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Children at Cornerstone are encouraged; to climb every mountain, ford every stream, follow every rainbow, till they find their dream.

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Dear Parents

As an educator having been in this field for the past 33 years, I take this moment to acknowledge and appreciate the shift in the education system from rote learning to skill-based learning, preparing students for the dynamic challenges of the modern world and workplace, where critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and adaptability are highly valued.

While the transition from rote learning to skill-based education posed many challenges, the long-term benefits for students, educators, and society at large made it a crucial and positive shift in the education paradigm.

The shift from rote learning to skill-based learning not only prepares individuals for specific job roles but also equips them with a versatile skill set that can lead to diverse and fulfilling career opportunities in a rapidly changing and competitive job market.

While Medicine and Engineering undoubtedly provide valuable opportunities, it is equally important to recognize that the landscape of professions has evolved significantly.

As school and parents we need to have an open-minded approach to career choices, recognizing the unique passion of each student.

Today's world offers a myriad of exciting and fulfilling careers in fields such as arts, humanities, social sciences, technology, entrepreneurship, environmental sciences, and many more.

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) for Grades 11 and 12 is designed not only to provide a strong academic foundation but also to empower students with skills and knowledge that are directly applicable to a diverse array of career paths.

The school has taken a step towards the same by introducing Grades 11 and 12 to our academic curriculum. This expansion not only aligns with the latest educational standards but also provides an opportunity for the students to explore a wide range of career possibilities.

Grades 11 and 12 play a crucial role in preparing students for higher education and future careers. The school will provide ample guidance and support to help students make informed decisions about their academic and professional pathways.

As a school, we are confident that these enhancements to our academic program will contribute significantly to our child's educational journey.

We understand this transition from secondary to senior secondary may raise many questions from the parent fraternity, trust us on this dear parents we are here to address any concerns you may have.

The school intends to arrange a session to provide detailed insights into the curriculum and support systems in place.

Together let's inspire and empower our children to reach new heights of success.

Can't thank you all enough for entrusting us with the education of your children. We look forward to your continued support and partnership as we embark on this exciting new chapter.

Sharmila Solomon

Event of the Month: Celebrating Agriculture

Category 1 and 2: PP1 to Grade 2

The tiny tots went wild with their creativity in making their own scarecrow. They used ice cream sticks, pieces of cloth, sketch pens, doodly eyes, fevicol to bring life to their scarecrow.



Category 3: Grades 3 to 5

The little ones were encouraged to make toys using leaves or make flowers with corn husk. They used coconut leaves, palm leaf sketch pens and went wild with their creativity.











Category 4 and 5: Grades 6 to 10

Students under this category were encouraged to weave baskets using leaves or add on creativity using sticks to make baskets. The students were creative in using coconut leaves, corn husk, thread, sticks and glue.

The event was a successful one giving ample scope to the young Cstians to tap their potential and explore their creative side. Such was the enthusiasm for the event that the higher grade students who hadn't arranged for the material, went around the school premises, cut down a few coconut fronds and presented their own creations!!!

Assemblies:

Manpower without unity is not a strength

Students from grades 3, 4, and 5 had a special assembly to celebrate Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) and paid tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The event aimed to instill a sense of unity and patriotism among the students. They participated in a unity walk. Carrying placards with messages of unity, they walked through the school premises, symbolizing their commitment to a united India.



Talent Hunt

Students of Grade 5B Commandos presented an amazing assembly on Identifying One's Talent. The skit was an eyeopener helping one and all identify their innate abilities. The skit emphasized the fact that the better one knows their natural talents, the more they can identify opportunities to hone their talent.



Working On Ourselves, By Ourselves For Ourselves:

An amazing assembly was put up by the students of 8D and 8B on intriguing themes: Give Your 100% and Self Worth. The skit presented by the students indeed was a thought provoking one proclaiming the fact that self-worth comes from within, you can't give it to someone and you can't expect others to give it to you. A special mention about the class teachers Ms. Phanidhara and Ms. Neeta Joshi who ensured the assembly was a flawless one.

Love Your Country:

Students of Grade 5A presented an assembly on 'Love Your Country'. The skit presented by the students was indeed a captivating one with a strong message that our love for our country never ceases but with our lives. The assembly was appreciated by all and the students dispersed with a sense of pride in the nation.

Don't Be Mean, Keep It Green

Students of Grades 6A and 6B presented an amazing assembly on saving the environment; and saving trees. The skit presented by students was indeed an enlightening one. A special mention to the class teachers Ms. Nagajyoti and Ms. Kavya who took care of props, and stage etiquette and made sure the assembly was flawless.

Hygiene is Two-Thirds of Health:

An assembly on the importance of Health and Hygiene was put up by the students of 7A. The skit was an eye-opener that we need to take care of our bodies; It's the only place we have to live in.

Know Yourself!

A special assembly was conducted by the students of Grade 9D, on a thought-provoking theme 'Know Yourself.' The skit enacted by the students was a heartening one that conveyed a profound message that when we know our worth, no one can make us feel worthless.

Regular reinforcement of positive values through assemblies contributes to the overall character development of students.

Field Trips:

Shilparamam

Students of Grade 4 were taken on a field trip to Shilparamam. The trip provided an opportunity for the students to admire and appreciate the rich cultural heritage of the region. They were in awe about the art, crafts and customs and keenly observed various skills and techniques involved in those art forms.










Botanical Garden:

The tiny tots of pre-primary were taken on a trip to the Botanical Garden, they walked around the enclosures and were fascinated by the variety of plants. The trip fulfilled a meaningful learning experience by illuminating the young minds the aesthetic value of plants.

They had a gala time playing with their teachers and sharing snacks with their friends.

Outstation Trips:

Outstation trips offer a unique and valuable educational experience that goes beyond the confines of the classroom. These trips provide students with the opportunity for cultural exposure, team building and personal growth. Students of Grade 5 were taken on a two day trip to Vikarabad on 23rd Nov 2023.

The adventurous trip was enjoyed by the students to the fullest. The smell of a campfire, camped out in nature etching a memory, The jungle walk in the early hours- an experience to cherish, zip line, rock climbing, Burma bridge, and a lot more.Through different activities they were challenged in various ways testing their endurance and physical stamina.

A Fun-Filled Children’s Day

It's that time of the year again – a time to celebrate the boundless joy, creativity, and laughter that our little ones bring into our lives. This year we had a spectacular and fun-filled Children's Day celebration at our school.

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The young Cstians were kept engaged with a variety of fun-filled activities and games stalls like Tatto Corner, Touch Me Not Game, Knock Out, Listen And Grab, Sorting Beads, Balls in the Bucket, Pass The Chair, and a lot more.

The Primary Grades Celebration, included lively song and dance performances by the little ones and teachers which led to a beautiful manifestation of camaraderie and fun.

The Secondary Grades were taken to the Botanical Garden where their joy knew no bounds. Kids had a great time playing games and having fun with their teachers. By stepping outside the school, teachers and students had an opportunity to build stronger relationships.

The day was celebrated with fun and laughter, and the children went home smiling and feeling loved and cherished.

The Joy of Giving:

The Joy of Giving is the greatest joy of life.

As school, we want to extend our deepest gratitude for your generous contribution to the recent school supplies drive for our dedicated aunties and drivers.

Your willingness to support this initiative has made a significant impact on the lives of those who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the smooth functioning of our school. The supplies you donated will not only assist them in their daily tasks but also serve as a token of appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

It's heartening to see parents like you actively participating in initiatives that go beyond the academic realm, fostering a spirit of kindness and support.

We truly appreciate your commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of those who play crucial roles in our school community. Your actions inspire others to follow suit, creating a culture of giving and compassion.

Once again, thank you for your thoughtful donation. We are fortunate to have parents like you who understand the importance of supporting one another and building a strong, caring community.

A special mention about the students of Grade 9 who took the initiative of conducting the thanksgiving event, contributing towards providing breakfast for aunties and drivers and planning out exciting and fun-filled games for them.





NIE (Newspaper In Education):

Newspapers in Education (NIE) is a 'Young Reader Development' initiative that involves the use of newspapers for purposes of improving literacy and developing a reading culture among children. Our NIE program also aims to create social awareness and good citizenry among children through newspaper reading.

Students of Grades **6 to 10** are encouraged to read newspapers and write down pieces of information that pique their interest. The next day they read the information to the class and prepare a collage of the same.

This initiative of ours will help the students in reading aloud and public speaking. The collage displayed in class is evidence of increased social awareness and participation in learning activities such as cutting out pictures, debates, and others.











CBSE Budding Authors Programme

The CBSE initiated Budding Authors Program for the learners of Grades 5 to 10 under was enthusiastically implemented by Cornerstone School.

This initiative aims at igniting the creative spark within students by encouraging them to write short stories.

Writing is a skill that requires continuous honing via practice, development and refinement. Children who read often become better writers, which leads to success in school and other areas of life.

To support the same, teachers conducted a session grade wise giving guidelines to the students as to how a story needs to be developed.

A session was conducted discussing the Story Elements, Story Structure, The Process.

As per the guidelines given by CBSE, students are expected to submit their stories in Hindi or English by 30th November 2023.

First Phase will be conducted at the school level.

Two winners of each category shall be shortlisted for the Second Phase.

Shortlisted entries will be provided editorial support to finalize their creation.

Best entries selected at the national level will be published by CBSE as a collection of short stories for each category.

As a school we intend to make the most of this opportunity and ensure maximum participation of students in the Budding Authors Programme.

Inter-school Competitions:

At Cornerstone School we strongly believe in providing ample opportunities for our students to nurture their innate potential and channel their abundant energy in developing skills essential for success in a competitive world.

Carrying forward the above thought, students across grades were encouraged to participate in various literary and sports competitions. Our students have once again showcased their exceptional talents and determination by emerging victorious in various inter-school competitions held recently at Chirec Public School.

These achievements not only highlight the individual brilliance of our students but also reflect the collective efforts of our dedicated teachers and the supportive environment that our school provides.

We believe that such accomplishments contribute significantly to the holistic development of our students, fostering a sense of confidence, sportsmanship, and teamwork.

Here are some of the notable achievements that we would like to celebrate:

The various accolades in Literary Stream are:

a) Short story Writing (Battu Bhoomi – G8) – 1st Prize
b) Declamation (Desu Sai Advait – G8) – 2nd Prize
c) Mad-Ad (Shubham M, Akshat N, Jahnavi, Surya Meesala, Harini – G9) – 2nd Prize
d) Poetry Writing & Recitation (Spandana Rachel – G9) – 3rd Prize

The various accolades in Sports Stream are:

a)Girls U19 Volleyball tournament – 1st Runners Up
(Keerthana, Adhira, Yagnika, G Sriya, G Priya, Abhigna, Deeksha Reddy, P Gayathri, Akanksha, Sejal, Prardhana)

b)Girls U18 Basketball tournament – 1st Runners Up
(Nainika, Evelyn, A Harshita, B Krutika, Sriya Vaishnavi, Sonal V, Sri Vaishnavi K, Nitya Abhay, Tvisha Tanvika)

c)Birla Open Minds - BHEL Cluster Basketball Tournament – 1st Runners Up Trophy
(Nitya Abhay, Tvisha Tanvika, Trushitha, Abisha, Nischala, Ridhi Sri, Sravya, P Siri)

An icing on the cake:

Shruti Yetchina of Grade 7 secured Bronze Medal in All India Under 13 Main National Championship at Orissa in Girls Doubles Ma'am.

Jenis of Grade 9 bagged Gold Medal in CBSE Nationals Skating Competition 2023.

The school takes pride in the young minds who, with their grit and grace, held to their beliefs with great tenacity and garnered laurels to school.







Heritage Quiz:

We must never forget our roots and our heritage is our root that gives us strength and makes us unique. World Heritage Day or International Day For Monuments and Sites is observed on April 18th every year.

To promote awareness about the diversity of cultural heritage of humanity, their vulnerability and the efforts required for their protection and conservation the school organized a quiz competition on the same.

The First Round was conducted on 9th of Aug 2023, under three categories.

Cat1: Grades 3 and4

Cat 2: 5 and 6

Cat3: 7 to 10

The winners of Round 1 from each category were selected for Round 2 which was conducted between the School House

The proud Winners are:

Cat1 Grades 3 and 4: Rhinos

LATTALA SRISHANMUKHI AARUHYA, SAVIRIGANA NIVEDITHA, RANGISETTI NAMASVI LAKSHMI, NALABOLU HAVISH

Cat2 Grades 5 and 6: Pandas

ISHAN GANESH PATIL, RITHVIK MANNEPALLI, ISHAAN GUPTA, SIDDHANT NANDI

Cat3 Grades 7 to 10: Lions

MUTHYALA DAKSHA SMRITI, AREEBAH, PRANAMYA N, PARINITA E

Students experienced varied flavors of the country's rich cultural heritage and sensitized themselves towards their role as the custodians of this cultural legacy through this quiz .

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