

CIRCULAR
All Grades

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Dear Parents,

As we fast approach the Diwali vacations and the much required break from the very frenetic pace we set since June, I thought it important to look back, recount and relish the months gone by. And so here's a brief recollection of the June to Oct period:

1. The period commenced with news of our brilliant board examination results. Our students across all boards performed extremely well as proof of our academic rigour.
2. Our IB and CBSE students of our graduating class of 2018 are well placed in Universities in India, Australia, Canada, USA, Germany, UK, Switzerland, and Georgia. Our best wishes and blessings as always.
3. This was a period when many of our students won laurels for the school and themselves. To name a few of those outstanding performances, Pranshu Dave of the IBDP Grade 12 made it to the final round of the Nat Geo Breakthrough Junior Challenge through her fascinating video presentation on "quantum physics. Yesha Shah of CBSE Grade 6 has been selected for the Turkey Open Championship-2018 at Istanbul, Turkey. She would be part of the Indian Mental
4. Calculator Team. Saanvi Chawla and Priyansh Tanna have reached the All India Cryptic Crossword Finals. Our students have participated in various Khelmahakumbh events and other tournaments during this period. They have constantly proved that NISV is no pushover team when it comes to the crunch by winning so many of these tournaments and individual events.
5. Our Alumni were not far behind! What with Anushka Luhar of the Class of 2016 making it to the top ten finalists of the Femina Miss India pageant!! Nandish Patel of the Class of 2014 was involved in a worldwide promotion campaign to switch to the use of "Bamboo" toothbrushes and floated a company to this end.
6. This period saw the PTA Executive Committee involved in two major events for the year, the General Body Meeting and the Navratri Celebrations. At the PTA General Body Meeting we bid adieu to Mr. Anish Patel (IB) and Mrs. Mansi Patel (CBSE) who held the stewardship of the group as Presidents along with other executive committee members, Mrs. Sweta Shah (CBSE), Mrs. Aditi Vora (IB), and Mrs. Preeti Poddar (IB). On behalf of the NISV family, my heartfelt gratitude to all of them for their unstinting effort for adding value in all we do. I extend a very warm welcome to the new members to this august body. Mr. Hiren Gandhi (IB) and Ms. Anuji Shah (CBSE) take over as Presidents with Mr. Vipul Patel (IB) and Mrs. Shital Shah (CBSE) as Vice Presidents. The other members are Mr. Tapan Patel, Mrs. Hiral Shah, Mrs. Kinnari Hariyani from the IB and Mr. Kalpesh Shah and Mrs. Divya Chawla from the CBSE. The committee has already been involved in planning and organizing the Navratri celebrations that were thoroughly enjoyed by all NISV stakeholders.
7. The Vidyalaya App has steadily been integrated into all we do, the latest being the first term CBSE reports being sent through the app. For the IB students we have an additional ERP solution called Managebac that is customized to the needs of the programme for curriculum delivery and reporting. Thank you parents for your cooperation and wholehearted support.
8. Sharing and caring have become more than ever important life skills that our students need to imbibe. To that end, besides the various community outreach programmes that they are involved in, the school joined 4 major campaigns this year: the 'Behtar India' campaign that focused on health and hygiene; the 'Kushiyon nu Kabaat' campaign that focused on giving generously in kind; the Kerala Relief Fund contributions and coordinating with the Robinhood volunteers for the distribution of food, that is left over after the school lunch, among the marginalized.
9. The NISV Career Fest 2018 saw a host of professionals from various walks of life spend two days guiding and advising students on various conventional and non-conventional careers. My heartfelt gratitude to the PTA Executive Committee Members and parents who contributed to this event.
10. Heartfulness and Mindfulness have become buzz words at NISV. Workshops on the same for senior students have been conducted by the Heartfulness Institute. After the break we would be integrating a "Happy Hour" session into the Time Table to give students an opportunity to "chill out", relax, meditate, share and interact with each other, with academics taking a back seat for those moments of the day. Our effort is directed towards reducing stress levels and enhancing the "happiness quotient" for our students.
11. NIMUN 8 saw robust participation of over 200 student delegates from schools in Gujarat, other parts of the country and abroad. This was truly a student driven event. Kudos to the core team of students for pushing the bar higher.
12. Student Exchange Programmes have facilitated for our students an exposure to the world and a deeper understanding of the underlying value of 'international mindedness'. Students from ISSR, Sweden participated in NIMUN 8 as part of this exchange and our students just returned, a fortnight ago, after spending time at the ISSR school, living with student host families in Stockholm and being a part of their school schedule. In December 2018, for the first time, NISV families would be hosting 15 French students and teachers from St. Anne's School, Brest, France. Our reciprocal visit to the school has already been planned for May 2019. We are in the process of working out another student exchange programme with Lancaster Country Day School, Pennsylvania, USA. Mr. Peter Lisk, Head of School with some Faculty are visiting us on the 31st to prepare a blue print for an enriching partnership between our schools. Mr. Lisk would also be the Chief Guest at our Annual Concert 2018
13. NISV played host to two CBSE Centre of Excellence workshops. Ajmer sponsored professional development initiative for teachers across Gujarat. Over 120 teachers from various CBSE schools participated in a workshop on the "Remodelled Structure of Assessment."
14. It is a matter of great pride for NISV that we have been awarded the British Council "International School Award" for the 4th consecutive 3 year term.

Our Annual Concert production involving CBSE Grades 1 -12 and IB Grades 2 -12, will focus on the very endearing character of "Don Quixote", a seemingly foolish knight errant, who, very guilelessly, attempts to rid the world of evil. His journey of adventure as penned by Miguel Cervantes, the author, and adapted by us, has a message for us all. Come join us on November 2nd, 2018 at 6.30 pm at the NISV Soccer Field for a rendezvous with "The Don".

School will reopen after the Diwali break on November 19th, 2018.

Wishing you a Happy Diwali.

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Principal