



# The Elixir

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Happy New Year!

The CVSL Alumni is now official!

CVSL celebrates Christmas

The CVSL Carnival is a success!

## Fun Unlimited!



*Funky Monkey Photos:*  
Some students with alumni



*Funky Monkey Photos:* **Left:** Mrs. Sain with Mrs. Dabral and Ms. Vrinda; **Down:** Some of the parents who made this Carnival possible.



Just like it's

tagline promised, the CVSL Carnival held on 21st December was pure fun for the whole Cathedral family— students, teachers, and parents alike. The top three things (apart from the amazing food and 'soft drink shots') about the Carnival were: **3. Standing on ice:** This game had everyone going bananas!

**2. The Surprise Flash Mob:** The girls from 4-9th grade really set the quadrangle on fire as they took the crowd by surprise when they danced to the tunes of "Student of the Year".

**1. Hit the Prefect:** Probably the most popular game of the day, as the students not only hit the prefects with water-laden sponge but even ran behind them with a running hose! The popularity of this game was definitely proven by the prefects dripping water all over the school!



**Left to right:** The Surprise Flash Mob, The Alumni basking in the Christmas Glory and The Cast of one of our Christmas Plays

## XOXO

## Beep Column

We are very sorry to say this but we won't be continuing this column due to the "scandal" we heard about. This is not the way we want things to go down, our poor Bess got shouted at and harassed for writing this column but trust me NO ONE, absolutely no one is skilful enough to be so scandalous. Well, the whale's innocent : P All I want to say is STOP trying to guess who we are, because you'll never know :)  
*We aren't here, We aren't there,  
 We Are Everywhere .  
 It's sad to say this but I guess it's only fair .  
 It's been a long journey with scandals and sleaze.*



*From our gossip, I think everyone sadly wants some peace .  
 You tried and tried real hard to find us-  
 Well, I guess you didn't catch that bus.  
 We might be gone from the column right now  
 But we'll be in your hearts, forever somehow.  
 Love us or hate us we don't care  
 Coz trust me baby, this is not a scare.  
 I guess right now we part ways...  
 P.S: AneeV, please stop pretending like every Sunday is  
 Halloween, we've already seen Hulk Smash enough.  
 XOXO , PR & BW.*

## The Dairy of a high school Co-median

DEAR DIARY,  
 Welcome to the palace of illusions... well, not really. I faithfully return to bore the living lights out of you! I know you missed me! Anyway, I stopped at CIMUN. I felt that Interpol was the most secretive committee. I know it happened a long long loooooong time ago but I still feel the essence of it all, the rare motions for entertainment, the long hours of monotonous debating on one topic..... such fun!!!  
 Our own Mr. V had quite a time actually, he really



knows how to 'moo'-ve it! :P  
 In other affairs, students who went for the IAYP camp to Matheran had a demo of what they show on discovery channel, with several students witnessing a show of the full functioning capability of the monkey reproductive system. Mr VJ found the act quite fascinating and decided it would be a ROFL-ing moment if he actively took part too. That's all for now my dear friend, I have a lot more to say, but words fail me! I am too tired and my eyelids are drooping. I kind of resemble Snoopy!!  
 Adios mi amigo .

- K.T. and guest star KM ;)

TEHSEEN CONTRACTOR	01-Jan
JESSICA DALAL	02-Jan
VANSH ADNANI	02-Jan
SIDDHANT HEMNANI	03-Jan
CHETAN RAJAN	04-Jan
AISHNI PARAB	07-Jan
HARSHENDRA SHARMA	08-Jan
MRUDULA PATIL	12-Jan
ARYAN GUPTA	17-Jan
KUSH GAMBANI	20-Jan
SNEHAL JOSHI	20-Jan
ANIKA TALWALKAR	22-Jan
SAAHIL MUTHA	23-Jan
DHANANJAY	26-Jan
SHARVAJ KUBAL	26-Jan
VARAD AGHAO	27-Jan
SANIDHYA JAIN	29-Jan
KARAN ERRY	31-Jan

**BEWARE...**

## Project X

'Hell'o dear readers,

A little birdie tells me that there's a new spot for a gossip columnist, so hear I am. This is a warning—you better beware, because all you juniors are *so* next.

Yours- always.



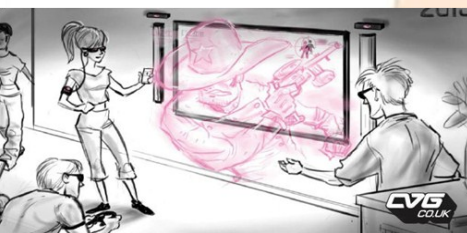


## SERVER ZERO

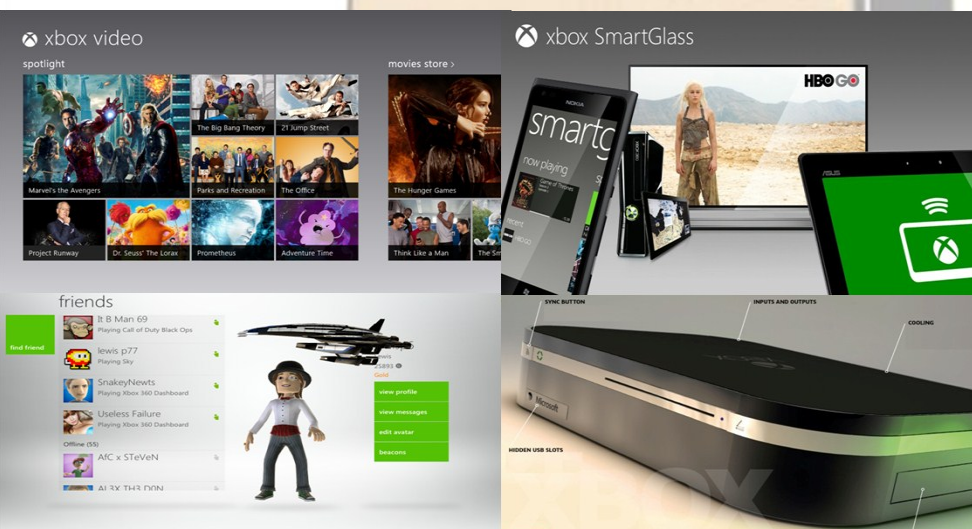
## Is the Next-Gen XBOX finally here?

The current console lifecycle has gone one for more than half a decade. With new engines from big companies like Square Enix and Epic Games, it is obvious that very soon we'll be seeing the next generation of gaming. The current generation is slowing down the entire computer market – from processors to graphics cards. That is the extent to which Videogames dominate the tech industry, apart from garbage like the soon to come iPhone Mini.

Rumours suggest that the next Xbox will have Blu-ray, a quad-core CPU, 8Gb of RAM, directional audio, a customisable controller and an extremely powerful graphics card. Microsoft is also expected to reveal the next Xbox, codenamed project 'Durango' at E3 2013, which will be followed up by a fall 2013 release. The source engine for developing games for the next Xbox has already been provided to popular developers and publishers. There is also speculation that games like Bungie's Destiny, Kinect Sports 3, Halo 5, Forza 5, and Battlefield 4 will be a part of the next-gen game lineup.



It is mainly these features that are to be expected, but the biggest surprise - from leaked documents—shows a patent for potential Augmented Reality. This will basically allow users to feel like they are in the game, with Kinect 2.0 plus a 3D interface. It is also very likely that Microsoft will integrate the new Metro UI from Windows 8, which is already the case with the current Xbox 360 dashboard. Also, Microsoft has made attempts in the past to make the Xbox an all-round multimedia device by including movies, TV shows, and even live sports events in the marketplace so it is only natural to expect an all-in-one device for the living room.



Nishq Ravindranath, IBDP I

## Gadget of the Fort-night

## SONY SMART WATCH



The Sony Smart Watch is simply everything—rolled into one. One is able to receive calls, as well as notifications for missed calls, on that one portable device. On top of that, it has a Gmail Notifier. You run close to ten android apps—available on the Android Market—on this Smart Watch. It is 1.4x1.4x0.3 inches, it has an ounce square of white plastic with chromed edges and a button on the side. However, the screen of the watch can be difficult to read in outdoor light. Also, the watch has a very low battery life due to which it can only run for a few days. Android phones can also be linked to the Smart Watch via Bluetooth. Once this is done, the watch begins to act like a remote from where one can pause, fast-forward, or perform similar functions on music playing from the phone. Similarly, one can handle calls from the watch itself. The Smart Watch recharges through a proprietary USB cable that clips into it. In the same category, the MotoActv or the Meta Watch provide good competition and are more fashionable, yet a tad too expensive. You can also get different watch straps for the price of \$19.99. The whole watch costs \$149, which is considered a good price.

Nathan Maniar, IBDP I

# Entertainment

## JAB TAK HAIN JAAN

**Plot:** The musical tale of Major Samar Anand (Shahrukh Khan) and his fight against god. Fight for Love. As vividly expressed in the movie, it's not a story of an adventure, it's not a story of braveness; it's a simple story of love. In the classic backdrop of London, an Indian waiter falls in love with a typical Yash raj actress. Three songs, some drama and two kisses down, there is a tragic break up due to Katrina's promise to God. Moving 10 years down the line, Anand: now the best bomb squad leader (the man who can't die), meets the second Yash raj heroine. Enter Anushka Sharma (bubbly and full of life). She makes



Samar realise his undying love for Meera. As the story unfolds, dance, dialogs, poetry and action become important mediums in describing characters. However, the film's amazing backdrop, locations and the vision of considerably the best director of our time (Yash Chopra) amplifies the movie watching experience.

**Music:** The music and the background score for the film is composed by A.R. Rahman, who teamed up with Yash Chopra for the last time. It received positive critical reception along with overwhelmingly positive audience reviews upon release. The songs however are long and don't fit into the movie, yet the background score keeps the movie afloat.

**Our critique:** The movie is a typical Yash Chopra film as it has romance

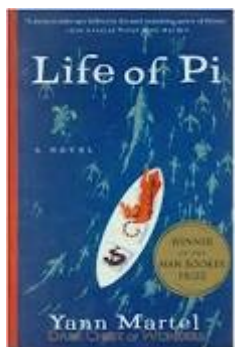
oozing out of it. However, all the critics are biased because of the emotional aspect associated with the film. Even after having a good story, the movie failed to make an impact as Shah Rukh Khan seems a little tired this time. Also, the film is too stretched. I would give it a one time watch only as a tribute to the film making maestro.

**Rating:** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



- Shivin J. and Parshav S. IB 1

## The Page Turner: LIFE OF PI by Yann Martel



This fantasy adventure novel teaches one to overcome advice situation through intelligence.

The protagonist in the book survives the natural calamities only through his courage. One can learn from the book that we should not succumb ourselves to dangerous situations rather we should have the courage to fight with it.

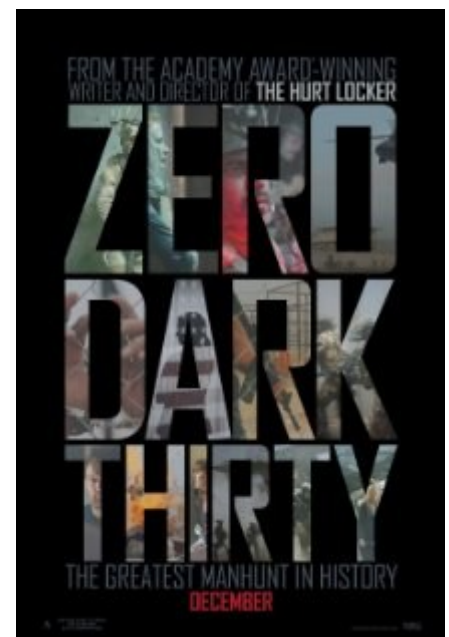
I believe you all will enjoy this book as we all have to face the trouble some world in the future. Apart from this, I recommend:



1. Dreams to reality,
2. Three mistakes of my life and
3. Interpreter of Maladies.

-Shlok Savjani, Grade 8

## Most Awaited Film of the Fort night...





# Miscellaneous



You are all digital natives as you are born in this digital era or

when the IT revolution started. We, as teachers, are digital immigrants. We all use technology in one or another way to make our work easier. We might have different objectives to use IT but have the same responsibilities while using it. The appropriate use of technology is very much needed in a community no matter whether it is a school, hospital or an organization. Just as we are citizens of a physical country, we citizens of the digital world, and need to obey its laws too. One should be aware of being a good digital citizen while using technology. Just imagine, if everyone is a digital citizen, then the words *cyber-crime, online fraud, identity theft* etc. won't

be used anywhere!

Everyone should understand the responsibility to make others aware about their role in the use of IT. What should we do? We should take responsibilities of posting anything on our accounts. We should not use others' images without consent. Do you use the internet to share information about yourself or others, communicate with friends, and comment on what you see online, play games, get material for an assignment or buy stuff online? If you answered YES to any of these, you are a digital citizen.

"Be aware before you share"



- Tajvir S, Tech Head

## DYER CONSEQUENCES

***In my day, we had real books. Not this rubbish you read now.*** I may be guilty of saying something similar to my students, as my students may be of saying something similar to their kids one day. This sort of remark relates more to popular than to art fiction, of course, but just what differentiates the categories? All books are products of their time and some must wait for their time to come. But we cannot define a literary novel as one that transcends its time. *Little Women* has transcended its time and possesses, in my opinion, little or no literary value; whereas there was a time when most of the novels of William Faulkner were out of print and he had to make a living in Hollywood, writing screenplays; he received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1949, and there are few novelists of his stature in the annals of American or even World Literature.

Back in my day, popular fiction was dominated by the three dirty Jews: Harold Robbins, Sidney Sheldon, and

Judith Krantz. What united them all was the fact that they were superb storytellers. Nowadays, hardly anyone remembers Judith Krantz. I have to keep promoting her on websites and people keep asking who she is. She published her first novel in 1978, when she was fifty, and her last in 1999, when she was seventy. For her second novel, *Princess Daisy* (1980), she received, as an advance, before a single copy had sold, the staggering amount of \$5 million. Her characters are glamorous and paper-thin; and her plots are soap operas; but she writes beautiful sentences and can sometimes turn out a truly memorable passage that feels as if it belongs in a far more exalted work of literary art. Her books are entirely products of their time, and she is one of the chief exponents of a genre whose demise one can't help lamenting: the genre the Oxford Dictionary of Literary Terms gleefully calls "Shopping & F—king Fiction." How can such a genre be worthy of inclusion in a dictionary of literary terminology let alone on the shelf of any self-respecting reader?

To be continued. by Paul Dyer, English Faculty

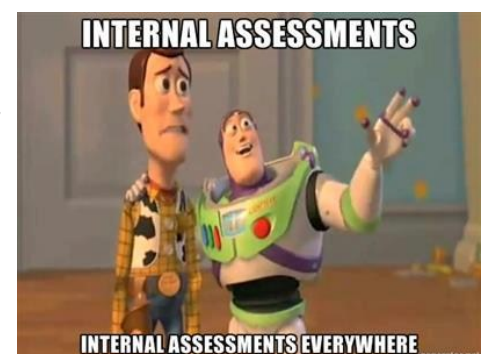
Dear Survivors,

Oh wait a minute- you'll aren't survivors yet- that was just the first term of the year! Welcome back to the chilled environment of CVSL. Beware though- the huge number of assignments is now going to warm you up. Here is the list for IB2: **Final Extended Essay, Final ToK Essay, Math Project, Math Portfolio, ITGS Project, Group 4 Presentation, English IOC.** And for you, my dear darling IB1s: **Final IOPs**

But don't bring out those party hats just yet, IB 1s, you will also be introduced to the 4000 word strong IB de-

**Submit with Josh!**

mon- The Extended Essay. So climb into those covers and try to keep warm, my little sweethearts- because let's face it- no matter how tight you sit, you'll *never* be cool enough to get through this without hard work. Yours truly, Snez.



# Miscellaneous

## JOIN THE GYM!

So firstly, let's clear out the myth that going to the gym and lifting weights hinders growth and height (we do know that you all have a fear of being what some may call vertically disabled and that for girls, no amount of heels ever quite makes up for it). The truth is that it is only if you lift more than twice your body weight above your shoulders will your natural body growth be interfered with. In fact, you will need ten times your bodyweight to make you shrink. So, what else is holding you back? Imagine a life where everything around you becomes lighter!

We're not telling you all that you should be pumping yourselves up in the gym all day. But for those who do nothing during sports time but sit on their butts, it might be a healthier alternative to work off some of that accumulated fat. Maybe you go around saying that you don't care how you look, but deep down, everyone cares. Fitness helps in many ways, you get better sleep, you don't get tired as easily (increased stamina), you can play your other sports better (going to the gym is a conditioning sport, it helps in all other athletic spheres), your appetite improves, you enjoy your time, and your posture improves. Besides, there is also the feel-good factor. Working out produces endorphins in your body that improve your mood and you don't even have to put in hours to reap the benefits. Just a short daily power work-out can give you those. So why don't you try to come to the gym for a while?

We would also like to debunk the myth that stops several girls from regularly visiting the gym, that weight-lifting regularly bulks up the arms. This is *not* true, because it takes a lot more work and dedication to get to that. In fact, lifting weights gets rid of that unsightly underarm fat that you girls detest.

Moreover, you must want to do this for yourself, not for your friends (no one in the gym likes show-offs anyway) so when you come, come for yourself.



**I WANT YOU**  
TO LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE!  
**JOIN THE GYM!**

Tanish Khanchandani IBDP-1

## ChemYsetry

### A list of freeware for students and teachers

Here are some reviews and links to **freeware** chemistry programs available for download at other sites around the internet. All of the programs are ones that I have used, or I currently use. None-the-less, I take no responsibility for any problems you might experience as a result of installing any of these applications. Unless otherwise noted, the programs are for Windows systems.



ACD/ChemSketch 12 Freeware.

ACD continues to release updates to the outstanding ChemsSketch freeware. ChemsSketch is an all-purpose chemical drawing and graphics software. Use templates or free-hand. Click and draw molecules, ions, stereobonds, text, polygons, arrows, lab apparatus, etc. Automatic calculation of MW and formula. See estimates of density, refractive index, molar volume, etc. ACDLabs also offers free downloads on several useful utilities and template packages that extend the usefulness of ChemSketch.



Discovery Studio Visualizer 3.1. For those of you who remember WebLab Viewer, this is the updated version of

that software from Accelrys. It includes a powerful molecular graphics viewer with superb rendering. An additional benefit is that graphics can be embedded in presentations such as Powerpoint using Object Linking and Embedding (OLE). You must complete a survey prior to downloading the software from Accelrys.



ChemAxon produces a wide range of Java-based chemistry tools, and they offer free academic licenses (you must register with them).

While many of the tools would be most useful at the university level, there are several sketch and visualization tools that would be quite useful at the high school level as well. Their "Marvin" applets include Sketch and Visualization tools which may be used freely on non-commercial websites. Because these are written in Java, they run on almost any platform, and the applets run within most browsers.

Balaji Thoppay  
M.S., Faculty Chemistry

# Miscellaneous

## Necessity or Desire: Adventure

When we talk about adventure, the only thing that comes to our mind is rappelling down dangerous cliffs, angry waves of the ocean, the fast wind while paragliding or walking in knee deep snow to reach a glacier. Although, all of this **is** adventure, but this **is not** all that adventure is. The true meaning of adventure in this world is not just such activities, but also day-to-day life situations that we face. The only difference between the people who agree and disagree with this is the way in which they pursue it: Some take their daily lives as a challenge while some take it as a mere routine that they need to follow for the day to be over.

Adventure lies in confronting a friend for something that happened the day before, in writing a math paper, in admitting to the teacher that you haven't finished the home work, in tasting a new dish, in making a business presentation, in getting to know new people, and many more



day to day situations.

A little taste of adventure is required in everyone's life, otherwise life would become very tedious and monotonous. Sometimes it comes unsaid, where we have no choice but to face the adventure, it is on us whether we take it positively and enjoy the adventure or grumble, despise and disregard it as a problem and then complain about having no adventure in life.

To conclude, it's our choice on how to take the sense of adventure in our life. We can perceive adventure as a necessity and enjoy it as we face it every day or refuse to accept its presence in our normal schedules and keep desiring it. **The choice is ours to make, what is Adventure in our life – a necessity or a desire?**

- Yasha Khuthia, IBDP 1

## Successful business stories in India



One of the most amazing business success stories is the rise of Dabbawallas of Mumbai. These Dabbawallas carry and deliver freshly

made food from home to the offices of working individuals. They have found an efficient way of delivering this without any mix-ups with a success rate of 99.99% which has acquired them the six sigma rating. Started during the British rule, this highly specialized trade has become a hallmark of Mumbai.

The employee strength of this organization is over 5000 and they make an average of 400,000 transactions per day in just 3 hours! The cost of the service is a meagre INR 200/month. This is incredible considering their six sigma status. Their approach is simple and effective. They are forbidden from drinking during work hours; they wear a white cap during these hours and have to car-

ry their ID cards.

Their organization structure consists of 5 executive committee members. A team of 20-25 dabbawallas is headed by one group leader, and each individual carries 30 tiffins a day. Before the rise of modern communication, even messages were passed through these dabbas! For their exceptional service, the Dabbawallas have won various awards and also many documentaries have been made on them. They have also broken the world record for the best time management!

All the transportation of the dabbas are done by means of the local trains. This brings down the operation cost substantially. After delivering the dabbas they also retrieve the same from the same building to be sent back to their place of origin. Even the Prince of Wales was astonished by their system and visited them when he was touring India. Sir Richard Branson is also one of the admirers of

the system and met the Dabbawallas at the Churchgate station.



-S.Ramesh, IGCSE Co-ordinator



# Miscellaneous

## Message from the Tiger's den:

### The Tiger's Encouragement Messages for Students:

You performed well, but some extra efforts can make your performance even better. Keep working hard.

With your hard work and determination you can achieve anything possible. The word "Impossible" is impossible only for those who don't try. Your hard work can make it possible. Don't fear failure, as fear leads to failure. Be brave and work hard, as this is the only key to success. You are really determined to achieve heights, a little more focused preparation can help you achieve your targets. Keep going. God bless you.

### Tiger's Health Tips:

#### How to Lose Weight in 10 days

To get started, here are a few things you 'must' have to

lose weight by the 10<sup>th</sup> day.

- Use stairs and the treadmill
- Have Lots of water
- Eat Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Have Fruit Juice



- Low-fat foods (fish/meat)

S.Ramesh,

IGCSE Coordinator

We have now introduced A-Levels in CVSL!

**Left:** A picture of Mr. S. Ramesh on 21st December, 2012 during the O-Level orientation for parents and students.

## The Head Boy Says

First things first, thank you! Thank you for giving me a chance to lead one of the best prefect bodies ever. It's truly an honour. Two months post investiture the prefect body, through the mix of events, examinations and exceeding expectations, has shaped up pretty well and has adapted itself to the CVSL traditions. As the Head Boy, I would like to reassure every Cathedralite that the current balance of fun and academics will remain constant. Food seems to be a very problematic area. After all is said and done, it has noticeably improved both in quality and quantity. I would urge you'll to be a little more tolerant, and assure you that the food standards are already on the way of meeting your expectations. Secondly, there seems to be a rift between the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. My only concern is that trivial issues shouldn't turn out to be a major unrest between both the grades (in the dorm as well). Just try and overlook the minor problems you guys have with each other and please call a truce. Coming to the felicitation part, thank you Aartee Thadani for the impressive food committee— we will miss you. Thank You House Captains, for now you can see the old house spirit reviving. Thank You Aman and Chiranjeev, the cultural and sports events are a great time for students to take pleasure in. Thank You Nishq for standing up everywhere I lagged. Lastly, a sweet little note to the gossip columnists, please note that the Ties are certainly NOT losing their charm. If anything, it's holding up the preset standards.

—Parshav Sheth

**Left:** The CVSL group that went to Nehru Planetarium on 15th December.

**Right:** Open day on 21st December, 2012— CVSL style.





# All around us

## A Word From our World

### WACKO, AWRY, AND AWFULLY OFF-TRACK

Hallo, mates, we're back again. Me (Urvin Soneta) and Erry (Comic Relief Editor, Karan Erry) are back again with our ever-fascinating list of those everyday statements made by people who predicted the future. People who predicted the future but didn't quite get it right.

So here it is friends. Here is the list you know you've been waiting for:

"Aircrafts are interesting toys, but of no military value." - Marshal Foch, France, 1912.

*Wonder how beautiful the world would be if the US believed that !!!*

"The end of the world will surely come in eighteen hundred and eighty one." - Mother Shipton, English prophet, c.1600.

*Amused by palindromes, Mr. Prophet?*

Electricity transmission by wireless may be commercially feasible - *Scientific American*, 1920.

*Commercially feasible for sure, but how do we make it happen ???*



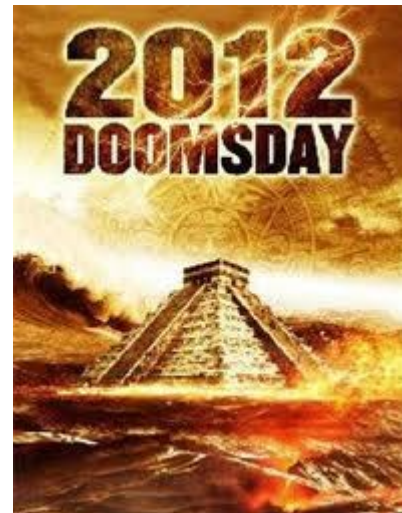
Here's the best of all, and as a matter of fact we really didn't know whether it's actually a factoid or not. We *did find out*, however, only when we woke up on Friday.

"The world will end on the 20<sup>th</sup> of Dec, 2012" -

The Mayans

So keep waiting, friends. And don't make stupid predictions about the future just because you think it's fun. Because the editors of Wacko, Awry and Awfully Off-Track will have more fun writing your name in their column in the Elixir some time later. And your children (or grandchildren or grand-grand-children, or— well, you get the point) will have the most fun reading it in the Elixir.

So long folks, see you soon!



## Political Sphere

Welcome back to the world of politics. In some local news, reliefs for the students of CVSL as now they can officially wear shorts to evening prep and dinner, thanks to the persistent efforts of the prefects.

The house points are being cut if any student is late for the assembly or has an inappropriate conduct. We hope this move makes you more punctual and disciplined !

In National news, Gujarat and Himachal state elections are on. The result for the Gujarat polls will have a huge effect on the National polls, that are supposed to happen next year. Analysts say that Narendra Modi is a clear winner and will remain in power for his hat-trick year. In International news, North Korea, against the wishes of the West, tested a long range nuclear capable missile. The world, including it's enemy, South Korea closely monitored the attack. The summit for discussions on world climate was a big fail. It was held in Doha a couple of weeks ago. Stay tuned for more!

- Sarthak Shah, IBDP 1

Our alumni, that stayed a night with us on the 20th of December, happily looks on as they gave some advice to their juniors. It was nice to see you all back!



# Clash of the Titans

PALMER  
Nil Desperandum

Welcome back fellow Palmerites!  
It's a new year and a new beginning for us; March-past has begun and so has a winning streak. We're all set to give it our best as we have already had a good start.  
It gives us immense pride to see house mates who have participated in sports which were entirely new to them. Congratulations to all those dedicated Palmerites who went out there and gave it their best shot!  
We cannot miss out on a verbal mention for Muskaan Dhanwan who outperformed almost every event she took part in. All the best to all you Palmerites for the upcoming athletic meet because the march-past shield could just be another feather on our hats.  
As we've always said: Palmer is a jolly house, so whatever maybe the outcome our spirit is unperturbed.  
*Winners never quit and quitters never win. - Palmerites, Nil Desperandum!*

SAVAGE  
Palman Qui Meruit Ferat

"Remember the culture. Give respect. And he who deserves will be victorious." - *Nikhil Gupta*  
Spirit and Strength. Two of those magical qualities present in each Savagite, our gateway to embracing the Cock House. After a humpty-dumpty start to the year, we have finally pulled up our socks and exhibited the aforementioned qualities. This marked change was seen during the English Debate, which we won with pure ease. Propelled forward by our very own Captain Maalav Thakkar, Manas Dutt and Om Joshi led the house to first place in the English Debate. With the taste of victory still fresh in our mouth, we moved on to the next hurdle between us and the trophy- Inter-house Badminton. Our senior girls (Yasha, Tishya and Riddhi) once again did us proud by completely annihilating the girls from the other Houses, without losing a single match. The senior boys didn't have it so easy, even though we beat Thomas and Palmer. In the Junior category, our boys mirrored our Senior boys while our girls stood second, losing to Palmer. With these results, we're at the moment, second on the House points chart. The next major event on hand is the Inter-house March-Past, and our beloved captain urges each and every Savagite to put their heart and soul into marching and avenge last year's loss.  
"We lost by a point, we shall win by ten."

WILSON  
Per Ardua Ad Astra

So hello, my fellow Wilsonites!  
A very hearty congratulations to those of you who performed so very well in the Inter-House Badminton Tournament, and thank you so much for all the amazing efforts you put in. Well done, our Sub-Junior & Junior Boys; Bhurhan, Shreevardhan & Shikhar and Chetan, Kundan & Utkarsh. You have truly done us proud, and added another feather to our caps. Our thumping hearts were all soothed down when we heard the news. But then again, it was no surprise, Wilson was first.... again! We love you all Wilsonites out there and the house wouldn't be the same without you. We need EVERY single one of you out there. All of you build Wilson up the same way an ocean is made up of tiny droplets of water. So, let me tell you, all my housemates, I'm truly proud of you, so keep it up and ... well.. together we will take Wilson to searing NEW heights! Cheers!

THOMAS  
Per Augusta Ad Agasta

The past few months brought with it a mixture of the good and the bad. For starters, Inter-house Badminton didn't go as well as we had expected, and our overall points slipped from second, to a disappointing fourth. Either way, I hope that we will be able to reclaim our points with Table Tennis – an event that we do, for a fact, have an extremely high chance of doing well in. Now for the good news - Mihir Jain has been newly invested as a Dorm Captain, and we are all proud to have yet another prefect in our fold! We also have two new students in our house - Varan Mahesh from the ninth grade, who is a new admission, and Shounak Kubal from the fourth grade, who was recently shifted to Thomas after a slight mix-up with his house allotment. I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome them to the Thomas House. As you know, from the hour of practice we have every morning – March-Past is coming up! Now this is probably one of the biggest events of the year, carrying 100 points, and I want all you Thomasites to give it your best shot. It's not the most fun thing on the planet, but it is one of the most important, and those points can catapult us up the house rankings and all the way to the top. So take it seriously! That's all for now, practice your sports, and I'm sure that with the right attitude, we WILL be able to make it to the top!



# ‘est la mode

## When in doubt? Wear a white T-shirt.

James Dean got it right in the '50s, so don't mess with his style law. After all, old is gold. There's something so simply great about a guy in a white tee and jeans. You really can't mess this look up! Except maybe with a pair of Crocs.

It's already been a couple of seasons since coloured jeans made a buzz (yes, we're talking summer 2012) and while we were initially told that we have got to let our coloured jeans be the dominant colour in a look and to wear only basic pieces to team with them, nude tones (the mono family – black, white, grey, beige) being so 2011, we're now on the look out for new, more creative ways of wearing them. To usher in 2013, so to speak!



## Look 1: Light Pink Coloured Jeans

The technique we use for this first look is something we learned from JCrew's creative director, Jena. It's about using *contrast* in putting colours, prints and patterns together. And what more contrasting than a sweet, candy pink and a straight-out-of-the-jungle leopard print?

## Look 2: Low-Key Yellow Jeans



This look re-defines playful and casual. The lace print top (which reminds us, don't go forgetting lace, it walked in last season and from what we can tell, it's definitely here to stay) goes with the yellow jeans and a light cardigan to soften the look; how many times have we seen people rock the yellow-jeans

-and-black-top look, only to be noticed for all the wrong reasons? 'Cause last we checked, taxis were *not* the look of the season; so softening's the way to go with this strong tone. Yellow pumps - or any bright colour really – emphasizes the colour *loud*. The black shoulder bag matches the tops' lace and helps bring in that contrast (without inducing that taxi look)

## Look 3: Red-Hot in Red

Pairing a blue top to your bright red skinny jeans is the last thing that anyone would expect. But blue brings out the elements of red. (Although a conservative fashionista's initial reaction would probably run along the lines of: Two such strong contrasting colors together? You're out of your minds!) But this isn't the year to be conservative! From the start of this year, rumours have been circulating that nudes are out, colour is in, so let's go with it! Besides, if the world really is going to end in 2012, we are definitely not going to leave without a last riot of colours and patterns and risky fashion trends. Our personal suggestion is pairing this look with black shoes, to polish everything.



## Look 4: Bold and Beautiful in Green jeans

You can never get enough of this combination of pattern-colour. Green is one colour that goes with every pattern or print – stripes, spots, florals, animal. *And* it goes with plain, for the ones who like 'em some uncluttered. Complete any green + pattern with brown shoes and a sprinkle of orange somewhere (this is easy for girls – earrings, bracelets, rings, hair-clips; the options are endless. Guys can up it with a watch. *Not* with an orange strap, of course, but a pale orange dial might do wonders).



# Unwind



**MAC  
LOVERS REALLY  
ARE CRAZY!**

**WAKAAO!**

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

## The Poll:

This week we have totalled the percentage of each laptop owned among the IB students. Now figure out what's best.



Hope you have a great year ahead! ;)

- Pallavi SN Kapri and Tavish Vajpeyi,  
IBDP 1

Ring in the holiday season's Christmas Spirit with Mrs. Meera Sain and the parents.

## Yo Blondies!

**How I Arrange  
My Games**



**How I Arrange  
My School  
Notes.**



- Viren Harjani and Perna Jogani, IBDP 1



**Editor's Pic(k):** The Children's Day Party, 2012



Goodbye **Aartee Thadani**— you will be missed. **Aishni Parab**, you have been an invaluable resource here at The Elixir and we wish you all the very best for your boards. Also, we welcome **Me-hak Mewawalla** and **Krish Mehta** into our editors' board. The next issue is a *special issue*- so stay tuned! But most of all, **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

