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Dear Parents and Students

Greetings!

According to the National Education Policy 2020, “Education is fundamental for achieving full human potential, developing an equitable and just society and promoting national development, providing universal access to quality education is the key to India’s continued ascent and leadership on the global stage in terms of economic growth, social justice and equality, scientific advancement, national integration and cultural preservation.”

The world is undergoing rapid changes in the field of education. Technologically well advanced and knowledgeably forward young generation is re-writing the future of our nation. In a fast-changing educational scenario and the ‘emergence of epidemics and pandemics’ there is a need for a system of education which is multidisciplinary, innovative, critical, integrated, holistic but at the same time ethical, moral and spiritual in essence. Amalgamating these dimensions, the vision of PCS focuses its teaching learning process on moral values to mould its students into global citizens with a resilient and strong identity, empowered with knowledge and skills to live in a diverse and multicultural world.

School is a place that creates a friendly environment so as to maintain a dynamic equilibrium between the quality of life and the quality of environment. This academic session was an unusual one with teaching learning process taking a different shape through the online mode, keeping everyone safe within the four walls of one’s home. I raise my heart in gratitude to our Creator for protecting us with His innumerable blessings. I take pride in acknowledging the efforts of both teachers and students who responded with innovation, creativity and redesigned the pedagogy through the fibers of Wi-Fi. The pandemic did not deter their spirit and they adapted to the ‘new normal’ soon enough to get in touch with each other (parents, students & teachers). The students learnt many things on line while experimenting, exploring and discovering themselves. This does not speak enough about the commitment and care of our P C S Management and staff towards our enthusiastic and knowledge hungry students. You must have observed this time and again through the various inter school and intra school activities and events conducted on line. Braving all the difficulties the school had to face, we tried to ensure maximum participation of our students. To name a few, dance and singing competition, Karate, yoga and P T classes, celebration of different festivals and

national events, the art exhibition, and various webinars on cyber safety, health and hygiene, time management, career guidance and so on. PCS has given due importance to scholastic and co-scholastic activities to ensure the holistic development of each student even in such times.

Overcoming all the hardships we are almost at the end of another challenging yet incredible and memorable year at PCS. The Board exams will start soon and I am certain that the students will excel and confident that the hard work of students, teachers and the parents will bring laurels to the school. I am definite that the splendors and achievements of our students will add a new leaf to the magnificence of the school. As per the government orders, following all the guidelines issued we have started classes for class X & XII. It was encouraging to see the response of the students in these classes. It denotes their eagerness for the forthcoming Board exams.

We would like to notify you about the important dates and arrangement for the upcoming weeks.

Final Exams: Final exams for the students of classes KG –IX & XI will commence from 15 February, 2021. The date sheet has already been updated through the Campus Care portal and has also been uploaded on Microsoft teams. Keeping in mind the changed scenario the assessment pattern was remodeled to suit the needs of the students. The revisions have been given in full fledge and the internal assessment through various projects and subject enrichment activities was conducted throughout the year. Tentatively, we plan to commence our new academic session from 22 March, 2021 for class I-X & XII.

Kindergarten Graduation Day: The tradition of PCS welcoming the tiny tots with balloons, sweets, songs and rhymes was replaced with online interactions and meetings this year. We did not meet our twinkling stars for the first time on the campus. Nevertheless, their enthusiastic and loving teachers ensured to channelize their energy in the right direction by engaging them in different activities. With the fascinating depiction of the fairytale “Goldilocks and the three bears”, the kindergarten department of the school will be organizing the online Graduation Day on 8th March, 2021 with full zeal and vigor highlighting the vibrancy, innocence and brilliance of these young darlings, who will be soon graduated to class I. My sincere acknowledgement for the parents for being a second teacher at home and preparing their tiny tots, cope with the lessons and all the activities tirelessly.

Board Practical & Theory Exam: Following the COVID guidelines, the students of class X and XII have been coming to school for their practical and project work. The focus is to train the students for the Board Practical that will commence from 1 March, 2021. The dates for the practical exam will be informed once it is scheduled by the Board. Internal assessments for the students have been conducted throughout the year in the form of Portfolios, Subject Enrichment activities, Multiple Assessments, Project Files etc. Time to time information regarding this was updated in the PTMs and through the Campus Care parent portal. Class X & XII CBSE theory exam with the rationalized curriculum will start from 4 May, 2021 and 6 May, 2021 respectively (as per the date sheet released by CBSE). The admit card will be issued to the students once it has been issued by the Board.

To prepare the students to face the Board exams confidently and bravely the school has been relentlessly working with weekly assignments, question bank, revision tests, support classes, mock exams etc. The Pre-Board exam for class X and XII is scheduled to begin from 15 February, 2021. My deep appreciation goes to the students who have opted for off-line pre –board exam as it would give them an additional advantage and preparedness for the forthcoming board exam.

Parent Teacher Meeting: PTM schedule planned for different classes is as follows:

Important dates to remember

Class	P.T.M	Stationery	New Academic Session
K. G	10.03.2021	10.03.2021	22.03.2021
I-II	10.03.2021	10.03.2021	22.03.2021
III-V	12.03.2021	12.03.2021	22.03.2021
VI-VIII	13.03.2021	13.03.2021	22.03.2021
IX & XI	15.03.2021	15.03.2021	22.03.2021
X & XII	16.03.2021	-----	-----

Kindly follow the safety protocols issued by the government for COVID-19 19 while attending the PTM for your ward. It is mandatory to bring the parent ID whenever you visit the school for your entry without any problem.

School Uniform: The tailor will be available during the PTM days. Kindly avail the facility as this has been arranged by the school for the convenience of the parents.

School Fees: We have been constantly trying to implement the best effective methods to minimize the academic loss of our students. You are already aware that the staff is working hard and the source to keep up their financial stability is the school fees deposited by you. We have been constantly notifying and updating you about the same but still we have some fee defaulters. It is my humble request to all the parents to kindly clear the dues for the smooth and effective functioning of this institution at the earliest.

Your strong partnership is valued and I therefore would like to take this opportunity to thank you dear parents for your continuous support. Your consistent co-operation and positive influence keeps us motivated and enables us to sail through the difficult times and rise up against the challenges with remarkable success in all the endeavors.

The year 2020 was a challenging and a demanding year but despite the uncertainties and fears we have moved ahead with the blessings of the Almighty. I look forward to working with all of you with renewed enthusiasm and commitment for a joyful learning and peaceful living. May God Almighty continue to lead us and guide us to brighter and happier days in the future. I wish you all good health, peace & harmony and blessings in abundance.

With Regards

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(Principal)