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Principal's Message

As we come to the close of another enriching academic session, I take this opportunity to reflect with pride on the journey we have shared over the past months. The last quarter has been a time of consolidation, achievements, and meaningful learning experiences for our students. Their dedication, curiosity, and resilience have truly been commendable.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our teachers for their unwavering commitment and to our parents for their continuous support and trust. Together, we have created an environment where learning goes beyond textbooks and nurtures the overall development of every child.

As one session concludes, we stand at the threshold of a new beginning filled with fresh aspirations and opportunities. The new academic session brings with it renewed energy, new goals, and the promise of continued excellence. Let us move forward with enthusiasm, embracing challenges as stepping stones to success.

I wish all our students the very best as they step into the new academic session with confidence, positivity, and a spirit of lifelong learning.

Warm regards,
Principal
Aditi Roy

Editor's Message

Respect: The Foundation of a Harmonious Society

Respect is one of the most important values that shapes our character and defines the way we interact with others. It is not just about showing politeness or using kind words; it is about understanding the worth of every individual and treating everyone with dignity. Whether at home, in school, or in society, respect forms the foundation of strong and meaningful relationships.

In a school environment, respect plays a vital role in creating a positive atmosphere for learning. When students respect their teachers, they become more attentive and open to knowledge. Similarly, when teachers respect their students, they nurture confidence and encourage them to express their thoughts freely. Respect among peers fosters friendship, cooperation, and a sense of belonging.

Respect also means valuing differences. Every individual is unique, with their own ideas, beliefs, and backgrounds. By accepting and appreciating these differences, we learn to live together peacefully and grow as compassionate human beings. It teaches us tolerance and helps in building an inclusive society where everyone feels valued.

Moreover, respect is closely linked to self-discipline and responsibility. When we respect rules, time, and the environment around us, we contribute to a well-organized and healthy community. Simple actions like listening attentively, speaking kindly, and being considerate towards others reflect our respectful attitude.

As we step into a new phase of learning and growth, let us remember that respect begins with ourselves. When we respect our own abilities and values, it becomes easier to extend the same to others. By practicing respect in our daily lives, we not only become better individuals but also contribute to a more positive and harmonious world.

Let respect be reflected in our actions, words, and choices every single day.

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Patriotism Meets Spring: A Joyous Celebration

Mount Columbus School celebrated the 77th Republic Day along with Basant Panchami with great enthusiasm, patriotic spirit, and cultural vibrance despite heavy rainfall on the day of the event. Due to the downpour, the programme had to be conducted in the reception area; however, the spirit of the celebration remained undeterred. Students were fully prepared and gathered with excitement and dedication to celebrate the occasion, although invited guests were unable to attend because of the weather conditions.

The programme began with a heartfelt poem reflecting unity and freedom, setting a meaningful tone for the celebration. This was followed by the unfurling of the National Flag by the Respected Principal Ma'am. The gathering stood in unison for the National Anthem, filling the atmosphere with pride and respect. Even within the limited indoor space, the spirit of patriotism was clearly visible, and the fluttering tricolour symbolized the sacrifices of our freedom fighters and the values we uphold as citizens.

An Inter-House Competition added energy and enthusiasm to the programme, where each house presented a tableau along with a dance or skit based on the three wings of the Indian Armed Forces—Army, Navy, and Air Force. Despite space constraints, students showcased remarkable creativity through tableaux, patriotic dances, and meaningful skits highlighting the bravery and dedication of soldiers. One of the





most touching performances was a dance presentation based on a recent attack incident, which deeply moved the audience and served as a tribute to the courage and sacrifice of our armed forces.

Alongside this, Basant Panchami was celebrated with equal joy, marking the arrival of spring and symbolizing knowledge, positivity, and new beginnings. Students and teachers participated wholeheartedly, many dressed in yellow attire, bringing colour and brightness to the indoor setting. The significance of the festival was shared, encouraging students to value learning and creativity in their lives.



The celebration concluded with the announcement of the Inter-House Competition results, where Nile House was awarded the prestigious Rolling Trophy for the session 2025–26. In her address, the Respected Principal Ma'am appreciated the efforts of all participants and encouraged students to remain resilient, united, and dedicated. The programme, though affected by heavy rain, turned into a memorable example of enthusiasm and adaptability, beautifully blending patriotism with cultural richness and proving that true spirit of celebration goes beyond circumstances.



Embarkation Ceremony

The farewell ceremony at Mount Columbus School was celebrated with great enthusiasm and joy on 31st January, 2025. The occasion marked a significant milestone in the lives of the Class X students as they prepared to embark on a new journey beyond school. The event was filled with emotions, gratitude, and cherished memories.

The programme began with a warm welcome, where the students of Class X were greeted with a traditional tilak ceremony, symbolizing good luck and blessings for their future. After taking their seats, a few heartfelt words were shared in honour of the outgoing batch, appreciating their contribution to the school and wishing them success ahead.

As a token of love and remembrance, each Class X student was presented with a symbolic memento, reflecting the bond they share with the institution. The ceremony then moved forward with the much-awaited "Mr. and Miss Columbian" competition. The first round featured a graceful ramp walk, where students confidently showcased their personality, style, and elegance.

Adding vibrancy to the event, the students of Class IX presented a mesmerizing dance performance, which filled the atmosphere with energy, excitement, and joy. Their lively presentation was highly appreciated by the audience and added charm to the celebration. The second round of the "Golden and Silver Columbian" competition tested the participants on their intellect, confidence, and cultural awareness. .





The participants impressed the judges with their thoughtful responses, stage presence, and overall personality. After a tough and competitive round, Samuel was crowned the title of "Golden Columbian", while Shirin Rebecca was honoured with the title of "Silver Columbian".

Principal Ma'am felicitated the winners with bouquets and appreciated their remarkable performance. She also applauded all the participants for their efforts and encouraged them to continue striving for excellence.

In her concluding address, Principal Ma'am motivated the students to move forward with determination, confidence, and a positive attitude. She advised them to uphold the values and lessons learned at school and to aim for success in all their future endeavors.

The ceremony concluded on an emotional yet inspiring note. It left the students with renewed energy, confidence, and inspiration, preparing them to step into a new phase of life with courage and determination. The event will always remain a treasured memory for the graduating batch



From Fabric to Fashion: Tie and Dye Fun

A Tie and Dye activity was organised under the Kaushal Bodh Programme on 12 February in the school ground, providing students with a wonderful opportunity to learn a creative life skill. The session was conducted by an expert resource person, who guided the students through the process step by step and encouraged them to explore their creativity independently.

Students actively participated in the activity and learned the techniques of folding, tying, and dyeing fabric to create unique patterns. It was truly a joyful learning experience as students enthusiastically designed and created their own handkerchiefs, cushion covers, T-shirts, and kurtis. The vibrant colours and innovative designs reflected their imagination and excitement.

The Respected Principal Ma'am also visited the activity area, interacted with the students, and appreciated their efforts. She observed their work closely, asked about the steps they followed, and encouraged them to continue learning such practical and creative skills.

The activity turned out to be a fun-filled and enriching experience, where students not only learned a new skill but also enjoyed expressing themselves through colours and design.



Little Champs in Action

A joyful and energetic Fun Activity event was organized at Mount Columbus School on 5th, 6th, 9th, and 10th March 2026 for the students of Nursery to Class 2. The event was spread over several days, during which students participated in a variety of races and activities thoughtfully designed according to their age groups. The programme commenced with an opening ceremony led by the respected Chairman, Mr. Harish M. Chinai, whose presence served as a great source of motivation for both students and staff. He interacted warmly with the young participants, encouraged them to take part with enthusiasm, and appreciated the school's efforts in promoting physical development alongside academic learning.

The event featured a wide range of engaging and age-appropriate activities that kept the students excited and actively involved. Nursery students participated in fun races such as the Paper Glass Pyramid Race and the Single Hand Ball Race, which helped in developing their balance and coordination. Kindergarten students enthusiastically took part in the Water Relay Race and the Single Hand Ball Race, displaying great excitement and teamwork. Students of Class 1 showcased their energy and cooperation in activities like the Obstacle Race and the Three-Leg Race, which required speed, coordination, and mutual understanding. Meanwhile, Class 2 students participated in the Obstacle Race and the Hula Hoop Pass Race, demonstrating agility, confidence, and strong team spirit.





The competitions were conducted in two stages—heats and finals—providing students with multiple opportunities to perform, improve, and build confidence. The entire atmosphere was filled with cheer, excitement, and a spirit of healthy competition. Teachers and staff played a vital role in ensuring that all activities were conducted smoothly and safely, creating a supportive and encouraging environment for every child. The Fun Activity event proved to be a great success, offering students a valuable platform to develop physical skills, boost confidence, and experience joyful learning beyond the classroom.

Foundation Day

Mount Columbus School celebrated its Foundation Day on 13th March with a spirit of compassion and social responsibility. Marking the special occasion in a meaningful way, the school organized a donation drive where clothes were collected from students and staff to support the underprivileged through a non-governmental organization (NGO).

The initiative witnessed enthusiastic participation from both students and teachers, who generously contributed clothes to help those in need. The collection drive not only reflected the kindness and generosity of the school community but also instilled the values of empathy, sharing, and social awareness among the students.

The donated items were carefully sorted and handed over to the NGO, ensuring that they would reach the deserving beneficiaries. This thoughtful gesture transformed the Foundation Day celebration into an opportunity to spread happiness and make a positive impact on society.

The event served as a reminder that true celebration lies in giving and caring for others, making the day both meaningful and memorable for everyone involved.





Stay tuned for the next issue.

*"A session may end, but the spark to
learn never does."*

