

NPS International, Mysore

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

AN OVERVIEW OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-15

February 2015

Dear Parents

We extend warm greetings and best wishes to all members of the NPSI family. As we approach the end of yet another school year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your help, support and interest this year. We have had another very busy and successful year in school and you, as partners in the education of your children, deserve much of the credit for that. We have walked hand in hand and tried to overcome problems and find solutions. You have gone out of your way to encourage us and we have tried to do our best for the students.

- I believe the school's expansion in to Senior Secondary this year, gave us a greater challenge and an opportunity to deliver the best to children's life and learning. Our dedicated teachers and support staff have worked hard to establish the extended school. Our pupil numbers are growing and we will have the complete group from grades 1- 12, the next academic year.
- The accomplishments of our students in various spheres of school activity are authentic examples of the NPS dedication to the development of each and every student's potential in a positive environment. We would like to highlight a few of the achievements and success stories of our students:
 - Milan S Bidare of Grade 11 stood second in the National Level SAT Olympiad. Milan was placed in the 98th percentile and Saloni was placed in the 96th percentile in their SAT exams taken recently.
 - Pranavi S Urs of Grade 6 has been ranked as All India Number One Golfer in her category.
 - Pranavi of Grade 6, Dhyuthi of Grade 7 and Vidhatri of Grade 3 have won numerous accolades in state and national level Golf this year too.
 - Chiranjani S of Grade 6 and Dhatri Umesh of Grade 2 have won umpteen laurels in district and state level Chess tournaments held this year.
 - Rohit Iyengar and Nikitha Srikanth were in the top 5 at the National level Cryptic Crossword held at Delhi.
 - Samarth Kashyap of Grade 9 and Abhijay Kumar Singh of Grade 11 won the Gnaritas Quiz at Mysore and stood 5 at the state level Conquizatador conducted by PESIT in Bangalore.
 - 10 of our students went up to the National level of MaRRs Spell Bee held at Hyderabad and won prizes.
 - Ananth Karanth of Grade 3, Richa Kakde of Grade 6 and Samyuktha Nair of Grade 7 won prizes in the National Level Kidovators Challenge held in Bangalore and came home with tabs, music players, science kits and medals.
 - Anirudh Behl of Grade 4, Shivani Uthappa of Grade 5, Subbaiah N M of Grade 7 and Gaurav Harindra of Grade 7 won glory in the state level Wildlife Quiz conducted by WWF.
 - The sibling duo Karthik Ganesh of grade 7 and Keerthana Ganesh of grade 6 won the gold medal in the tournament organized by the National Karate Association of India, in Surat, Gujarat.
 - Annanya Sinha and Diya Ranga of Grade 6 were selected for an Interschool unique creative conference, a 3 day workshop that targeted to raise the artistic capabilities of a child.

- Our students have given their best at all the Inter NPS events at Bangalore and won praises by the other schools.
- We are always seeking to improve and enrich our provision to develop children's enthusiasm for learning. There were a range of activities available to pupils over and above the regular curriculum. We conducted over 50 Interhouse competitions and over 30 Primary competitions with the objective of nurturing the morale and confidence of the students.
- NPSI, Mysore had numerous events to showcase the talent and give opportunities to children to stage programmes, get involved in music & art and encourage sporting achievement. Ninaad (Music Day), Vitaan (Dance and Drama), Nirmitya (Art exhibition), YEP (Market Day) and pre-primary events Abracadabra (Class presentations) & Concerto (Music Day), were all the major ones.
- We were very proud to introduce the option to avail career counselling at the school campus for the very first batch of Senior Secondary school as well as for the IX graders. Coaching for SAT, by the Princeton Review team from Bangalore is another facility that was introduced which the children have benefited from.
- We consider teaching as a real profession and not simply as a talent and this necessitates sound professional training and the acquisition of skills well beyond those related to subject knowledge. Within this perspective, we provide ongoing training, send them to associate schools for workshops and stress on qualitative improvement. As part of the quality process, we also undergo audits to assess our teaching methodologies/ processes under the stringent framework of the NPSI group standards.
- We are extremely happy to place before you the All India Secondary School Examination (Grade 10) and All India Senior School Certificate Examination (Grade 12) results of our associate schools. The schools have achieved 100% results with 90% distinction. Further, 90% of the students were placed in the A1 category.
- **SUMMER VACATIONS AND RE-OPENING:**

The school will remain closed from 1 April 2015 for the summer vacations. The detailed schedule of the re-opening of the school is as follows:

Classes	Day and Date of reopening	
Class 10 and 12	Thursday	21.05.15.
Class 1 to 9	Wednesday	03.06.15.
Class 11	Tuesday	02.06.15

- **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 from the school from the next academic year could inform us of the same latest by Friday, 13 March 2015.

- ANNUAL FEES

The annual fees for the **academic year 2015-16 may be remitted in the school office from Monday, 23 March to Friday, 3 April 2015.** 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 are deeply committed to the safety of everyone on our campus and believe that safety does not happen by accident. Efforts have been made to provide the safest learning environment possible at NPSI, Mysore. We encourage students to feel comfortable reporting any information they may have that compromises their safety and the safety of others. Working together, we can maintain an environment where students are free to focus on learning.
- In light of the recent developments in the field of education, we have implemented better security arrangements with the Police Department, CCTV cameras in the premises of the school, security guards in the school at important points in different locations, GPS in buses and a host of other safety measures. This amounts to a huge budgetary drain on the 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 sub-staff and many more expenses. A further burden, now, is providing free and subsidised education for underprivileged children. We are at great strain and stress to meet this spiralling expenditure. It all leads to an inevitable increase of the fees by 10 to 15% to maintain infrastructural needs.
- We are open to feedback and suggestions from parents and respond to all mails and phone calls. We have also implemented certain suggestions (within the framework of the school policies) by parents which we found were for the benefit of our students and add to the progress of the school.

We are sure that your support will encourage us to maintain the high standards and ideals set by NPS for its students. Your continued encouragement and cooperation in every aspect will help us grow from strength to strength and will enable us to maintain the high level of professionalism which exists at NPSI, Mysore.

Best wishes

Sincerely yours

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