



CLUNY SCINTILLA

2023-2024

DECEMBER 2023

SCINTILLA - XIX

"You are the God who works wonders; You display your strength among people." (Psalm 77:14)

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

As we approach the end of another year, it's time to pause and reflect on the journey we've undertaken together. The year 2023 has been a tapestry of experiences, challenges and triumphs, woven by the collective efforts of students, teachers and staff.

Our classrooms have been buzzing with intellectual curiosity and thirst for knowledge. Students have embraced the challenges of their academic pursuits, demonstrating resilience and determination. Beyond the confines of textbooks, our school has been a vibrant hub of creativity and talent. From captivating performances in cultural events to the athletic displays on the sports field, our students have proven that they are all rounded individuals.

Through 'Aravanaippu' (community outreach programme), our students have consistently demonstrated a commitment to making a positive impact on the world around them. Visit to Hospice in Laporte Street, Puducherry moved everyone including parents to tears. The children of Cluny Special School, Kalapet proved to our students that 'love' has no disability. Visits to Shanti Bhavan - an HIV patients centre, Mother Theresa's Convent, etc., made children understand their social responsibility. This Christmas, we reached out to the students of Our Lady of Lourdes School, Villianur, where our students had an interactive session with them. These acts of kindness and generosity truly reflect the values we hold.

The date sheet of the CBSE Board Exam has been announced. As the First batch of Grade XII and third batch of Grade X students stand on the threshold of their examination, I want to take a moment to express my utmost pride and confidence in each and everyone of you. This is a milestone, a moment that signifies the culmination of your journey. So believe in yourself as you step into the exam hall, carry yourself with the belief that you are well prepared. Embrace challenges, stay calm and focused, support each other, share insights, encourage each other to do the best.

Believe in yourselves, dear students. You are capable, resilient and destined for greatness. The entire school community stands behind you, cheering you on as you embark on the next chapter. Go forth in confidence. May God's protecting hand be with you and may success be yours!

Christmas always brings exuberation and joy. The essence of Christmas emphasises on self-giving, aligns with not only receiving but giving, sharing and making a positive impact on the lives of others. May the magic of Christmas fill your heart with wonder and your home with love.

*May your Christmas sparkle with moments of love, laughter,
and good will, and may the year ahead be full of contentment and joy.*

Sr. Jaise John
Principal

GLIMPSES OF OUR BUSTLE



Spiritual Invocation -
Commencement of Term II



Inculcating Civic Responsibility - Swachh Bharat (3rd Oct. 2023)



Celebrating Aestheticism - Red Day
by Montessori



Cluny Special School - Grade VIII



Cluny Hospice - Grade IX



VGP - Grade VI



MGM - Grade VII



Garuda Park - Grade IV



Rejuvenation - A Day out for Teachers



Parents' Seminar on Parenting Skills



Teachers Orientation by CoE, Chennai



Festive Aura - Celebrating the Festival of Lights
Grade V



Women Safety



Self Realisation



Cherishing the Treasures of our School
Children's Day 2023



The Charm of Charity - Grade VI
Shanthy Bhavan (HIV AIDS Centre)



Coz it's Christmas Season!! (Our Students of
Grade V in Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine)



Literary Eloquence - Recitation

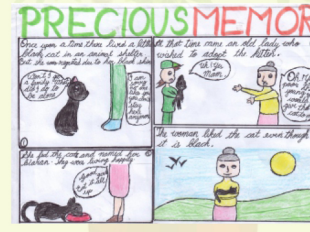
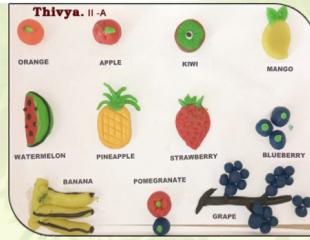


Acquiring Linguistic Prowess



The Crown Jewels of our School - First Batch
ready to face the 12th Board Exam

CLUNY WORDSMITHS



“VALUE YOURSELF”

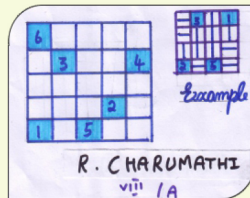
A speaker started his seminar by showing a ₹100 note to the public. He asked the people, “who wants this?” It was no surprise to see that all of them raised their hands. He offered to give the money to one of them but insisted that he will do something to it. He crumpled the money and showed it again to the crowd and repeated the question. Still everyone raised their hands. He then put the money on the ground and stepped on it and then raised it again and offered it to the public. The people gathered there, still showed interest to take that money despite seeing how dirty the note was. He told the public, “No matter what I did to this money, you all still want this. You all were in favour of my offer because the value of the money never decreased despite all that I did to it. Similarly, value yourself despite the painful conditions or failures”.

Moral: Believe in yourself and work hard to achieve success. Value yourself irrespective of the failures or obstacles and don't degrade yourself just because of temporary setbacks.

S. SATHYA SRI VI-C

PUZZLE

Draw either a horizontal or vertical line in every empty square. The line must be in a way where it can pass through the shaded square through all possibilities. The total number of lines connecting the square should be equal to the number written on the square.



AN EMBRACE TO REMEMBER

Visiting old age homes can be a life-changing experience. St. Joseph of Cluny School-CBSE organises outreach programmes (Aravanaipu), which play a pivotal role in shaping young minds. The students of Grade IX, were taken to The Cluny Home For The Aged (Hospice Convent), located at Laporte Street, on 30 November 2023. It was a memorable experience which made us mindful of the challenges faced by the elderly in today's unfeeling society. It provided a glimpse into the lives of those who have aged gracefully and offered valuable insights into the complexities of life. As we approached the old age home, we noticed that the buildings were well-maintained and had a peaceful ambiance. The surrounding area was clean, with the trees forming a natural canopy. The gardens were well-tended and the flowers added beautiful hues to the environment. Upon entering the old age home, we were spellbound by the cleanliness and orderliness of the place. The corridors were wide and the rooms were spacious and well-lit. We were given a warm welcome by Rev. Sr. Sahayam, Mother Superior of the Hospice, in the common area where the inmates were seated, waiting for us. A prayer service was conducted by the students of Grade IX, following which our beloved Correspondent Rev. Sr. Emiliana and our respected Principal Rev. Sr. Jaise John addressed the inmates and students with their consolatory and reassuring words. Later, the Mother Superior, Rev. Sr. Sahayam, helped the students empathise with the inmates with real life accounts and inculcated the much needed value of caring for the elderly. The main objectives of this programme was to make students understand that they are the “Ambassadors of Love” and to etch in their hearts forever their responsibility to take good care of their parents in their old age. Many sisters of different age groups, who had worked tirelessly for the Congregation, were in the hospice and each of them had a success story to share with us. As we interacted with the elderly inmates, we were awestruck with their warmth and wisdom. We were edified by the inmates, who had merry smiles and cheerful spirits despite the challenges they had faced. The “Ambassadors of Love” proved themselves worthy of the title by being there for the Grandmamas and Granddads of the home. At the end of this eventful day the parents of Grade IX students were invited to partake in this noble endeavour, they were enthused by the Mother Superior Rev. Sr. Sahayam to be model parents that the little ones could imbibe their values. They were urged to celebrate their birthdays and other family occasions with the elderly. Thus we achieved the prime aim of inclusive education. Our visit to the Hospice was to remind the students of the vision on St. Joseph of Cluny School - CBSE: “To Liberate and Empower the Youth.” And the students and teachers did just that! It was a reinforcing outreach programme for both the students and the parents.

RIDDLES

1. What can cut like a knife, sting like a bee, bite like a lion, carry truth and lies but never move or speak? **Words**
2. I can heal and kill without touching you. What am I? **Time**
3. When is $11+3 = 2$? **On a Clock**
4. What has no beginning, middle or end? **A Doughnut**
5. Which word is pronounced the same when you take away four of its five letters? **Queue**

M. SHIVAPRIYA VII-C

COCONUT PUDDING - RECIPE

Ingredients :

- Coconut Milk - 250ml
- Sugar - 50 gm
- Cardamom powder - a pinch
- Cornflour - 4 teaspoons
- Almond - 4 to 5

Method :

- ★ In a saucepan, whisk cornflour, coconut milk and sugar until you get a smooth lump-free mixture.
- ★ Then add a pinch of cardamom and a little salt to enhance the flavor.
- ★ Now heat the saucepan and cook the mixture to a thick consistency.
- ★ Pour the mixture in glass bowls or cake moulds.
- ★ Refrigerate for 2 hours and serve chilled.

HANSIKA. T VII - E



CONTENDERS IN VARIOUS FIELDS



State Level Basketball Rockers
Winning the 1st Prize



2nd Position in National Roller Skating
Glider - Kanishka of IX-C



Our Adept Athletes : 34th South Zone Junior
National Athletic Championship. 1. Kanchana IX-B,
2. Kathrina IX-B, 3. Madhoumitha X-B



Budding Writer in the State Level
Creative Writing Competition
Mehasri M VIII-C 1st Place



Pondicherry Open State Level Badminton
Champ - Subasri R VII -D, 1st Prize



Our Songbirds - 1st Prize
Blaze Singing Competition



Chess Mastermind
Tharana IV-E



Karate Paladin
Jeevana III B - 1st Prize



High-flier
Reyasri IV-D 1st Place in Athletics



Budding Orators
Hansika VII-E



Zonal Level Athletic Champs -
1st Place



Victors of the Inter School
Carols Competition



Our Agile Athletes selected for
SGFI Nationals.

The Students of our School had participated in the 67th National School Games Championship 2023 -24 in the UT of Puducherry and got selected passing their selection trials in the Regional Level followed by the State Level selection trials.

1. Prakshidha - IX B (Cricket)
2. Megalai - VII D (Tennis)
3. Dhivyalakshmi - IX C, Nivashini - IX A, Vivetha - VIII D, Yukthika - VIIIA & Natchathira - VIIIA (Basketball)

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Let's make the most of 2024 !

Implement these strategies to enhance your mental health,

- ★ Whenever you are going through negative emotions, visualize gathering all those emotions, balling them up and throwing it far away.
- ★ Start practicing "Change what can be changed, Accept the pains that cannot be changed and Live by your values."
- ★ Unhook unkind thoughts by noticing and naming them. Try speaking to yourself kindly. If you are kind to yourself you will have more energy to help others and more motivation to be kind to others, so everyone benefits.
- ★ Repeat kind, compassionate phrases to yourself like, "you are having a rough time, but you will make it through"; say it either aloud or in your head as many times as you need.

GLEAM FLASH

School Closes for Christmas Holidays on 23.12.2023

School Reopens on 02.01.2024

"Your calm mind is the ultimate weapon against your challenges".

(Bryand McGill)

