



The Elixir

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CVSL shines at Spandan 2012!

Shree Ram Leela creates history!

CVSL celebrates Navaratri

The Elixir gets a whole new look!

IB Feels the Heartbeat at Spandan 2012



Well, the whole CVSL Family knows how hard the players trained and how strenuously the organizing committee worked for the second edition of Spandan, CVSL's Annual Interschool Sports Event (meaning heartbeat) since August, and to be able to give you a recap... well, words don't suffice. If we were to try, we'd probably say that Spandan took a lot of blood and sweat—literally, most of the time! And what better to award to those people than that much-awaited gold? Winning a trophy in 4 out of 6 events with 14 schools participating, turn to the Sports Page (Pg. 15) to find out more about it!

Jai Shree Ram!

Because a picture's always going to be worth a thousand words...



The Unveiling of The Elixir



Girls' Football Team when they made it to the semifinals at SIS's Conquest.



Navaratri— CVSL style



Ram Leela Practice



In light of recent events, it's safe to say that the Shree Ram Leela, hosted by CVSL on the 20th of October was a huge success with people of all age groups— and why shouldn't it be? There was literally not a single soul who was uninvolved in this somehow. The show? Well, as those who saw it probably agree, words fall short to express how simply spectacular it was. Turn to Page 5 to read an interview with one of the men behind it all— Mr. Sudhir Kumar Name.



From the Editor's Desk

Dear Reader,

Welcome back to The Elixir– and school after that long-awaited Dussera break! It's been one heck of a fortnight, hasn't it? Right from Spandan to the Ram Leela to our Dandiya Night, we've had a whole lot of action here– and there's even more to come! It's MUN season again, and on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of November, we have our very own Model United Nations (MUN)-CIMUN, which is *huge*– with more than a few hundred delegates– in spite of it being the first time it's being hosted! There's also going to be Project India, much like the Indus Valley Civilization Project last year!

Apart from those two major events, we also have something very, *very* exciting coming up– our school elections! As we say good bye to the old and hello to the new once again, things continue to heat up as the D-day comes closer and closer– keep guessing until then, though!



Next on our list of very exciting things, our school's very own dance group, Rampage (consisting of Aryan Gupta, Aman Sanghvi, Pratham Aggarwal, Arjun Iyer and Aayush Nahar of Grade 9) has made their own logo (inset on the left), and is now looking to expand– so put on those dancing shoes!

As you have probably noticed, The Elixir has a whole new look – and there are many, *many* people we have to thank for it– **Nathan Maniar (IBDP 1)** and **Aishni Parab (IBDP 2)** who worked day and

night to not only design this layout but also sit patiently as we changed our minds again and again and again, all those people who sent in those suggestions like **Sheel Jain (Grade 10)** wanting her SuDoKu, *all of the CVSL parents* for their irreplaceable support and invaluable suggestions (especially **Mrs. Nina Gala** for making colored editions possible), and a whole lot more!

I thank all of you from the very bottom of my heart, and welcome you once again. Just a few things to note before you turn the page:

- Apart from sending in your suggestions/feedback/comments through email to elixir@cathedral-lonavala.org, you can now drop them into the “Elixir Box” that is present at the door of our school library.



- The **Parents' Space** is now open to all parents of CVSL, where you can send in advertisements/greetings/pictures/motivation/personal wishes/announcements or whatever else you'd like.



Best Dressed

Most enthusiastic
Please contact us on our elixir id for more details.

We also have some awards based on the Dandiya Night, which are as follows:

1. **Best dancers:** Harshita Shetty, Chiranjeev Shetty, Yasha Khuthia, Maalav Thakkar
2. **Best dressed:** Pranali Jagasia
3. **Most Enthusiastic:** Pallavi Kapri and Tavishi Vajpeyi

As we look forward not only to an action-packed fortnight, but also the Diwali Break at the end of it, this is *Shriya Sekhsaria, your Editor-in-Chief*, signing off– until the 9th of November!



Editor's Choice: Picture of the Fortnight

XOXO

Beep Column

Well, you missed us, didn't you? Don't worry, your gossip for the week is back - with a bang! We've got a *lot* to tell you, so keep reading! Let's begin. This year we have *so* much to talk about. As the student strength increases, more 'friendships' begin to flourish in the dark, hidden corners of our school. I sincerely hope this is not going to hurt sentiments, or is it? *puppy face* It's a wonder how 'Danger Darling' seems to be *so* cozied up to our very own Eiffel tower...? SAT classes are now used as a social hub. *eyebrows raised* Meal times get more interesting every day. It's funny how some people can fit in like a



glove, while others just *butt* out (if you know what I mean). Jumping from the frying pan into the fire *so* quickly huh? IB-1 seems really keen on making this year as spicy as possible, fascinatingly enough. Well, as you guys already know, one of our favorite things to do in school is practice the "Ram Leela". Interestingly, some of us have succeeded in turning this chore into a beautiful opportunity. The Sita Swayamvar really seems to appeal to our very own Sita. She is finally getting a chance to be with her Ram, isn't she? As we mentioned earlier, there's always more to come, but for now, let us bid you farewell. xoxo, PR & BW.

Always watching

Hello People of the lower race, This is A; here to burn you all with some red hot gossip. Want to now the secrets, you'll find them here!! Except for one - my identity! This time, I will start off with clearing a misconception - last week's 'S' and 'K' are not SB and KT! Now telling you all about the attraction of Mr U towards Ms H. Mr U thought that he would be able to get whatever he wants, but do you think he can?? Well, clearly he messed up when he asked the gods to help him get Ms H. "Do you think it's possible?" was the statement used by her!! Do you think time will make her change that decision? Keep trying Mr U!! Next, I will like to tell you about a fight! Recently Mr O was clawed on the chest... Who did it is the question... It was Mr K!! Well, they were having a 'friendly' fight. Apparently! Do you think Mr O will let this one go?? Best of luck Mr K!! That's it for this time. Remember - I am watching you- Always.



- A.

The diary of a high school comedian

Dear diary,

I am back with my complications on life and you remain the soulless, lifeless page, that for some reason seems to make me feel better. In today's time, ballet is a very 'girly' thing to do. However, there is a friend of mine - K-man - that doesn't quite agree. The other day while supposedly "imitating" our ballet sweetheart - Pruthis - he had quite a humpty-dumpty moment, falling on his tush-tush. It was quite a sight to see, a tall, skinny not-so-masculine boy attempting to pirouette across the



room, especially when he, much to everyone's amusement, fell to his embarrassment.

The next night, Ms.T dropped boiling hot tea on our very own Little Ms.P's lap. It was quite a rolling-on-the-floor-laughing moment - literally - Mr Sheth could not exercise *any* self-control and fell off his bench red faced and breathless. At that very moment helpful Little Miss Ahal arrived on scene with a *superb* plan. Ignoring the surprised exclamations from Little Ms. P she doused her pants with cold water! What a LOL moment! That's all for now but I shall return, with my list of endless teenage problems, or just general puberty issues. Ciao, -A.M.



Happy Birthday!

29th October: Sakshi Deora
 30th October: Gayatri Ramesh
 1st November: Vishal Waikar
 1st November: Om Joshi
 1st November: Ananya Dugar
 3rd November: Niharika Roy Choudhary
 3rd November: Burhanuddin Hussain
 4th November: Mujibuddin Khan:
 5th November: Pranav Zutshi
 5th November: Shivin Jain
 7th November: Mehak Ahal
 7th November: Aabir Mitra
 8th November: Jeh Patel

People of the Fortnight

The people of this fortnight are: Mr. Bhushan Gawali, our Sports Coordinator who masterminded Spandan, Mr. Karan Singh who was it's backbone and Ms. Rizwana Talat who made girls' participation possible for the first time. Also, we have Mr. Sudhir Kumar Nema, the man behind the Ram Leela. Mr. Neeraj Singh (sports faculty) is also there, but due to some technical difficulties he was unable to give The Elixir an interview.

An Interview with **Mr. Bhushan Gawali**, Sports Coordinator, CVSL

Interviewer: *How does it feel to be nominated for the person of the fortnight?*

Mr. Bhushan: I feel good I mean its not only my own work, we all worked as a team, but it feels good. It will motivate our department more too.

Interviewer: *What were your thoughts before Spandan and how did it change after it?*

Mr. Bhushan: Knowing that the event will have so many matches in just two days was very stressful. It was hard to organize, the entire sports department worked it out together, and I thank god it all went smoothly in the end!

Interviewer:

What do you think about another major event— our Ram Leela?

Mr. Bhushan: This is also a big event, but unfortunately because of it Spandan craze lessened. It's brilliant, though!

Bhujia with Bhushan:

Favorite sport besides football: Badminton.

Ideal dining table: Viraj.R, Shilin, Chinmay, Aman K. and Nishq.

Ideal suite: Aditya Menon, Nimmish, Mudit, Aditya Nair, Sahil, Sanidhya.

A Person with the heart of a champion in CVSL: Aadiraj Chheda

If not a sports teacher, I would be: In Defence

Most Valuable Player at Spandan: Karan Singh Bahadur: Spandan's backbone!

Favorite house: Wilson

Predict any two posts in the upcoming prefect body: Sports Captain- Aman Kurien, Sports Prefect- Sahil Sen

Three words that describe Spandan: Team effort, enthusiasm and expanding (hopefully!)



Mr. Bhushan charges up his boys at Spandan '12

An Interview with **Ms. Rizwana Talat**, Sports Faculty, CVSL



Ms. Rizwana's U-16 girls showing off their trophy— and pearly whites!

Interviewer: *What were your thoughts before and after Spandan?*

Ms. Rizwana: I had many thoughts, but the main one was that our girls should be able to participate! After Spandan, I was really happy- my girls had played well- in fact, even the boys played very well.

Interviewer: *You also dubbed for another major event this fortnight, the Ram Leela. What are your thoughts on that?*

Ms. Rizwana: Well, for one, there's a lot of effort involved! But no- apart from that, it's really been fun, and the show's great!

Rasgullas with Rizwana:

Ideal Suite: Shriya, Ilisha, Riddhi, Mehak A., Naimita, Twesha, Muskaan.

In the dining hall, your ideal table would include: Madhav Shroff, Dhvani, Sakshi, Ms. Indrani and Harshita

Best hair in school: Rhea Jassal

A feminist in CVSL: Pallavi SN Kapri

Prefect body prediction for this year: Head Girl – Shriya, Deputy Head girl- Tavishi, Cultural Captain – Niharika, Wilson Captain – Prateek, Savage Captain- Nishq, Palmer Captain- Shilin, Thomas Captain- Tanvi

Best Player at Spandan: Tara Contractor

Best Captain at Spandan: Shivanjali Ahluwalia

Funniest Moment at Spandan: Twesha playing all alone, not realizing that the game was over!

People of the Fortnight

An Interview with **Mr. Karan Singh Bahadur**, Sports Faculty, CVSL



Top: The U18 championship

Interviewer: So what were your thoughts before and after Spandan - how had they changed?

Karan: Actually when we planned this event there were too many matches- 63- and to manage them in two days was the biggest tension on my head! At the end it went well, and we felt relaxed.

Interviewer: I can imagine that *giggles* Sir, the other major event this fortnight is the Ram Leela- what's your opinion of it?

Karan: Its good, our students and teachers are putting in a lot of effort- at the end, at least the students will know a little about the Real India!

Kofta with Karan:

Describe Spandan in 5 words: Hard work, Teamwork, Enthusiasm, Co-operation and Performance of our students.

Favourite moment at Spandan: Under 18 football Championship- when they won the cup.

Most valuable player at Spandan including organizing committee: Mr. Bhushan

(teachers) and Mudit and Akhila (because they sat on the officials table on the football field for 2 days in peak heat)

Best captains from all Spandan teams: Chinmay and Nair.

One must-have on the football field: Shoes

Favourite football team: ManU for sure!

Favourite sport apart from football: Swimming

Something you tell your team before any match: Play your natural game, that's all!

Favourite house out of the four at CVSL: Savage

Ideal dining table: Mr. Neeraj, Satyajit Sir, Mr. Nagendra, Aditya Gala and Yash Mehta

A Sport missing from this school: Shooting, maybe?



An Interview with **Mr. Sudhir Azaad**, Hindi Faculty, CVSL

Interviewer: Well the Shree Ramlila just happened. What were your thoughts before and after it?

Sudhir Sir: Before we began, it was just an idea-but I knew we could do it! The children here are very talented so I believed I could do it with them- with Mrs.

Sain, the management, teachers, and everyone else here. Everyone co-ordinated and helped- nobody can even come



Mr. Sudhir Azaad has a hearty laugh with the Hanuman of his Ram Leela at the Ram Leela auditions.

close to putting in as much effort as the Cathedralites have put into this- And it happened- I'm not directing it, or making- it's happening by itself.

Interviewer: The other major event of this fortnight was Spandan. What were your thoughts about it?

Sudhir Sir: I thought it was amazing! I was really shocked- I didn't know that the Cathedralites were such good athletes and sportsmen too! The students played brilliantly- I was in awe of them. They were on fire! The 2 days just flew by- it was so much fun!

Samose with Sudhir

Best speaker in CVSL: Sharanya (ex-student) and Shriya, Shriya out of the two

Best actor in Ramlila: Every single person! Niharika, Tavishi, Maalav were all brilliant but the best was Burhan M.

One thing you could change about Ramlila: Budget (would increase it)

Favourite film: Rang De Basanti

Favourite location in CVSL: Classroom (any place where he's with the students.)

Best leader in CVSL: Tavishi

Funniest teacher in CVSL: Santosh sir

If not Shree Ramleela, title of the play would be: Jay Shree Ramleela!

Someone who resembles me in CVSL: Shilin- even he fights a lot, like I used to!

Best dressed CVSLite: Tweet (Pushpal Sir's son)

Message for the CVSLites: Dream big in life- dreaming small is a sin!

Server Zero

CALL OF DUTY

BLACK OPS 2 preview

Given Call of Duty's massive fan base, it may seem that Activision would have to work very hard to please all of their fans. Black Ops 2 tries to break the mould, by making their online portal accessible to



"every single type of player."

In an effort to make online multiplayer mode more appealing to casual players, Combat Training has received a significant overhaul. There are now three modes within Combat Training, each serving a different purpose.

The first mode that players will probably want to try is "Bootcamp," which lets newcomers play a typical 6v6 COD match. However, there's a twist - three opponents on each team are actually bots. By offering AI opponents online, "we can dial up and dial down the difficulty," making a player's first steps into the online world of Call of Duty less intimidating. Even better: "bots don't yell at you if you're new to the game and they won't call you names."

You'll be able to enjoy a taste of Black Ops' extensive progression system through Bootcamp as well. You'll earn full regular progression XP in Bootcamp - but only until

level 10. Afterwards, Treyarch kicks you out because you should be "good enough" to face the general Call of Duty community.

If you aren't entirely ready to take your training braces off, you may want to join



"Objective." This second mode allows you to play all the objective-based modes offered in Black Ops 2, minus capture-the-flag. As with Bootcamp, you'll be playing with three bots on each team, however, you'll be able to earn XP even after level 10 - though all XP gained will be halved.

Finally, if you just want to have fun against the AI, there's "Bot Stomp" mode. This pits a team of six humans against six AI. "It's pretty fun to kick the bot's asses," David Vonderhaar, game design director at Treyarch explained. "As a new player, having some success is important." As expected, players won't earn any XP in this mode - so don't expect to grind your way through this mode.

Clearly Activision has a lot to gain by expanding Call of Duty's online audience - there's a lot more DLC to sell that way. And while no one can be sure if their experiment will work, it's clear that Black Ops 2 takes significant steps making an intimidating experience seem that much more approachable.

- Nishq Ravindranath,
IBDP 1



Gadget of the Fortnight

Google Nexus 7



The Google Nexus 7 specs are quite impressive. Powered by a quad-core Tegra 3 processor with 1GB RAM and either 8GB (priced at \$199 in the US) or 16GB (£199) of onboard storage, this tablet runs circles around the Kindle Fire, rivaling many competing Android tablets at twice the price (or more). The Nexus runs on the Android 4.1 Jelly Bean, the latest version of the world's most popular mobile platform. On top of that, the Nexus is light and portable and with a stunning 7" resolution (1280 by 800). With over 9 hours of HD video playback, 10 hours of web browsing or e-reading and up to 300 hours of stand-by time.

-Nathan Maniar, IBDP 1



Filmy Style



FOR THE FILMYS

- Shivin Jain and Parshav Sheth, IBDP 1

The Black Friday Review

Plot:

Based on the 1993 serial bomb blast which was mainly believed to be planned by a Mumbaikar Tiger Memon who was helped by or financed by Dawood Ibrahim Kaskar, Mumbai police arrest a small time thug who says that there is going to be a bomb blast in the next few days. Mumbai police dismiss his confession thinking that he is lying. Just three days later Mumbai police is shocked with bomb blast across Mumbai.

The police finds out the motive and the reason for the blast was Bombay riot due to the Hindu-Muslim conflict. During these riots the office of Tiger Memon was burnt and the suffering of the Muslim minorities in the riots incites a meeting of underworld dons in

Dubai. Tiger Memon there suggests to attack on Mumbai in order to retaliate, and the war goes on, even bringing in



the CBI.

Direction: The film is directed by known director Anurag Kashyap, who is known for the intelligent films he makes. It is also inspired by the book written by Hussain S Zaidi who is famous for writing books on crime and underworld. The film is

mainly directed in Mumbai areas but is also shot in villages in the northern India.

Cast: The lead cast consists of Kay Kay Menon as DCP Rakesh Mehra, Pavan Malhotra as Tiger Memon and Aditya Shrivastva as Badshah Khan

Music: The central theme of Darkness and violence is quite aptly supported by the background score of the movie. Although the film inculcates fantastic lyrical poems and light music with hyper background score, it's quite different from what is expected from a typical Bollywood movie. Hence, the music too along with the brilliant script sets the movie apart from the normal drama genre.

Box Office Collection: The film's net gross is 7.01 crore, in spite of having low production costs.

Rating: 4/5 stars



TUNE UP!

"Music is the moonlight in the gloomy night of life," said Jean Paul. What a beautiful comparison; I should've passed it off as my quote!

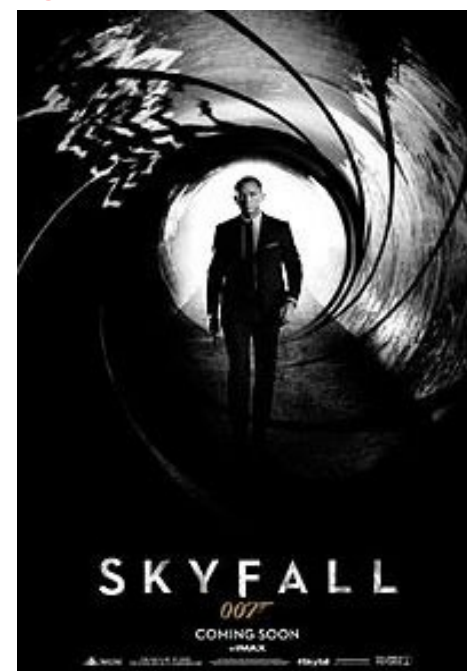
Well, a very musical morning to all of you. This week's theme is **Classic Rock** from the 1960s to the 1980s. So here are the Top 10 Classic Rock songs. Let's check them out!

1. Stairway to Heaven - Led Zeppelin
2. Hotel California - Eagles
3. Dream on - Aerosmith
4. Sweet Home Alabama - Lynyrd Skynyrd
5. Black Dog - Led Zeppelin
6. Comfortably Numb - Pink Floyd
7. Free Bird - Lynyrd Skynyrd
8. Another Brick in the Wall, Pt. 2 - Pink Floyd
9. Gimme Shelter - The Rolling Stones
10. Let it be - The Beatles

Well, that's it for this week! And remember, your preferred type of music might be next, so watch this space for some more.

-Aneesha Vaswani,
IBDP 1

Most Awaited Film of the Fortnight...



Miscellaneous

Colonel Sanders – The Story of Kentucky Fried Chicken

After several years of serving his secret fried chicken recipe in his local restaurant, Colonel Harland Sanders found himself in need of a new career. He had begun to collect his social security check of about \$100 and began to wonder how he was going to survive, financially.

Growing up in Indiana, household responsibilities were often left to Colonel Sanders, as his mother worked to support his family after their father's death. As he helped her take care of his younger siblings, he developed a passion for cooking.

Several years later, Sanders began running a service station in Kentucky where he served his special chicken in a dining area within. As business grew, he relocated to a restaurant close by. He also opened a motel, which added to business. In 1940, Sanders created his now-popular "Original Recipe."

In order to decrease the waiting time for his customers, Sanders modified his cooking procedure by making use

of a pressure fryer instead of iron skillet.

Sanders still wasn't satisfied— he believed there was an opportunity to market his chicken to restaurant owners across the U.S.

In his travels, he was rejected on many occasions, laughed at about his attire of his starched white shirt and white pants. However, Sanders persevered, and after a little over 1,000 visits, he finally persuaded Pete Harman in South Salt Lake, Utah to partner with him. They launched the first "Kentucky Fried Chicken" site in 1952.

In the early 1960's there were over 600 franchised locations in the U.S. and Canada selling the delectable chicken dish. Subsequently, in 1964 Sanders sold the franchising operation for \$2 million.

Since then, the franchise has been sold thrice, and till date, continues to be a well-known, successful business.

-S.Ramesh, *Business and Management Faculty*



DYER CONSEQUENCES

Last week, Dyer Consequences brought us to two questions: to what extent to do we look for fact (or realism) in fiction; and to what extent does the availability of fact in a fictional work determine our opinion of the work's success as a literary artifact.

This problem doesn't confine itself to literature. Oscars for Best Actor are frequently awarded for portrayals of actual historical persons, because it's easier to evaluate mimicry than it is to evaluate pure imagination. In 1983, when Ben Kingsley won his Oscar for playing Gandhi, many critics of that decision claimed it was made more out of the Academy's admiration for the political figure being portrayed than for the portrayal itself. I won't weigh in on the validity of this claim, but I will say that any voters in the Academy who were swayed by its contention were guilty of a patently "immoral"

approach to the evaluation of art.

I have chosen to address the subject of transgressive fiction because it is a valuable tool for teaching students— an absolutely crucial aspect of an English Literature course, and one most students seem to shy away from confronting: that is, the significance of *the fictionality of fiction*, or of *the literariness of literature*. These are stentorian critical terms that refer to the study of how literature uses—and abuses— language in those highly specialized ways we do not encounter so extensively in other areas of written discourse. To understand what I mean, flip to any page of a literary masterpiece like James Joyce's *Ulysses*, and compare the look and feel of the text with the uses of language in a magazine article, a textbook, or even a Harry Potter or a Dan Brown novel.

- Paul Dyer, *English Faculty*

CVSL makes soap!



Students showing off their soap

Every week, the chemistry students perform some projects to experience the concepts they learn in class. This week, grade eight students made soaps with the intention of learning more about displacement reactions. Students used edible oil and Sodium Hydroxide to make soaps. Balaji Thoppay, the school's very own Chemistry teacher believes that learning using such an experimental approach instills confidence in the students, improve their research skills and eradicates the hurdles faced while learning chemistry. The students said that they enjoyed every bit of it.

Miscellaneous

K
Na
Li
Ca
Mg
Al
Zn
Fe
Sn
Pb
H
Cu
Hg
Ag
Au
Pt

ChemYstery!

Balaji Thoppay tells us story to explain metal reactivity

“A new student named **KaNa-LiCa** had joined the class. [**K**, **Na**, **Li**, **Ca**]
She was from **MG** School, Mumbai. [**Mg**]. As she reached her new school, she fell sick. The doctor examined her, and prescribed two different medicines, **AlZn** and **FeSn**” [**Al**, **Zn**, **Fe**, **Sn**]

Her class teacher told KaNaLiCa “I would like to see you in **Higher grades** rather than **Average grades**” [**Cu**, **Hg**, **Ag**]



Later, KaNaLiCa gave an **Awesome** performance in her examinations [**Au**]
Thus the story made a relevant **Point** to be noted by all [**Pt**],

Cheminglish: “Your affinity in Chemistry makes your studies more concentrated, the bond between the concepts become stronger, less volatile and more stable”

Change in colour makes a change in your performance: **Blue** Litmus in **Acidic** medium turns **Red**; **Red** litmus in **Basic** medium turns **Blue**

[You can remember it as Barbie]

Oxidation and Reduction:

OIL RIG : Oxidation Is Loss of Electrons; Reduction Is Gain of Electrons

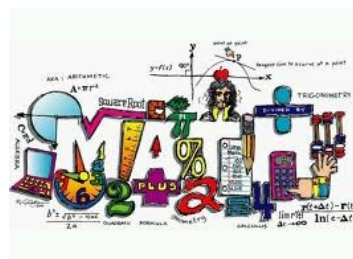
Necessity or Desire: Youth Empowerment

“Youth is like pollen that blows through the sky, and does not ask why.” -Stephen Vincent Benet.

Today’s generation are filled with ideas about ‘more practical’ ways of living in this materialistic world, where money and time are everything one requires to survive. Almost all the youngsters today have a leader in them, and they long for a change to occur in the world. Some organize clean-up drives in their localities, because they’re aware of the negative aspects of living in dirty surroundings. Others encourage female literacy, while some take care of homeless animals. No matter what its magnitude, a simple action can make a big difference. On the other hand, we have youth in our society that is just as mislead as can be. There are drug addicts, smok-

ers, alcoholics and whatnots. Sadly, a great percentage of today’s youth consists of such teens. Teens today think that getting drunk would help them to forget their tensions and avoid their problems, creating a misconception-filled world for themselves. The children of today are the youth of tomorrow, so its upon the upbringing of the children that will determine the future of the youth, which will affect the change that would be anticipated to take place. Yet, youth are the ones who are solely responsible for the change they can get in the society, and to make this world a better place to live in. **So it’s upon us to decide now, is youth empowerment a necessity in the society, or just a desire of a few?**

- Yasha Khuthia, IBDP 1

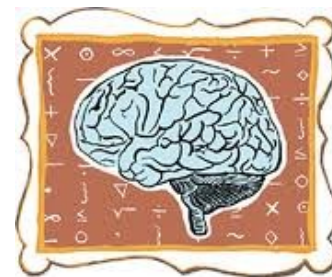


Math Makes You Smarter

ing theorems.

- Math helps you learn to recognize mistakes in thinking and errors in arguments—it helps you recognize when people are lying to you or trying to cheat you.
- Math helps you handle data. The world is filled with more and more numbers, patterns, and data. Math gives you the important tools you need to deal with it all, make sense of it, and use it in your life.

The formulas and ideas you learn in math are very useful, but even if you never use them again, learning math develops critical thinking and problem-solving skills—it makes you smarter. Just like your body gets stronger when you exercise it by running, lifting weights, and jumping rope; your mind gets stronger when you do math—solving problems, understanding new ideas, and proving



- Mrs. Rajani Miriyala, Math Faculty

Miscellaneous

Message from the Tiger's den:

Tiger wisdom for the fortnight:

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. Children - you have the power to change the world.

The tiger's roar:

Once Rajnikanth and Time had a running competition, ever wondered what the result is? Time is still running!

To be as healthy as him, the tiger says:

Do not starve to become slim. People who want to slim

down should never starve. Several days of starving increases the craving for food.

A basic slimming diet consists of vegetables, legumes, fruit, leafy greens, nuts, saltwater fish, lean meat, poultry and milk or dairy products. Slight changes in one's diet will certainly help in burning fat in a healthy way. Occasional indulgence in low fat chocolates/sweets is permissible. Weight loss should be gradual and should not cut down your metabolic rate.

-S.Ramesh,
IGCSE Coordinator

Submit with Josh!

Dear all you brave souls who have decided to stick on to the IB (for now, and also the IB2s who have no other option),

Looks like the IB demon has already devoured some of you-welcome to Math SL- let's hope the climb stops here and doesn't continue on to Studies! Things are heating up as the traditional war between physics and biology continues- this time, bio triumphs- not for long, I assure you!

While the whole country celebrates Dussera by burning effigies, I know you all would have been out setting the world on fire. Yeah, right.

IB1s should have celebrated their dussera break this time with SAT Prep, and IB2s? Well, you lost the right to celebrate a long, *long* time ago. Here are your ingredients for post a very IB-Dussera:

1. The much-awaited Group 4 Project for you, IB2s
2. The weeklies vs. IB2s battle- round 2!
3. ITGS Project- Stage 2 (IB 2)
4. History Essay Final Draft (IB 2)
5. Economics Commentary 3 (IB2- *again*)
6. IA- Math HL, Hindi, Spanish and French (IB 2)
7. Introduction to IAs for all subjects- IB1 (*finally!*)

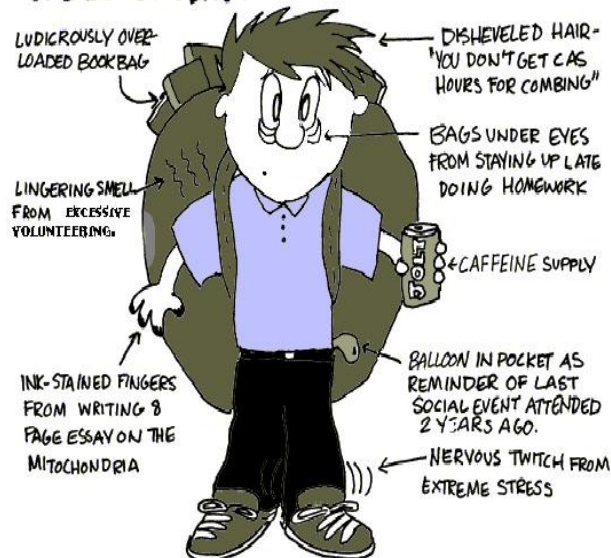
Remember- NO LATE SUBMISSIONS AND ITS AN ORDER!

P.S. I hope you enjoyed my little surprise treat of the new addition to your weekly tests- a 10% subtraction thanks to your simply brilliant attendance record!

P.P.S. I really *do* love you all.

-Snehal Joshi,
IBDP Coordinator

THE IB STUDENT:



Physics Today

The Big Bang 'Blown' Away!

Opposition: The Big Chill Theory

The Big Chill is a theory that tells us that the universe 'crystallized' or 'froze' into existence as if it was water. This has not been proven isn't

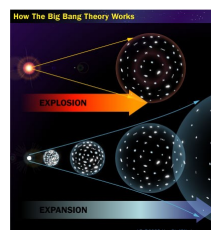
really accepted widely.



Proposition: The Big Bang Theory

The Big Bang Theory is a widely accepted theory by George Gamow. It revolves around the universe emerging from a hot and dense state billions of years ago. It also states that the Universe is ever expanding.

- Nihar Dalal (Grade 10), Arya Advani (Grade 9)



Miscellaneous

I think therefore I B

Being in the TOK class!

As your TOK sessions are going to be only once a week, it is a must for you to be there, completely- physically and mentally. Your own involvement in the course is the most important requirement for you to do well. Your TOK journal is your own personal guide, a kind of diary, a mirror; which will reflect your thoughts, feelings, ideas and the most valuable aspect, your own perspective. Do not limit your TOK journal just for the weekly assignments that I am going to provide – also include whatever you thought about the previous sessions, something you read, watched, experienced and feel that it may be relevant to TOK. In the class, it is possible that some people will talk, some will talk for the sake of it, and some won't, but remember one thing: the more you contribute, the more you will learn. (If you are not comfortable with talking, you can write in your journal or even email

me.)

More than talking, the vital virtue you have to develop in a TOK class is that of listening to others. Be humble, be patient, listen, don't ridicule, if you want to disagree, do that with strong reason and justification. This is one attribute which will serve you for your entire life.

It is a possibility that few of the ideas in the class may disturb you and make you uneasy. That's okay! Neither be afraid of this, nor jump to defend your position immediately at it. Let the new thought, new view sink in. work over it, check it with your previous experience. That's why this week's mantra is: Be open, enjoy!

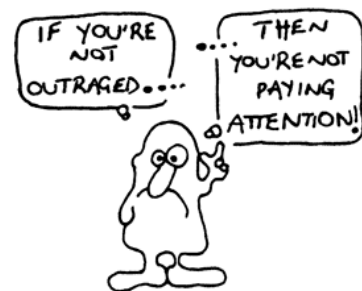
Website – BBC science (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/science/humanbody/>) This contains an excellent collection of tests on different aspects of personality and behaviour. Do you want to know whether your brain is masculine or feminine? Or what kind of a thinker

you are? This is the place!

Book – Perfume: A brilliantly written piece of fiction about a unique person where sense of smell is unusually acute than anybody else. Dark, brooding and exhilarating, must read!

Movie – The Matrix: This cult classic is one of the most multilayered in terms of themes and treatment. The fundamental question – 'what is real?' is lingering in the human mind from ages, from Plato's 'Cave' to Descartes's 'Demon' to Wachowsky brothers' 'Matrix'; all these are attempts to answer it. Also watch it for its iconic and path breaking visual effects!

- Satyajit Salgarkar,
ToK Coordinator



Assemblies for the fortnight: 29th Oct– 9th Nov

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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‘est la mode

Color me **bright!**

We here at ‘C’est la mode’ are back– and this time, we are dissecting the various ‘do’s and don’ts’ of some of fashion’s biggest allies –colours.

We don’t have to list why colours are important (it’s not like you’ve been living in a cave; and even if you have, you’d probably know this) so we’re just going to zigzag ahead to which colours are in this fall 2012-2013.

The official colour of the year has been named **Tangerine Tango** - a deep reddish-orange - so rejoice! Because while orange is one colour that hardly ever works with the Indian skin tone, tangerine is an exception to the rule, bringing out our deep tan.

Another big colour this year is **Chartreuse**, a colour half-way between yellow and green, named after a French liquor introduced in 1764.

So, tangerine and chartreuse, what do they have in common? If you guessed that they’re both really bright,

one point to you! Yep, 2011 was white, grey, black and nude tones, which, while looking extremely polished, were also very monotonous; and 2012 brings in a whole new era of colour. It’s like the whole of the fashion world has an unspoken pact: the world might end this year, so let’s leave with a bang!

A colour that survives through the ages, blue, in all its shades and tints is an evergreen colour (pun not intended) that is still in, especially in its richer tones.

Speaking of blue, let’s bring up one of the strongest assets of fashion – the blue jeans. Well-known designer Yves Saint Laurent himself said “I have often said that I wish I had invented blue jeans : the most spectacular, the most practical, the most relaxed and nonchalant.

They have expression, modesty, sex appeal, simplicity – all I hope for in my clothes”.

- Niharika Roy Choudhary, IBDP 1

Your Fashion **MUN**tra

“Fashion fades, only Style remains the same”- Coco Chanel

Since CI MUN is almost here and all the excitement is beginning to fill in, I thought of talking to you about the most essential thing needed by everyone who is a part of it. **Formal Wear.**

Here are a few tips on how to carry out the best look.

Lets start off with women: Always add a splash of colors and mix clothing textures to be more stylish. A bright hand bag or scarf and a solid metal pin to the suit lapel make one stand out. A pencil skirt with a print blouse and crop jacket and coordinating pumps full fills all the requirement of a formal wear. Mix different material textures and colors to spice up your professional wardrobe. You can always develop your own personalized style no matter where ever you are.

Basic Essentials-

Suits

Skirts

Blouses and Shirts

Heels-Heels can be as high as, say, 1 1/2 or 2 inches, but heels much higher than that look unprofessional.

Handbags: Large enough to carry a few items of makeup and whatever technology you use to plan



your week, but no larger. Some women carry a briefcase in lieu of a handbag, which looks more professional.

Scarves: Made of silk, wool, cashmere, or a blend of these fabrics.

Jewelry: Less is more. Keep your jewelry simple and understated.

Now let’s talk about Men: Usually ‘Dress Code’ defines the type of dress you should be wearing, but different places and cultures have different dress codes for each event. Your coat color, shirt, tie, cufflinks, belt and shoes all make up a complete man.

Everybody has a black tuxedo – it’s been done a million times. A subtle way to stand-out from the colorless crowd – go with a very dark (almost black) midnight blue tuxedo. And don’t worry it’s not “trendy”, men have been wearing midnight tuxedos for decades. Your shirt to tie, shirt to coat/pant and belt to shoes combination of colors – everything should be sober.

Have some color, somewhere!

- Pranali Jagasia, Grade 10



All around us

A word from our world

Hello readers! This is Urvin Soneta (with Karan Erry) and we're back with our amazing column about those little things that you always thought were true! The fact(oid) of the matter is, today we've got some crazy stuff on:

The Boss is not always right!

"[Television] won't be able to hold on to any market it captures after the first six months. People will soon get tired of staring at a plywood box every night." — Darryl Zanuck, movie producer, 20th Century Fox, 1946

"This is the biggest fool thing we have ever done. The bomb will never go off, and I speak as an expert in

explosives." — Admiral William D. Leahy, a renowned army and navy chief during World War II, advising President Truman on the atomic bomb, 1945. Leahy admitted the error five years later in his memoirs.

The realization must have fallen on him like a bomb!

"We will never make a 32 bit operating system." — Bill Gates. Perhaps he should have consulted Steve Jobs when experiencing such doubts!

Beware, unsuspecting want-to-be-famous youths: what you say about the future might just appear in this column of The Elixir - 15 years down the line! That's all for now, folks. But don't worry; it won't be long before we get your heads spinning again!

Political Sphere

The world of politics has come alive again. The US Presidential elections, which will be conducted in merely a matter of days, is one of the hottest stories passing around. Analysts say that Obama is a clear winner - though Romney is giving him a run for his money. Of late, Obama's economic policies have come under a lot of scrutiny. In this context, his rival Mitt Romney is being propagated as a decision making economist who can make better policies.

A war-like situation has arisen between central neighbours - Turkey and Syria. Thousands of soldiers from either side have been deployed on the borders. Shelling of Mortars has been going on for at least six consecutive weeks with Turkey being mostly on the offensive.

In national news, Arvind Kejriwal has started planning for the opening of his new political party on 26th of November. This coincides with the fourth anniversary of the Mumbai terrorist attacks. Anna Hazare has promised to support his party if he agrees to take a stand against politicians like Sharad Pawar, and Suresh Kalmadi whom he has termed 'tainted'.

Be sure to expect some more political news in the next issue. It will *also* feature the first piece of news on the school elections - where positions like Head Boy/Girl, Sports captains and House Captains will be up for grabs.

Strike a good repo with your teachers and you might just get nominated!

-Sarathak Shah.

IBDP 1.



Clash of the Titans

PALMER

Nil Desperandum

There are a whole lot of character traits that make a Palmerite a Palmerite. To begin with, Palmerites show pride in being joyous whether we fail or excel.

Our very own house captain, Pranav Singh has shown great spirit and passion for every activity we have taken part in, and not to forget, Mr. Satyajit, been our Palmer House master for the last three years and continues to maintain this everlasting house spirit that dwells in the bowels of this magnificent tribe. Every child here contributes to the house in whatever way they can and evidently, this makes Palmerites gratified.

Be it Parth Agarwal who participated in every event in his category last academic year or Aneeshaa who blew the audience off with her 'Rolling in The Deep' in the Inter house Dramatic Competition. To name some more there was, Shilin Jog who claimed the title of Best Athlete Boys and actively took part in a variety of other sports. Ilisha Bhandari taking the first place in the 1500 m and Riya Jindal who took the 3rd and also who is greatly missed for her spirit and compassion. (Sweating it out isn't easy). To add on, Anand Agarwal who was greatly appreciated for his humour and his willing determination for football. (His football updates made us think of him as a fanatic sometimes). Last year we Palmerites supported by a fabulous leader, Vaibhav Kapoor, his presence is truly missed but we continue to call the shots as true masters of this house! Having the Palmer House spirit comes naturally to whoever establishes himself in this house. And for someone to compress these segments into a whole, I can only say: **Nil Desperandum!**

-Sara Jog, IBDP 1

WILSON

Per Ardua Ad Astra

Pushing limits and Fighting right till the end has always been the way our house goes. Every year begins with a rough start although, over the years we have learned that you just never give up, no matter how hard the challenges are, and observe this world with a healthy dose of criticism and don't just follow the herd like the rest! Wilson is not about 62 sashes and ties, Its 'BIGGER' than that. Its about the Pride, Determination and willpower that has lead us to become one of the best houses winning the cock house 3 years in a row. With fine house members who give their best in not only fields that they excel in but also unknown and unfamiliar fields. With all the cultural and sports events approaching in the year ahead we have prepared ourselves to give in our best and we will get tougher and make our way to the top like we always have. Like they say "when the going gets tough, the tough gets going."

-Aartee Thadani, IBDP 1

THOMAS

Per Angusta Ad Agasta

It is impossible for words to describe the Thomas house completely. It is simply too good for the English language, yet I will try my best. The greatest, most talented, most elite, most deserving, most awesome, most excellent, most bedazzling and the most zealous are just a few adjectives that I could think of offhand. The inter-house events are ready to start and our teamwork, talent and perfection are reason enough for the other houses to tremble. Our motto 'Per Angusta Ad Augusta' means 'Through perseverance, perfection is achieved,' and that is precisely what we do. Trust me, by the end of this year, the great red flag will be imprinted in your heart and mind.

-Jeh Patel,

Thomas House Prefect 2011-2012

SAVAGE

Palman Qui Meruit Ferat

Just as every team has its set of match winners, as was seen recently during 'Spandan' 2012, every house has its set of assets. An asset in our school is seen as someone who excels in multiple events. However, as the captain of the house, my definition of an asset is someone who is versatile. The spirit of Savage is such that for every event, every member of the house is willing to participate, regardless of his/her competency in that event. Take inter-house singing for instance, I know I give this example a lot, but what Raj Bhagat did requires a high level of audacity, guts... whatever you want to call it. I put my reputation on line to guarantee that our house has the most electrifying spirit in school as compared to the other three. The members truly put the house before themselves, which clearly abides by the motto of our energetic school song. Seeing as there would be a new set of prefects for the house, while its going to be extremely difficult for me to let go of the tie, I request every member of the house to believe in their representatives and continue the legacy that their previous house captains have left for them. Let the lively spirit for our house and respect for the others act as a foundation for the spirit of the school.

-Nikhil Gupta,

Savage House Captain 2011-2012

The Sporty Edge



Spandan 2012– The Cathedral Angle



Football

Football Under 18

Team A

CVSL vs. EMWS

3 0

CVSL vs. CIS

2 0

CVSL vs. SIS (M) **Semifinals**

3 0

CVSL vs. JNS **Finals**

2 1

Team B

CVSL vs. ISA (ISA wins by penalties)

2 2

Champions: CVSL
Runners Up: JNS

Football Under 16

CVSL vs. SIS (M)

2 0

CVSL vs. MBIS

2 0

CVSL vs. PIS

3 0

CVSL vs. TBS **Semifinals**

0 3

Champions: TBS
Runners Up: VGS

Basket Ball

Basketball Under 18 (Boys)

CVSL vs. MBIS

18 9

CVSL vs. CIS

31 15

CVSL vs. VGS **Semifinals**

19 10

CVSL vs. EMWS **Finals**

31 37

Champions: EMWS
Runners Up: CVSL

Basketball Under 16 (Boys)

CVSL vs. VGS

22 15

CVSL vs. SIS (P)

20 4

Champions: CVSL
Runners Up: VGS

Basketball Under 16 (Girls)

CVSL vs. SIS

19 4

CVSL vs. VGS

14 12

CVSL vs. TBS

1 36

Champions: TBS
Runners Up: CVSL

Basketball Under 18 (Girls)

CVSL vs. CIS

17 27

CVSL vs. VGS

6 7

CVSL vs. EMWS

12 17

Champions: EMWS
Runners Up: CIS

Key: EMWS– Ecole, TBS– Bishops MBIS– Mercedes, ISA– Aamby, SIS(M)- Singapore Int., SIS(P)- Symbiosis, VGS– Gurukul, CIS– Choithram (Indore), PIS– Podar, JNS– Jamnabai.

Singapore International School: CONQUEST

"You can't put a limit on anything. The more you dream, the farther you get." -Michael Phelps



The CVSL football teams headed to Dahisar on the 7th of October. After the girls beat Hiranandani, Dhirubai Ambani and Ecole Mondiale, they lost to Oberoi International school 2-1 in the semi-finals. Losing by one point was quite upsetting but as they say - you win, you lose. The boys too stormed their way through the matches, to have their streak sadly shortened in the semis. This is very special because while the boys' team has had a lot of victories along the way, this is the first time the girls have come this far. This has been very motivating for other girls, as their number on the field increases everyday– history has been made. Now with Ecole's Energize coming up, our **teams** (and not just the boys' team) are pumped- and ready to bring the trophy home.

GO CATHEDRAL !!

- Aartee Thadani, IBDP 1

Unwind

WAKAAO!

Get ready to get Whacked out with some awesome polls and Wakaao-Pakaaao riddles with Pallu and Tavu!

The Riddles:

1. *Imagine you are in a sinking boat and surrounded by sharks. How do you survive?*

Answer : Just quit imagining!

2. *What letter has the ability to widen a road?*

Answer: Adding a B will make it broad

3. *What has only two backbones and thousands of ribs?*

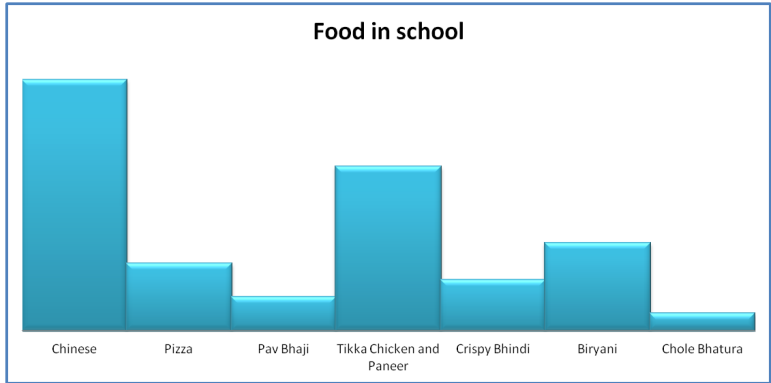
Answer: A Railroad

4. *What goes around the world, but stays in the corner?*

Answer: A stamp of course!

The Poll:

This week the poll was about our school food! We selected some dishes which people look forward to and they included: Chinese, Pizza, Pav bhaji, Chicken and Paneer tikka, Crispy Bhindi, Biryani and Chole Bhatura.



As the results give away, Chinese beats all the other dishes in school with a great margin. We hope school comes up with something new now that gives Chinese some competition!

- Pallavi SN Kapri and Tavish Vajpeyi,
IBDP 1

Yo Blondies!

Yo mama's so stupid she sits on the TV and watches the couch!
Yo mama teeth are so yellow, she spits butter!
Yo mama is like spoiled milk, fat and chunky!

Two blondes lock their keys in the car. One of the blondes tries to break into the car while the other one watches. Finally the first blonde says "Darn, I can't get in the car!" The other blond replies, "Keep trying, it looks like it is going to rain and the top is down."

There is a new guy in school and he knows a blonde, who was so stupid that –

- *she tried to put M&M's in alphabetical order.
- *she tried to drown a fish.
- *she thought a quarterback was a refund.
- *she tripped over a cordless phone.
- *she studied for a blood test.

- Viren Harjani and Prerna Jogani, IBDP 1

SuDoKu

How to Play: Fill in the grid so that every row, column, and box contains the digits 1 through 9.

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2	8			7				6

Hard