

CALORX OLIVE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
AHMEDABAD



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear COIS Parents,

Trust all is well at your end. The School is buzzing with activity ! Projects are on, academic rigor is in progress in the classrooms, holistic development is going on, an Art Competition was held, a vibrant International Day, a Health Check-up Camp was held and so much more.

Improvements

The improvements in COIS during the last one month are as follows :

- **Cambridge Grade 8 Checkpoint Results.** The results have shown a big improvement from last year. The Class Average has shown a sharp increase from 2.4 out of 6 last year, to 4.3 out of 6 this year.
- **English Award.** A Medal, a Certificate and a gift were awarded to Vibhi Patel of Grade 4, for being a Gujarat State Topper in the English Olympiad.
- **Spanish.** Spanish has been introduced as a new subject.
- **Discipline.** There has been a discernable improvement in the discipline level of students. I request parents to instil a sense of personal discipline in the child at home, since self discipline is an important ingredient for being a success in Life.
- **College Placements.** COIS students who passed out from the IB Diploma Programme have started getting their University placements. Mr Harsh Dixit has been granted admission in Rochester Institute of Technology, State of New York, United States of America. Ms Amrita has been granted admission in Saint George's University, Grenada, Caribbean's.

ONE OF THE UNIVERSITIES WHERE OUR STUDENTS HAVE GONE



- All Round Development. A child needs to be developed holistically. Being too grades-centric is counter-productive for the child, in both the short run as well as in the long run.
- A student asked his Zen master how long it would take to reach enlightenment. "10 years," the Master said. But, the student persisted, what if he studied very hard? "Then 20 years," the Master responded. Surprised, the student asked how long it would take if he worked very, very hard and became the most dedicated student. "In that case, 30 years," the Master replied.
- His explanation: "If you have one eye on how close you are to achieving your goal, that leaves only one eye for your task."
- The following points will further clarify this :
 - Research shows that grades tend to diminish student's interest in what they are learning.
 - Grades impact the desire to learn for learning's sake.
 - Education is no longer just about learning something that is measurable.
 - Earlier, children were required to memorize information and then take exams. As per research by a famous author Sir Ken Robinson, this may not be psychologically healthy for some students.
 - Teaching must not be confined to the classroom. A lot of excellent learning takes place outside the classroom.
 - There are no 'smart pills' that will make a child a success in Life.

- A Psychiatrist Dr Aw Tui Lar who specializes in child psychology and adolescent psychiatry says that if a child is not academically inclined, parents must not push him / her. It is more important for the parent to build a good relationship with the child.
- Parents who have communication with their children only about studies, may increase stress levels in their children. Such students may even become suicidal because of that.
- While academics is important, we must realize that each individual child has strengths and weaknesses.
- Good grades do not necessarily translate to a good job or a being a success in Life. Improving the self is what is truly important.

We must remember that it is not what you do for your children but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them a success in Life.

As a parent you may have already sensed that we at Calorx Olive International School are focused on shaping our children. I request each parent to support us from home, by ingraining good values and excellent 'sanskaar' in their children.

Thank you.

Wishing you the very best,

Warm regards,

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