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Greetings from the Boarding!

Time has passed so fast since the conception of our first Boarding Chronicle. During the past month, numerous events have taken place around CIS as well in the boarding. Some were exciting, some were new while others were celebrating. So here we are with our second edition of The Boarding Chronicle!!!

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By: Nida Ajmal

Anyone could clearly see the disappointment on our faces when Mr. Regis announced that there is going to be a trek the coming weekend. We were now hoping that the two days of the week that we always looked forward to and eagerly waited for never came. Although there were a few crazy people who were very very excited about the trek. Most of us tried escaping, some of us feigned sicknesses and some of us tried to make excuses to go home but to our displeasure we were all made to go on the trek.

The weekend finally arrived, sooner than we'd hoped. We had to wake up at 5:30 the next morning, a SUNDAY that too! We grumbled, whined and cribbed the entire night but we were up and ready to go the next morning. Mr. Regis, Mr. Mohammed, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Roberts and Mr. Bernal accompanied us. We were taken to Antharagange, a beautiful rocky hill range that is about 65 Kilometres away.



We arrived at Antharagange at around 9:30 and were greeted by a group of instructors who then briefed us about the place and safety measures that were to be taken. We then started our exciting adventure. At first it all seemed terrifying, alarming and a little dangerous. A few people slipped on the slippery rocks, a few people found it unchallenging but then once we all got familiar with our surroundings and knew what to expect, it got a lot more undemanding. In my opinion, the most challenging and nerve racking moment was when we had to slide through the extremely small gorge. Personally my biggest fear was that I'd get wedged in between the boulders but to my surprise I made it, not only though the gap but the entire trek. I am sure half of us thought that too by the end. All of this, although it was a little tiring was definitely worth it when we reached the top. The view was breath taking! It was absolutely stunning and so peaceful. Definitely worth waking up at 5:30 a.m. on a Sunday!



Finally, after getting scratched from the thorny bushes and cacti, facing the heat of the sun, jumping all around boulders and rocks, crawling in and out of crevices of caves, climbing steep rocks and a stomach grumbling for lunch, it was time to head back "home". It was an exhilarating day.



Welcome to the BOARDING Newbies!!

To begin with, we would like to mention about the hospitality shown to us by the management. From day one we felt we were welcomed into the family of the Canadian International School. We were amazed by the concern, the regards and the most of all the assurance of us being comfortable here at CIS. The kids whom we met after a couple of days of joining here, we found them to be very friendly, loving, obedient and in no way difficult to move with. They willingly accepted us as house parents, and as in our past experiences, we told the children that this is their second home and naturally we, their second parents.

-Mr. and Mrs. Browne

Being the “new girl” wasn’t really a phrase for me. I joined the school around a month ago and I have to admit, I didn’t feel new at all. I’ve had a lot of fun. When I first joined CIS, I thought it was just another school that I’d be in for a little while and eventually, I’d change again. After thinking about it though, I realised that this is where I was going to be spending the two most important years of my life and I’m really glad that I’m here amongst all these wonderful people who’ve all been so kind and helped me settle in this school. I’m really thankful to my buddies, Sukanya and Sakina, for introducing me to everyone and for helping me learn my way around the school’s logistics. A huge thank you to everyone else for helping me feel so comfortable, so quickly. When I joined this school, I had to start two new subjects which I hadn’t taken at the IB level. All the teachers (even the ones whose subjects I had taken previously) were really helpful and made sure that I felt comfortable in the school environment and of course, in their classes.

I joined the boarding one or two weeks into school and this is a completely new turf for me. Initially, I was quite apprehensive of joining boarding and I wasn’t sure whether I was making the right decision. I think only being here for a week so far makes it hard to really know whether I made the right decision or not but so far it’s looking positive. For someone who’s never been in boarding before, it’s a little scary at first but as I knew quite a few people already, I was able to settle in easier than I expected. Being out of home all by myself for the first time, I was able to find a home away from home.

-Suma Agastya, IB1A.

Diwali Fundraiser 2013

By: Sharad Kiswani

28th October 2013- The first day of the Diwali Sale. I was very excited. We left class 10 minutes before the bell and went towards the cafeteria area to set up our stall. When the bell rang, students started coming for lunch and on their way they saw our board saying about the Diwali Fund Raiser and that all the money would be going to charity. As it was the first day no one really knew about it, no one really had money on them. Everyone was surprised to know that little children had made the things we were selling. I didn't expect a lot of sale on the first day.

29th October 2013- The second day of the Diwali Sale. We left class early like the previous day to set up our stall. A lot of small children brought money to buy the things we were selling. The sales increased a lot since Monday and we hoped that it would continue to rise in the following 2 days.

30th October 2013- The third and last day we would be selling the things outside the cafeteria because the next day, the stall would be opened up in the school during the Diwali program. The sales rose even higher today, it was at its peak.

31st October 2013- Today was the Diwali Deep Mala at school. Most of the volunteers were busy with either the Diwali program or catching a flight home. So, I had to set up the stall alone. Though I got a lot of help later. I expected a lot of parents to buy stuff but we had a rough last day. The sales were very low but whatever we collected in total was just very close to our expectations. We raised Rs.3740 in total.

At 4:30, a few of us departed from school with all the food remaining from the Joy of Giving week collections and unused clothes which we packed the previous day as well as the money we generated and the card I made for them. We also returned all the unsold things back to them. I almost cried seeing their faces when they saw their gifts and the beautiful card. We wished them an advanced "Happy Diwali" and came back. I felt so relieved as all the work and responsibility was over. Everyone was praising me and I felt so proud for helping the needy. All the sleepless nights paid off.



'Diwali Deep Mala' at CIS.

Sparkling & memorable event of 2013.

By: Prashant Lakhwani



Diwali also known as the festival of lights is celebrated by not only Indians but also people of different ethnic cultures around the globe. Every year, Diwali is celebrated at CIS in a very lavish and fanciful manner. Parents as well as outsiders come to our school each and every year to see how magnificently we celebrate this festival.

This year the Diwali celebration was called the 'Diwali Deep Mala' signifying the strength and power of the truth. The show had started off by the candle lighting ceremony by the Head of School, Mr. Shane Kells, accompanied by some other teachers then some students had presented bouquets of flowers to the teachers on stage and from here on the performances began from the preschool up to the High School Students and Teachers.

Diwali signifies the glory of good over evil. There is a long story behind this that involves Lord Ram, Lord Lakshman, Goddess Sita and a devil named Ravan from the Hindu mythology. Lord Ram had killed Ravan because he kidnapped Goddess Sita (Lord Ram's wife) and Lord Ram won the battle at the end. When Lord Ram returned with Goddess Sita and Lord Lakshman to their home in Ayodhya, a big celebration with flowers and candles was held to signify Lord Ram's victory and his return. This celebration is known as Diwali and is celebrated all over the world even today.

This year, like every, the students, parents and teachers at CIS performed a grand cultural program. The program consisted of various vibrating dances as well as impressive desi songs. Every act presented was so impressive and mind blowing!

Being a new student to the school and watching this event was very entertaining for me. I think that watching my fellow IB 1 friends sing such a melodious and loving Bollywood song during the show made me feel like I really should have participated. Seeing my teachers performing as well made the show even more happening. The show ended with a grand finale by the school's fashion club as they prepared a Fashion Show with students and teachers walking down the ramp with very hot and lively music in the background. The whole event lasted for about three hours and everyone still wanted to see some more but time was limited.

Since CIS is a multicultural school, students and teachers of different nationalities also performed on Indian songs and they actually lived up to the true spirit and motive behind celebrating Diwali. I'm sure it had motivated many students (other than me) and teachers to take part in this event next year.



Insider Interviews:

This committee provides an opportunity for students to both learn and teach fellow students. A number of boarders from high school volunteered to teach their strongest subject to other boarders who need any kind of help. Students were then asked to sign up for sessions which are generally an hour long, held during prep times under a boarding parent's supervision. The student-teachers who are in IB1 & IB2 also receive CAS hours for their service. Ever since the committee has been formed, we have been able to successfully provide assistance to students who need it. Details of every session conducted are maintained in a record book. We are very proud of how well everything is going and we hope it always stays that way.

Umika Bhattacharya –
The Boarding Academic
Support Committee

Tanushree Guha –
The Boarding
Redecoration Committee

Here at the redecoration committee, we are in collaboration with the junior art teacher, Ms. Devaki. Together we come up with a few new ideas and pieces for the boring walls here at the boarding. We're doing portable and durable works, which fundamentally means large paintings or mosaics on large wooden canvas that would then just be hung onto walls. These can be taken down as and when required. Our main focus, the first step in our project is to work on the main common area of the boarding. This means the two main corridors on either sides of the cafeteria and boarding lab. The work has been divided into two main projects. The one we've started with is a piece of interactive art, something that everyone at school can enjoy. We're really excited about it and have already begun working on its planning. Hopefully we should all see it up in a couple of months. I hope when we are done with it the boarding looks full and happy. Our motive is to make it look like home when we are done with it.

Achievements in the Boarding!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- **Sidharth Kamana** and **Aarya Patel** along with the rest of the senior boys football A-team on winning the Trio 5-a side football tournament.
- **Gauri Prasad** along with the rest of the girls A-team won second place at Mallya Aditi football tournament.
- **Hriday Chheda** for winning the first place along with the Indian team in the Elementary Class event. (Horse-Riding)
- The IB 1s (**Sharad, Prashant, Sukanya, Sai, Jaharvi, Akshata, Sakina** and **Drishti**) for putting up a successful fundraiser for the Sri Lankan Refugee Camp during Diwali.
- The IB 1s (Led by **Sharad** along with **Nida, Hannah, Sai, Prashant, Sukanya, Drishti** and other volunteers: **Jayden, Zeeshan, Vineet, Sairah, Vishnu, Kayzar** and **Maya**) put together a very successful and amazing fundraiser (bake sale, watermelon smoothie sale, trial of luck game, lucky dip game and sponge game) during the Terry Fox Run with the grateful help and under the watchful eyes of Mrs. Priya.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

Happy Belated Birthday to all of these people:

5th - Samin Uddin

8th - Aarya Patel

10th - Sidharth Kamana

10th - Chae Yun Park

14th - Zeeshan Narsidani

22nd - Gauri Prasad

23rd - Mohan Vamsi
Parvataneni

25th - Sandeep Rao

We extend special birthday wishes to Sid, President of The Boarding Chronicle. He is crazy and droll but we still love him no matter how he is. Even with lots of other work he has still managed to support us in every possible way. Happy Birthday Sid!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

Birthdays coming up!! Here is the list of December birthdays for you to keep track of... Don't forget to wish them :)

2nd - Mohammed Aquib Ajeem

10th - Sai Priya Paladee

14th - Tuhina Agarwal

17th - Saahil Mighlani

20th - Sukanya Sharma



We would also like to extend further birthday greetings to Sukanya, one of the main editors of this newsletter whose birthday is coming up next month. We wish her all the best in life and hope she stays crazy and stunning forever. Happy Birthday Suku!

Editors' Note:

A very warm welcome from the editors of the CIS Boarding Newsletter.

Wow! It has been a very busy november. Good luck with your exam results. With exams and so many events happening, we still managed to get people to submit their articles to us and complete this months edition and get it out to all of you. December is not so far away and everyone will be going on holiday after mid-december so next months edition will be coming out to you guys before you leave for holiday, so it will be a short one but it will include the Terry Fox Run from this month.

Feel free to leave comments on our articles, to share your thoughts and suggestions or ask to the author a question. We appreciate your support and are so happy to have you all as readers of The Boarding Chronicle. With A Hearty Thanks,

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