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# Calmification

**Turn Rage Into Resolve:**

Most of the time, when we are doing so many things, donning multiple hats, it is natural to feel angry, irritated and lose our cool.

How Do We Control That Thing Called 'Anger?'

After all we are human beings, not stones.

It is natural to get irritable when we are under stress, get angry when we undergo pressure, a very natural feeling for adults and children alike.

However, the first step towards positive change in this direction, is to be vulnerable enough to accept that it's okay to lose cool, and not kill ourselves with guilt all the time.

The words spoken in haste echo with a sharp sting, reminding us of the pain we may have caused.

We wish we could rewind time, take back the outburst, and replace it with understanding. But all we can do is learn from our mistakes, apologize, and strive to be better in the future.

The guilt lingers, but it also pushes us toward growth and greater self-control.

Growth begins where experience meets reflection. Every stride forward is a cause for celebration.

This reminds me of an anecdote. There was a man who asked his son, "What is nine multiplied by eight?"

The son said, "102."

The father gave him a chocolate, surprised by his action the man's wife said, "Nine multiplied by eight, he's saying 102 and you are giving him chocolate… Do you know what the right answer is?"

The man replied, "Ofcourse, it's 72."

The wife said, "Why did you give him a chocolate for the wrong answer?"

The man said, "Look, two days back he was saying 132…and today he has moved 20 digits close to the right answer… he has come to 102, every little step towards the right answer 72, should be rewarded… and not punished."

It does take time to deal with our emotions, our anger and our disappointment, but every small step towards turning our rage into resolve should be rewarded. Just like the man in the above anecdote rewarded his son's step towards the right answer.

Sharmila Solomon

## Inter School Competitions: Laurels of Distinction, Stories of Triumph

As we embark on a new academic year, it's with great pride and enthusiasm that we introduce a series celebrating the outstanding achievements of our students in inter-school competitions.

This year promises to be a showcase of their hard work, talent, and dedication, setting a shining example for all.

Each victory not only brings us glory but also serves as a testament to the perseverance and spirit that define our school community.

## Sadhan Ikyam 2024 (2nd August)

Cornerstone School students made their mark at the prestigious Sadhana Ikyam 2024, hosted by Sadhana Infinity International School.

The event showcased a diverse array of talents, including Taal, Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Declamation, Code Conquer, Monologue, and Choral Crescendo.

Cornerstone's participants demonstrated exceptional skill and enthusiasm in all competitions.

The school's choir, composed of students from Grades 4 and 5, captured the hearts of the audience and judges alike, securing the first prize in the Choral Crescendo category.

Their harmonious vocals and synchronized performance were a testament to their dedication and musical skills.

## The Chirec Fiesta (8th and 9th August, 2024)

Cornerstone School students showcased their talents at The Chirec Fiesta 2024, a vibrant inter-school competition. Students enthusiastically participated in a variety of events, including Poetry recitation, in a gist story writing, extempore, declamation, Garnish it non-stove cooking, Painting Picasso, and Euphonious Contemporary Singing.

Shanmukha Sailesh of Grade 8 secured the second position in the "In a Gist Story Writing" category, demonstrating his ability to think critically and express himself effectively.

The school's singers showcased their vocal prowess, by garnering the third position in the "Euphonious Contemporary Singing" competition.

As we celebrate these successes, we look forward to even greater accomplishments in the months ahead!

**Assemblies:**

Students of Grade 6C - OMEGA held their Class Assembly on Monday, August 5, 2024, led by their teacher, Ms. Pratima.

A thought provoking skit by students on e-waste made a profound statement about toxic substances that can harm air, soil, and water, ultimately affecting human health and ecosystems.

By introducing characters like the Recycle Rangers and the E-Waste Monster, the skit motivated students to adopt responsible recycling practices, understand the impact of e-waste on the environment, and take actionable steps to reduce e-waste pollution.

Students of Grade 7B Pearls  held their Class Assembly on Monday, August 12th 2024, led by their teacher Ms Manju.

The theme was "Quit India movement" which is observed annually on August 8th.

The patriotic skit emulated by the students emphasized the importance of preserving the values of freedom, unity, and sacrifice, while also highlighting the need for responsible citizenship in contemporary India.

Grade 7 B Students played their assigned role with great enthusiasm and passion.

**National Space Day:**

On 22nd August, School celebrated National Space Day with a special assembly dedicated to the wonders of space exploration.

The event was graced by Ms. Aslesha, a senior teacher, her speech highlighted the significance of space exploration and its impact on our daily lives.

She motivated the students to dream big and explore the vast universe, inspiring them to become future scientists and astronauts.

The assembly was followed by a vibrant dance tribute to ISRO, showcasing the organization's remarkable accomplishments through captivating choreography. The students' enthusiasm and energy were infectious, leaving the audience spellbound.

















## Independence Day: Honoring the Past, Embracing the Future

The 78th Independence Day was celebrated with great fervor and patriotic spirit at our school, marking yet another milestone in our nation's rich history.

The school campus was adorned with tricolors, symbolizing the strength, peace, and prosperity that our flag represents.

The day began with the hoisting of the national flag by our esteemed Chairman Solomon Rajul, followed by the singing of the national anthem, a moment that filled everyone with a deep sense of pride and unity.

This year's theme, "Honoring the Past, Embracing the Future," resonated throughout the event, reminding the young Cstians of the sacrifices made by countless freedom fighters to secure our nation's liberty.

The celebrations were a blend of reflection and inspiration. The cultural program showcased a series of performances that paid tribute to the heroes of our independence movement.

The highlight of the day was a speech delivered by our Alumni Lalithya (Gold Medalist in Economics) who eloquently expressed her thoughts on following one's passion. Her words echoed the importance of living life in the moment and making the best of it.

The principal's address was a stirring call to action, urging students to take up the mantle of responsibility. Her words inspired students to think critically about their role as citizens and to work towards building a nation that is not only free but also just and inclusive.

As we dispersed, the atmosphere was charged with a collective resolve to uphold the ideals of freedom in our daily lives.



**Relaunch of Cs MUN (Cornerstone Model United Nations)**

Our school proudly hosted the Model United Nations on 30 and 31st Aug 2024, for the second time building on the success of our inaugural event conducted on 21st and 22nd Dec, 2022.

To be a success, we must learn from our failures, our mistakes, and never stop working on doing better than our best. Building on the foundation of our first MUN, this year we've introduced new committees, improved training sessions, and strengthened our logistical support to provide a seamless and enriching environment for all participants.

We were dedicated towards making this year's event a significant step forward, offering students a more dynamic platform to explore global issues and develop their diplomatic skills.

The committees for this year were:

Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC)

United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)

United Nations Security Council (UNSC)

Lok Sabha

International Press (IP)

DISEC UNHRC UNSC LOK SABHA IP

Over 130 delegates across Grades 7-11, created an entirely different ambience at school in a pursuit to dwell deeper, discuss and debate on significant problems faced by the world. The vigor of discussions sky-rocketed over the two days.

The main objective of conducting CS MUN was to provide a platform for expression and deliberation over the course of two days. CS MUN instilled uninhibited progress and unwavering self-belief amongst the students.

We look forward to continuing to host such events in future to see young minds blossom into tomorrow's leaders.

We take pride in sharing the link of the second edition of the CS MUN.




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