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Principal's Message

Whatever happened to the virtue of silence?



In 2012 the England Cricket test team captain, Alistair Cook, after winning the four match series in India 2-1 (their first since 1984-85 tour) spoke about the rigorous preparations the team had done to conquer "the final frontier." (Test playing nations around the world say the toughest challenge is to win a test series in India due to the unique playing conditions here and often the tailor-made pitches that favour the home team).

At the end of the series Mr. Cook disclosed that the team had a strange but unique method of preparation to play in Indian grounds: long hours of practice in the nets with the recorded loud noise of Indian cricket stadia playing in the background, in order to help players concentrate for long duration of time. Quite unlike the cricket watching crowd in Australia, England or South Africa, Indian cricket fans would not settle down for anything less than ear popping noise for anything happening around.

Our world is getting louder. Almost every time a compere goes up the stage, he would yell, "Hi guys, why are you quiet? Make some noise!" Only a boisterous and thundering response can give him the 'kick' needed to proceed! "Yup, that's the spirit," he says.

Almost every truck on Indian roads has the words "Sound Horn" written on the back. Here honking is mandatory, not sparing campus of educational institutions, hospitals or places of worship! Our celebrations are mostly about noise. Deepavali, the festival of lights, to many of us, is more about noise than light! People are obsessed with loud crackers, sounds, loud music for reasons unknown. The louder the merrier is our mantra!

In this culture of noise, if you have to make yourself heard, you should yell on top of your voice. For proof, watch the parliamentary proceedings of our country and the debates over

Indian television news channels. Silence for us is an anathema! At best silence is something that many of us learn to tolerate!

Much of our conversations now take place over the omnipresent cell phone. How often people have to deal with obnoxiously loud individuals chattering away on their phones! You are already super loud and you put the entire conversation on speaker phone! In addition to your yappy voice, the people around you suffer more having to hear the muffled voice of the person on the other end of the line. Cell phone usage is an unmannered minefield because cell phone etiquette has not kept pace with the growth of phone users.

The love for noise is an all pervading phenomenon. Many parents watch their teenage children sitting among a pile of books, ear buds in, computer on, TV humming in the background and think, "I wish I could multi-task like that". There are others who stride across the room, pull the plug on the distractions, and ask the age-old question: "How on earth can you study with that on?" There are studies among the teenagers that say they cannot go for 15 minutes without engaging their devices. It is scary actually.

We live in a crazy and noisy world. Every time we get in the car, we turn on the radio. If we are home, we watch TV or go on the computer. We never really let silence enter our lives. I am not referring to monastic solitude when I speak about silence as a virtue. I am not suggesting if you spend time alone your life will drastically change. What I say is, time spent in solitude and self-reflection can restore, renew and re-energize you toward a life of meaning and purpose.

My conventional wisdom tells me, a person does the best when he/she focuses on doing one thing at a time. Dedicated study time without distractions produces better learning and better results. Adolescence is a time when young people discover their unique identities. They need moments of silence to reflect on their experiences—to discover who they are as individuals, what kind of relationships they desire, and what they value and believe about life. Tuning out the noisy world helps young people develop the ability to reflect and grow.

- Fr. Thomas Thennady, CMF, Principal

The Student Council Assumes Office



Student Council 2014-15 after the investiture with the dignitaries

Following the elections of student council on July 17, 2014, the newly elected and nominated student representatives took their oath of allegiance on July 25, 2014 in the presence of Chief Guest Dr. B. S. Srikanta, Principal of Surana College, Rev. Fr. Thomas Thennady, Principal, Rev. Fr. Varghese K., Manager and Rev. Fr. Joseph Mathew, Administrator.

The ceremonial march of the council was led by the members of the core council, followed by the representatives of clubs and associations and the class representatives. The students were presented with their badges and this was followed by the oath of allegiance.

SCC Celebrates Freshers' Day

Fresher's Day was celebrated on 26 July 2014. The first year batches were given a warm welcome by the seniors. The highlight of the day was the crowning of Mr. Fresher and Ms. Fresher 2014-15. Mr. Rohit of I BBM and Ms. Vinam of I B.Com were crowned Mr. Fresher and Ms. Fresher, respectively. The Fresher's Day also saw a lot of games arranged for the fresher's and also witnessed some stellar performances of dance and song by the students.



Mr. Rohit and Ms. Vinam the newly crowned Mr & Ms Fresher are seen with Fr. Principal



The display of posters at the Library Day celebrations attracted good crowd.

CEST: Claretine Extension for Social Transformation

Spoken English Classes for Homemakers

The Entrepreneurial Cell of Department of Commerce initiated spoken English classes for the homemakers of Jalahalli area. The main objective of this program was to teach them Basic English and help them to communicate in English language. The program was inaugurated on August 1, 2014. More than 70 homemakers actively participate in this program. The student - teachers involved in this initiative are Andrian Mark, Drishya U., Kevin Joseph and Belinda Sober of BCom classes.



Homemakers from Neighbourhood attend spoken English classes organized at SCC

SAF & NSS Organises Blood Donation Camp

SAF (Social Action Forum) and NSS (National Service Scheme) jointly organised Blood Donation camp on August 6, 2014 in association with the Red Cross Society. Dr. Arpitha Desai from the Red Cross Society spoke to the students about the importance of donating blood on August 4, 2014. And on 6th 123 members donated blood and appreciation certificates were given to all of them.



Claretines, the generous blood donors

Wiz Quiz- Inter-class quiz Competition Organized

The Placement and Career Guidance Cell (PCGC) and Humanities Club jointly organized the first ever Inter-Class Quiz Competition "Wiz Quiz" this year. The prelims took place on August 22, 2014 in which 55 three member teams participated. The preliminary round comprised of questions from General Knowledge, Current Affairs, Politics, Film & Music, Literature, Sports, History, SCC/ Patron. Best

More than 340 Freshers Join SCC



Rev. Fr. K. M. Jose addresses the new joinees and their parents at the inauguration

More than three hundred and forty students have joined SCC for various undergraduate courses for the academic year 2014-15. The formal inauguration of the academic year was held on 2 July 2014. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Rev. Fr. K. M. Jose, Animator of Don Bosco Renewal Centre, Bangalore. Principal, Rev. Fr. Thomas Thennady addressed the gathering and spoke about the numerous facilities available in the college for the students and also informed the parents regarding various methods through which they could constantly stay in touch with the activities taking place in the college.

Library Orientation & Library Day Celebrations

The Library Orientation Program of the academic year 2014-15 was conducted on July 16, 2014 for all the first year students and also for the new faculty members with the intention of introducing them to the facilities, practices, rules and regulations of SCC library. The session was handled by Ms. Nancy & Mr. Suresh, the librarians and the student representatives, Ms. Shabnam F., Mr. Jobin John, Mr. Simon Sebastian and Ms. Lidia Fernandez. The Library committee headed by Ms. Somanjoli organized the event.

Library Day was celebrated on August 12, 2014 in memory of Prof. S. R. Ranganathan, the Father of Library Science. On this occasion SCC Library Committee organised a couple of competitions: Poster Making and Book Review [General English Fiction Category]. Dennis Paul, II Yr. BCA and Drishya U., II Yr. B.COM received 1st and 2nd prizes, respectively in Poster Making Competitions. Aishwarya K., I Yr. BCA got 1st Place in Book Review competition while Atul Joy, I Yr. BCA and Mary Jency shared the 2nd place.



The winners of Wiz Quiz 2014

teams from each stream were selected for the finals. The grand final round was held on August 26, 2014. The first prize winner, the III B.Com B team (John Raja, Utakarsh and Dinesh K Y), carried home the Rolling Trophy & Cash prize of Rs. 3000/- and the runner up team, III B.Com A (Surya Prakash, Ebin Thomas and George Abraham) received cash prize of Rs. 1500/-

Wipro's National Level Placement Drive

Wipro conducted a "Placement Drive" at SCC campus on the 26th of July 2014. We witnessed a large number of students who turned up from across the country. There were approximately 350 students, out of which 74 were shortlisted.

Based on the feedback given by the students, on the campus and the placement support rendered by the student volunteers of our college, SCC achieved the "Best Location Award" from WIPRO.

SAP Launched at SCC

SCC launched SAP training program in the campus on August 21, 2014. Through this initiative the college provides opportunity for the students to be trained in two programs, SAP 01 [24 hrs] and SAP B1 [80 hrs]. The software is purchased from SAP LAB INDIA through the Channel Partner AMI TECH Ltd., Hyderabad. SAP (System Application & Products) is a German Software product used for data processing which allows businesses to track customers and hold business interaction. The faculty members who are part of this program are Mr. Zameer Pasha, Dept. of Management (Coordinator), Mr. Chinmaya Dash, Dept. of Computer Science, Ms. Savitha S., Dept. of Commerce and Mr. Vijo Jose, Dept. of Commerce.

Exposures and Industrial Visits

- Department of Humanities organized an industrial visit for the final year students of BA to the Indian Tobacco Company (ITC), Devanahalli, Bangalore on 12 August 2014. The main purpose of the visit was to familiarize the students



Psychology students at ITC Campus during their industrial visit

with the way the Industry functions and also to make them understand how psychology plays important role in selecting as well as recruiting workers. Mr. Manu, Assistant Manager, Human Resource Department, led the students through the history of ITC and the various sectors in which the company has made its marks like food industry, personal care industry and hotels. He also informed the students about "e-choupal", a novel idea initiated by ITC which aims at profiting the farmers directly. Separate sessions were organised on the amenities and provisions provided for the workers in the organization and different methods were applied by the organization during the selection of workers for manufacturing goods and for the managerial staff.

- Department of Computer Science organized a one day Industrial visit to C-DAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing), Bangalore on August 14, 2014 for first and second year BCA students. The technical session was handled by Mr. Amit Kumar, Project Engineer. He explained the importance of Supercomputer and also discussed the



BCA students at CDAC during their Industrial Visit

recruitment policy of C-DAC Company and career opportunities in IT industries in the field of infrastructure management, Industry network policy design and development, Security policies, Firewall Management and also highlighted the opportunity offered by C-DAC in continuing higher studies in advanced computing, etc.



BCOM Travel and Tourism Students participated in the Tourism exhibition in Bangalore

- Department of Commerce organized a field trip for the B.Com Travel and Tourism students on July 19, 2014. They visited the "Indian International Tourism Exhibition" at Whitefield. The trip was a rich learning experience for the students.

Add-On Programmes

Diploma in Advanced English Speaking (DAES)

The DAES (Diploma in advanced English Speaking) for the academic year 2014-15 was inaugurated on July 23, 2014 by Principal, Rev. Fr. Thomas Thennady. About 40 first year students from across the streams are expected to benefit from this diploma scheme.

Soft Skills Programme

Department of Management organized Soft Skill programme exclusively for the second year management students. The program commenced on July 24, 2014. The topics held are interview skills, presentation skills, team building & so on. The sessions are handled by Ms. Glory Mercy, Mr. Manjunath Shivling, corporate trainers from Tata Consultancy Services (TCS). They also have a training company of their own "Cutting Edge Training Solutions".

Diploma in Accounting (DPA)

Department of Commerce organized DPA (Diploma in Practical Accounting) course for first year students of commerce. The program commenced on July 30, 2014. The programme aims to develop student's understanding of the theoretical and practical concepts of accounting.

Cairo 2014- CSA Annual Retreat Organized

Christian Students Association (CSA) of St. Claret College organized CSA Annual Retreat- "Cairo 2014" for PU and Degree students and for young Christians from neighbourhood on August 29 & August 30, 2014. The theme of the retreat was "Love Revolution of Christ". The resource people invited were Br. Fritz Patrick Mascarenhas and Br. Victor Anthony Satish. Praise and worship was led by the Jesus Youth members. Over 500 students had attended the function, it was also attended by non-christian students from the college and about 40 participants from outside the college.



From CSA Retreat

News in Brief

PSDP for Final Year Students

From 19th of July -9th August, 2014, the Placement and Career Guidance Cell (PCGC) of SCC organized a Professional Skills



Development Programme for all the final year students. The session was engaged by Mr. Sunil Dominic, an experienced trainer and recruiter in the corporate world. Mr. Sunil trained the students on customer relationship, listening skills, building self-esteem and ethical values like integrity, and also paid attention towards improving the communication skills of the students.

LSDP for First and Second Year Students

In an effort to improve the psycho-social competence of students SCC LSDP team conducted life skill development program for the students of I year (July 3-5, 2014) on topics such as Bridging the gap between PU and UG, Genuine friendship, Self confidence etc. and also for the II years (August 12 & 26, 2014) on various topics such as forgiveness, problem solving techniques, dealing with jealousy etc. These classes provided an open platform for students to share their opinion, understanding and experiences with regard to a variety of issues which influence their personality.

Independence Day Celebrated

SCC celebrated the 68th Independence Day. The chief guest of the



A dance performance during Independence Day celebrations

day was Rev. Fr. Peter Puthenkandam, CMF who spoke on the occasion about the achievements and the drawbacks of India. The programme commenced at 8.30am and Rev. Fr. Peter hoisted the flag and students expressed their respect to Mother India by enacting mime on patriotism and dedicating patriotic songs to the martyrs. The program was organized by NSS and Sports Club of SCC.

Guest Lectures Organised

- Mr. Karthikeyan from IINT, an expert in Java and who works as a trainer in Yahoo delivered a guest lecture on "ANDROID" on August 14, 2014 for the students of Computer Science.
- Ms. Sumita Chatterjee, Director, Vivid Reflections, Bangalore delivered a guest lecture on "Tourism Industries" for the students of B.COM (Travel & Tourism) on August 6, 2014.

● The Department of Commerce organised Orientation program in association with Samvit Academy for 1st yr. students on July 12, 2014. ACCA & CIMA also conducted an orientation program for the final year students of BBM and B.Com on July 14, 2014.

● Dr. Kavita V Jangam, Assistant Professor, Psychiatric Social Work, NIMHANS, Bangalore held a session for female students and faculty on August 21, 2014 on the topic, "Empowering Women in the context of increasing violence against them." It was organized by Women's Club. ●



Dr. Kavitha V. Jangam Addresses the female students, faculty and staff

Seminars/Conferences/ Workshops Attended

- Ms. Savitha S., Mr. Anand and Mr. Girish, Assistant Professors, Department of Commerce and Ms. Rashmi B.H, Assistant Professor, Department of Management, participated in one day workshop on Re-Orientation of V semester B.Com and BBM syllabus of Bangalore University on 21st June 2014. It was organized by the Department of Commerce, Bangalore University and Bangalore University Teacher's Council of Commerce and Management (BUTCCM).
- Cassandra Rane, HOD, Department of Management and Rashmi B. H., Assistant Professor, Department of Management and Mr. Anand, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Commerce participated in One day Workshop on Choice Based Credit System and Re-Orientation of I semester BBM syllabus of Bangalore University' on 25th July 2014. It was jointly organized by Jain College and Bangalore University Teacher's Council of Commerce and Management (BUTCCM)
- Mr. Madesh N., Assistant Professor (Senior), Dept. of Humanities (Kannada) attended one day workshop on "Rain Harvesting & Garbage Segregation" on August 2, 2014 at Jain University, Bangalore.
- Ms. Chaitra, Ms. Savitha and Mr. Girish, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce attended one day workshop on I year B.Com Choice Based Credit System Syllabus on July 12, 2014. It was organized by SRNADARSH College, Chamrajpet.
- Mr. Prakash Chandra Behera, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Computer Science and Mr. Chinmaya Dash, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Computer Science participated in one-day Faculty Development Program on 'Research Methodologies and SPSS' on 2nd August, 2014 at SSR College of Science and Management Studies, Bangalore.

Papers Presented

- Ms. Meneka C., Assistant professor, Dept. of Computer Science, presented a paper entitled 'Secure Cloud Architecture for Hospital Information System' at the International Conference on Architecture, Software Systems and Green Computing 2014 (ICASGC 2014) held at the Arupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, Chennai on May 8 & 9 2014. The paper was published with [ISBN No. 978-9381208-31-1].
- Mr. Prakash Chandra Behera, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Computer Science and Mr. Chinmaya Dash, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Computer Science presented a paper entitled 'Light Fidelity-New Wireless data Transmission Technique in data Science' at the International Conference organized by Presidency College, Bangalore on 8th August 2014. The paper was published with [ISBN No. 978-81-930003-0-4].
- Ms. Jayalakshmi R., HOD, Dept. of Computer Science presented a paper entitled 'Server Virtualization- as a Trail to Green Computing to Safeguard the Ecosystem from the Vulnerabilities caused by Data Centers' at the International Conference on 'Strategies and Action Plans for Sustainable Development in Higher Education', organized by Presidency College, Bangalore on 8th of August 2014. The paper was published with [ISBN No. 978-81-930003-0-4].
- Mr. Muniraju M. G., Physical Education Instructor, SCC,

presented a paper entitled "Effect of Short Term and Regular Resistance Training on Physical Fitness and Skill Performance Variables among Male Basketball Players" in Time line Presentation on August 2, 2014 at Karpagam University, Pollachi, Coimbatore.

- Mr. Muniraju M.G, Physical Education Instructor presented a paper entitled "A Study of General Wellbeing among Adolescents Studying in Urban and Rural Schools" on August 23, 2014 at Poornaprajna College, Udupi.

Consultancy

- Principal, Rev. Fr. Thomas Thennady guided a one day Orientation for the faculty and staff of St. Claret P U College, Bangalore at Claret Nivas, Carmelaram on Sarjapura Road on May 13, 2014.
- Claret Centre for Skills Development (CCSD) organised an orientation programme for the school teachers of St. Claret School on May 27, 2014. Rev. Fr. Thomas Thennady, Principal St. Claret College, Prof. Yogananda Rao, HOD, Department of Humanities (English), Ms. Maria D'Souza HOD, Department of Commerce and Mr. Allan Prasanth Fernandez, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities (English) were the resource persons of the day.
- Mr. Yogananda Rao, HOD, Department of Humanities (English) is inducted into the Board of Studies (UG) for English, Bangalore University.
- Mr. Yogananda Rao, HOD, Department of Humanities (English), visited St. Claret School, Kurnool as resource person for Orientation Program for School teachers on July 2 & 3, 2014.
- Ms. Maria D'Souza, HOD, Department of Commerce delivered an expert talk on "Safe & Unsafe Touch" on July 25, 2014 at Anthony



CCSD team conducts orientation programme for teachers of St. Claret School, Bangalore

Claret (AC) School, Bangalore for the girl students of IV to X classes.

- Mr. Bhanuprakash P, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Commerce visited BMS First Grade Govt. Degree College, Tumkur and delivered a guest lecture on "Financial Management & Career Development" on August 2, 2014.

Faculty Achievements

- Mr. Zameer Pasha, Assistant Professor (Senior), Department of Management, co-authored a text book titled "Human Resource Development" for V semester B.COM. The book is published by Vision Book House, Bangalore with ISBN No [ISBN-978-93-5142-693-6].
- Mr. Girish V., Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, authored a text book titled "Approach to Financial Accounting" for I

semester B.COM . The book is published by Skyward Publishers, Bangalore with ISBN No [ISBN-978-93-84494-10-0]. The book gives easier and more advanced approach to the concept of financial accounting.

Faculty Orientation Programme



Faculty Orientation Programme at Holiday Palms Resort, Bangalore

St. Claret College organized orientation programme for faculty and staff on June 26, 2014, at Holiday Palms, Nelamangala, Bangalore. The Internal Quality Assessment Cell (IQAC) of St. Claret College organized Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on sensitizing the teachers to the changing demands of the 21st Century Classroom on 27 June, 2014. This two day orientation program was guided by Rev. Dr. Divya Paul (Director of “Yuva Chetana”- Indian Catholic Youth Movement, Bangalore). The theme on day 1 was Team Building and Team Work wherein the teachers were divided into groups (Phoenix, Spartans, Stars and Shivaji) and were given activities. The theme on day 2 was mainly focused on understanding youth and their behavior. The sessions conducted were: World Youth, Self Awareness, preparing Students for 21st Century, followed by group Discussions.

Student Achievements

Sports

Jithin. K. Philip of III B.Com 'A' secured 1st place in “the Men's Cross Country Race” held on August 1, 2014 by Bangalore University and is selected for National level. He will be representing Bangalore University in National level which is going to be held in Kottayam, Kerala.

- Director of Physical-education of Bangalore University organized the Inter-collegiate Road Cycling Competition on August 10, 2014 at Sea College, K.R Puram, Bangalore. Patricia Francis (3rd B.A.) won the 3rd Place in road cycling competition. Umesha K. (2nd B.COM), Venkateshwar R. (2nd B.COM), Sujay Prakash (1st B.COM), Ajay Kumar Jina (3rd B.A.) and Sagar MC (1st B.COM) won the participation certificates for Cycling..

- Shabnam F. of III BCA secured 3rd place in 5KM run in “Freedom run for Health” organized by YFA sports club, Sahakar Nagar, Bangalore on 15th August,2014.

IT Fest

- Nepolian Kennedy of III Yr. BCA and Clement D'souza of II Yr. BCA won runners up trophy for “Treasure Hunt” competition in IT Fest organized by K.L.E. Degree College on August 16, 2014.

Other Achievements

- Drishya U. of II yr. B.COM won 1st prize in Nail Art competition in “Wild 4.0” organized by Wild Life Awareness and Conservation Club (WACC) of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) on August 25, 2014.

- SCC team won third place in Bible Punter event organized in CSA Feast “Stauros Venia 2014” organized by Mount Carmel College, Bangalore on 12th August, 2014.



The Core Student Council 2014-15 with Fr. Principal



SCC warmly welcomes the newly appointed Vice Principal, Rev. Dr. Sabu George, CMF and wishes him the very best.

