

WELCOME REMARKS & REPORT 2023

Honourable Director ma'am and Dean sir, distinguished guests, esteemed parents, colleagues and my dear students; a warm and splendid evening to all, and welcome to the Annual Day Celebrations of Mount Carmel School!

It is with immense joy and pride that I stand before you today as we gather to celebrate the pinnacle of our academic year - our school's Annual Day. This occasion serves as a beacon, illuminating the collective achievements, talent and vibrant spirit that defines our educational community.

Proverbs 1:7 reminds us that *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge."* Armed with this Biblical wisdom, we cherish the idea that just as *"flowers leave their fragrance in the hands that bestow them"*, the values we imbibe in school leave lasting impressions on our lives. Learning is not a process limited to schools and colleges only, nor does it end with the conclusion of one's school career. It is indeed a lifelong process.

Our school is well equipped to prepare our children to face the challenges that the future holds and works at implementing a well-balanced curriculum to ensure that the children who walk into the portals of Mount Carmel will not just pass through their school years, but will truly be prepared to face life's challenges. As a testament of this, in the year 2023, Mount Carmel received an **India School Merit Award, ranking No.1 in Individual Attention given to Students**, the **"Academic Ascendancy Prize for Exemplary School Excellence"** by the Confederation of Indian Universities, and also **ranked 7th among the 'South West Delhi Leaders'** in the Times School Survey 2023.

Board Results

At the Senior Secondary level, 203 students appeared for the board exam, with 53 students scoring 90% and above, and 7 students scoring a 100% in various subjects. The following students topped in their streams:

SCIENCE (NON MED) - Nakshatra Jain (XII F) 97.8%

HUMANITIES - Apra Sharma (XII A) 96.8%

COMMERCE - Anhad Manocha (XII C) 96.8%

SCIENCE (MED) - Namrata Saini (XII B) 96%

At the Secondary School level, 190 students appeared for the board exam. 63 students scored above 90% aggregate, with 7 students scoring a perfect 100 in various subjects.

- Kanak Aggarwal stood first with 98% aggregate.
- Amritanshu Kar and Gia Bhatia stood second with 97.4% aggregate.
- The third position was shared by Shrishti Pathak, Bhavya Walia and Parisa Jain, scoring 97% aggregate

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS - BATCH OF 2023**NON MED STREAM**

1	Nakshatra Jain	B.Tech	IIT Delhi
2	Joshua Lakra	B.Tech	Karunya University
3	Sayyam Arneja	B.Tech Mech	NSUT Delhi
4	Krishna Gupta	B Tech	NSUT Delhi
5	Abhishek Daniston Dayal	B.Tech CS	Manipal Jaipur
6	Aayush Sinha	B Tech	VIT Vellore
7	Dev Rajput	BS CS	UIC USA
8	Rijul Bajaj	B.Tech	Texas Tech University

MEDICAL STREAM

1	Alvin Issac George	MBBS	CMC Ludhiana
2	Tanisha Khanna	B Pharm	DIPSAR

MGT./COMP

1	Prakrit Batra	BCA	Christ Bangalore
2	Manya Makhija	BCA	Christ Bangalore
3	Rachit Soni	BBA	NMIMS
4	Sushain Gumber	BBA	NMIMS
5	Anhad Singh Manocha	BBA	Symbiosis Mumbai
6	Shivaansh Bajaj	BBA	Bharti Vidyapeeth Pune

DESIGNING

1	Vedika Kakkar	B. Des	NIFT Delhi
2	Trishika Suryavanshi	B. Des	Amity Univ
3	Mrida Sahni	B. Des	World Univ of Design
4	Yuvraj Singh	Hotel Mgt	Sushant Univ

LAW

1	Atul Sharma	BA LLB	Symbiosis Law Hyderabad
2	Jemima Rachel Biju	BA LLB	Asian Law College
1	Aishveen Kaur	BA Hons	Univ of Guelph Canada
2	Annika Tomer	BA Hons	Delhi University

Scholastic Activities & Achievements

The school boasts of the four-fold development according to Luke 22:2. Some notable academic activities and achievements of the school are as follows:

- A CBSE Capacity Building Workshop on “Learning Outcomes and Pedagogies”, with specific emphasis on the three domains - cognitive, affective and psychomotor, was organised for the teaching faculty on 23rd September. The workshop was beneficial for the teachers and added profoundly to their existing pool of knowledge.
- A Staff Development Program was organised from 20th- 26th June. This included a Vigeo workshop conducted by Mr. Davis Abraham. This workshop played a crucial role in helping teachers introspect and rediscover their passion for teaching. A workshop on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy was also conducted by Eupheus Learning Solutions.
- On 22nd June, a Capacity Building Program was organised by CBSE, focusing on "Happy Classrooms". The program aimed to enhance educators' capabilities in fostering a positive learning environment.
- On 23rd June, a Theatre workshop was conducted by our Founder- Director, Dr. Mrs. Neena Williams. This workshop was designed for teachers and theatre enthusiasts, and aimed at creating awareness about theatre as a discipline.

Co- Scholastic Activities & Achievements

- A Festival of Prayer was held on 2nd May, to honour the legacy of the Co-Founder of Mount Carmels, late Dr. Vijay Kumar Williams. The special assembly included singing some of his favourite songs and a prayer activity for all the classes.
- The NCC Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC) was held from 13- 22nd May, where cadets learned essential social values such as tolerance, cooperation and collaboration. They also gained personal values like self-dependence and living with limited resources. The camp also provided technical training in weapons operation and horse riding.
- The 51st Founding Day was celebrated on 11th July, with the participation of the Founding Director, Dr. Mrs. Neena Williams, who reminded students of the core values and principles of MCS. Retired faculty and alumni joined the celebrations, which featured a bouquet of cultural programs including a Western Music choir, Hindi poems, skits, and energetic dance performances.
- On 5th August, the Value Education and Counseling Departments collaborated to organise a Counseling Hub. This hub served as a unique and valuable resource for both parents and students during the Parent-Teacher Interaction sessions, ensuring a platform for all opinions and concerns to be heard and discussed.

Upgrades in Infrastructure:

In terms of infrastructure improvements, several significant renovations have been successfully completed.

- The Biology Lab has been completely refurbished to provide the students an enhanced environment for learning.
- Renovation of the Special Education Rooms in both the Junior and Senior Wings has been finalised, providing spaces more conducive to specialised learning.
- The Counseling Room for boys has also been renovated, further enhancing the support and resources available to students.
- A Mini- Auditorium with a collapsible wall has also been constructed on the fourth floor, adding a versatile space for various school activities.
- As we are all aware, the constantly rising AQI in Delhi has of late crossed the danger mark, and as such poses a health hazard for our students. In order to provide a pollution - free environment for our students while travelling to and from school, we plan to introduce air conditioned buses in the school bus fleet next session onwards. This will keep our students safe while travelling on the polluted roads of Delhi at least.
- At Mount Carmel, we are committed to ensuring an unparalleled educational experience for our cherished students. Even during the challenging times of the pandemic, the school extended itself to accommodate financial constraints, offering fee concessions and flexible payment options, all while upholding unwavering standards of excellence. And today, we look to you for support, dear parents. We earnestly appeal to you to join hands with us in continuing our pursuit of furnishing our students with the exceptional facilities they truly deserve. To bring this vision to life, the school is embarking on a comprehensive infrastructure upgrade in line with contemporary requirements, for which a gradual adjustment in fees will be implemented in the upcoming academic session, and in which we will require a wholehearted support from you, our esteemed parents. We look forward to your continued support and cooperation in the future.

Mark 2:5 says, "When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.'" Faith should serve as the cornerstone of any relationship, and dear parents, your unwavering faith, support and trust in us are the cornerstones of our success. Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. It is indeed a responsibility we hold with the utmost reverence, and we shall continue to ensure that your wards receive the best that Mount Carmel has to offer for years to come.

May God bless each and every one of you abundantly!

I now hand over the mic to the Head Boy, R. Theophilus, and Head Girl Tushita Mittal, to present their reports.