



SCHOOL FOCUS



Churning out all-rounders

St Mark's Senior Secondary Public School, Meera Bagh came into existence on April 20, 1990. In the past two decades, the school has accomplished several feats – be it winning prizes in inter-school events or competitions at district, state, national and international level. The students have performed commendably. St Mark's provides knowledge and develops skills in students to groom them into all-rounders. The school believes that a responsible citizen should possess personality traits like self-control, empathy, honesty and integrity. Be it sports or theater, art or literature, music or dance, students at SMS are part of every aspect of education.

ICT in classroom teaching

Right from 2005 St Mark's School has been using ICT (Information and Communication Technologies) tools in classrooms. The school started collaborating with schools from Sweden, US and Italy, and by 2008, it had made its mark on the international front as the first Indian school to be enrolled into the Asia Europe Classroom Network (AEC-NET). In November 2010, with the support of the Ministry of HRD, the school hosted the 9th edition of the AEC-NET conference in Gurgaon. SMS, Meera Bagh also was the recipient of the Best Jury Award for Global Collaborative Learning this year at the World Education Summit at Hotel Ashok, New Delhi. Educomp Smart Class program is also being successfully operated.

Training for leadership

Students are trained and expected to shoulder responsibilities through various offices and activities. This helps them develop self-confidence and leadership qualities. The prefectorial body of the school council, headed by the Head Girl and the Head Boy, assists the school administration by bridging the gap between students and teachers. The students conduct the morning assembly where highlights of the news is read by a student each morning, speech is delivered and other talent showcasing activities are staged.



Community service

Community service isn't just about doing things so that one might be proud about it. It's about helping people, understanding them and developing a sense of compassion for fellow humans. The social service club organises activities like distribution of clothes, cleanliness drives and fun fundraisers to aid needy students. The students take part in camps, visit old-age homes, orphanages etc. The club also sells products by various NGOs during school fairs. Students' artwork is sent to New Bethlehem Middle School, New York, US where it is auctioned and the proceeds go towards construction of schools in Zimbabwe, Uganda and others African countries. This reinstalls the sentiments in students that they are a part of a larger community to which they must contribute.

St Mark's School, Meera Bagh

Be the change you want to see

It's time for a round up! You now get your voice heard in a very special page dedicated entirely to your school. Here's your chance to muse, rave, rant and talk about what's happening with you and around you...

True living is through giving

At St Mark's Sr Sec Public School, Meera Bagh, we believe that the joy of giving is an important part of the joy of living. We teach our students to ask themselves if they would survive without the protection of their country. Would they be what they are today, if they lacked the nurturing of their parents? Would they garner knowledge or skills without the guidance of their teachers? Are we not dependent on others in order to survive? Hence, shouldn't we give rise to humble thoughts of gratitude? Isn't it imperative for us to give something back to the society in some form or the other?

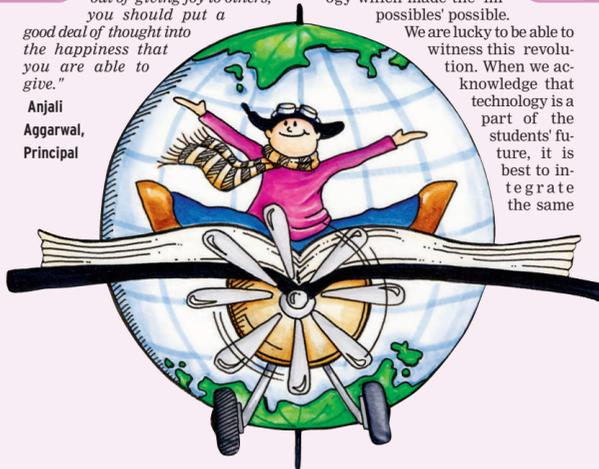
This is why we believe in inculcating the habit of giving and sharing at a young age. Our students are encouraged to give books, clothes and other essential things to their less fortunate brethren. Our students help in organising camps for the handicapped children from all over Delhi. The school has a Companional Club too. The members of the club look after stray animals and their young ones. We believe that it is our moral obligation to be compassionate towards the woes of Mother Earth. Hence, our students celebrate Earth Week every year to



good deal of thought into the happiness that you are able to give."

Anjali Aggarwal, Principal

sensitise everyone about their duties towards keeping the planet habitable. The joy of giving in our school has gone beyond all borders owing to our international collaboration with other schools. We believe in what Eleanor Roosevelt had to say, "Since you get more joy out of giving joy to others, you should put a



Unison of technology & education

Every invention in technology is a step towards the progress of mankind. A few decades ago, I had not even dreamt of working on a computer. I had not thought that it would be so easy to communicate with people on the other side of the globe. Then came technology which made the 'impossibles' possible.



We are lucky to be able to witness this revolution. When we acknowledge that technology is a part of the students' future, it is best to integrate the same

in the school curriculum. Therefore, the school lays a lot of stress on keeping its students abreast with the best technology and the latest innovation in learning tools by incorporating them in the learning process.

Videos, designing softwares, graphics etc catch a student's attention and give them an opportunity to experiment. This prompted St Mark's Sr Sec Public School, Meera Bagh, to start using ICT in its curriculum in 2005. Since then, our students have been doing several online projects with peers across the globe. This has resulted in student exchange programmes which have been instrumental in the personality development of the students. Our school has also introduced smart boards in all classrooms till class VIII making education an interesting and fun experience.

I feel that it is very essential to lay a sound foundation for students in order to make them successful professionals. We have achieved this by integrating technology into the curriculum. I firmly believe that this provides an edge and prepares students for the future challenges.

John Dewey has rightly said, "If we teach today as we taught yesterday, we rob our children of tomorrow."
T P Aggarwal, Chairman

STUDENT'S PEN

Tell me and I'll forget. Show me, and I may not remember. Involve me, and I'll understand. That is what my school has done to me, for it has involved me in every field of learning. It has given me opportunities to bring out the best in me. When we leave our school, we take with us eager minds and benevolent hearts. We take with us the willingness to accept responsibility and show ourselves as humans to be loved and trusted. This is what even I intend to back home as my years at school come to a fag end. Growing years at SMS have been fun filled because innovative techniques in learning took over the mundane classroom scenario. The world shrunk as global projects came at our doorsteps. Each venture was exciting, challenging and a novel. Recently, I was a part of the video conference with two schools from Dubai and US. At 8:30 pm, I was all set with my notes and my friends and I embarked on a one and a half hour interactive session to mark the International Grandparents Day. I hope to bring laurels to my school by being a global citizen and living up to the school's motto: "Loyalty, truth and honour".

Sanyam Jain, Vice Head Girl



endeavour continues for many years to come.
Nimrit Kaur Ahluwalia, Vice School Captain

The biggest turning point in my student life was the time when I got selected to attend a climate camp in Denmark. Although my grandparents were against the idea of me staying with an unknown family, I grasped the opportunity and with their due permission attended the camp. When I returned, I was a changed individual. With the help of technology and ICT oriented atmosphere at school, I have been able to work on a number of online collaborative projects. My school has groomed my leadership qualities so well that today I'm more aware of my surrounding and confident of my talents.
Danish Girdhar, Vice Head Boy



During my board exams, I got the news from my teacher that I was selected to be a part of a student exchange programme to Finland and Estonia. I was excited, as the hard work I did for getting through it finally paid off. I went to Helsinki with 14 other students and our global coordinator Geeta Rajan. The two-week stay in Finland was quite memorable. We stayed with the host families, learnt their culture, played their sports and lived their lifestyle. Though this student exchange was of a limited period but the bond we developed with the people there is very special and everlasting. Moreover, I am proud that I could be a part of this extraordinary venture and hope more students could get the same opportunities and experience what I did.
Karan Makkar, Sports Captain



TEACHER'S PEN

In Pursuit of Excellence

As an educator and an administrator, I have always felt that a good school should inspire students to achieve the highest standards of intellectual and personal development through a stimulating and comprehensive programs. Within a caring, respectful, multicultural environment, the school should be committed to instilling in each student a desire to learn, take risks, and accept challenges. The school should develop students who are resilient, adaptable and equipped with knowledge and skills which make them socially responsible. This is where I believe discipline comes into play. It may sound old school, but if a school wants a good learning environment, it needs to encourage a well-balanced lifestyle. This, in turn, is possible only if students are taught the value of dis-



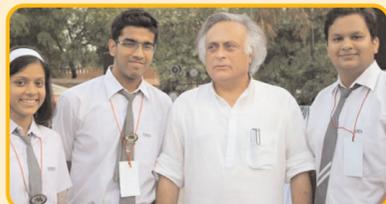
cipline. Each student should be encouraged to develop the three Ds — dedication, diligence and discipline.

It is imperative to give students opportunities to achieve the highest standards of intellectual and personal development.

At St Mark's School, we offer students a plethora of opportunities. Students are motivated to adapt and adjust to a diverse and ever changing society. We care about our students as we feel that each student is blessed with a lot of potential and it is our duty to tap into it and polish it further. This is why we take the parents into confidence. It is with the equal contribution of both the teachers and parents that we can really make a difference in every child's life.

Veena Wahi, Vice principal

My heart goes green, serene and clean...



Students of St Mark's were felicitated by Jairam Ramesh, former minister for Environment and Forests; Achim Steiner, executive director (UNEP) and C M Bhatt and Radha Ben Bhatt, noted environmentalists at Hotel Ashok on the occasion of World Environment Day. Students also got an opportunity to meet Caitlin Wiesen, country director, UNDP India and Satinder Bindra, director, UNEP. The students interacted with the dignitaries and discussed what the school is doing with regards to environment. The dignitaries were presented them with mementos – a model of a green earth designed exclusively by students and a book 'Recipes For a Better Planet' which is a collaborative effort of the school and other schools from Azerbaijan, Costa Rica, France, Italy, Russia and the US. The dignitaries wished the school good luck for its future endeavours.

My green world

Green green green,
What a beautiful scene,
Trees all around,
With a pleasant sound,
Don't cut trees,
Hope you will agree,
Grow many plants,
That is what nature wants.
Let's love our nature,
Leave a lot for future.
Sustainable development,
We should keep in mind,
Otherwise future generations will mind,
Trees are our soul,
Without which we are no more,
Make our earth clean,
Let that be our dream!!

Palak Arora, IX



Much before the word 'environment' became a buzz word, SMS's eco club has been sensitising students and the community around about the ill effects of pollution and the impact of climate change. Owing to this sincerity, the school was gifted a recycling unit by the Chief Minister of Environment, Delhi. Fifteen students invited to attend a climate camp in Sonderborg, Denmark and were appreciated for their ideas towards conservation. This year the school participated in the Green Haat event, co-organised by Centre for Environment Education and the Ministry of Environment to commemorate World Environment Day on June 5. For the past two years, our students have been so energised that they hold week long events in the month of April to commemorate Earth Day.

MOMENTS OF PRIDE

A peek-a-boo into the buzz and activities of the school in the past



School chairman, T P Aggarwal being felicitated by Delhi Chief Minister, Sheila Dikshit



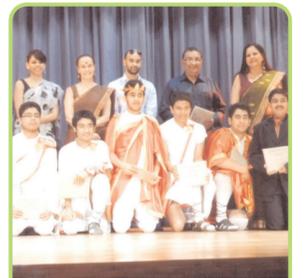
Principal Anjali Aggarwal welcomes Indonesian teachers from Al Azhar School



Students at an international conference in Singapore



St Mark's at the first Indian Italian School Network Conference



Students paid tribute to the Bard of Avon, Shakespeare, with a three day event



The inauguration of the 9th Asian European Classroom - NET Conference



Students participate in Celesta International competition held in Lucknow