

# DESALITES

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



St. Francis de Sales Hr. Secondary School, is a school and more. Being a school, it provides high quality education at all levels. The excellent result of students in Cl.X and XII CBSE Board examination is an indication of this academic supremacy which is rock solid. The extraordinary success of the students at various state, national and international events such as CBSE Science exhibitions, debate, quiz, karate and basketball tournaments speaks volumes of the depth of its educational vibrancy and reach. So, what makes this school stand out? It is the deep sense of BONDING that exists between teachers and students. This is not just a sense of feeling for each other rather it is a deep-rooted commitment of the teaching fraternity of the school to give the best possible to the student community as a whole. The student community in turn holds its teachers and alma mater in high regard and respect. This longstanding, never fading and ever-increasing sense of belongingness and bonding is our real asset.

The 10th edition of the Desalite News & More is in your hand. Congratulations and a deep sense of appreciation to the entire Desalite family for having made it happen for the last five years. It was all possible due to the tremendous spirit of cooperation, hard work and willingness to stay the course, in spite of the roadblocks at different levels. Kudos to the editorial team, the artists, the writers, and every member of the Desalite family for their cooperation.

Touching lives, Moulding future.

Long live and God bless SFS.

**Fr. George Thomas msfs**  
Principal

*Touching lives, moulding future*

## DESALITE FIESTA



**S**FS school organised the Desalite Fiesta on 9th November, 2018. About eleven schools from all around Assam participated in the various activities that were held on the occasion. There were four competitions held such as pencil sketching, solo

singing, dance, quiz and prepared speech. All the participants gave it their best. Our school won the second prize in solo singing, solo dance and prepared speech by Anamika Paul, Kasturi Nandy and Mayuri Sharma respectively. Nilkamal Das of our school bagged

the first prize in pencil sketching. This day gave a wonderful platform to all the students to showcase their talents in various fields. It emphasised on making the youth of today mentally, socially, ethically, and spiritually strong.

*Namrata Nayak, Class IX A*



## SFS SCHOOL CELEBRATES CHILDREN'S DAY

**T**he most awaited day by the children all over India is the Children's Day. This year, SFS school celebrated Children's Day in a grand manner. It all began with a beautiful assembly conducted by the teachers. The children were allowed to wear their traditional dresses which added

more colour to the occasion. From beautiful dances to funny dramas, you name it, our teachers did it all. The children were amazed to see the breathtaking performances by the teachers. The day ended with a vote of thanks and the national anthem.

*Hridisha Saikia, IX A*



## PARENT'S DAY 2018



St Francis de Sales School celebrated its Annual Parent's Day 2018, on 24th November, with great pomp and show to thank and appreciate the effort put in by the parents and guardians of the children to help the school authorities in the process of education.

The programme began at about 5 pm with a welcome to the chief guest -

Sir K.K Choudhury ( Director and Regional Officer CBSE, Guwahati) who was escorted by the NCC cadets and members of the scouts and guides. This was followed by the hoisting of the school flag, the auspicious lighting of the lamp ceremony and a performance of the school band after which the programme started with a prayer

dance.

The entire event was studded with ecstatic and captivating performances with a special performance by the students of FAsCE India.

The programme was also graced by the presence of many dignitaries including Most Rev John Moolachira, Archbishop of Guwahati, Rev. Father George Panthanmackel amongst many others.

The programme came to a close with a vote of thanks by Ma'am PinkyBarooah, Parent's day co-ordinator, and the playing of the national anthem. Thus ended the Parent's Day celebrations in SFS, Narengi ,on a successful note as a result of tremendous planning, hours of tireless practice and absolute dedication of the students, teachers and everyone else concerned.

**Ankush Roy, IX C**



## FELICITATION OF NON-TEACHING STAFF



On 12th December 2018, the SFS family felicitated the non-teaching staff of our school. Our non-teaching staff or baidos and dadas, as we call them with love, looked stunning in their uniforms.



The short programme conducted during the assembly went on smoothly with words like 'loving, caring, hardworking' which describes only a little of what they do for the school. A melodious song

was sung by Joy Tonsing of class 3 followed by speeches by Reshma Begum of class IX and Ma'am Tarali Devi. Our beloved principal, Fr George Thomas gave a heartwarming speech thanking them for their hardwork and dedication.

To show our appreciation, the non teaching staff were also presented with gifts. It was indeed a splendid occasion, a day we will always remember with love and respect for the non-teaching staff.

**Rohan Sharma**  
*Class IX*

## REPUBLIC DAY 2019



'The pride for your country should not come after your country becomes great. Your country becomes great because of your pride in it.'

On 26th January 2019, SFS celebrated the 70th Republic Day evoking the feeling of patriotism in the hearts and minds of all present there. The students performed various programmes such as

patriotic songs and dances dedicating it to the motherland. Rev. Father George Panthanmackel was welcomed and honoured as the chief guest of the day. The march past was led by the NCC, scouts and guides saluting the nation. The day reminded us about the numerous sacrifices made by our fighters to build a stronger India.

**Prachi Giri, Class IX A**



## BLESSING CEREMONY OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF SFS SCHOOL ( EXTENSION)

SFS school has always focussed on the growth and development of the students but along with intellectual growth, it has also focussed on the growth of the institution itself. On 10th of January 2019, SFS school organised a blessing ceremony for the further extension of our school. All the provincial fathers, sisters,

teachers and student representatives were present for the auspicious ceremony. Our Principal Father George Thomas accompanied by Rev Fr George Panthammackel blessed the foundation stone. The ceremony ended with a vote of thanks to all present there.

*Namrata Nayak, Class IX A*



## FAREWELL TO CLASS XII- 2019



We cannot say goodbye to those whom we have grown to love for the memories we have made will last a lifetime and will never know a goodbye.

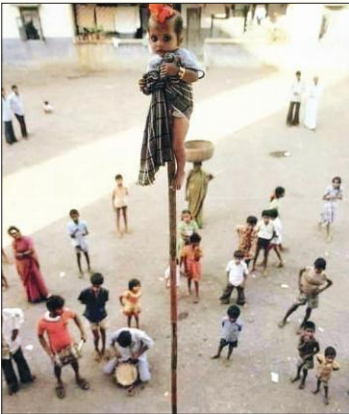
The students of class XI bid farewell to the seniors of the school on 29th January 2019 with great zest and exubance. The function commenced with a prayer. A

welcome speech was the delivered by the school headboy, Sanjeev Kalita. The class XI students entertained the audience with their energetic dance performances which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone there. Many interesting and tricky games were played to pep up the environment. A fashion show was the highlight of the day followed by a stupendous skit. The Principal Rev Father George Thomas enlightened the students with his encouraging speech urging them to do their best in the board examinations. He also blessed them with success in their future endeavours. A token of love was given to each outgoing student. The grand function in Mermier Hall culminated with group photographs and a scrumptious lunch. The enthusiastic zealots were bound to take back wonderful memories of the day.

*Nafiza Rahman, Class XI Arts*



## WINTER CAMP OF SCOUTS AND GUIDES 2018



The SFS Guide captain and Scout master organised a winter camp in the school premises from 16th to 18th November 2018. All the scouts and guides participated in the camp and it was because of their enthusiasm and interest that the camp was a successful one.

They also learnt a lot of life saving activities like pioneering, first aid, cooking, estimation and a lot more. Scout master Mr Biswajit Das and Mr

Santanu Payeng visited the camp to encourage the cadets.

The highlight of the camp was the video conference held with the cadets of Thailand and Srilanka. Scout Dibakar Das of 8B had such an impressive interaction on solar energy that he was awarded a few prizes thus adding more accolades to his name.

**Mrs Mukta Das,**  
**Guide Captain (A.L.T)**

## CIC MODEL UNITED NATION 2019 AT SFS

The morning of 11th January 2019 marked the start of the Corporate Industrial Conclave Model United Nation 2019. The event started with the arrival of the chief guest Mr Satyakee D'Com Bhuyan. Rev Father George Thomas, in his speech, said that this was indeed a great opportunity for the students of SFS and all others to become better citizens of tomorrow. This was followed by the inspiring speech of the chief guest.

It was a two day event with a total of 6 committees and nearly 160

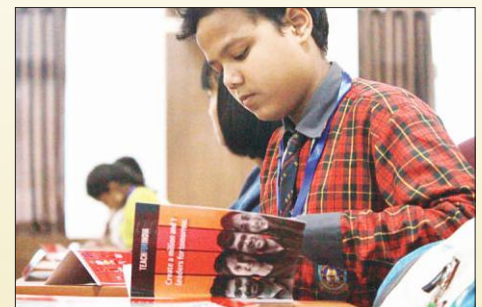
delegates. The standard of debating was set very high and the delegates maintained the same level throughout the programme. The delegates were well prepared and the first timers were in awe of it all. There were many prizes given out but the most coveted ones were the trophies. Gurukul Grammar School won the best Delegation Award with 19 individual prizes. St Francis de Sales School bagged the most promising delegation trophy.

The programme came to an end with a beautiful show organised by the



organising committee. With hard work and determination, this event was something nobody envisaged of.

**Rohan Sharma, Class IX A**



## INTER SCHOOL SCIENCE EXHIBITION (SBOA SCHOOL)

As an event to commemorate the silver jubilee of SBOA School, a four day celebration was organised in the school premises from 8th to 12th January, 2019. Various activities like Borgeet, Lukgeet competitions, debate and a science exhibition were conducted. Many schools from all across Guwahati participated in the event.

Two teams from SFS participated in the Science exhibition which was held on 12th January 2019. The exhibits kept on display representing various schools, were based on the topic 'Food Security and Innovation in Daily Life.' The judges were persons of knowledge and appreciation who hailed from different fields of Science.



One of the two teams, consisting of Partha Pratim Sarma and Siddhartha Upadhyaya of Class XI Sc bagged the first prize in the Science exhibition. Their exhibit which was based on 'Integrated Agriculture' earned much appreciation from the judges and other spectators.

*Partha Pratim Sarma, Class XI Sc*

## KNOWLEDGE BEYOND BOOKS

'The tendency of the human brain to capture information from nature and travelling is always much more than that by attaining it through books.' Education is always fun when it involves travelling. On 6th February 2019, the students of class XI Sc went on a field trip with their teachers, Mrs Sangeeta Barman and Mrs Shrutidhara Barua. The trip was to the beautiful campus of Guwahati University. Its natural beauty fascinated everyone. The students visited several departments and the department of bio-technology was the best. The students were divided into three groups and were guided by some research students who gave practical knowledge about detection of illness through DNA etc. The students visited various labs, interacted with the guides and learned many practical

interpretations of Biology with technology.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn about unknown

subjects as they were provided with an overview of higher studies and its standard.

*Bhargab Patowary, Class XI Sc*



## SFS WINS CBSE REGIONAL SCIENCE EXIBITION FOR 3RD CONSECUTIVE TIME



CBSE Science Exhibition 2019 , regional level, was organised by Gurukul Grammar Senior Secondary School on 23rd and 24th January 2019. Two teams from our school participated in the two day event. The chief guest was Mr Raghab Chandra Deka, the first Assamese to stay in Antarctica for 485 days. Two students from our school, Namrata Nayak and Ankush Roy of class IX were selected to participate in the national level. The CBSE Science Exhibition is indeed a genuine platform to gain an enormous amount of experience.

*Naina Sharma, Class XI Sc*



## CYBER FEST 2018 THE I.T FEST

On 23rd and 24th of November 2018, the students of S.F.S from classes 9-12 participated in the cyber fest - I.T fest held at South Point School, Barsapara. About 22 schools from various parts of Guwahati participated in it.

The chief guest for the day was Shri K.K Choudhury, Director, CBSE, Guwahati, who inaugurated the fest with an inspiring speech related to the importance of I.T in education.

It was a two day programme involving various competitions such as webpage designing, poster designing, PUBG game, gaming, I.T quiz, powerpoint presentation, movie making and many more. The students from our school participated in most of the competitions and thus gained a lot of experience to improve themselves in the days to come.

*Pallavi Das, Asst. teacher (Comp)*



## TEACHER'S GET TOGETHER



On 27th February 2019, the teachers of SFS had their yearly get together in the premises of the school. It was a very refreshing time wherein teachers let loose all the stress and anxieties of everyday life. Some games were organised in which teachers happily participated. The lunch was a scrumptious meal which all enjoyed thoroughly.

*Sandra Abraham, Asst. teacher*

## VISIT TO ASHADEEP, REHABILITATION CENTRE, JAPORIGOG



On 6th September, 2018, the students of Psychology, SFS, went on a visit to Ashadeep Rehabilitation Centre, Japorigog, for a case study.

The students were divided into groups for the conduction of the case study. Guidelines were provided by one of the mentors of Ashadeep. It was a real eye-opener to see so many

children with various disorders like Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Down Syndrome. Children of mild moderate retardation having an IQ of below 70 were also present.

Through the interaction it came to be known that Ashadeep caters to individuals with intellectual disability and associated disorder

and also to persons recovering from mental illness.

A good rapport was built with the children and the students of SFS. They distributed sweets to the children. They also played games and enjoyed themselves. It was a day learning to be selfless.

**Daisy Das, Asst. Teacher  
(Psychology PGT)**

## THE GENERAL CHAPTER



MSFS Congregation encountered one of the historical moments of its existence through the XXth General Chapter that was conducted in the MSFS Provincialate, Guwahati, Assam. The General Chapter was a unique event, where 53 confreres representing 31 countries of the 5 continents, formed the rich heritage of our Congregation today. The group was representative of different generations and varied experiences.



The General Chapter's principal aim was to call every member to wake up to the basics of our charism and thus protect the patrimony of the Institute and foster appropriate renewal in order to facilitate the growth in fidelity to the same patrimony. The Chapter's mission was also to foster appropriate renewal and adaptation, reading the signs of the time, facilitating the growth with creative fidelity to Charism of our Congregation, which is the Spirit and Spirituality of St. Francis de

Sales through its four pillars, such as, Consecrated Life in Community, Mission, MSFSness and Salesian Spirituality. The Chapter was conducted in a very spiritual atmosphere with the best of the ambience provided by the Confreres of the North East India Province. Every step towards the accomplishments of the tasks were meticulously planned and implemented giving space for

everyone to be cent percent available to the movements of the Spirit of God working through the Capitulants.

This Chapter was a time to reinvent ourselves with the experiences of the past, the requirements of the present and our dreams for the future. Fr Mermier as a prophet of our time is well understood from his own words: "Our ministry demands that we offer ourselves to the people, to

the society, like other St Francis de Sales, totally disinterested, burning with zeal for salvation of people, full of compassion at the sight of the evils which make the people desolate without amusing ourselves to lose our time in useless oratory, with a legitimate mission, an irreproachable doctrine and above all, a good life."

*Fr Praveen Johny msfs*  
*Provincial Secretary*

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 2018

On 22nd December 2018, our school organised a grand Christmas celebration which delighted everyone present there. Various dances, melodious songs, christmas carols and also the birth of Jesus Christ was depicted. There was even more excitement with the entry of Santa Claus. It was wonderful to see the happiness on each child's face. No one wanted the programme to end but sadly, it did.

*Tanjil Wazed, Class 8 B*



## VISIT TO INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY



On the 15th of March, 2019 the students of Class 12 were bestowed with the opportunity to visit the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati; the dream of many, future of a few. On their visit, they were welcomed by the Chemical Engineering Department who mesmerized the students with their unbelievable experiments using state of the art apparatus. The students were exposed to preparing

chemical holi colours, bleeding iron, thundering test tube, chemical volcano, elephant toothpaste, etc. The session was followed by another class by the Civil Engineering Department on GEOTECH where the students learnt various physical principles that are of great use and the perfect knowledge in identifying and hybridizing soil to create unimaginable skyscrapers. Another class on NEURAL SCIENCE

introduced the young minds to a world where the brain is capable enough to communicate, leaving behind all other organs, with just an aid from a small machine set up. The tiring seminars ended with a rejuvenating magic seminar by Mr Dinesh Lahoty, who left the audience awestruck with his magic. All in all it was a perfect day!

*Sanjeev Kalita, Class XII Science*

## THE 4TH INTER SCHOOL KARATE TOURNAMENT



The 4th Inter School Karate Tournament, organised by SFS, Narangi, under GOKKAA, India, was held in the premises of the school on 24th March 2019. There were about 174 participants from schools in and around Guwahati.

The parents of the participants were in awe of the talent possessed by their wards and the pride was quite visible. SFS won the first prize trophy with 8 gold, 10 silver and 9 bronze medals. They have done the school proud once again.

*Sneha Das, Class 8B*



## EDITORIAL

"What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to human soul.", said Joseph Addison. Schools of our times need to take the lead in instilling in students the true meaning of education.

It is with great pride that I'd like to announce that we are back with the latest edition of SFS School newsletter. It is always a pleasure to spot the talents of others and witness the growth of young minds as they put their heart and soul to what they do. Our students have more stories to tell, songs to sing and achievements to celebrate. We hope our newsletter will enlighten the readers to attain knowledge and enrich them with the experiences of our students.

SFS aims to reverse the thought of Henry Ford when he said, "'A man's real education begins after he has left school. True education is gained through the discipline of life.'" We try to bring life to school so that when they leave school, they are ready for life. Our newsletter gives you a taste of the different activities that our students do in addition to the academic excellence they aim to achieve.

*Sandra Abraham*

## PHOTO GALLERY

