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Message from Head of School – Middle & High School



Dear Parents,

I wish you and your family an excellent vacation season. Our students are now at home, relaxing with you, and this gives you a unique 'bonding' opportunity to get to know your young adolescent or teenage children better.

We were delighted to have an Academic Excellence Awards ceremony towards the end of the academic season and congratulate every family for the achievements of their children. Your support at home is as important as any academic input that the school will give, to make your child a winner. Winning, they say, is a team effort!

We had some eminent doctors for the "Talking Titans" at school, as part of professional development for the staff.

Dr. Divya Devulapally, MPsych, and a member of the Royal College of Psychiatry gave some significant points on Time Management which I share with you and your family-

- KNOW YOUR LIFE GOALS
- RANK YOUR PRIORITIES
- PLAN AND WRITE IT DOWN
- DELEGATE TASKS
- DON'T PROCRASTINATE
- LEAVE SLACK IN YOUR TIMETABLE
- LEARN TO SAY NO
- ONE THING AT A TIME
- IDENTIFY YOUR PRIME TIME
- OVERCOME PERFECTIONISM
- PLAN YOUR BREAKS.

As far as Handling Criticism, at home or in the workplace, here are a few valuable suggestions from her-

- Control your reaction
- Don't take it personally



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- Process the criticism avoiding defensiveness and excuses
- Articulate what you plan to do differently
- Give yourself grace- there is always something to learn from the experience
- Show appreciation for the feedback
- Apologise conservatively
- Don't dwell on the criticism.

How about giving criticism constructively-

- Choose the right time and place
- Stay calm and speak slowly
- Focus on specific behaviour; avoid sweeping generalisations
- Avoid bringing up items from the past
- Acknowledge the positive first- Sandwich the corrective statement
- Do not use labels, stereotypes and insults.

Holidays are opportunities for the family to travel together to absorb the wonders of the world, read and watch movies that will always be archived as 'The best family books and movies ever' and just conversing with your children to get to know their thoughts, aspirations, fears, doubts and dreams.

Share your thoughts, opinions, wins and losses in life, your dreams and dares....reveal that Trust is the glue to your relationship with your child.

We will be gearing up for a fresh new experience for our students from June 2023. Till then, au revoir!

Sudeshna Chatterjee
Head of School- MS & HS

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Message from School Counselor – Middle & High School

Dear Parents!

Perseverance means to attempt again and again to do anything with a view to gain success. As students it is a necessary trait that is possessed by all successful students. None can achieve success without perseverance. Success in anything needs unconditional determination and effort with concentration. As the students receive feedback of their Term exams, they understand their progress through the assessments and the feedback from the teachers helps them to analyze their performance and plan for better performance. Parents hereby play a vital figure in student's lives to guide and help them understand their consistent effort and determination. As Nelson Mandela rightly quoted "It always seems impossible until it is done." Which means that students may perform poorly in one or two subjects or perhaps not below average, not up to their expectations but the zeal to keep focus and keep working harder should not diminish.

We need to constantly counsel our children as parents and teachers and help them provide constant emotional support. Students, especially teenagers need constant motivation from their parents and teachers to be focused on their goals. As teachers we at The Gaudium help the students to recognize their potential, understand the value of hard work, provide problem solving skills and allow them to take responsibility for their academic progress. This helps the students to meet their academic submissions on time, helps them prepare well for their exams, and makes them more resilient to face any adversities in life. It is the dint of perseverance that makes a student more successful in life because they choose not to give up till, they reach their goal. So, try, try and try until you reach your goal!!

Ms. Sukanya Das
School counselor and IBDP
Psychology facilitator.



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Message from Computer Science – HOD

We discuss the role that creative thinking plays in bridging the gap between innovation and creativity by enabling the conceptualization and management of the creation of new ideas through prototyping, experimentation, and adaptation during our design HOD meeting. Design considers ideas and investigates the potentials and constraints of systems or products. It accentuates the requirements, preferences, and limitations of the end user. We develop practical tasks in accordance with our unit-wise discussion.

Mahendra Singh
Head of Department – Computer Science

Global Leadership Academic Excellence Award



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ASU - Career Session for MYP4

The cruciality of high school students to get proper, timely support and counsel on their future career path is very imperative as it forms the base of decision making which builds their career ahead. At the Gaudium, we believe that it is very important to start career planning from a young age as it guides the students in the right direction. To help the students in the university selection process a career session has been organized with Arizona State University.

ASU has five campuses, and they offer more than 800-degree programs, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. According to US News and World Report, ASU stands at #1 for innovation. Mr. Miles Compos - Director of Arizona State University Recruitment and Applicant Success who has many years of experience working in international initiatives at ASU as well as in managing international education programs for the US government. He visited our campus and conversed with the students about the majors that the university offers along with the entry requirements. He also gave the students some advice on essay writing, which is one of the important criteria that will be reviewed to make the admissions applications stand out. The students were very happy as they got clear answers to all the questions, and the session ended with a vote of thanks.

Mahitha Sammeta
Career Counselor



Global Leadership Middle & High School Graduation Ceremony

Graduation day is the culmination of all the time, energy, and work that students have put into gaining their qualifications, and it gives a great chance to celebrate all that they have achieved. In Gaudium, board batch students received their achievement certificates in the presence of their parents from SLT team members on April 15th, 2023.

Sunitha V.
MYP Mathematics Facilitator



Holistic Excellence Student Reflections

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MYP 1C
REFLECTIONS 2022-2023

This year was a good year, I wouldn't say great or brilliant. I was new to this school and this country, as I just moved from Singapore to India. I was scared at first because everything seemed new and different to me as I was from a different country. I thought I might be behind in studies, but I wasn't. I don't like the school though.

On my first day of school, my parents dropped me to school. Tusya was my cousin so he became my buddy, he brought me to my class. In class I met my form teacher. Her name was Fathima Ma'am.

Fathima Ma'am was very kind and patient. She was also our Individuals and Societies. Hats off to her patience. She used to give us a lot of work to do at home. There were lots of project works in MYP. I was new to that.

I do not like Project works. I&S was a new subject to me. But Fathima Ma'am was a good teacher. She teaches better than

Sukrith.MYP 1C
YEAR End Reflection

This year was my first year in MYP and I learned a lot of skills, especially in I & S.

I learned about 4 various things/units which are about what does it mean to be a global citizen, about map, civilisation, and where do we live.

In the first unit, we learned different man-made problems and how to stop it by being a good citizen.

In the second unit, we learnt about different types of maps how to understand and how to create a map.

In the third unit, we learned about different civilisations, their government, innovations, agriculture, writing and this is my favorite unit.

In the last unit, I learned about different settlements including their types and characteristics.

END OF YEAR

18-4-23
2022-23
End of the year Reflection

We learned about the different maps that explorers used. There are many types of maps like physical map. They use it to travel places.

Deforestation is a major problem in this so people came up with something. If you cut 1 tree, you should plant 10 more trees.

We learned many things in settlements like. Types of settlements. Hierarchy settlements & Temporary settlements that are located on mountains & village green, but permanent settlements are found in cities, towns, etc.

Hrudhymohan
MYP-1-C

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Sukrith.MYP 1C
Reflection 2022-23

This academic year has been great. I did face a few challenges, mainly with academics. The day I came to Gaudium, I didn't know how my teachers or classmates would be, or if I'd ever be able to adjust to all my new classes soon enough. I was able to overcome those challenges. Starting with academics, which is the place where I struggled most. IB is a curriculum with a lot of analyzing, research, and communication, not just knowledge. In my old school, back in America, we focused mainly on knowledge, not other aspects. It took time, but I finally got used to the IB curriculum. I took a lot of help from my parents, and I'm really grateful for my class mentor, Fathima Ma'am. Fathima Ma'am is an amazing class mentor and a great teacher. I&S is the subject which takes up most space on our board, and we still learn even when she is absent, with the worksheets she gives us. I feel really lucky to have her as my class mentor/I&S teacher this year. Now, I'm able to understand the tasks that we do, and I developed the skills of researching, analyzing, etc. I learned so much this year, and I hope the same for all the years to come.

Mindfulness and Wellbeing

Social Media and it's influence on Students

Social media has globally influenced students and its usage is incomparably high. Though social media has created many platforms after the post-pandemic rush to reach out to different educational fields but has failed to meet students' emotional needs. Research shows that due to this lack of emotional support from the immediate environment, students get trapped in the virtual world. To fulfill a sense of belongingness and feel accepted sometimes they get to the extent of misusing social media. We as parents and educators should help the children in this regard to provide consistent guidance and provide emotional support which they need the most in their lives. At Gaudium, we firmly believe in inculcating the spirit of mindfulness and well-being generating happy minds in our students. Hence an awareness session in the month of April was conducted. The topic was "Social media and its influence on students' mental health." were given to MYP students over a week in each class to help with the aim of safe use of social media, understanding the boundaries of sharing personal details, understanding public activities on social media, appropriate language usage, knowledge of cyberbullying and safety, social responsibilities, and duties. The sessions were interactive where they exchanged a lot of their negative experiences on social media and the session helped them learn how to be mindful in using social media. Students perform on-the-spot skits and made posters to create awareness of the negative influence of social media. The session also generated the sense of meeting emotional needs in the real world and gave them strategies on how to make themselves engaged through physical activities and communicating with parents and peers.

Sukanya
ILD Team



Mindfulness and Wellbeing Session on Work - Life Balance for Teachers

Dr. Divya Devulapally, a consultant psychiatrist with over 14 years, conducted a session on 'Work-Life Balance' on 27th April 2023 for teachers and senior management at school..

She spoke about 'Time Management and Managing Stress at work and home and the ways in which we prioritize our work and personal relationships. The ways to meet the deadlines at work and to take care of family. The vital aspect of work life balance is to create an equilibrium between career and family.

Beulah Gomeze
English facilitator



Core Values

E-Drive and Goonj - Khushiyaon ka Recycle

Goonj is a non-governmental organization headquartered in New Delhi, India, that undertakes disaster relief, humanitarian aid, and community development in parts of 23 states across India

Goonj - "Khushiyaon Ka Recycle" campaign, ensures that the basics of learning reach our fellow children in rural schools across India, right before the beginning of their academic year! As we gear up for the fresh Academic Year with new textbooks, notebooks, school bags, tiffin boxes and water bottles etc, here is an opportunity for us to ensure that the previous session's materials are used well by children who are otherwise deprived of these basic resources.

This will go a long way in building a relationship of empathy and dignity between urban and rural children; each on two opposite sides of a big divide of resources and opportunities. While our children will learn to value their abundant resources, rural children will become better equipped for the upcoming session. Goonj school material campaign attempts to bring together all stakeholders; teachers, parents and the village community.

Sushmita Mishra
Activity Coordinator



Stakeholder Engagement

MYP Three Way Conference

A Three-way conference is a conversation about what the students are learning at school rather than what they are doing at school. We had the MYP Three Way Conference on 20th April, 2023 to encourage students, parents and teachers to have an open dialogue. It is an opportunity to report and exchange constructive feedback on the learners' progress.



Stakeholder Engagement

PYP Grade 5 Graduation Day

PYP grade 5 students Graduation ceremony was hosted at The Gaudium. PYP students of Grade 4 bid a heartwarming farewell to the graduating batch. The parents of Grade 5 students graced the occasion with their presence.



Stakeholder Engagement

MYP Personal Project Session for MYP4 Students

The Personal Project is a student-driven project, that happens during the final year of the MYP (Middle Years Programme). Students choose a topic to explore through learning a new skill/ knowledge and creating a product/ outcome. Through the project students demonstrate and strengthen their Approaches To Learning (ATL) skills. The Personal Project is the culminating project of the MYP - a great way to celebrate students learning journey throughout the MYP!

As the Personal Project Coordinator - Ms. Josna Vaz, introduced the MYP4 students with the concept of personal projects, where we further explored its aims and objectives, touched upon during this process. Here, we identified that students explore an area that motivates and interests them. They further, set their own goal and choose how to achieve it. Students create their own articulation of what success will look like and finally, they demonstrate and develop their Approaches To Learning (ATL) skills. Students reflect on the impact that the personal project has had on themselves and/or their community. The project challenges our students to nurture their mindset as a lifelong learner, a global citizen by giving them an agency and motivation towards their passion/dream.

The parents, students, teachers (supervisor), PP and MYP coordinator and the IB community work together and are an integral part of the MYP Personal Project. This is a wonderful time where various stakeholders bind in and become part of each student's learning journey.

Josna Vaz
Personal Project Coordinator

Stakeholder Engagement

Theatre Workshop for Teachers

To commemorate world theatre day, the theatre department at the Gaudium School organised a theatre workshop for teachers on April 1st, 2023. The aim of the workshop was to unlock teachers' creative expression. The workshop also focused to give sequence of acting exercises for best teaching practice. At the end of the workshop, teachers explored importance of 'theatre in education' and similarities and differences between a theatre actor and a teacher.

Part of creative exploration, teachers gone through few theatre games from Augusto Boal's theatre of oppressed. To understand the importance of performance skills in teaching, teachers practiced few acting games focusing on body, mind and voice. After the workshop, teachers reflected that theatre influences each individual's life creatively. They also observed that theatre impacts on students' development in academics.

Nagaraju P.

MYP Performing Arts Facilitator

Stakeholder Engagement

Guest Lecture

A session was conducted in Gaudium for the teachers by Dr. Ram Mohan Reddy on Women and Bone Health to spread awareness about how women can maintain a good bone health post menopause. The session was highly informative and interactive as teachers asked their problems that they face due to work and stress and the solutions were discussed by the doctor.

Poulomi Reddy
MYP Science Facilitator



Stakeholder Engagement Session on Teenage Brain & ADHD

In the Worldwide scenario, teenage is the age that has been misunderstood for many reasons. Challenges and changes in this stage are very difficult to handle because of many changes in body and mind. We all as facilitators of the school get the chance to address this group on a day-to-day basis, and deal with many of the common challenges which they face at school and home.

Dr. Divya emphasized on the physiological and psychological aspects of the teenage challenges, and spoke about conflict resolution. It gave us a holistic approach of understanding the teenage brain, which is much different to the adult brain with regards to problem solving, decision making and handling different types of emotions.

The second session was on ADHD. She imparted knowledge on the symptoms, threats, and therapy. She also explained various myths regarding ADHD and hence how to deal with such students in a careful and effective manner.

Sudakshina Dey
ILD Team

Stakeholder Engagement Session on School Policies

We, at The Gaudium have had a review on School policies. The need to examine school policy is critical in light of recent occurrences. While child protection laws place a higher priority on protecting children, Academic integrity policies guarantee fairness and honesty in student work. Policies on assignments and assessments help students study, and codes of conduct encourage civil conduct. Policies for admission provide equal chances, while inclusion policies promote diversity and a sense of community. A careful examination of these regulations can aid in establishing a welcoming and secure learning environment for all students.

Shiva

MYP Mathematics Facilitator

Stakeholder Engagement

All Hands Meet

The closing All Hands Meet for the academic year was a memorable one. The school honored members of the teaching community who have served students through outstanding teaching, dedication, and service. The awards were presented by the Director Ms. Keerthi Reddy and CEO Mr. Ramakrishna Reddy.

Priyanka B. M.
MYP English Facilitator



Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Event	Grade
29th May 2023	Monday	Reopening day for teachers	
10th June 2023	Saturday	Parent Orientation session	MYP 1
10th June 2023	Saturday	Parent Orientation session	MYP 5
12th June 2023	Monday	Reopening of School	MYP 1 - 5
17th June 2023	Saturday	Virtual Parent Orientation session	MYP 2,3 and 4

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