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Principal's Message

It was Socrates who said “I am wiser than this man, for neither of us appears to know anything great and good; but he fancies he knows something, although he knows nothing; whereas I, as I do not know anything, so I do not fancy I do. In this trifling particular, then, I appear to be wiser than he, because I do not fancy I know what I do not know”. During this season of the

monster, deadly, disastrous, global killer pandemic COVID-19, the words of wisdom spoken by Socrates stands tall.

In fact education should lead every person to this humble realization that he/she knows very little. Helping every student to acquire a genuine humility and curiosity for life shall be the deepest earning of every educator and parent. Sadly the world had lost the real meaning of education. It is lost in the rat race of having more at the cost of being more. And it took an unseen virus named corona to bring back that sense of humility to the human race. Right at the moment, the modern world that boasts about the best of the best in every sphere of life stands motionless and ignorant before the tiny virus. All our knowledge, wisdom, religious belief and scientific achievement stand silenced. It is time for us to reclaim the true meaning of education that is the self-realization that we know little so that our curiosity expands to know more. At SFS, Guwahati, we try to expand the world of knowledge by providing as many opportunities as possible to the students. The biannual newsletter that is in your hand is a little piece of that happening in our campus for the last two quarter. I sincerely thank the editorial board and students who have made it possible. Happy reading to all.

Long Live SFS.

Fr. George Thomas
Principal
St. Francis De Sales Higher Secondary School

Motivational Session by Dr. Sunil Khijwani



Innovation in its modern meaning is “a new idea, creative thoughts and new imaginations in the form of device or method”. With an objective to develop the students’ innovative

skills and ideas, SFS School hosted its two day Innovative Summit on the 22nd and 23rd of November, 2019.

On this special occasion, Dr. Sunil Khijwani, Head, Centre for Educational Technology (CET) at IIT Guwahati was the Chief Guest of the opening ceremony and bestowed his motivational talk in the conference hall to the students of Classes X, XI and XII.

It was an interactive session where the students learnt the importance of ‘Innovation’ and ‘Analytical Ability’. Professor Sunil Khijwani started his session with an astonishing question “Why am I in this universe?” which created a storm of replies. Dr. Sunil further continued the session by sharing engrossing facts like “Knowledge should be discovered in the universe”. He addressed an important topic that is “The art of asking questions” which is at the edge of getting extinct because asking questions is not welcomed by the society and its people which ultimately stops new innovations.

Dr. Sunil addressed every important aspect related innovation. It was a memorable experience for the students.

Smrity Baruah
Class - XII
Humanities



Junior NBA: Reliance Foundation

Basketball is one of the strengths of SFS School, Narengi. The Junior NBA India Tournament was held on the 8th and 9th of February 2020 at the Nehru Stadium, Guwahati. It was the Under 14 boys’ and girls’ tournament where all the teams arrived at the venue at 9:00 AM. The boys’ and girls’ team of SFS put in their best efforts and reached the finals. The SFS Under 14 girls’ team beat the Faculty High School to become the champions. The boys’ team put up a good fight but they had to settle for the first runner up prize, having lost the championship to Netaji Vidya Mandir School.

Congratulations to the team members and the coaches, Mr. Binod (Boys’ Team) and Miss Saumya (Girls’ Team). The Chief Guest, Sir Lee from the US was a source of inspiration to the young basketballers from Guwahati. SFS School is proud that the teams stood up to the challenges and came out winners.

Aniket Choudhury
Class - VIII C

Desalite Inter School Basketball Tournament 2019

The Desalite Inter SFS Basketball Tournament was organized by St. Francis De Sales Junior College, Dhemaji on the 25th and 26th of October. There were six different school teams of both boys' and girls' who participated from the entire Northeast region. The team of both boys' and girls' of St. Francis de Sales School, Narengi became the champions by defeating the host team of SFS Dhemaji. Apart from this achievement, Shreya Deb of SFS, Narengi claimed the award of the best player of the tournament for her outstanding performance.

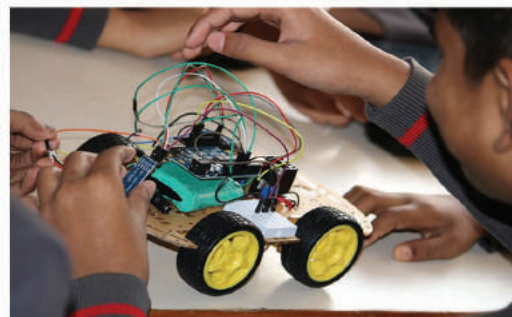
Akash Parbat
Class - IX B



State Science and Engineering Fair

On the 5th and 6th of December, 2019 the members of the Regional Science Centre inaugurated the 25th State Science and Engineering Fair. The Chief Guests of the opening ceremony were Shri Basudev Mandal and Shri Atul Bora. There were also some professional judges who came from various colleges, departments and universities. Numerous schools ranging from Dibrugarh to Hailakandi brought their innovative models based on certain themes for this exhibition. There were around 35 models from which five were selected for the national competition which will be held in Kolkata. Four students of SFS Narengi School participated in this mega event. Though they were not selected, they gained enormous experience and learned a lot, especially about artificial intelligence and explored the world of science and technology.

Tanjil Wazed
Class - IX A



Northeast Zonal Level Band Competition

Assam Zonal Level and Northeast Zonal Level Band Competitions held at Shankardev Kalakheta, Guwahati on the 8th of January 2020. The NCC Band of SFS Narengi participated in both the events and secured the first position in the Assam Zonal Level and secured the third position in the Northeast Zonal Level Band Competition. The band was awarded with a cash award of Rs 5000. Special thanks to the band master Sir Dilip Subedi who trained the NCC group and brought the best out of them.

Dhrub Das (Band Commander)
Class - VIII A



CYBER FEST 2019



“Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic”. On the 22nd and 23rd of November, South Point School inaugurated the grand Cyber Fest 2019. It comprised of several events like Movie Making, Py-

thon Programming, Webpage Designing, PPT, Photoshop, IT Quiz, Debate and many more. Various schools from in and around Guwahati city participated in this mega event. The opening ceremony began with the welcoming of the resource persons with the school song along with the cyber fest official video and a heart touching drama on the addiction towards mobile phone and social media. After the rocking school bands' performance the participants went to their respective rooms. Everyone participated with great enthusiasm till the next day when finally, in the afternoon all the events got over followed by the prize distribution ceremony. The students of SFS Narengi have secured the first prize in movie making. It was a wonderful two day event where a lot of knowledge about information technology was accumulated.

Tanjil Wazed
Class - IX A

Farewell to Father Mathew (Counsellor)



Young children at school are most in need of counselling. Therefore, the position of a school counsellor is of great importance. Rev. Fr. Mathew had served SFS School as a former counsellor. On the 3rd

of February 2020, the SFS family organized a brief farewell gathering for Fr. Mathew, who had supported SFS students with love and wisdom. During his short stint, he had made a difference to the lives of SFS students. SFS family wishes him all the best in all his future endeavors.

Ankita Rajbongshi
Class - VIII B

Parent-Teachers Meetings

Parents are important stakeholders when it comes to an educational institution. The parent-teachers meeting on 6th of February gained significance because it had two inspirational speakers, Mr. Anjan Choudhury and Mr. Deepak Lahoti, speaking to parents and teachers about parenting skills and their roles in proper upbringing of a child. The school also had psychologist Miss Nikita Hazarika and Dr. Vasavi Acharya Bora to speak to the parents. It was a very enriching experience for both the parents and the teachers.

Co-Ordinator
Tarali Devi



TAEKWONDO DEMONSTRATION

Taekwondo is not just a sport; it is an art of self-defense. This gains more importance as we live in a world where crime is on the rise. Self-help has become a necessity. Keeping this in mind, SFS School has decided to introduce this sport into its curriculum in the coming session. It was in this connection that a Taekwondo demonstration was held at SFS School premises on 25th of February 2020.

Admin & HR
Mrinal Das



CICMUN 2020: A GRAND SUCCESS



“Without continual growth and progress, improvement, achievement and success have no meaning”. That’s a noteworthy quote from Benjamin Franklin that is very apt with reference to Corporate Industrial Conclave Model United Nations, hosted by SFS, Narengi. You always get a high on the opening day, no matter how many you go through. You look forward to it like a kid to his or her birthday party. It is the most awaited moment for which the delegates had worked hard for weeks.

CICMUN was back with a bigger and better platform. The committees this year have increased, and include the JCC (Joint Crisis Committee) on the Battle of Saraighat and UEFA (Union of European Football Association) for football fans. There were also other committees such as UNGA (United Nations General Assembly), UNWTO (United Nations World Tourism Organization), UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development), HPCI (Historical Planning Commission of India), SIAM (Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturing) and UNCA (United Nations Correspondents Association).

Day one of this three-day event began on the 18th of January with a loud cheer from the extremely talented delegates. Day two was even more exciting as socials were being conducted. Day three, January 20th, aroused mixed emotions; excited and distressed that the event had come to an end. The closing ceremony witnessed the very inspiring talk from Advocate Swati Bidhan Baruah, an activist working for Transgender Rights and LGBT community in the North East and throughout India.

If last year was a success story, CICMUN 2020 turned out to be a grand success, with over 240 delegates from North East India. This sort of platform helps students deal with foreign relations and diplomacy and at the same time improve their intellectual skills.

Sawmlalven Valte
Class - IX C

Farewell to Class XII Batch of 2020



It was an incredible evening, the auditorium of St. Francis De Sales School echoed with the blessings on 18th of January'2020 where the students of Class XI came forward to bid adieu to the out-

going 2020 batch of Class XII students.

It was a beautiful morning, the sun shining brightly as the batch of 2020 showed up dressed in their finery. The young ladies glowed in sarees whereas the gentleman carried themselves smartly in their sherwanis and suits. Elegantly dressed the outgoing students entered the school premises where they were received with roses and welcomed them with lots of love and respect. It was a morning mixed with emotions for all present at the school auditorium to witness the official send-off of the parting students.

The programme started with a prayer followed by the speeches of the principal, the teachers and students. To make the event more delightful the students had organized some amazing songs and dance programme. Also to have a blissful moment each senior were given an interesting task to perform. The highlight was a warm video presentation created by Class XI students featuring the memories of our seniors. The standup comedy by a teacher added life to the farewell party. Finally the departing students were given gifts and blessings. After the closing ceremony the seniors, teachers and the students of Class XI enjoyed a scrumptious meal.

Bipasha Devi
Class XI_
Commerce Stream



Felicitating an author from SFS Family

Authoring a book is a lifetime achievement. Mysterious Girl in Bed # 17, a book written by an SFS English Faculty Member, Miss Biswarupa Purkayastha was released by the principal, Rev. Fr. George Thomas during the morning assembly. It was a moment of pride for the school librarian to receive a copy to add it to the SFS library collection. The school congratulates Miss Purkayastha for her achievement.

Sandra Abraham
Assistant teacher



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Motivation the need of the hour



Every teacher complains about the lack of motivation among students and they are not entirely wrong. On the 12th of February 2020, SFS School invited Mr. Dinesh Lahoti, the founder of Edugenie, to conduct a session for its Class X and XII students. Mr. Lahoti gave a really motivational speech. Exam season is always one of the most stressful times of the year for a student so Rev. Fr. George Thomas and Sir Bipul took the opportunity to highlight some of the important points related to examination.

Kinjal Sharma
Class - X C

Innovation Summit 2019-2020

The best way to predict the future is to invent it. Innovation is the key to success. There are no old roads to new directions. On the 22nd of November 2019, SFS, Narengi held its Innovation Summit of the year along with a Career Fair. The opening of the event was held during the morning assembly. Rev. Fr. George welcomed the Chief Guest of the day, Professor Rev. Fr. Mathew, Fr. Sunny and other fathers, Rev. Sisters, parents, teachers and the students to the event followed by an inspiring and motivating dance performance related to the theme of environment.

An inspirational speech was given by the Chief Guest where he also exhorted the staff and students to participate in the summit. With plenty of motivation the students returned to their classrooms, properly decorated for the day and to display their models and innovations.

On the next day, guardians and well-wishers of the participants poured into the classrooms to have a look at the innovations and encourage the innovators. The day concluded with students looking towards the future with great aspirations.

Hiyashree Nath
Class - IX A



Vigilance Awareness Week 2019



“Success is not heredity, but it is achieved by hardwork”. On November 1st 2019, the Vigilant Awareness Week program was organized at SFS Narengi School by Oil India Limited. The program included several competitions such as debate, story writing, essay writing and drawing. The whole event was coordinated by Dr TC Laurikar.

The debate was held in the Mermier Hall and was moderated by Dr Tridip Baroah. The topic ‘Integrity is the only tool to curb corruption’ led to a very exciting and heated debate. The first prize along with a cash award of Rs. 2000 was bagged by Rohan Prasad Sharma. The prize for the best debater went to Alisha Chandra Nath from Army Public School. She was also awarded a cash prize of Rs. 2500.

The other events were being held simultaneously in the School Conference Hall. The students of SFS School participated in all the events with great enthusiasm. The event was a platform for the young students to showcase their talents. Everyone may not have gone home with a prize but mere participation left everyone with a sense of satisfaction.

Pratim Rahang
Class - X A

Chess Competition

Chess is one of the brainiest games out there and SFS School has always encouraged the game. On the 23rd of January 2020, Medha Baroah of Class IX A, Brinjiesh Kalita of Class VII B and Krishnav Mrinmoy Hazarika of Class I B participated in the Queen and Pawn Group in the Raktabh Dutta Choudhary Memorial North East School Championship 2019. SFS School participants respectively secured the first, second and seventh positions in the competition. It is an honor to have such talented students in the SFS family.

Mridusmita Nayak
Class - VII B



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6th National Karate Championship

The 6th National Karate Championship was held on the 8th and 9th of August, 2019 at Coimbatore, Chennai. The students of SFS brought great accolades for the school. All in all 7 gold and 3 silver medals were achieved by the students - Debashis Das, Sneha Das, Tikendrajit Deka, Nikita Singh and Sampriti Das. The school karate instructor Shihan Gopal Mandal won the Best Referee Trophy and was also specially trained under Protogal instructor, Dr. Jemi Feriar, Blackbelt 8th Dan.

Dhrub Das
Class - VIII A



Cultural / Sports Meet



SFS School, Narengi, conducted the cultural and sports meet from the 4th to 7th of November 2019. The students participated in full fervour in the events. Many cultural and literary activities were also conducted in the school premises. A good number of students participated in most of the competitions. The school was brimming with the sound of music, dance, debates, games and many more.

The SFS Challengers Tournament was also held during the meet. The SFS boys' team won the trophy with Sudhir Verma winning the man of the match award and Shahid Ansari winning the best player award. It was a great experience for one and all present there.

Nilanjan Das
Class - X B



Drama Competition



On the 11th of October 2019, the students of SFS School participated in a Drama Competition organised by the Regional Science Centre, Khanapara to spread the concept of 'Swachh Bharat'.

Pinky Gogoi Boruah
Assistant Teacher

Debate Competition

Namrata Nayak of Class X C was awarded the best debator award in the Bandita Memorial Inter School Debate Competition, Guwahati on the 20th of November 2019. Rohan Prasad Sarma was also awarded the trophy for the second runner up in the competition.

Aniket Choudhary
Class - VIII C



The North East Zonal Robot Olympiad

On the 20th and 21st of January 2020, Mrigesh Routh and Rishan Goney of Class - VI A participated in the North East Zonal Robot Olympiad held at Regional Science Centre, Guwahati. To be able to compete with students double their age is in itself an incredible achievement. Big congratulations to all of them.

Ebenezer K Basumatary
Class - VI A



Birthday Celebration



SFS School Narengi celebrated Sister Manju's Birthday with great zeal. The programme was organized in the Mermier Hall on the 12th of February 2020. A celebration was organized to make her day special. She cut the cake in the presence of Rev. Fr. George Thomas, the principal, vice principal, Sr. Josna and all the teaching and the non-teaching staff. All who were present there wished her good health and success.

Pavan Upadhyay
Assistant Teacher

Staff Picnic

The staff of SFS Narengi went on their much awaited annual picnic to Panikheti on the 27th of February, 2020. A mouth-watering breakfast was served on arrival. Boats were arranged for sightseeing and the staff enjoyed clicking pictures on the beautiful white sand which stretched far and wide. Some teachers enjoyed the adventurous paragliding while others occupied themselves playing cricket and volleyball. The lunch served was a diverse sumptuous meal.

It was indeed a great day as it strengthened the bond between the teachers

Santana Gogoi
Assistant Teacher



School Excursion 2020



On the 21st of February 2020, 32 students and 4 teachers of SFS Narengi School went on an excursion to Chandigarh, Manali, Jaipur, Agra and Delhi. In Chandigarh they visited the beautiful Rock and Rose Gardens. In Manali they visited the Solang Valley, the Hidimba Devi Temple and the Monastery. They also experienced the thrilling ziplining and river rafting. In Agra they visited the Amber Fort, Jal Mahal and Hawa Mahal. In Delhi, the Red Fort, India Gate, Raj Ghat, Gandhi Museum, Qutub Minar and Akshardhan were some inspiring historical monuments. The team returned to Guwahati on the 3rd of March 2020. It was an unforgettable experience.

Chinmoy Mazumdar
Class XI_Science Stream

Basketball Championship RGS

On the 17th of November 2019, the SFS School Narengi Basketball team was once again declared champions of the 6th Inter School Sports Meet 2019.

Shahid Ansari
Class - XII Humanities



Felicitation of the Supporting Staff



On the 28th of November, 2019, the morning assembly was dedicated to all the supporting staff of SFS, Narengi. The school thanked them for their hard work and dedication towards the betterment of the school. They are, indeed, an integral part of the school.

Gitanjali Pradhan
Assistant Teacher

Water Bell

On the 24th of October 2019, SFS School Narengi introduced the concept of the 'Water Bell' where the students are made to drink water in unison at a particular time. This initiative by the principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas, hopes to increase awareness about how important it is to drink water.

Himshikha Das
Class - VI C



Desalite Fiesta 2019-20



The Inter SFS School Competition was held in the premises of SFS, Narengi, on the 26th of October 2019. The fiesta gives a common platform to all the desalites to showcase their talents by participating in various co-curricular activities. This year too, the great hidden talent of each participant was brought to light to the amazement of all present there.

Gitisha Patgiri
Class - VIII B



Star Student Awards

‘Strive and you shall achieve’. On the 20th of November 2019, the star students were felicitated in the morning assembly. Arnab Jyoti Parashar (Class - II A), Saraswati Devi Kabraham (Class - II B), Chimi Choudhary (Class - V C), Tanjil Wazed (Class - IX A) and Mayuri Sarma (Class - XI Humanities), who fulfilled all the criteria such as 90% marks with no absenteeism, 200+ points and most importantly no minus points, they were honoured with the ‘Star Student Award’. It is a privilege to have such outstanding students in the SFS family.

Donald Kumar Das
Class - IX B



Children’s Day 2019



Children’s Day was celebrated with great pomp and show on 14th of November 2019. The teachers put up a show of great dances, songs, standup comedy, instrumental and many more programmes. The students’ happiness knew no bounds and all danced to the music. They were also given meal boxes at the end of the programme.

Ritwesh Deb
Class - VIII B

Award of Excellence

On the 30th of September 2019, Sir Dipak Kakati (Faculty, Department of Commerce) was awarded with the Award of Excellence in Education for the year 2019-20 by IIHM. It is a tremendous achievement for the SFS family.

Anup Jyoti Das
Assistant Teacher



EDITORIAL

It is yet another proud moment for the students and staff at SFS school as we release the 12th edition of the newsletter. What makes this newsletter unique is the fact that it has been put together by a group of students and staff who represent the talented and dedicated members of the Desalite family. This latest issue includes images, stories and articles written by the desalite members themselves about school and community events and news items related to education, innovations, sports and health. It also showcases the many achievements of the school.



This issue is unique as it marks the end of the pre-covid 19 era. Our next newsletter will be about a new world and a new school. Our fervent wish is for a good world, a world in which we will have many positive things to write about.

PHOTO GALLERY

