

## **NPS International, Mysore**

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

#### **AN OVERVIEW OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2015-16**

October 2015

Dear Parents

We extend warm greetings and best wishes to all members of the NPSI family. I am delighted to report that we have had a very positive start to this academic year and it has been very fulfilling until now as we continue in a spirit of confident enthusiasm.

Our school community strives to instil in each child the excitement that comes with learning. Our teachers are committed to catering to all aspects of each student's development academically, emotionally and physically. Here, parents' involvement makes a tremendous positive difference for students and our school.

I would like to appreciate the members of the parent fraternity of our school, for the encouragement that they give their children, which plays a very active part in their learning.

I would like to update you on the events and progress at the school.

- Some of our Grade 12 students are working hard on handling their applications for their dream universities abroad. They are a passionate group, determined to complete a winning application and are busy filling out their Statements of Purpose, Letters of Recommendation, Essays and Resumes.
- We are very proud of our students' achievements and we would like to highlight a few of the accomplishments and success stories:
  - In the 2014 IAIS Olympiad, Samarth Kashyap of Grade 10 scored the highest marks among all the participants of Class 9 in Science across the region of India, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Maldives, Mauritius, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Srilanka, UAE and earned the UNSW Gold Medal.
  - Pranavi of Grade 7, Dhyuthi of Grade 8 and Vidhatri of Grade 4 continue to dominate the golfing arena and have won lot of accolades this year too, and will continue to win more prizes in the coming months.
  - Chiranjan S of Grade 7, Dhatri Umesh of Grade 3 and Chetan Prashanth of Grade 6 are the chess grandmasters of NPSI, Mysore and have been winning laurels every month.
  - Our Senior Secondary group have represented the school in various fests – Hackathon at NPS Koramangala, Innowaves at NPS Indiranagar, NaPSonic at NPS Rajajinagar, Impressionz at NPS Chennai and other local fests, and have emerged victorious in numerous events.
  - NPSI Mysore held a place of honour in the Mysore–Colombo (Srilanka) districts dual track and field meet 2015, by winning a cluster of medals.
  - The swimmers of NPS International Mysore brought laurels to the school by their outstanding performance in the inter-collegiate swimming competition held at the University swimming pool, Mysore.

- Our students Anchal Mehta of Grade 12 and Shambhavi Sanjay of Grade 11 have been a part of the Karnataka State team in throwball and went on to win the runners-up place at the national level.
- We are always striving to cultivate children's enthusiasm for learning and conduct a range of activities for all students over and above the regular curriculum. We have conducted over 20 Inter-house competitions and over 30 primary competitions until now with the objective of nurturing the morale and confidence of the students.
- NPSI, Mysore will have numerous events to showcase the talent and give opportunities to children to stage programmes and get actively involved in organising events too. Quizanza (Interschool Quiz), YEP (Market Day) are over and the ones coming in the second term are Scilore (Science and Social Science exhibition) and class presentations by the Primary and Pre-primary groups.
- Career counselling was provided as an option for the senior students. Coaching for SAT, by the Princeton Review team was another facility that was offered. We have also introduced MUN training at the school campus by trainers from Hyderabad and the children have been taking advantage of these opportunities.
- **SUMMER VACATIONS AND RE-OPENING:**
  - **For classes 1 to 9, 11 and the pre-primary, the school will remain closed from Friday, 1 April 2016 for the summer vacations.**
  - **For the new batch of classes 10 and 12, the school closes from Wednesday, April 13 2016.**
  - **The academic year starts from Monday, March 7 2016 for the new batch of Grade 12 and from Monday, March 28 2016 for the new batch of Grade 10.**
  - **The schedule of the re-opening of the school after summer vacation is as follows:**

Classes	Day and Date of reopening
Class 9, 10, 11 and 12	Monday 23.05.16.
Class 1 to 8	Wednesday 01.06.16.

- **TEXTBOOKS AND NOTEBOOKS**

The school has made arrangements for books and materials from different agencies and will distribute them to the students in order to avoid any academic loss when the school re-opens. The prescribed cost of the books may be paid by the students. The schedule of issue of books will be notified separately.

- **APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER CERTIFICATE**

It would be appreciated if parents of wards who are withdrawing their children from the school from the next academic year, could inform us of the same latest **by Friday, 29 January 2016.**

- **ANNUAL FEES**

The annual fees for the **academic year 2016-17 has to be remitted in the school office from Monday, 21 March 2016 to Monday, 4 April 2016.** All payments could be made by either banker's cheque or a pay order only. We presume that the students who do not remit the fees by the due date will not be continuing in the next academic year.

- We urge parents to visit the school website periodically in order to see the weekly updates, be it photos, events, exam schedules or important notices.

- We have taken up the project of development of the playground which has athletic tracks, soccer field, basketball courts, volley ball and throw ball courts, tennis court and a cricket practice pitch. The entire sports field is of global standards with finish of synthetic/artificial grass turf and water draining system. This kind of development is an integral part of the educational system and we are sure that parental appreciation and undiluted support will always be there. We do hope to complete this project by February 2016. As part of the upgradation plan, the Computer Lab has been equipped with more servers and software in keeping with the syllabi requirements of the Senior Secondary. The Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology labs have also been enhanced with additional apparatus and kits. CCTV cameras have been installed in key areas for security reasons and to monitor the movement of children and visitors. As part of the expansion plan, we propose to further strengthen the security by installing more number of CCTV cameras in school.
- All school managements are burdened with escalation and a huge increase in the pay band to the staff, new structure of PF, ESI scheme for support staff and many more expenses. This will lead to an inevitable increase in the fees by about 10% to 15% to meet the additional expansion, salary and allowances, increments and the huge maintenance cost of the large campus.

On behalf of all members of team NPS International, Mysore, I would like to place on record our gratitude to all the parents for extending continued support which has helped us maintain high standards and ideals set by the NPS group for its students. We value the trust and confidence you have placed in us for your children and we look forward to working together in partnership to give you and your children a solid foundation for the future.

Best wishes

Sincerely yours  
Shubha Achaiah  
Principal, NPSI, Mysore