

ANNUAL REPORT – (2018-19)

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Dear Parents and Distinguished guests,

It gives me immense joy to welcome you all on behalf of the staff and students of Don Bosco School Siliguri to this Rector's and Parents' Day programme which has been prepared as a token of gratitude, appreciation and love for each one of you. Each one of you is a special guest for this programme because it has been prepared for you by your children, to tell you that they are grateful to you for your co-operation in educating your children in the best way we can.

It is my pleasure to present you the Annual report of the various activities of the school, its accomplishments and its setbacks. Since the parents' day is held only once in two years, I am presenting before you briefly the report of last two years which also will give you an idea of the growth or decline of the school.

I express my deepest appreciation & gratitude to the Salesians who collaborate with me at every step with vibrancy and zest (Namely – Fr. Davis – Rector, Fr. D. Mondal – Assistant Principal, Fr. S. Mondal – Bursar). These Salesians help me with their brotherly presence, advice, guidance & support at all times. Thank you, dear Fathers.

The strong pillars of this institution are the Teaching Staff, I am grateful to the team of dedicated teachers of both Primary & High School who through their dedicated, committed and self sacrificing service have helped the school to attain the heights it enjoys today. A word of appreciation to the teachers for their committed presence in the school. They strive for developing caring & professional relationships with every student at the school so that the children can experience an enjoyable, challenging & educational curriculum in a safe environment.

The silent contribution of the Office Staff of our school is commendable and needs a special mention on such an occasion. Their selfless sacrifices help in the smooth running of this institution. They have always been there living up to their motto "Anytime, Anywhere".

The Non Teaching Staff members are the backbone of this school as they keep the vast premises spick and span and they can be counted on for the safety & well being of our children.

Parents' encouragement & support in learning activities at home as well as in school is vital to children's education. An effective partnership between parents & school to support children's learning leads to improved learning outcome. I am indebted to you dear parents for your constant support and co-operation in the smooth running of the school.

It is the wish of Don Bosco & his successors that the students who leave Don Bosco institution should find the office of the Past Pupils Association, register their names, participate in the activities and partake of the privileges & responsibilities of a Don Bosco education following its motto:

"KNOW, LOVE, HELP ONE ANOTHER & KEEP UNITED".

The ever vibrant & enthusiastic Alumni of this institution has been striving hard to live up to the expectations. The free medical camp conducted every Sunday in the primary section provides free medical checkups to the local people. They also organise Blood Donation Camp from time to time under the supervision of able doctors.

The Excellence of the school in many fields is acknowledged & appreciated by everyone. Academics performance is the primary area of excellence. The students are performing better and better as the years go by. The School Average for ICSE was 88.40% & ISC was 85.23%.

This year 141 students appeared for ICSE exams:

71 of them secured 90% and above,
54 students secured between 80% to 89%,
16 secured 70% - 79%.

The topper from our school in ICSE 2017-18 were

- 1) Mayank Kedia &
- 2) Vishakh Agarwal, both scoring 98.20%.

94 students appeared ISC examinations:

31 students score above 90% and above
37 students scored 80%-89%
15 students scored 70% - 79%
11 score 60% - 69%.

Aman Choudhury scored 99% and was the 3rd topper in India.

The excellent results performed by the students is very commendable & praiseworthy and the credit goes to the students & the teaching staff & of course to you all dear parents for your constant support.

We have been providing the best facilities to our children & consistently improving upon the infrastructure of our school. To give better individual attention to the students, the management has decided to increase the sections in each class. The proper middle school which is being built next to the auditorium and will have six sections each. The Primary school has now got a beautiful school gate.

The Aim of this institution is not just academic excellence alone. Various co-curricular activities are held under different clubs to develop a child physically, morally, socially & mentally & to hone skills in co-scholastic areas. Regular club activities are held in which the students participate & display their calibre. The various clubs are – Scouts Club, LTS Club, Literary Club, Nature Club, Science Club, YCS Club, Cine Club, Quiz Club, Sports Club & Music Club. These clubs very successfully organise the various Inter School and Intra School competitions.

Bosco Fest is the most happening and much awaited event of our city and this year we celebrated the 25th edition of this fest in which 18 schools & 2000 participants had participated. There were 25 events to mark the occasion which was conducted by various clubs under the able guidance and supervision of the club animators.

Accolades is what DBS young achievers have brought home, proving their mettle at the various Inter School meets they participated in. They have won kudos for themselves & brought laurels to the school by winning the most prestigious awards at the various MUNs. Our team has won 'Best Delegation' award at the local, national & even international levels.

Our boys have also won a couple of Inter school Quiz competitions. They have stood first in Kanchanjunga Club Sports Quiz and 3rd in Inter School Quiz on Mahatma Gandhi held in Science City.

A series of programmes offer students lot of opportunities towards their all round development & formation. To help the senior students choose their path of life, Career guidance Programmes have been conducted in the school. Thus, the co-curricular & extra-curricular activities add colour & flavour to the student life.

Discipline is a watchword for every good school and DBS is no exception. The school tops the list of the most disciplined school in the city and for this, the contribution of the boys themselves has been very significant. The school office bearers and the monitors & vice monitors of all the classes are a great help to the respective teachers.

Hence, the academics, the discipline, the games, the sports, the music, the cheerfulness, the familiarity, the availability, the atmosphere of respect & support, in short, the Don Bosco way of life at DBS has contributed to our school being awarded the certificate of Honour this year in 3 categories by the Telegraph Foundation & 3 categories by the Education Today.

- Excellence in Academics (ICSE & ISC)
- A school that cares
- Social Service
- Ranked 3rd in India, 1st in West Bengal & 1st in Siliguri by Education Today.

Don Bosco Siliguri works on various outreach programmes namely free evening school and the village school. To sponsor these programmes the school organises Bosco Fest & the Annual School Fete in the month of August & November respectively. The proceeds of these events is used in providing free education to 100 students from classes KG to 4, of a small tea garden village in Saraswatipur. The children of this village are also given free books, copies & uniform and also help in providing salary to the teachers.

200 boys from the above mentioned tea garden are also given scholarship in different schools. 5 students of the above said tea estate are provided education in the renowned colleges of Siliguri. Every "Drop Outs" are encouraged to take one month driving course to make a living. Hence, about 10,000 rupees per student per month is spent.

The returns of the Fete goes to Jesu Ashram run by the Jesuits, giving free medical treatment & taking care of the destitute, sick, suffering from TB, Leprosy & HIV. Every year we sponsor 10 beds to Jesu Ashram.

The DBS Night School for the poor and the needy children of the locality is fully run by the proceeds of the Annual Fete. Free education with free books, copies and uniforms are given to 220 students.

All the above mentioned factors contributed to our school being the most Performing school in the city. It is the most happening school in the city and it is indeed a moment of glory for all of us associated with this institution placed on all of us – to keep the flag flying high to make our DBS rise even higher.

My dear Parents, thank you for participating in this celebration of the Rector's and Parents' Day. Thank you, above all, for closely collaborating with us in all that contributes to the education of the young. Thank you to the students who under the able direction of our dedicated and committed teachers, have put in their best to make this day a reality.

I would like to thank very specially Mr. Dominic Nicholas, our high school co-ordinator, who has made all arrangements possible to make this day a great success.

Not to forget the man behind the scene, Mr. John Paul, our music teacher who has worked round the clock to put the bits of opera and the beautiful choir together. This year dear Parents there are 600 children participating in the opera, the largest one ever in DBS history. Yes, dear Parents, a big hand to Mr. Nicholas, Mr. John and all our dear teachers & students for the wonderful programme. Thank you teachers! Thank you dear boys!

A special word of Thank you to you dear parents for being present here this evening. It is wonderful associating with you. You have chosen the right place to be in. Thank you for the confidence you place on us, on Don Bosco. Thank you for all your cooperation and assistance. Thank you very much.

I take this opportunity also to wish God's blessing on each one of you & on all your family members. Wish you a very pleasant evening & continue to sit back & enjoy the evening.

Wish you all a merry Christmas and Happy new year a filled 2019.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

REV. FR. MANOJ JOSE SDB

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