic excellence, coupled with a strong focus on character building and social responsibility, prepares our students to be not just successful professionals but also responsible and compassionate citizens.

In addition to the solemn flag hoisting ceremony, our Republic Day celebration encompasses a diverse array of activities that showcase the talents and spirit of unity among our students. The day is not only marked by the unfurling of the national flag but also by various events that encapsulate the essence of our cultural and academic pursuits.

The event included a rendition of patriotic songs that resonate with the fervor of patriotism and love for our nation. A captivating yoga presentation followed, emphasizing the importance of physical and mental well-being, aligning with the ancient wisdom embedded in our cultural heritage.



Furthermore, a Hindi poem recitation brought forth the linguistic richness of our country, showcasing the beauty of our native language. A dance performance was added for vibrant and lively dimension to the celebration, expressing the joy and diversity that defines India.

One of the highlights of celebration is the announcement of the results of the inter-house activities. This moment serves as a significant milestone in our academic calendar,

symbolizing the dedication and hard work invested by each student throughout the year. The results were unveiled of the varied inter-house activities for the academic session 2023-2024.

We came together to applaud the efforts of our students and celebrate the achievements that make Mount Columbus School a beacon of excellence in both academics and co-curricular activities.

Conclusion: As we celebrated this historic day, let us remember the sacrifices of those who laid down their lives for our freedom and the framers of our Constitution who paved the way for a democratic India. May this Republic Day serve as a reminder of our duty towards our nation and inspire each one of us to contribute towards building a brighter, more inclusive future.



Embarkation Day

On the 9th of February, a poignant and memorable farewell was orchestrated by the Class 9 students for their esteemed seniors of Class 10. Under the guidance of their teachers and school authorities, the event unfolded gracefully, commencing at 12 noon. As the clock struck twelve, the 10th-grade students were welcomed with a stirring and emotive speech, setting the tone for the heartfelt proceedings of the day.

Adorned in resplendent attires, the young gentlemen donned suits while the ladies graced the occasion in elegant sarees, adding a touch of sophistication to the gathering. The program commenced with a soulful rendition by the Class 9 students, filling the air with melodies of nostalgia and camaraderie. Subsequently, the students of XA took center stage, presenting tokens of affection and appreciation on behalf of the school, symbolizing the cherished bonds shared within the school community.

The atmosphere was further enlivened by mesmerizing dance performances by students of Class 9A and B, captivating the audience with their grace and finesse. Continuing the spirit of generosity and goodwill, gifts were bestowed upon the students of Class 10B, eliciting smiles and expressions of gratitude.

The jubilant mood prevailed as the students of Class 9B and C took to the stage, showcasing their talent through an enthralling dance performance, evoking laughter and joy among the attendees. The culmination of the gift-giving ceremony for Class 10C students marked a poignant moment, symbolizing the culmination of their journey at the school.

Subsequently, the talent showcase for Class 10th students commenced, featuring a diverse

array of activities including a captivating ramp walk, a riveting talent hunt, an engaging questionnaire, and a lighthearted funny dance. After rigorous evaluation by the esteemed judges, Ms. Saakshi and Ms. Kumud, two shining stars emerged victorious. Alina of 10C was bestowed with the esteemed title of the Golden Columbian, while Ms. Diya of 10A was honored as the Silver Columbian, for their exemplary performances and contributions.

The event drew to a close with an inspirational yet poignant speech by the Principal Ma'am, reflecting on the collective journey of the students and imparting words of wisdom for their future endeavors. Following the conclusion of the formal proceedings, a sumptuous lunch was served, providing an opportunity for the students of Classes 9th and 10th to bond over shared memories and experiences.

In retrospect, the day was a harmonious blend of emotions, laughter, and cherished memories, marking the culmination of one chapter and the beginning of another for the students of Class 10th.



Basant Panchmi Celebration

On February 14th, 2024, our school organized a vibrant and culturally enriching celebration of Basant Panchami, the festival heralding the arrival of spring and honoring Goddess Saraswati, the deity of knowledge and the arts. The event aimed to instill in our students a deeper understanding of Indian culture while fostering a sense of creativity and appreciation for learning.

A special assembly was conducted to celebrate Basant Panchami with the students of Middle School. The entire school community embraced the festive spirit by adorning themselves in vibrant yellow attire, symbolizing the arrival of spring and the essence of Basant Panchami.

The celebration commenced with a soulful rendition of Saraswati Vandana, invoking the blessings of Goddess Saraswati, the embodiment of knowledge, wisdom, and the arts. This melodious invocation set the tone for the event, inspiring students to embrace the pursuit of knowledge with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

Following the Saraswati Vandana, students were enlightened about the significance of Basant Panchami and its cultural importance. Recognizing the importance of effective goal-setting and time management, students were encouraged to define their academic goals, prioritize their studies, and create a structured study plan. With assessments looming on the horizon, this guidance aimed to empower students to approach their studies with confidence and determination, laying the groundwork for academic success.

In addition to academic guidance, teachers took the opportunity to convey their heartfelt best wishes to the students, encouraging them to persevere in their pursuits and reminding

them of their unwavering support throughout their academic journey. This expression of encouragement and support served to motivate students and reinforce the sense of unity and camaraderie within the school community.

As the assembly drew to a close, students departed with a renewed sense of purpose and determination, ready to embark on their academic journey with renewed focus and dedication. The Basant Panchami celebration not only fostered a deeper appreciation for culture and tradition but also equipped students with valuable insights and strategies to navigate their academic endeavors successfully.

With the blessings of Goddess Saraswati and the collective support of the school community, the students of Middle School are poised to achieve great heights of success and excellence in their academic pursuits.



Trip to WildHawk Adventure

An overnight trip was organized for students of classes VI-VIII to Faridabad, An Adventure Hawk, from 16th to 17th February. Ninety-plus students eagerly joined this trip, accompanied by their friends and teachers, ready to embark on an unforgettable adventure.

The journey began from Mount Columbus School to Faridabad by bus around 10 am, filled with excitement and anticipation. Upon arrival, the Adventure Hawk team warmly welcomed us with refreshing lemonade, setting the tone for an exhilarating experience ahead.

The day was packed with fun-filled activities, starting with energizing warm-up exercises. Students then embarked on thrilling adventures including zip-lining, rope climbing, and badminton, testing their agility and courage. The Tarzan Swing provided a wild rush of adrenaline as students swung amidst lush greenery, feeling like true jungle explorers.

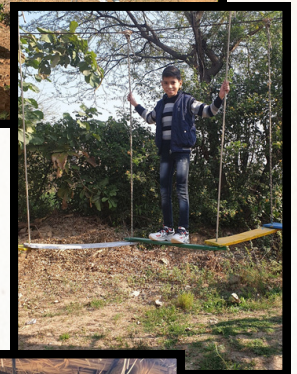
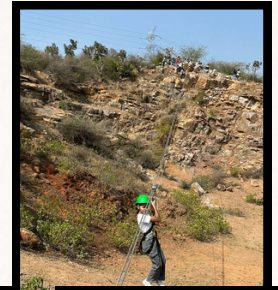
Traversing through the net walk, step bridge, and woodside walk, students showcased their balancing prowess against the backdrop of breathtaking landscapes. The adventure continued with exhilarating tracking activities, immersing students in the beauty of nature and wilderness.

As the evening descended, the Adventure Hawk team mesmerized everyone by arranging a captivating bonfire, accompanied by music, dance, and delicious snacks. The crackling flames and lively atmosphere created unforgettable memories for all.

Later, a sumptuous dinner awaited the hungry adventurers, followed by a cozy night spent in camps under the starry sky.

The next day began with a wonderful breakfast, fueling students for the journey back to school.

As the trip came to an end, nobody wanted to leave the beautiful surroundings and immersive experience behind. The trip to Adventure Hawk in Faridabad had been an unforgettable adventure, filled with laughter, excitement, and camaraderie, leaving students longing for more such experiences in the future.



Teachers' Outing

On 24th February, the dedicated faculty members of MCS embarked on an exciting excursion to Delta 105, located in the scenic surroundings of Manesar, Haryana. This day out provided a welcome break from the rigors of the classroom, offering teachers an opportunity to unwind, bond, and rejuvenate amidst nature's tranquillity.

The excursion commenced with a scenic drive to Delta 105, where teachers were greeted with warm hospitality and a plethora of recreational activities. Amidst lush greenery and serene surroundings, the faculty members engaged in a variety of team-building exercises, adventure sports, and leisurely strolls, fostering camaraderie. The adventurous spirits among the group indulged in thrilling activities such as zip-lining, rope climbing, and obstacle courses, challenging themselves and each other to conquer new heights. These adrenaline-pumping adventures not only invigorated the body but also rejuvenated the mind, infusing the teachers with a renewed sense of energy and vitality.

For those seeking a more relaxed experience, Delta 105 offered folk songs, Kathputhli Play, Magic show, etc. Teachers reveled in the opportunity to connect with nature, immersing themselves in the beauty of their surroundings and enjoying moments of peace and serenity away from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

The excursion provided teachers with a welcome opportunity to unwind, recharge, and reconnect with their colleagues outside the confines of the classroom. It served as a reminder of the importance of self-care and camaraderie, nurturing bonds of friendship and solidarity among the faculty members.

As they returned with fond memories and renewed energy, the teachers expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to participate in such a memorable outing. The experience served as a reminder of the importance of work-life balance and the value of taking time to recharge and rejuvenate.

Big thanks to the school authorities for orchestrating such a wonderful and memorable experience.



Foundation Day



The Foundation Day celebration of Mount Columbus School on March 11th was a heartwarming occasion that exemplified the school's commitment to community service and fostering a sense of togetherness. In addition to commemorating the school's establishment, this year's celebration took on a special significance with the school's initiative to give back to the community.

As part of the Foundation Day festivities, Mount Columbus School organized a donation drive to collect essential items for the underprivileged. Students, parents, and staff enthusiastically contributed items such as clothing, food supplies, hygiene products, and educational materials. The overwhelming response underscored the school community's compassion and generosity.

In a gesture of appreciation and gratitude, the school organized a special lunch for the dedicated staff members who play a pivotal role in shaping the lives of students. The lunch served as a token of acknowledgment for their hard work, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the school's mission.



The Foundation Day celebration of Mount Columbus School on March 11th was a poignant reminder of the school's unwavering commitment to serving the community and nurturing compassionate individuals. Through acts of kindness, generosity, and solidarity, the school demonstrated its dedication to making a meaningful difference in the lives of others. As the festivities concluded, the spirit of fellowship and goodwill lingered, inspiring all members of the school community to continue spreading love and positivity in the world.



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