

ST. ANN'S SR. SEC. SCHOOL, ROORKEE



The

Annicle



School Managment



School Staff

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FROM THE MANAGER



Morality and spirituality are inseparably co-related, without it education is said to be incomplete. The crown and the glory of life is character and its development is the sole aim of education.

The stronger the foundation laid, higher the building grows. Similarly, morals and spiritual training are the building blocks using which the character has to be built. Truthfulness is a trait of a strong character.

If you plant dishonesty, you will reap distrust.

If you plant humility, you will reap greatness.

If you plant hard work, you will reap success.

Remember, Life is a goal, reach it. Life is a promise, fulfill it.

Life is an opportunity, utilize it.

Life is a duty, perform it. Life is a struggle, accept it. Life is a challenge, meet it, Life is an adventure, live it.

Life is a battle field, have the courage, patience and persistence to fight in it.

All the best!

Stay Blessed! GOD BLESS YOU.

Sr. Bindhu Philip
Manager
St. Ann's Sr. Sec. School, Roorkee

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Students,

As we approach the end of the academic year I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements of our students and the unwavering support of each one of you. Every day, I am reminded of the dedication, creativity, and passion that make our school a special place to learn and grow.

This year, we had exciting events and initiatives specially the Annual Day that showcased the talents and hard work of our students and staff. I encourage everyone to get involved and share in these memorable experiences.

At St. Ann's we strive to create an environment where every student feels valued and empowered to reach their full potential. As always, our mission is made possible through our partnership with you—our supportive families and well wishers. Your engagement makes a world of difference.

Thank you for being a part of our journey. Let's continue to make this year one of growth, learning, and connection.

Warm regards,

Sr. Alice Joseph
Principal
St. Ann's Sr. Sec. School, Roorkee

FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Greetings, fellow Annites!

Flip open the pages of "The Annicle" and step into a world of vibrant hues, whispered secrets, and untold stories. This isn't just a newsletter; it's a portal to the beating heart of St. Ann's, a kaleidoscope of experiences waiting to be explored.

Within these pages, you'll encounter the echoes of laughter in the corridors, the thrill of victory on the field, the quiet dedication in the classrooms, and the blossoming of artistic talents. We've scoured the school, seeking out the extraordinary in the ordinary, the hidden gems that make our community so unique.

So, grab a cup of your favorite beverage, find a cozy corner, and get ready to be transported. Let "The Annicle" be your guide as you rediscover the magic of St. Ann's, one captivating article at a time.

With heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed their time, talent, and stories,

The Editorial Board

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Spotlight Stories

The Cyclonic Monk from India

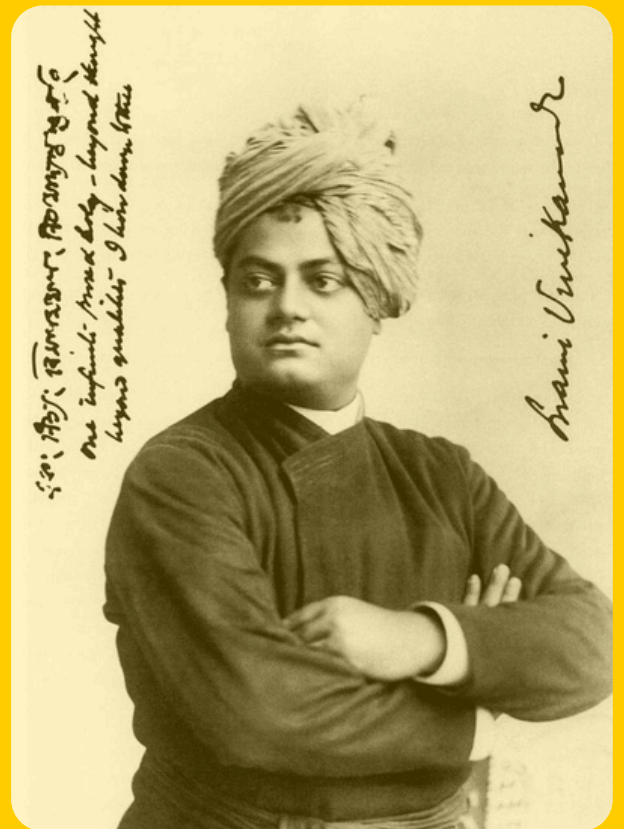
'Arise, awake, and stop not till the goal is reached'

Narendranath Dutta, popularly known as Swami Vivekananda has always been my inspiration. His eloquence and ability to communicate profound ideas in a simple and relatable manner is what I have always appreciated.

One particularly impactful story is about his famous speech at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago in 1893. When he stood up to speak, he began with the words, "**Sisters and brothers of America,**" which immediately captured the audience's attention and affection. His speech on universal brotherhood, the acceptance of all religions, and the importance of spirituality over dogma made an indelible impression on the world.

What makes this story significant is not just the eloquence of his words, but the courage and conviction with which he spoke. Vivekananda, at that time, was a young monk from India, but he addressed an international audience with an authority that transcended geographical and cultural boundaries. His message of religious tolerance, respect for all traditions, and the importance of self-realization is still revered.

Mrs. Aparajita Majumder



मेरी प्यारी बिटिया रानी

मेरी प्यारी सी बिटिया रानी,
आओ तुम्हें सुनाऊं एक कहानी।
तू है मेरे जीवन का उजियारा,
तेरे बिना सब कुछ है अधूरा।

तेरी मुस्कान से दिन सजता,
तेरे आने से आंगन महकता।
तेरा हर सपना साकार हो,
तेरा जीवन खुशियों का हार हो।

तू है मेरी शक्ति, मेरा मान,
तुझ पर नाज़ है, तुझसे पहचान।
सच्चाई के पथ पर बढ़ती जाना,
अपने सपनों को सच कर दिखाना।

Mrs. Manju Verma

The Ebb and Flow of Generations



Generations come and pass by
Some leave a lasting cherished impression
And others pass by like a gentle breeze
They test your patience, wit and endurance
They learn less and teach more
For they are generation, alpha, beta and
much more.

They are restless, rigid, and rough
Tis the environment that transform them so?
The laws of nature being defied,
They take shape overlooking the tide.
So they fail to adjust, accommodate and
adapt.
For, they are always correct, no matter what.

They are stuck in the whirlpool of web,
And that's what they fail to understand,
For those who aren't; live like free birds
Exploring experiencing and enjoying every
ride.

And time will tell what is good or bad,
For acceptance is low and ignorance high.

Life will teach its lessons, no matter what
So let them free and watch them walk.

Let them soar High or loose it all.
Every life is precious and the path, Unique,
So let the steps decide the DESTINY .

Contentment- A Gift So Rare

Contentment to me is a gift so rare,
A healthy body, a beating heart that's fair.
With each breath I possess life, it's true,
A blessing from God, forever shining
through.

It's sitting with family, sharing laughter
and tears,
Spending time with loved ones, through
all the passing years.
When I see others struggling, it makes me
appreciate,
The simple things in life, like legs that
help me participate.

I walk and I run, with feet that touch the
ground,
A privilege so many don't have, a blessing
unbound.

I see people on wheelchairs, with
challenges every day,
And I'm reminded to be grateful, in every
single way.

I know we're in a constant race,
And urge to achieve more, and do better
in every place,
But trust me, what you have now is
enough to make you smile,
So be content, and cherish it for a long
while.

So let me bask in this peaceful place,
Where love and joy fill every space.
And let me know that I am enough,
In this moment, I am content, and free to
love.

With a heart full of gratitude, I'll face each
new day,
And cherish the blessings, that come my
way.
For contentment is a gift, that I've come
to realize,
A treasure that's precious, and a heart
that's full of praise.



CHILDHOOD AND SCHOOL DAYS

“Childhood, the most carefree time without any concern on criticism, where someone dreams to go back”

In childhood, we all strive to gain attention from others, especially from parents. No one cares whether someone is bothered about anyone but as a child grows, there comes likes and dislikes. My experience from my childhood, till I experience the difference between personal life and mainstream culture, was quite jovial but I realize now that I have been blindly following some unrealistic ideologies which does not deserve any highlight or importance.

Right now, as I stand in front of many brains and hearts whom I believe that I have touched, had enough confidence and faith that it will be valued in the long run. There are negative moments that we feel that school days are really horrible but once it had skipped from our hands, will reflect with a new brightness like a topaz.

Here I wish to elevate an idea where an individual's abilities and talents are wrongly escalated and a negative opinion is formed, which is the most unacceptable condition. Here's where quite an unrelated and inferior person enjoy and remain comfortable. Hence, it's important for each one of us to know and understand where, whom, how and why should we give place for a second person to interfere into our activities and life. On the other hand, one should not give chance for others to intrigue into your ethics.

In short; being a different individual one must understand that childhood is a stage where we don't have to bother about others but in school life one should be careful to instil the same innocence keeping all other parasites away from each one of our comfortable zones.

Mrs. Mini Vinoo

The food lover's Paradise

The food of Bengal is a delightful blend of sweetness, spice, and subtlety. Every dish tells a story of tradition, history, and love for flavour and it spans a variety of textures, from crispy and crunchy to smooth and creamy.

The pungent flavour of mustard and the nutty taste of poppy seeds permeate many vegetarian and non vegetarian dishes.

The prevalence of non-vegetarian food habits seen in the people can be attributed mainly to cultural, historical and geographical factors. Non vegetarian dishes like macher jhol, shorshe ilish(fish preparations) and Kosha mangsho (spicy mutton preparation) are the favourites.

Vegetarian dishes are equally celebrated with great reverence."Shukto" (a bitter-sweet mixed vegetable dish), "beguni" (eggplant fritters), and "aloo posto" (potatoes cooked with poppy seeds) are worth trying.

The use of mustard oil, along with finely balanced spices, transforms simple ingredients into flavourful masterpieces.

Street food is an experience on its own,not to be missed if you ever visit the place.It's like a feast for the senses. The aroma of freshly fried Kachoris, rolls and jhalmuri fills the air, making it impossible to resist trying something,especially in the evening.

Try snacks like "phuchka" (pani puri) offering a crispy shell filled with spicy tamarind water, potatoes, and chickpeas, "Kathi roll," a wrap filled with spiced kebabs. Not to miss a cup of "cha" (tea), often served with fried snacks like "singara" i.e "samosa."

A must mention are the iconic sweets. "Rosogolla," a spongy, syrup-soaked treat, and "sandesh," a soft, milk-based sweet, are famous throughout the world. "Misti doi" is a comforting dessert, often served in earthen pots, with its deep, rich flavour enhanced by the slow fermentation process. Nolen Gur, also known as date palm jaggery, is a special treat in many households!

So if you get a chance to visit Kolkata,definitely dive into the diverse and flavourful cuisine. You are bound to enjoy the food-it's a promise.

Mrs Aparajita Majumder

Immortal Footprints

You might leave behind your fame
Or some wealth that you've earned;
A sweater that you knit for generations to wear,
A painting to be admired or auctioned,
An empire that you ruled
Or the freedom that you fought for;
The wars that you won or the peace that you made.
Maybe the flower that you plucked or the book that you wrote,
The love that you declared or just your journey to the oblivion.

Whatever it is,
It should be reminiscent of you.

Ms. Ranjita Mukherji

The Universe is Made of Stories, Not Atoms

Have you ever pondered what makes up the universe in reality? Science says it consists of atoms and molecules. But poet Muriel Rukeyser has an alternate way of looking at it. In her 1942 book, *The Speed of Darkness*, she writes, "The universe is made of stories, not atoms." The words conjure up in one's mind a deeper, less tangible ingredient of how we live and our world.

Stories are the pulse of human life. They are not limited to books or movies but live in every conversation, tradition, and memory. History, for instance, is not just a list of dates and events; it is the story of visionaries, heroes, and ordinary people who dared to dream and act. From the bravery of freedom fighters to the perseverance of inventors, it is through stories that we connect with the past and find inspiration for the future.

Even science, which dissects the material world, relies on storytelling. Theories and discoveries are presented as narratives that make sense of data and reveal the wonders of the universe. Consider how the story of Isaac Newton and the falling apple captures the essence of gravity, or how the tales of Marie Curie's dedication inspire generations to pursue knowledge against all odds.

Stories play an irreplaceable role in the context of school. Through literature, we journey into worlds beyond our own, meeting characters who challenge our perspectives and expand our imagination. Through history, we learn the struggles and triumphs that have shaped humanity. Even in mathematics and science, the lives of pioneers like Srinivasa Ramanujan and Albert Einstein remind us that discovery is as much about creativity as logic.

Stories also bond us together. Amidst such a sea of differences, it brings cultures and generations together, so stories across all lines bind and bridge human differences. Whatever is told—whether of love or loss or hope—the narrative echoes an emotional reminder in us, because there's no experience of theirs which doesn't somehow connect us all.

But here, Muriel Rukeyser reminds us that though atoms may make up the physical universe, stories give it life and soul. They make us dream, act, and connect. As a student, we have to hold dear all stories that we are told and be proud of the ones that we create. For in the end, these will be the stories that make our legacy and keep the universe wonderfully alive.

Vibhor K. Sharma



SMILE'S WORTH

WHEN YOU ARE SAD
AND FEELING VERY BAD.
IF SOMEONE GIVES YOU A SMILE
HOW DO YOU FEEL FOR A WHILE?
THE SUN SUDDENLY EMERGES FROM
SHADY SKIES.
THE VISUAL WORLD TURNS BRIGHT
AND LIVING BECOMES WORTH WHILE
JUST FOR THAT SWEET SMILE
BECAUSE SMILE IS A REASON FOR MANY
OTHERS TO SMILE

Mrs. Garima

A Message to Every Daughter



You came into this world so small,
A gentle light to brighten all.
With tiny hands and dreams untold,
A heart of wonder, pure as gold.

Your laughter paints the skies anew,
A melody both soft and true.
Through every tear and every smile,
You make this life so full, worthwhile.

You walk with courage, head held high,
A spark of fire, a hopeful sigh.
With every step, you carve your way,
A brighter dawn, a brand-new day.

Your kindness spreads, a gentle flame,
Transforming hearts, no need for fame.
In you, the world can clearly see,
The beauty of what love can be.

Oh, dearest daughter, know this too,
No matter what, I'm here for you.
Through every storm, through joy,
through strife,
You'll always be my heart, my life.

Mrs. Monika Parashar

School Rules

Come to School in time
Go for prayers in line
Do not throw papers on the ground
Give the teacher whatever is found
You must look clean and neat
Wish all your teachers whenever you meet
Books must be brought every day
In your class you must not play
Obey every rule
If you want to be in School
Respect every girl and boy
This will give you a lot of Joy.

Mrs. Rajni Angirishi

परीक्षा एक उत्सव

अपनी तुलना करो, अपने आप से,
तोड़ दो अपना रिकॉर्ड, अपने आप से।
ना पहुँच पाओगे कभी, निराशा के गर्त में,
ना मिलेगा मौका कभी डूबने का तुम्हें।
प्रश्न पत्र को देखकर तुम डर जाना नहीं,
हो जाएगा यह सोचकर इतराना नहीं।
हर प्रश्न ध्यान से करना कि कोई छूटे नहीं,
सावधानी ऐसी रखना कि नंबर रूठे नहीं।
जो हो रहा हो, पहले उसे करना हल,
देखना फिर कैसे कठिन जाए संभल।
वक्त यह कीमती है, चला गया तो न आएगा,
पढ़ ले आज, मौका है, नहीं तो फिर पछताएगा।
खाना-पीना कम करो, कम करो घूमना-फिरना,
दिन-रात चिंतन करो, रहो मगन उत्तर लिखने में।
परीक्षा का वक्त है, दिन-रात पढ़ना होगा,
खुद से लड़ना होगा, आग पर चलना होगा।
हो पूरी तैयारी तो कठिन लगता सरल,
कठिन तपस्या का तभी तो मिलता अद्भुत फल।

Mrs. Aruna Singhal

My journey at St Ann's

My journey at St Ann's has been bright and grand,
Thanks to the guidance of each caring hand.
Here to celebrate those divine hands with joy,
Hello everyone, I'm Kiasha Oberoi.

Lower kinder garten, the class where I began,
In Divya Mam's gentle hand.
Her care and warmth helped me grow,
In a heaven where young minds glow.

Minakshi mam, very gentle and polite,
Never wrong always right,
Her wisdom turns the dark to light,
And no student is left behind.

In UKG, a new chapter unfurled,
With Neeraj Mam, strict but wise, my world.
Discipline and guidance, a steady hand,
Improving my skills, helping me stand

Charm of Sunita mam balanced the way,
Making each school day a brighter array.
Kindergarten ends with joy and cheer,
Where fun and learning blend, bright and clear.

Promoted to Class 1, where change was a dance,
New teachers for each subject, a fresh advance,
The pace quickened, and learning swift,
In this new chapter, our minds began to lift.

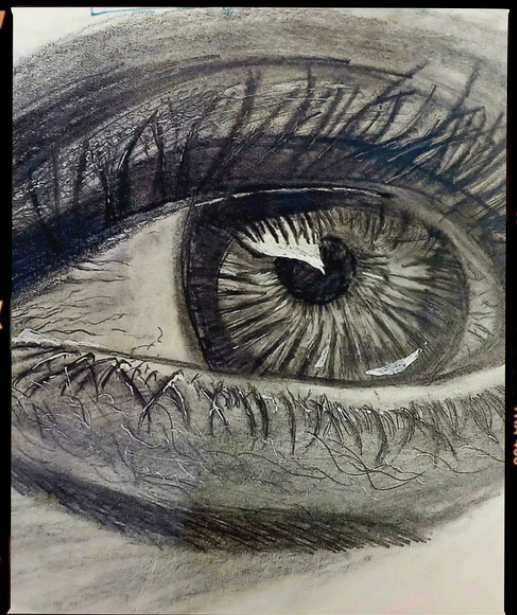
Our English teacher, our guiding star,
The brightest mind, by far,
Anshu Mam! Your kindness we treasure,
A class teacher like you is a joy beyond measure.

Beena Mam, our Hindi guide,
Pure and friendly, with arms open wide.

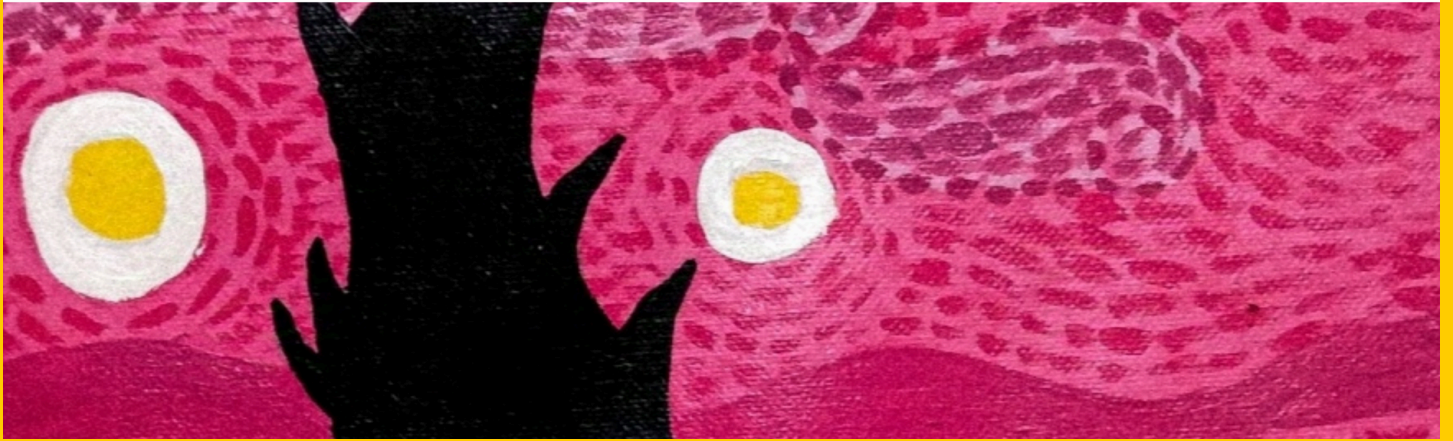
Prerna mam, a true treasure found,
In every equation, she made us astound.
Rakhi mam, with nature's grace,
Guides us through EVS with a caring embrace.

To the teachers I've missed, though names may be few,
Your impact is great, and efforts are true.
With wisdom and care, you light our way,
You shape who we are, each and every day.

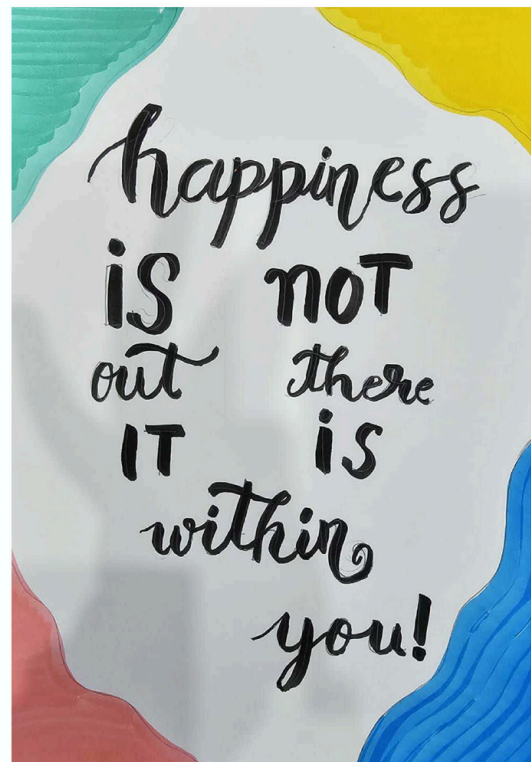
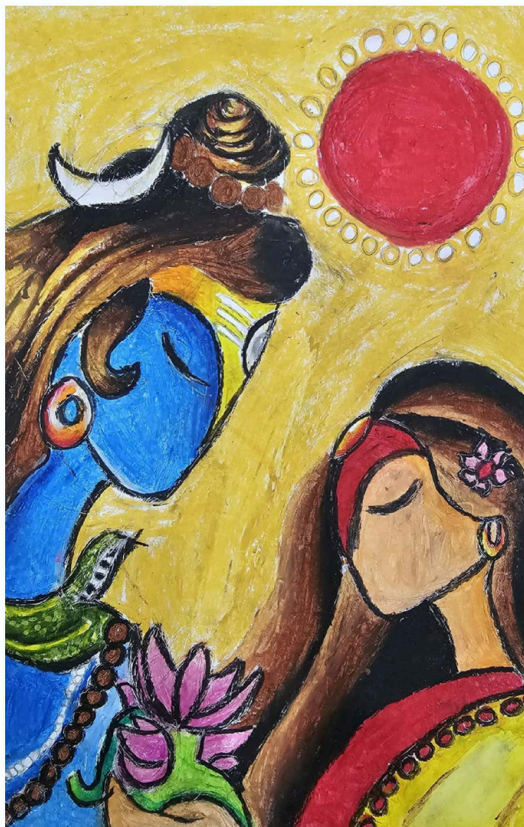
Kiasha Oberai
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Prabhleen Kaur
XI C



Sarah Aliyy XC



Naira Bhalla IV B

My Family

I love my family, they're the best,
With them, my heart feels always
blessed.

Mommy is kind, she makes me smile,
Her hugs are warm, they last a while.

Daddy is strong, he plays with me,
Lifting me high as tall as a tree.

My brother (or sister) laughs and runs,
Together we have so much fun!

Grandma tells stories, sweet and new,
Of fairies and dreams that come true.

Grandpa sings songs, old and bright,
He hugs me tight and says, "
Goodnight."

We eat, we play, we laugh and cheer,
I feel so happy when they are near.

My family is love, my family is glee,
They're the best thing in the world to
me!

Aavanya Saini
Class-1st B

Believe in yourself

Believe in yourself, you're strong and bright,
Chase your dreams, and make them take
flight.

Don't let doubts creep in, or fears take hold,
You got this, your dreams got worth more
than gold.

Reach for the stars, and never give up the
quest,

Your goals are within reach, you'll pass the
test.

Keep pushing forward, don't lose your way,
You'll achieve greatness, starting today.

And shine with pride, in every step of the
way.

Veehu Sharma II A

The Last Human on Earth

The final soul, all lonely and grey
walking on an endless day,
No voices, no echoes no heartbeats near
only the last one left with its own tears.

They wander the streets, once full of
noises,
now all silent devoid of life.
They wander to watch for answers all night
and day,
but only to find shadows fading and falling
away.

Memories of laughter, light, love
haunt their mind,
filling their eyes with tears,
They recall the world and all it did
which once had a life in it.

They stand alone with no one on their side
carrying the weight of loneliness
they couldn't hide,
They carry the memories which they were
left with
and cherish the moments which they were
blessed with
All lost in the silence of their last light.

Kashvi Sachdeva VIII B



Lavanya Agrawal IX C

My Silly Sister

My sister's day starts with playing,
She has a number of dolls with which
she plays,
And doing the cooking and food making,
She doesn't get bored playing the same
game.

When she does wrong,
I'm punished by Mom.

As she is young and I am old.
She does the thing due to which I get
scolded,

I think always when she'll be old.
But still sometimes, she touches my
heart.

Even though she doesn't know how to
make cards.
She begs me all day to play and doesn't
let me rest,
But I'd still say... She is the best!!

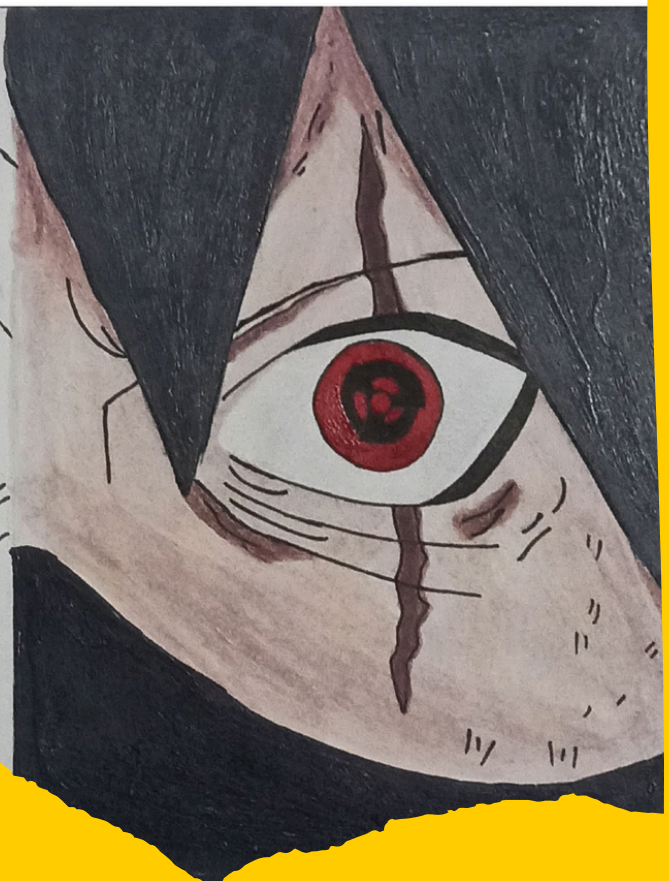
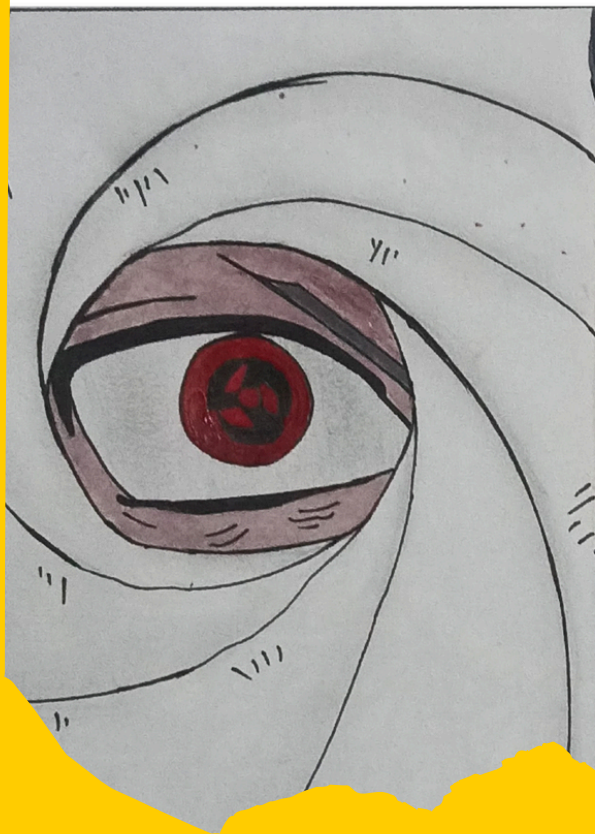
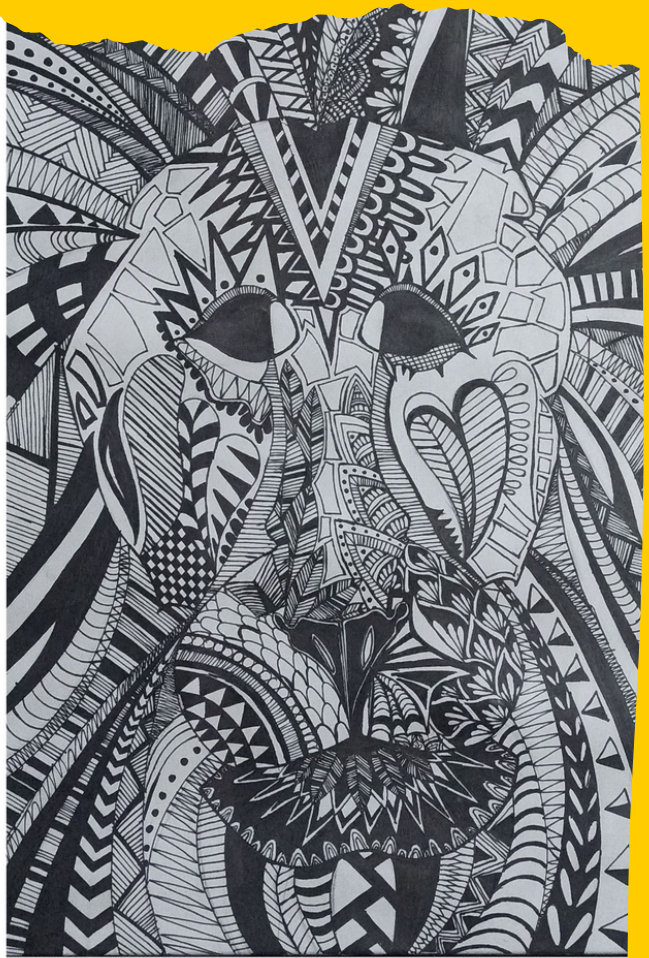
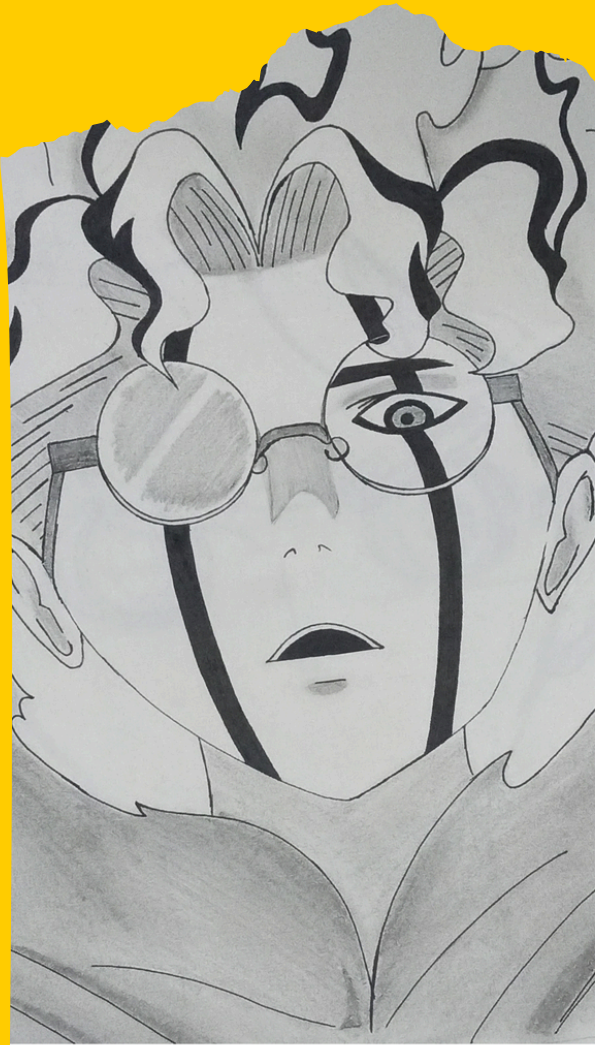
Tanishka Negi IX C



Ananya M. Nair XI A



Aliza Khan XI A



The Year in Motion





Annual Function









Future Horizons: A Vision for St. Ann's



At St. Ann's, we believe in nurturing compassionate and innovative leaders. In today's rapidly changing world, we are committed to a transformative vision for education. We prioritize the holistic development of our students, integrating comprehensive social-emotional learning (SEL) programs to foster emotional intelligence, resilience, and mental well-being. These programs will empower students to manage emotions, build healthy relationships, and make sound decisions, ensuring they are both academically prepared and emotionally equipped for life's challenges.

We believe the future belongs to those who can connect knowledge across disciplines. St. Ann's fosters interdisciplinary thinking through project-based learning that integrates science, humanities, and technology. For example, students might design a sustainable urban farm, applying scientific principles, exploring historical land use, and leveraging technological skills. This approach cultivates creativity, critical thinking, and a holistic worldview. Students might also analyze historical events through a technological lens, examining the impact of communication technologies on social movements.

St. Ann's celebrates diversity and fosters an inclusive environment where every student feels valued. We enrich our curriculum with diverse perspectives, implement anti-bias training, and support student-led initiatives promoting intercultural understanding. A diverse and inclusive community is essential for preparing students to thrive globally.

Environmental stewardship is a core value. We prioritize green spaces, implement recycling and composting, and reduce our environmental footprint through initiatives like solar panels. We aim to instill in students a deep respect for the planet.

Immersive technologies like AR and VR will transform learning at St. Ann's. Students will use VR to explore ancient civilizations, conduct virtual dissections, and experience complex scientific phenomena, enhancing understanding and sparking curiosity.

Our faculty will be mentors and facilitators, guiding students and nurturing critical thinking. Professional development in mentoring and facilitation, along with optimal class sizes, will support personalized learning. Technology will further personalize learning paths, catering to individual needs.

St. Ann's will be characterized by flexibility, seamless technology integration, and a continued commitment to nurturing both intellect and character. We envision graduating compassionate, innovative, and globally-minded individuals ready to positively impact the world. We invite you to join us on this journey.

The Editorial Board

Board Examination Toppers

Session : 2023 - 2024

CLASS X SCHOOL TOPPERS SESSION 2023 - 2024



HARSHINI T R
99.2%



ANANYA KRISHNA JA
99.2%



MANTRA ARORA
98.6%



ADITI RAWAT
98.2%



MANDAVI SATI
98.2%



CBSE XII EXAMINATION SESSION 2023 - 2024 SCIENCE GROUP TOPPERS



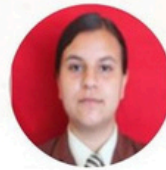
NEHAL JAIN
96%



RUDRAKSHI SHARMA
94.2%



MISHITA ARORA
94%



SHARIYA MANNAN
93.8%



SHREYA KUSH
92.8%

CBSE XII EXAMINATION SESSION 2023 - 2024

COMMERCE GROUP TOPPERS



ARADHYA MAHESHWARI
97.4%



BHUMIKA
95.4%



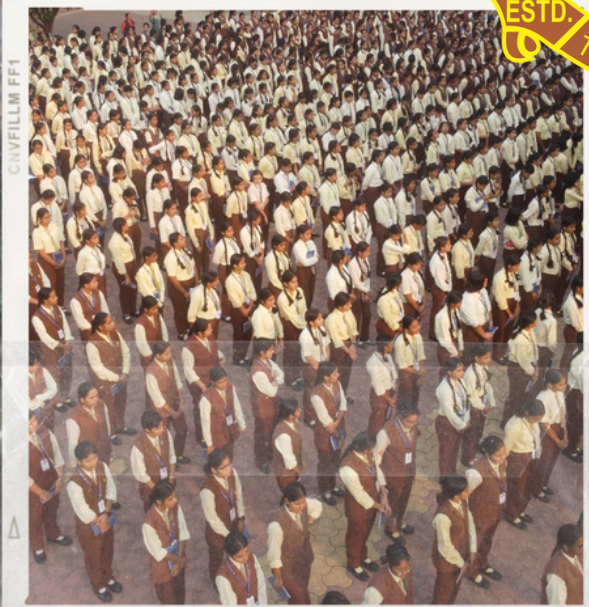
PAKHI ARORA
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ARUSHI KANSAL
93.2%



ANANYA AGARWAL
92%



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