

Principal's address and Report for the year 2009-2010

The very great Thomas Carlyle has said ' Nothing builds self confidence and self esteem like accomplishments .' we are here today to celebrate the very many accomplishments and achievements that have been made by the staff and students of Campion School in the past year. Yes it has been a joint effort of students ,parents ,staff and management, for in the words of William Blake , " No bird soars too high ,if it soars with its own wings."

Good Morning ,dear Parents ,members of the staff , students, members of the Management ,ex students and friends of Campion School. Welcome to the Annual Awards Day for the year 2009-2010. I also welcome with great pleasure our chief guest Mr Juzar Khorakiwal and Mrs Nishreen Khorakiwal .Thank you Mr and Mrs Khorakiwala for being with us this morning on this red letter day .

In keeping with the usual Campion tradition ,I commence with my report.The last academic year has been one with a plethora of activities and experiences ,all of which have been extremely positive and rewarding . It has been a result of dynamic partnership of Parents, teachers, students and managements geared towards qualitative achievements in education and it has been a resounding success with many highs and no lows.No wonder The Hindustan Times daily newspaper's survey projected Campion as the 2nd best school in Mumbai and as per the Education World Magazine survey the school is the 8th best day school in the country and 3rd best in the west zone.Congratulations to all of us!

Striving for excellence in every possible field and achieving it in a spectacular way is a champion motto-it's our pride-our value. But the greatest value is developing into a total human person, who can face the world and overcome obstacles with his moral force. Thus our true aim is the development of integrated, functional, contributing young men with moral fibre.

No end of year summing is complete without recording appreciation to the members of council of Management. My heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Fr Anthony J D'Souza- The Provincial, Rev Fr Rudolf Heredia- Provincial's representative, Dr Eric Borges-Chairman, Dr Corinne Idnani -Secretary, Rev Fr Lawrence Ferrao - Treasurer, and other members Rev. Fr Francis Swamy, Rev Fr Philip Falcao, Mrs Subur Munjee and Mr Roopesh Kaul. I consider myself truly blessed to have the opportunity to interact with people of their breadth of vision and intellectual depth. I am also extremely grateful to the General Body Members, whose active interest in the growth and welfare of our school continues from strength to strength. I hope the almighty blesses them abundantly, so that they continue to enrich us with their friendship, interest and guidance.

The School

The last academic year began on 13th April 2009 with 690 students on the roll and a teaching staff of 45, 9 on the non teaching staff and 14 maintenance staff.

During the course of the year, the school was benefitted by the arrival of Ms Quincyann Viera, Mr Wilfred Alex Alva, Ms Nita Fernandes, and Mr Sunil Almeida.

This is also the time of year when we say farewell to those members of staff who have left the institution to explore other avenues in the educational field. My best wishes are with Ms Rohna Furtado, Ms Nita Fernandes, Ms Anita Goswamy, Mr Shafique Shaikh , Mr Egbert Pais, Ms Richa ahuja, Ms Preeti Kapoor, and Ms Seema Sahai. I am certain that any staff who leaves the school, does so with the certain knowledge of personal and professional growth .

ICSE RESULT

“ No man ever reached to excellence in any one art or profession without having passed through the slow and painful process of study and preparation.”

At the ICSE Std. X 2010 examinations, 67 students appeared and all were successful. Sarthak Biswas led with 94% .Of the 67 candidates 10 stood in the 90 and above category, 29 in the 80's, 20 in the 70's, 7 in the 60's, and 1 in the 50's .The school average is 80.93%.

My heartiest congratulations to all these students. I also congratulate the parents and the staff for standing by them through their formation. We wish all our students success as they continue their studies in their respective streams in various colleges .We pray that they remain true to the values imbibed in school and be the instrument of social change and keep the Champion flag always flying high in everything they do.

Co-curricular activities:

Campion's backbone is strengthened by the school's emphasis on co curricular activities. These enable them to grow in confidence and enhance all round development. Participation in co curricular activities is encouraged and considered a privilege .Boys represent their school

and house ,with honour. Parents are also encouraged to support this well rounded growth of their children,and to actively participate in it whenever possible. In today's highly competitive world, we have to bear a lot of mental stress and also have to get involved in so many things in order to acquire knowledge . This is where co-curricular activities play a significant role. They help us get mental rest and also helps us stay physically fit and healthy.

Integrated education being Champion's watch word, students are encouraged to take part in an abundance of activities like debate, quiz, spelling bee, elocution, choral recitation , Western and Indian music, dramatics, art contests ,the celebration of various festivals, educational trips, Junior Sports Festival, appreciation day etc. all these come together in a kaleidoscope of creativity that empowers and encourages our students to see beyond subject boundaries to a more holistic understanding of life and themselves. It also helps us to guide and monitor their growth into contributing and successful members of society.

Sports and Games:

Physical activities in the form of sports , games and athletics are important no simply because they provide physical exercise, but for a number of other reasons also. They develop qualities of sportsmanship, self confidence, perseverance, foresight , fair play etc. Through team games and competitive games, sociability, co operation, team spirit, spirit of self sacrifice, and attitude of healthy competition develop. A play ground is said to be the cradle of democracy. On a play ground students become fresh and active. Children will learn to concentrate on

academics, develop good hobbies,, get opportunities to exhibit hidden talents and develop control over emotions and aggression.

The interest and enthusiasm in the field of sports is very clearly visible. Our students have participated enthusiastically and successfully in several inter school sports and games .

Football:

The under 14 team won the Subroto Mukherje football tournament at the city level and were the runners up at district sports office meet.

The under 12 team won the 2nd place at the MSSA football tournament , and won the inaugural south Mumbai soccer challenge 2009.

Campion school with the help of PTA organized Football Tournament for all Jesuit schools of Mumbai.

The under 8 and 10 teams won the inaugural Jesuit championship 2010

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The under 8 team secured 3rd position at the MSSA football tournament.

Lawn Tennis: our school represented by Kanishk agarwal and Akshan tejwani

Won the second place at the MSSA lawn tennis championship.

Aquatics: Master Sachet Engineer and Master Manan Vasant did well in swimming and diving competitions held by various organizations and excelled at the state and National level.

Athletics: Master Aatush Kalyaniwala won the Gold medal in discus throw and created new meet record at the Bombay City District meet.

Table Tennis: our school team represented by Masters Yash Jain, Vibodh Gupta reached the semifinal at the MSSA tournament.

Literary and Performing arts:

At '**We are the world**' a fest organized by the Rotaract club of H R College, we had about 200 students participating. Champion school was at her dazzling best and secured the 1st position from among 30 schools. Our boys were the winners in Native dance, Just a Minute, Debate, Management Games, Quiz, Power point, National Anthem of Spain, Fashion Designing, Treasure Hunt, and Mascot.

At the **Cascades** an inter- school event organized by The Jamnabhai Narsee alumni, we won in fusion Music, duet singing, one act play ,and elocution.

Masters Arish Bhiwandiwala, Aditya Thakker, Ayush Zaveri, Suchir Mathur, Devanshu Gulati, Shubham Morarka, Urvaksh Sherdiwala and Mikhail Kattuparambil have won elocution contest organized by various institutions of Mumbai. Master

Master Aditya Thakker was chosen by the DNA newspaper to be the junior journalist. As a part of the workshop the junior journo's get a chance to write articles ,take professional photographs and interview celebrities.

Master Rahul Daryanani was adjudged the winner of the prestigious city level TATA nation building essay contest . He along with his brother Suraj Daryanani won the inter school essay contest organized by The Gregorious School PTA.

The school has also participated in the National Science , Mathematics and Cyber Olympiad, and MARSS International spelling bee contest.

I congratulate and commend all those who have participated and represented the school in various activities.

Social Service: “What are we here for ,if not to walk with each other along life’s journey ?” asked Martin Luther King. Campion believes in training its students to serve others especially those who are less privileged. Our boys were taken on a visit to orphanages, home for the aged and the blind. School played host to 45 children from Ashagad and 30 children from Talasari. Boys of Class 8 and 9 interacted with them.

School Exhibition: “ Tell me ,and I’ll forget, Show me and I may not, Involve me , and I’ll understand and remember.” The Annual school exhibition was a fruition of all the creative endeavour of the student and staff. It shed light on their varied abilities.

We could not fulfil even a small part of the teaching –learning process without active involvement of our school parents.I thank our PTA members under the leadership of Mrs Sashi Sadrangani who have given so generously and willingly of their time for the education at Campion.

Today’s education system faces irrelevance unless we bridge the gap between how students live and how they learn. Today’s digital children use information technology to meet , play and learn.It’s an integral part of their social life. To meet their needs we have thoroughly upgraded our computer facilities and we have installed interactive boards .

Educating the next generation kids requires stamina and high level of energy and patience.I take this opportunity to thank our teachers for

they have risen to the challenge. My sincere thanks to Mrs Evon Azvedo , Ms Celia Robinson- academic co-ordinators, Mr Cyril D' Souza, Mr Sunny Rodrigues and Mr Savio Alphonso-activity co-ordinators , Mr Wilfred Alex Alva - sports co-ordinator and Mr Felix Fernandes – administrator for their dedication and willingness to go beyond the call of duty .

The same holds true to all our non teaching staff who are the backbone of our institution.I thank them for their warmth ,goodness and willingness to perform any tasks. My heartfelt thanks to Old Championites Association for organizing career guidance talks and helping the institution ,by inviting distinguished ex championites to preside over many school functions.

William Shakespear said ,”Life is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury- signifying nothing-“ Well we beg to differ with the immortal bard. We feel everything that makes life worthwhile, comes from a good attitude.

I quote Charles R Swindoll

“ The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life.Attitude ,to me is more important than the past,the education,the money,the circumstances,than failures, than successes,than what other people think or say or do.It is more important than appearance,giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company—a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude,we will embrace for that day. We can not change our past, we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one

string we have ,and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it.” Unquote

May God our Guru bless us all. May he fill each one of us with his strength in nurturing our boys and guide every step we take in their strife for excellence in every field.

Thank you and God bless u all

Paul Machado

Principal

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