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EDITORIAL

Dear Friends,

The new academic session began, bringing with it fervour and enthusiasm to reach heights never reached before. The oppressive summer heat and the inclement weather conditions did not dampen the spirits of us at St. Mark's. We salute the achievers of the session for their curricular and co curricular feats and join the encouraging voices that cheer.

You can, you must.

Better your skills, for you are the Best !

Readers, nothing deters those whose mood is upswing for they, while their companions fretted and grumbled, continued with their sterling efforts to reach success. The guiding principle being Ever onwards for 'The sky is the limit.'

WEBSITE OF ST. MARK'S SCHOOL LAUNCHED

It was a special moment on 19th July 2002 when the official website of our school was launched by the charismatic Member of Parliament Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar. Ms. A. Aggarwal, Principal of St. Mark's School, Meera Bagh, gave the welcome address and Ms. M.M. Midha, Principal, St. Mark's School, Janak Puri, presented a memento to the Chief Guest. The School Website www.saintmarksschool.com was appreciated and applauded by the distinguished gathering. An interactive session followed between the senior students and Mr. Aiyar, in which issues such as privatisation, economic reforms and Indo-Pak relations in the present day scenario were discussed. It was a treat to hear Mr. Aiyar who is not only well read but also very experienced in these matters. This day was special as it marked the beginning of a new chapter for St. Mark's School.



Honourable Member of Parliament, Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar, received a warm reception from the Management, Staff and students when he visited the school to launch the Official Website

ST. MARK'S MEERA BAGH IS 12 YEARS OLD

We celebrated the school's Founder's Day on 19 April 2002 with great fervour and gaiety. The function started with the unfurling of the school flag by the Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal and the students singing the school song. It was followed by the Investiture ceremony wherein the Office Bearers for the

academic year 2002-2003 were bestowed with their respective badges. The newly installed Head Boy Mayur Batra and Head Girl Shristhi Dhawan followed by the School Captains, Sports Captains and House Captains who donned with pride their mantles of responsibility. The students who

excelled in academics during the year 2001-2002 were honoured by the Principal with scholarships for the next academic session. The function came to an end with a short entertainment programme presented by the students of Gandhi House. All students from Classes I to XII participated enthusiastically.



Amid Cheers and Jubilations, the children ushered SMS into its twelfth year!



The Student Council members for the Academic session (2002-03) at the investiture ceremony

ST. MARK'S AT SPIC MACAY CONVENTION, DEHRADUN

Students Anshu Malhotra, Garima Sehgal, Shikha Monga, Soumya Jain, Kanika Alagh, Priyanka Chandra and Pallavi Mehta alongwith teachers Ms. K. Mehta and Ms. P. Minocha attended the SPIC MACAY convention. The students were overjoyed to learn and interact with maestros like Pt. Shiv Kumar Sharma, Smt. Sonal Mansingh, Ustad Bismillah Khan, Ustad Rahim Fahimuddin Dagar, Pt. Rajan-Sajan Mishra, Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia, Ustad Asad Ali Khan and others. The day would begin at 4.00 in the morning with 'Sadhna and Yoga' followed by 'Shramdan'. Thereafter, the programmes comprised of long sessions of **workshops in music, painting, creative writing, puppetry, calligraphy** and viewing films of the legendary Japanese filmmaker, Kurosawa.



Our teachers and students at the SPIC MACAY CONVENTION, at IMA, DEHRADUN.

ART SUMMER CAMP

A Summer Art Camp was organized for students from classes I to VIII. Children were exposed to different colour medias and techniques like charcoal sketching, water colours, mixed media techniques etc. Basic tips for sketching and colouring were given, as well as sketching with oil pastels. This Camp was possible due to the enthusiastic efforts of four very talented teachers of our school Mr. D. Kalra, Ms. M. Srivastava, Ms. R. Malhotra and Ms. S. Pathela.



Sheer Magic with colours! Young artists display their work at the Summer Art Camp



Bright stars at St. Mark's! Our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal with class X toppers Manik Mittal (centre) with highest score 94%. Parul Nath Second with 91.6% and Rahul Vij 91.2%.

CLASS X DID US PROUD

We are justly proud of our students for securing 100% result in X Board Exams. The 320 students who appeared secured a total of 829 Distinctions. AN OUT-STANDING SCORE OF 100% IN MATHS SECURED BY NAVNEET JAIN AND MEENAL CHABRA IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS YEAR'S RESULT. 50 students scored distinctions in all five subjects. MANIK MITTAL (94%) is the topper, with PARUL NATH (91.6%) and RAHUL VIJ (91.2%) securing the second and third positions respectively. Toppers in various subjects are :



Navneet Jain-100% in Maths



Meenal Chabra-100% in Maths

Nikhil Sehgal	English	95%
Sameer Mirani	Hindi	92%
Varun Narula	Sanskrit	96%
Navneet Jain	Maths	100%
Meenal Chabra	Maths	100%
Vikram Vij	Science	98%
Shruti Verma	Science	98%
Varun Narula	Science	98%
Manik Mittal	Social Science	96%

ST. MARK'S CONGRATULATES CLASS XII

The students of Std. XII faired very well in the board exam. 195 students appeared and 422 distinctions were scored.

TOPPERS OF CLASS XII



Seema Mittal topped in the Science stream with 89.4%



Pashmeen Manchanda topped in the Commerce stream (with Maths) with 89.2%



Dilpreet Chadha topped in the Commerce stream (without maths) with 88.2%



Ruchika Mahajan topped in the Humanities stream with 85.6%

VANMAHOTSAV CELEBRATIONS

'Come August' and its time for 'Vanmahotsav'. Though the rains have been playing hide and seek for a long time, the students of our school went ahead with a tree

plantation drive in the school. The Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal and the Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal planted the saplings along with the Eco Club students. The saplings were provided with a drip irrigation technique to ensure their survival

and a regular supply of water. The green Ambassadors were presented with a sapling each, to plant in an appropriate place in their neighborhoods. and report timely on their growth.



Our Respected Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal planted a sapling to mark the celebration of Vanmahotsav. The sapling was planted with manure from Vermi composting pit, to be nurtured through Drip Irrigation

WATER CONSERVATION

Water water everywhere, not a drop to drink! Seems like this age old saying may soon prove to be true, if we don't start conserving water.

Keeping this in mind the students had an interactive session with Mr. D. Chakraborty and Mr. Mohiddin, Scientists from Central Ground water Board. The distinguished guests were welcomed by our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal. During the session the children discussed the techniques of water conservation with emphasis on Rain Water Harvesting.

Questions such as, "How can the salinity of water be reduced? How effective are Aquaguards and other filters to check the fluorides and nitrates in water? What are the long term effects of consuming polluted water?" were asked. The students were motivated about how they could help in conservation of water, which is the need of the hour.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATIONS

Our students celebrated the Earth Day by enthusiastically participating in the Poster Making Competition organized by Indian Environmental Society. The theme was - 'Waste minimization and environmental conservation.

SMS GOES CLEAN AND GREEN

Another milestone was reached when a simple valuable technique; 'vermi composting' was started at the school. An extremely eco friendly process, vermi composting helps to convert biodegradable waste into organic manure. The main thrust of this technique is to foster the biotic role played by the earthworms which is considered as the 'host'. On March 14, 2002 the programme of vermi composting was launched by the introduction of the vermi composting host i.e. earthworms into the soil. These earthworms are now converting

the biodegradable waste of the school into good quality manure. This initiative was taken by the Eco Club Incharge Ms. M. Srivastava and Ms. N. Magotra with the active support of our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal. This programme was organised with the help of the Joint Director (Agriculture) Mori Gate, Delhi.

ADVENTUROUS NATURE TRAIL

The Deptt. of Environment invited the Eco-club teachers and ten students (Green Ambassadors) of the school to visit Asola Bhati Sanctuary in Delhi on 26.7.2002. Students saw Black Bucks, Neel Gai and other animals in the sanctuary.



Children of the Eco Club seek adventure at Asola Bhati Sanctuary

ACADEMIC SESSION 2001-2002

Class I

- I Harjot Singh
- II Prayanshu Sharma
- III Garima Rawal

Class V

- I Karan Baweja
- II Apoorva
- III Daaman Kohli

Class IX

- I Dhruv Saxena
- II Diviya Sinha
- III Ayush Kumar

Class II

- I Sanya Sikka
- II Karan Chopra
- III Shibika Suresh

Class VI

- I Piyush Katyal
- II Nupur Khurna
- III Ashu Rai Marwah

Class XI

- Humanities
- Garima Sehgal
 - Pallavi Mehta
 - Anshu Malhotra

Class III

- I Gaurav Malik
- II Bhavuk Arora
- III Atul Sharma

Class VII

- I Rishabh Garg
- II Akshay Verma
- III Karan Kohli

Science

- Shrishti Dhawan
- Aashmeet Kalra
- Shruti Bansal
- Ishu Tayal

Class IV

- I Siddharth Rajan
- II Surbhi Batra
- III Jatin Arora

Class VIII

- I Jayant Anand
- II Kamal Girdhar
- III Gunjan Batra

Commerce

- Akanksha Sethi
- Jyoti Gambhir
- Mansi Soni

**STORY TIME AT
ST. MARK'S**

A Story telling' competition was held for the tiny tots of classes I to III on 29 April 2002. It was treat for every one present when each student narrated traditional fairy tales like Little Red Riding Hood, Three Little Pigs, Cinderella, Hansel and Gretel etc. in their own style.

The Prize winners :

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|----------|----------------|-----|
| Class I | Pulkita Sharma | I |
| | Chanvi Singh | II |
| | Rishabh Yadav | III |
| Class II | Aakshi Bajaj | I |
| | Kartik | II |
| | Kritika Relan | III |

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|-----------|----------------|-----|
| Class III | Shibika Suresh | I |
| | Taniya Arora | II |
| | Disha Jain | III |
| | Shubham Sareen | III |

**ST. MARK'S FOLK DANCE
COMPETITION**

Inter House Folk Dance Competition was held on 08.8.2002 in which the folk dances from various states of India were presented. In the Jr. category, Patel House was adjudged the best for depicting the lively splendour of Punjab. In the Sr. category, Shastri House bagged the I Prize for their excellent performance.

FIRST AID WORKSHOP

On 2 May 2002, the St. John Ambulance Brigade of Indian Red Cross Society conducted a workshop on First Aid under the guidance of Dr. N. K. Chaudhary and Mr. J. K. Sharma in our school.

They explained to the students about fractures, bandages, artificial respiration etc. More than 750 students attended this workshop presented by HT PACE.

**RARE CELESTIAL
EXPERIENCE**

The students of classes VI and VII assembled on the terrace of the school on 5 May 2002 in the evening to have a glimpse of a rare celestial phenomenon through a telescope. It was actually a grand alignment or conjunction of the seven principal members of the Solar System - Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn which occurs only once in a hundred years. Due to the cloudy sky all the planets were not visible. Saturn with its rings was clearly visible through the telescope. It was a rare opportunity for the students as they were very excited to have a glimpse of the planets.

MAGIC SHOW FUN FILLED MOMENTS

On May 6, 2002, it was sheer fun, for the students of classes IV & V because of 'A Magic Show' by Prof. Kamesh. This was a special workshop organized by N.I.E. It was not only pure magic for the kids but they were also educated through the art of magic. The day was so wonderful that all the students had only this to say - *'Yeh Dil Mange More, Aha!'*

CAREER COUNSELLING

A "Career Counseling Workshop" was conducted by "Career Launchers" for students of Class X. The Guest speakers were Mr. Rohit Mehendiratta, Mr. Ripu Daman Singh and Mr. Gaurav Soni. Slides were shown to explain various dimensions of career orientation and what they should be doing at Class X level. It was basically an eye opener for class X students. The queries were answered by the speakers as it was an interactive session.

SKETCHING AND ORIGAMI WORKSHOP

NIE organized a workshop on flower making on 8 May 2002, for the students of class VI. Using colourful papers Ms. Kaveri Arora taught the children to make beautiful flowers which would adorn their homes and their classes.

On the following day the students of class VII they were taught the art of sketching. Once

again, it was Ms. Kaveri Arora who made an otherwise complex art look extremely simple. The children, thought it was the best way to end the session before the summer vacations.

ENGLISH EXTEMPORE

The students of classes IV to VII participated in English Extempore Competition organized by 'Laughing Cow', manufacturers of Cheese. The students who did the school proud were Vasu Bharadwaj (IV), Jatin Arora (V), Akanksha Arora (VI) and Ashu Rai Marwah (VII).

MATHEMATICS WORKSHOP

Ms. Bhavna Taneja and Ms. Namita Modgill from the primary wing attended a workshop on Mathematics, at CRPF School, Pitampura on 25 April, 2002. It was organized by Jodo Gyan and was conducted by Usha Menon, Scientist, NISTADS, CSIR, Delhi. Effective use of various teaching aids like Abacus, Rangometry, straws with connectors was explained, to help in easy learning of Mathematics.

COMPUTER CAMP

A summer computer camp organized by NIIT for classes I to XII. It not only covered the basics of IT education like Internet NTHMI, Java, Ms office & Window 98 but also sharpened learning skills in English and Mathematics.

ORIENTATION FOR PARENTS

An orientation programme for the parents of the new entrants was held on 11 March 2002. Ms. Sethi the Headmistress welcomed the parents. Out Principal, Ms. Anjali Aggarwal addressed issues like rules and regulations of the school and the proposed curriculum and co-curriculum of the new academic session. She stressed upon the inculcation of high ideals and moral behaviour. She desired to establish co-operation and close contact with the parents in order to develop a conducive atmosphere for better education. This was followed by a short cultural programme presented by the primary students.

FRITO-LAYS EXTEMPORE COMPETITION

Frito-Lays organized an Extempore Competition JUST A MINUTE on 06.8.2002 for classes VI, VII and VIII. There were 24 participants. The students were given one minute to speak on the topic. The attractive prizes of educational CDs were won by : Medha Bansal (VIC), Aditi Ramdas (VIIF), Harshvardhan (VIIG). The students actively participated in the audience rounds. The Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal gave away the prizes and gifts to the judges. She spoke to the students and pointed out the importance of conversing well in English.

SPECIAL CLASS FOR FUTURE IIT-ANS OF SMS

In order to cater to the various needs of the students concerning the various competitive examinations. Special Instructive Session for students aspiring for IIT-2003 was held. A highly effective, interactive class was conducted by Mr. Sandeep (Physics) and Mr. Anant Kumar (Chemistry) from Krishna Coaching Institute and they emphasised the importance of understanding the questions before answering them and highlighted certain short methods of solving problems with speed and accuracy.

VISIT TO CRAFT MUSEUM

An "On the spot painting competition" was organized by Cottage Industries of India Pvt. Ltd. at Craft Museum on 14th. April 2002. 50 students of various classes participated enthusiastically. After the competition they were enthralled by an enchanting Chow Dance of Bihar.

STAR MASTER TRAINER IS A WEB PANELIST

Ms Lakshmi Srinivas teacher of Mathematics has been selected as a web panelist for receiving lessons to be put up in the web site. She has received a letter of appreciation and an honorarium from INTEL.

Congrats !

FUN WITH QUIZZING NUMBERS

The academic session 2002-2003 started with a big bang. The first event of the year was the "the Inter House Mathematics Quiz"

organized by the two year old SMS Ramanujam Club. It was a techno based event comprising of five rounds - Brain Wave, Hands on, Visual, Buzzer and Rapid Fire Round.

One student of each house from each class was short-listed on the basis of a written test in which all the students participated. The four teams in both the senior and junior category were aptly named after the famous mathematicians - Gaus, Spearman, Napier and Pearson.

The competition ended with the prize distribution by our Principal Ms. Anjali Aggarwal. The Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi and Headmistress Ms. R. Sethi encouraged the students to cultivate an interest in Maths. The proud winners in the Jr. category (Classes VI to VIII) was the Nehru House. They were : Nayandeep (VIF), Karan Kohli (VIII B), Sanaya Nagpal (VII B). Patel House grabbed the first position in Srs. (Classes IX to XII). The team comprised of : Sumit Setia (IX G) Navish Behl (X F) Manik Mittal (XI B), Neha Misra (XII B).

SPELLING BEE AT SMS

Spelling can make or alter the sense of a certain matter. To make spelling fun we organized a Spelling competition for the students of Classes I to V, on 18th April.

The Prize Winners :

IA-Rahul Shokeen, Saatwik S. Nagpal, IB-Chanvi, Niharika IC-Rohit, Raman Banerjee, ID-Angad S. Hora. IE-Sanchi, IF-Jaskirat, Pulkita Sharma.

IIA-Sanyam Jain, IIB-Kishan Keshwani, IIC-Vanya Bhatnagar, IID-Pranjal Shankar Srivastav, IIE-Garima Rawal, IIF-Siddhant IIG-Manuj Wadhwa, IIH-Gautam Rai, Vaibhav Nalwa, Jaskaran Gulati, Pulkit S. Rana, Manmeet S. Laungia II-I Prayanshu Sharma, Siddharth Suri.

IIIA-Sanya Sikka, Akshay Narula, IIIB-Chirag Khatri III-C Rachna Raja Raman, IIID-Disha Sethi IIIE-Mani Makkar IIIF-Karan Chopra, Rakshi Aggarwal, IIIG-Rushmeen Kaur.

IVA-Nitish Mahajan, IVB-Megha Makhija, Kanika Keswani, IVC-Vasu Bhardwaj, IVD-Akshit Dhiman IVE-Harshleen IVF-Jagrit Ahuja IVG-Shubhra Vats, Kartik Sharma.

VA-Naman Choudhry, Roohneet Kochar VB-Siddharth Jain, VC-Akshita Yadav, VD-Sreejoni Nag, Shubhangi, VE-Eira Kochar VF-Niharika Wadhwa VG-Prabhakaran Singh VH-Mansi Narang, Dhiraj Gandhi.

A SKILL TO PERFECT

A handwriting competition was conducted for classes I to V on 17 April 2002.

The Prize Winners :

IA-Rishabh Yadav, IB-Shruti Nanda, IC-Lakshay Suri, ID-Somya, IE-Sakshi Goel, IF-Pulkita Sharma.

IIA-Pampesh Pandita, IIB-Sabhya Dhingra, IIC-Nanya Bhatnagar, IID-Parth Aggarwal, IIE-Shairen Chawla, IIF-Siddhant Goel, IIG-Manuj Wadhwa, IIH-Garvit Arora, II-I Aakriti Kumar, Shruti Sharma.

IIIA-Karan Rawal, IIIB-Prateeka Saini, IIIC-Nijunj Khanna, Noor Sachdeva, IIID-Disha Sethi, IIIE-Aanchal, IIIF-Rakhi Aggarwal, IIIG-Carron Sabharwal.

IVA-Devayani Nath, IVB-Nayan Hajela, Kanika Keswani, IVC-Shivam Srivastava, IVD-Aastha Ajmani, IVE-Harshleen Kaur, Sakshi Madan, IVF-Gurkirat Singh, IVG-Arshpreet Singh, Sumedha Ahuja.

VA-Jatin Arora, VB-Siddharth Rajan, Pranav Korla, VC-Akansha Gupta, VD-Harsh Aggarwal, VE-Eira Kochar, Karan Suri, VF-Simaranjeet Kaur, Lakshay K. Lal, VG-Shraddha Nayak, VH-Harman Singh.

READ ALOUD COMPETITION

To inculcate the reading habits in the children, the school organized a 'Read Aloud Competition' for the students of Classes IV and V on 30th. April. It was a good experience for all the students who learnt how to read clearly with proper voice modulation and in an expressive manner. The following were the enthusiastic prize winners

CLASS IV

Supriya Sharma (I Prize), Priyanshi (II Prize), Mehak (III Prize)

CLASS V

Akanksha (I Prize), Vasundhara (II Prize), Roohneet (III Prize).

EXTEMPORE

An Inter Class English Extempore Competition for classes VI to VII was held on 20 May 2002 and for IX to

XII on 30 May 2002. 92 students participated enthusiastically in the competition. We congratulate the winners :

CLASS VI

- I Chhavi Trivedi
- II Garima Chopra
- III Anshul Chhabra
- III Varun Monga

CLASS VII

- I Dhananjay Kaushal
- II Aditi Ramdas
- III Rashmi Khanna

CLASS VIII

- I Anirudh Sharma
- II Richa Chugh
- III Isha Verma

CLASS IX

- I Ankit Bathla
- II Shweta Jaittey
- II Anisha Singh
- III Sugandha Sharma
- III Gunjan Batra
- III Anshul Jain

CLASS X

- I Shahbaz Singh
- II Prateek Chopra
- III Mohit Arora

CLASS XI

- I Pooja Chawla
- II Rashmi Puri
- III Megha Tiwari

CLASS XII

- I Saumya Jain
- II Shikha Monga
- III Shruti Bansal

HINDI DEBATE AT ST. MARK'S SCHOOL

An Inter House Hindi Debate Competition was held on 24 April 2002. The topic was - "Is moral education necessary in the school curriculum?" The students expressed their views both for & against the motion in a befitting manner. The judges appreciated their endeavour and announced the prizes. The Best Speaker for the motion was Ankit Bathla IXC (Nehru House) and Mansi Gupta IXG (Shastri) was the Best Speaker against the motion.

ANOTHER FEATHER IN OUR CAPS

On 24 April 2002 a slogan enacting competition was held at St. Francis De Sales School Janak Puri. Karan Wahi, Dheera Anand, Neha Misra and Shristi Dhawan participated and put up a brilliant performance. They won the First Prize, a Trophy and a cash Prize of Rs. 1000.

INTRA CLASS SINGING COMPETITION

An Intra Class Singing Competition was held on 31 July, 2002 for Classes V and VI. The talented singers of our school sang melodious and popular numbers. Their melodious voices enchanted the audience and their confidence and enthusiasm was appreciated. Following are the prize winners :

Class V	Sreejoni Nag	I
	Roohneet Kochar	II
	Avni Dhingra	III

(Special Prizes) Bharat Sharma & Aastha Oberoi

Class VI	Daman Kohli	I
	Garima Chopra	II

WORLD POPULATION DAY

A Slogan Writing Competition was held for classes VI to IX to mark the World Population Day on 11 July 2002.

The Best slogans were written by: Utra Malhotra (VIE) Mohit Rathi (VID)

Jagmeet Kaur (VIIIE) Aniket Handa (VIIB)

Rishabh Garg (VIIB) Richa Chugh (VIIIE)

SPELLING COMPETITION

An English Spelling Competition for lasses VI to VIII was held on 5 July 2002. The highest achiever of Std. VI was Anjali Gambhir. In class VIII it was Abhimanyu Chauhan. The highest scorer in all three classes was Nupur Khurana of VIIA.

CRAFT TEACHER'S MEET

A Craft Teacher's meet was organised by Madura Coats Ltd. on 6th April 2002 in which teachers from different schools participated. Ms. Shivali Pathela and Ms. Vani Lala of our school attended this art and craft workshop.

This workshop was mainly to encourage thread work among the students.

INTRA CLASS RECITATION

An Intra Class Recitation Competition was held on 15 and 16 July 2002 for the primary classes.

These competitions helps the students to learn the art of reciting poetry and instills confidence in them to speak in public. The students performed well and their efforts were praiseworthy. The prize winners :

		ENGLISH	HINDI
CLASS I	I	Niharika Jain	Ishmit Singh
	II	Simran Malhotra	Ansh Garg
	III	Pulkit Sharma	Satwik S. Nagpal
	Consolation	Shibangi Nag Mirza Aslam Baig	
CLASS II	I	Vanya Bhatnagar	Kritika Relan
	II	Nimrit Kaur	Manik Dhingra
	III	Anish Sharma	Saurabh Maithani, Shubhankar Jain
	Consolation	Christie Abraham Priyanshu Sharma	
CLASS III	I	Tanmay Dureja	Niharika Kapoor
	II	Rakhi Aggarwal	Ashwani Khatri
	III	Uday Anand	Pragya Bindra
	Consolation	Rachna Rajaraman Suyash Vasudeva	Sonal Kapoor Shiv Johri
CLASS IV	I	Harshleen Kaur Pahwa	Nitish Mahajan
	II	Mehak Juneja	Supriya Sharma
	III	Anjul Garg	Aparjita Pandey
	Consolation		Priyanka Makkar
CLASS V	I	Vasundhara	Simranjeet Kaur
	II	Vrinda Valecha	Jashanpreet Singh
	III	Jatin Arora	Aanchal Chanana
		Siddharth Rajan	Akanksha Gupta

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Our school celebrated the 55th Independence Day. On this occasion Ms. A. Aggarwal, Principal, hoisted the national flag and shared her views on independence day with the students. A talk by Sanyam Jain of II A and Shubhangi Srivastava of V D was straight from the heart.

WE CATCH THEM YOUNG

A G.K. Quiz Contest was held for classes III, IV and V. Two students from each section constituted a team. The participants were full of enthusiasm while answering the questions and they performed very well in the audio and visual rounds. From class III E. Mani Makkar, Sahiba Khurana; IV-C, Shivam Srivastava, Vasu Bhardwaj, V-D, Aashima Khosla, Muskan Tayal; were declared the winners.

HEALTH IS WEALTH

SHARP, an NGO involved in bringing awareness about health among children and their parents, conducted a medical check up on 18 July 2002. It included general health, eye and dental checkup. About 400 children of class II benefitted from the same. A team of over twelve well-

qualified doctors specializing in various fields equipped with modern testing equipment conducted the programme in the school premises.

ST. MARK'S MEERA BAGH DOES IT AGAIN!

Our students bagged the second runners up trophy at the Silver Jubilee Fest at St. Francis De Sales, Janak Puri. Nearly 1750 students from over 39 schools of Delhi participated in 14 events where St. Mark's Meera Bagh stood third. No Mean achievement this!

MAGIC IN THEIR VOICES

A Solo Singing Competition was organized on 05 August 2002 for Classes III & IV. The judges were Mr. B. Lazarus, Mr. Naresh and Ms. Johri. 14 students from each class participated and they performed to the best of their ability. The judges highly appreciated the efforts of all the participants. The prize winners :

Class III	Sukhasha Dhar	I
	Shibika Suresh	II
	Astha Singla	III

(Consln. Prize - Mani Makkar & Disha Sethi)

Class IV	Nayan Hajela	I
	Shivam Sheel	II
	Shruti Sharma	III

(Consln. Prize - J. Kartikeyan)

INTER SCHOOL FOLK DANCE COMPETITION

Ten students of class III participated in a Folk Dance competition held in St. Francis De Sales School, Janak Puri on 22.4.2002. They won the Third Prize.

The winners :

1. Vinisha Motilal
2. Shrey Negi
3. Tanya Khanna
4. Manisha Arora
5. Prachi Suri
6. Manmeet Kaur
7. Shreya Sablok
8. Sanya Sikha
9. Priyanka

A SCIENTIST IN THE MAKING

Nishi Aggarwal of (class X) participated in the Science Seminar at the central level on 18.8.2002. Her presentation on remote Sensing was highly appreciated by the judges and she received a trophy and a certificate of merit.

MY SCHOOL

We learn to read
We learn to write
We learn to sing
But learn not to fight
We learn to dream
We learn to play
We learn to be good
All through the day
My school is the best
For better than the rest
We sing, dance and hop
And we say SMS is on the top.

By
Akash Jethi V-C

MOON JOURNEY

Once, I went to Chanda-Mama,
There winds were singing Sa-Re-Ga-Ma,
Mountains were made of marble there
Silver snow seemed every-where,
Rivers were flowing there with tasty milk.
Grass there was as soft as silk,
The roses there had golden petals,
Other flower were of different metals
Lo! There was a chocolate tree.
Beautiful fairies were flying so carefree,
They gave me cakes : Yummy Yum!
Waking me up, I found my Mum
I couldn't taste any cake or cream.
For all I had seen was simply a dream

By
Surbhi Khurana IV-D

I LOVE MY SELF

My name is **Gopal Sharma**.
I speak **Hindi** at home.
I write with my **left hand**.
The size of my shoe is **eleven**.
I was born on **5 April 1995**.
My favourite fruit is a **mango**.
My favourite flower is a **rose**.
My favourite animal is a **cat**.
My favourite book is a **story book**.
My favourite bird is a **parrot**.
My favourite toy is a **car**.

By
Gopal Sharma II-A

MY SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Every body goes out for summer holidays. This year I went to Sri Lanka and London with my parents. Sri Lanka is famous for its beaches and temples. We stayed at the hotel which was very near to the beach. I played on the seaside and had an elephant ride. I also visited a tea garden.

Then we went to London. I stayed at my aunt's house. London has the oldest underground railway in the world. I also went to the famous Wax Museum. I went on a ship to see the Tower of London I did a lot of shopping in big stores. I really enjoyed my holidays very much.

By
Surey Suri III-D

IF I WERE A PRINCIPAL

If I were the Principal of my school.
I would change all the rules.
No fears of teachers shouting.
No punishment, no groaning.
No tests, no exams.
No fear with cramps.
No heavy books to bruise our hand,
And carry them all around in bags
Lots of games to cheer the hearts.
How about cricket for girls as a start
But if I followed my own rules.
Our school will produce only fools.
So I would try to do my best at school.
Hence leave all the rest to my Principal.

By
Ridhima Sahni VI -C

WHAT MY PARENTS MEAN TO ME

P is for Patience they have with me
A is for the Affection they shower on me.
R means Right and that they will always be.
E for their Eyes with the light of love shining bright.

N is for the Nursing that they do when I am unwell.

T for the Trust they have in me.

S is for Sacrifices that they make for me.

"Parents", this word means the world to me.

By
Yasheet Kaur V-E

A STRANGE LANGUAGE

The English language is very strange.

Strange are it's rules which we can't understand

The past tense of sit is sat

But why bit is never bat ?

The plural of ox is oxen

But box is never boxen

English! I Fancy, you all will agree

Is the strangest Language we could ever see!

Compiled By
Shruti Gupta VIII-B

EXAMINATION

Oh! my dear examination,
Inspite of so much of preparation
I am very afraid of you.
Kindly tell me what to do.
You are early, I am late.
I am daily losing my weight.
Go please go, go you must.
Let me learn my lesson first.

By
Lavy Ahuja VIII-B

'SORRY'

Sorry is a magical word
That can change a frown to a smile
It makes a friendship spark
And people happier, you'll learn
So if you are ever rude or unkind
Remember to say sorry
and friends won't mind.

By
Sushand Sharma VII-B

CRICKET—Playing to win

- I Event - St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School (under 15 team) participated in the R.P. Jain Memorial Cricket tournament.
- Results - Won by 115 runs defeating Mont Fort School. Hansit Premi declared Man of the Match with an unbeaten 115 runs.
- II Event - (Under 16 team) participated in Ganga International Inter School Tournament.
- Results - Defeated Frank Anthony Public School by 12 runs. Star Players - Kunnal Narang (35 runs), Nikhil Mahajan (33 runs), Ishu Tayal and Krishan Malhotra (2 wkts. each)
- III Event - (Under 14 team) participated in Jubilant Cricket Cup defeating Bal Bharti School Pitampura by 10 runs in the 1st Semi Final match.
- Star Players - Nikhil Mahajan (42 runs and 2 wkts), declared man of the match.
- 2nd stage - School team defeated DPS Vasant Kunj by 6 wkts. Star players - Rajant Mahajan, top scorer with 36 runs; Ankit Rawal, Vaibhav Khetarpal (2 wkts. each)
- IV Event - (Under 15 school team) reached Quarter Finals of Master Prabhu Dayal Tournament. Top Scorer : Hansit Premi (81 runs), Nikhil Mahajan (51 runs), Mohit Narula 40 not out).
- V Event - (Under 17 team) qualified at the Namdhari Cup defeating DAV Dayanand Vihar by 3 wkts and West Delhi Cricket Academy by 9 wkts. Star Players - Karan Wahi, He took 2 wkts. and scored 35 runs and in the second match 4 wkts. 40 runs (7x4, 2x6 in 16 balls).
- VI Event - (Under 19) Jayanti Devi Cricket Tournament, school team reached semi final stage defeating Vardhan Cricket Club by 197 runs and Delhi United Christian School by 7 wkts. Star Players - Sumit Silwal, 40 runs with 3 wkts, Hansit Premi (67 runs). Star of the match - Karan Wahi, with an unbeaten 41 runs and 4 wkts. giving away only 19 runs. Finals to be held shortly.

We wish our school team the best of luck.

NCC CADETS OF ST. MARK'S

Fifteen cadets of our school took part in NCC (ATC) Camp which was held in Delhi Parade Ground from 24 May to 2 June 2002. They participated in many activities which included Drill, Shooting, Map Reading, Signal Training, First Aid, Debates, Painting Competitions and other Cultural Programmes. We won the first prize in Group Dance. Divya Rathi was awarded a Consolation Prize in Debate and the School received special recognition and an award for stage management.

SPORTS CAMP

It is not always academics at SMS. Equal emphasis is laid on Sports too. A month long sports camp was organized during the summer vacations for the students. Professional coaches conducted training classes in Cricket, football, volley ball, table tennis & badminton.

ADVENTURE TRIP TO RAJGARH

26 students of our school accompanied by 3 teachers went for an exciting trip to Rajgarh near Solan, H.P.

They all enjoyed a beautiful campsite-the river flowing and the tented accommodation! Guess, what all they did-river crossing, rope climbing, rappelling, rope walking, that sure wasn't enough excitement. They went on a full day trek from the campsite to the heli pad. A wonderful trip-with singing, dancing, campfires and even a tug-of-war competition.

NEWS FLASH

We are the Zonal Champions in Football in the Junior and Seniors categories. (Report with photo to follow in the next issue).

LEARNING DISABILITIES AN OVERVIEW

A workshop for the primary teachers on the subject of 'Learning Disabilities-An Overview' was held on 6 July 2002. Dr. Janak Verma, Reader, Deptt. of Education of Groups with Special Needs alongwith Dr. Anupama Sethi, Educational Diagnostician and Remedial Educator of Vidyashree-a centre for children with Learning disabilities and other specialists were welcomed by the Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal.

The experts gave a detailed view point on what learning disabilities were and how they were different from other handicaps. They guided the teachers on how they could identify a child with learning disabilities and deal with him/her. It was followed by an interactive session.



Experts in their field address vital issues at a workshop on Learning Disabilities : An Overview

PARENTING AN ISSUE OF SIGNIFICANCE

Our Principal Mrs. A. Aggarwal addressed the parents of Class XI students in an interactive, session on parenting. She addressed issues like discipline, punctuality and regularity among students and stressed upon inculcating values in the student, monitoring his/her

activities without indulgence and encouraging them to communicate better.

The Guests of Honour were Dr. Samir Parikh, Psychiatrist and Ms. Geetika Kapoor, Clinical Psychologist.

Dr. Samir Parikh remarked, 'its essential for parents to handle their wards' on inter personal attractions, sexuality, peer group pressure, conflicts, and career decisions in a careful way so as to develop a sense of self worth".



Our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal addresses school related issues in an interactive session on Parenting for parents of Class XI



Dr. Samir Parikh highlights the role of parents in the healthy growth of a child

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOP

Dr. Arjun Badlani, Director, Indus Quality Foundation (IQF) conducted a workshop at St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Meera Bagh, on 12 August 2002 for IQF student incharges of two projects taken up by the school – 'Safety in Buses' and 'Cleanliness in the school'. It was to emphasize on how to bring in quality and zero-error to make the projects a success. In this interactive session students learnt how to tackle the projects systematically and scientifically.



Our IQF members participate in an interactive session on school related projects conducted by Dr. Arjun Badlani, Directors Indus Quality Foundation

STUDENTS PAINT FOR A CAUSE

The Cottage Arts and Crafts Festival was organized on 14th April at Pragati Maidan and the following students participated in the Painting Competition. Their paintings were selected and put on sale. The proceeds of the sale would be used by an NGO for social causes. We are proud of them !



Nidhi Kapoor
VII-E



Arushi Anand
VII-D



Saurabh Rattan
VIII-C



Akshit Bharadwaj
VIII-C



Kanika Goel
IX-B



Priyanka Aggarwal
IX-F



Nishi Aggarwal
X-E



Disha Garg
XI-A



Krepy Begra
XII-D



Gunjan Khosla
XII-E



Honourable Member of Parliament, Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar inaugurating the official website of the school



Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar at an interactive session on vital issues of national and international importance



Three Cheers for the Winners of Runners up Trophy of the Silver Jubilee Fest of St. Francis De Sales



Winners of Intra Class Recitation of Class II
Vanya Bhatnagar (I), Nimrit Kaur (II), Anish Sharma (III),
Con. Christie Abraham, Prayanshu Sharma



The Boy Scouts proudly display their certificates of Merit awarded for their performance



Our wonderful dancers of class III who bagged the 3rd prize at the Folk Dance Competition in the St. Francis De Sales, Silver Jubilee Fest.



Our Principal congratulates the Maths Wizards of the Nehru House who were the winners of the Inter House Maths Quiz



Winners of the story telling comp for classes I and II
Jaspreet Singh (I A) Chanvi (I B) Rulkite (I F)
Rishab (IA) Rupam IB, Lakshay Suri (IC)



They beat the others at the Read Aloud Competition
Winners of Class V Parul Jain (V H), Gurpreet (V H),
Roohinet Kokkar (V A), Vasundhara Srinivas (V F)
and Akansha (V G)



Winner of Solo Singing Comp. Class IV
Nayan Hajela (I), Shivam Sheil (II), Shruti Sharma (III),
Kartikkian (Con.)



The folk lore of the fishing community of Maharashtra is narrated through rhythm and movement



The Haryanvi dancers bring forth the beauty, colour and vigour of the majestic state.