

Dear Parents,

The sudden government directive to close schools for two weeks threw our plans awry but we still managed to accomplish quite a few things.

1) INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The Investiture Ceremony was held on the 9th of September. This had been preceded by enlightening students on what qualities make a true leader and how to make the best informed choice. Students made their speeches at Assembly and then the rest of the students cast their votes. Based on staff and student polls, the following students were nominated to the Student Council for the year 2015 – 2016.

SCHOOL POSITIONS

HEAD BOY:	Srinid Lakkimsetti
HEAD GIRL:	Shreya Alluri
SPORTS CAPTAINS:	Nandyala Soami Charan Reddy <i>and</i> Aanchal Chatterjee
BOARDING CAPTAINS:	Sushanth Chutke <i>and</i> Eun Woo Yang
ACTIVITIES CAPTAINS:	Shikara Mareddy <i>and</i> Neha Rana Pingili
CAS CAPTAINS:	Abhilasha Atluri, Ujwal Kartik <i>and</i> Preksha Singhvee
INTERNATIONAL CAPTAIN:	Patcharanan Yenrudeepee
SCHOOL EDITORS:	Aashay Verma <i>and</i> Anirudha Gajula

HOUSE POSITIONS

PEGASUS

HOUSE CAPTAIN: SRISHTI PONNALA

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR: HALIKA REDDY

HERCULES

HOUSE CAPTAIN: VISHNU AVVA

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR: PREETI JOGINAPALLI

ORION

HOUSE CAPTAIN: ASHDEEP K. BAGGA

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR: AJAY MALHOTRA

PHOENIX

HOUSE CAPTAIN: ADITYA CHOPRA

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR: ARHAM JAIN

GRADE PREFECTS

GRADE 10 PREFECTS: RIA THIMMAIAHGARI, ARJUN ANDRA

GRADE 9 PREFECTS: KHUSHI JAIN, BEHROOZ DINYARIAN

GRADE 8 PREFECTS: ANIKA GUPTA, PARTHA SARATHY REDDY

GRADE 7 PREFECTS: ABHINAYA POLAKA, POOJA ANDRA

GRADE 6 PREFECT: JANVI JAIN

PYP HOUSE POSITIONS

PEGASUS HOUSE CAPTAIN: ARNAV MEHTA

HERCULES HOUSE CAPTAIN: VARUN KANUMURI

ORION HOUSE CAPTAIN: VED SRIRAM

PHOENIX HOUSE CAPTAIN: ADITI RAJYASRI YARLAGADDA

SPORTS CAPTAIN: HASINI SURYADEVARA

DISCIPLINE CAPTAIN: ARYA DHAROD

We wish them the very best in the year ahead. We know that with the support of the school community, family and friends, they will blossom in their new roles and prepare for their life beyond the portals of Indus by learning to lead themselves and others.

2) PTA MEETING:

We had our PTA from 12th October to 14th October for the Middle and Senior Schools. (We had to re-schedule it in view of, first, a bandh called by political parties, and then, later, because of the government directive to close schools.)

3) PAC MEETING:

Our first PAC meeting was held on Tuesday the 13th in School. The PAC members are in the process of forming Whatsapp groups for each Grade. We trust that all parents will become our partners in taking the School forward. Please inform your Grade Representatives of all your concerns.

Apart from the Academic Committee, Whole Education Committee, Food and Nutrition Committee, and Fast Track & Pre-IB Committee, we wish to have a Transport Committee. Parents are once again requested to volunteer to serve on the Committees. Please contact your Grade Representative for more details.

4) REPORT CARD USING DATA ANALYTICS:

Our first set of report cards which analyses the Student Progressive Index (the weighted measure of student achievement across three streams of the curriculum – Academic Work, Whole Education and Leadership) will be sent out by the end of the first week of November. We trust you will find it useful to see your ward's overall development. Do not hesitate to contact us for clarifications on the same.

5) PYP PRESENTATIONS ON THEIR UNITS OF ENQUIRY:

Students of Grades 2, 3, 4, and 5 confidently and creatively summed up their insights on the respective Unit of Enquiry; parents who attended were very appreciative of the efforts of the students and their learning and progress.

6) VISUAL ARTS:

Ms Piu Mahapatra, our Art Department In-charge. attended a Curatorial Workshop and got to meet talented artists.

The Visual Arts department organised a workshop for Art students of Grades 9 and 12 on the concept of 'Medium as a mode of expression'. It was a three-day intensive workshop conducted by an artist and faculty lecturer of IIIT Hyderabad, Ms. Naini Arora. Children used clay / cowdung for their work. For three days, students got the opportunity to be out in the open and learn by simply being close to nature. They also gained a better understanding of the concept of sustainable living.

WHOLE EDUCATION

7) GANDHI JAYANTI:

We had a Special Assembly on the 1st of October in the school to mark the occasion. Next year we will have special events organized on this day to make it more meaningful.

8) SPORTS MATTERS:

- a) In the MSP Inter-House Football competition, Pegasus House stood 1st; Orion and Hercules came 2nd and 3rd, respectively.
- b) In the PYP Inter-House Football, Hercules stood 1st, Hercules and Orion stood 2nd and 3rd, respectively.
- c) We participated in an Inter-School Swimming Competition conducted by Glendale Academy. A total of 9 schools participated. We won 4 gold, 4 silver and 9 bronze medals. In the final tally, we were Runners-up. Congratulations to all the participants and their coaches.
- d) Sreeja Muppaneni of Grade 7 won 2 gold medals and 2 silver medals in a State-level swimming competition held in Karimnagar. She has been selected for the Nationals in Kolkata which will be held in the 1st week of November.

Congratulations, Sreeja! May you always do well.

- e) Ten of our students participated in a literary fest held at Indus International School, Bangalore. Because of the unscheduled break, they did not get much practice but they gave a good account of themselves and impressed everyone with their efforts (as also with their turnout and discipline).

9) LEADERSHIP CAMP:

A Leadership Camp for Grade 12 was conducted at ISL, Yellagiri, in the 2nd week of October.

10) Teacher Walkthroughs are happening across school and information is being shared with teachers on how to improve classroom transaction.

11) Class 12 students will go for a TOK Retreat from 1st – 3rd November.

12) MAKING UP FOR LOST ACADEMIC TIME:

We have been forced to cut short the Spring Break in view of the time lost in the extended Dasara holidays. We will now close the school from Friday the 2th of March to Sunday the 27th of March only. We will have normal classes from the 28th of March to the 1st of April.

We hope parents will understand why we have been forced to do this.

I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Diwali and a happy and prosperous year ahead.

Warm wishes,

C P Joseph
PRINCIPAL