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## SAINIK SCHOOL BALACHADI

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### From the Principal's Desk

*“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence”. -Helen Keller*

With the present state of affairs and developments in the School, I am hopeful that our goal towards an excellent teaching- learning environment and value based education with desirable results is almost near.

To keep our well-wishers updated of Balachadians' activities and developments more often, we have planned to come up with this Newsletter on quarterly basis. The 2017-18 Session ending quarter was quite satisfying one. The Exams went well and our cadets produced good results. The CBSE Board Results are also expected to be good.

We are open to have some valuable suggestions and unique ideas from our well-wishers to implement in this portal of learning.

*Gp Capt Ravinder Singh  
Principal*

## **ACADEMICS**

### **All India Sainik Schools Entrance Examination 2018-19**

All India Sainik Schools Entrance Examination 2018-19 was conducted at three centres - Ahmedabad, Surat and Balachadi on 07 Jan, 2018. It was for the first time, the candidates were given OMR sheets to answer all the questions with Multiple Choice.

### **Periodic Test – III and Pre Board Examination**

Periodic Test - III for students of class VI to X and Pre Board Examination - I for classes XI and XII were conducted from 16 to 22 Jan, 2018.

### **Pre Board for Class XI and XII**

Pre Board-II for Class XI and XII was conducted from 05 Feb 2018 to 10 Feb, 2018.

The cadets had a good practice for their final exam.

### **Result Declaration of All India Sainik Schools' Entrance Examination 2018**

Result of All India Sainik Schools' Entrance Examination 2018 for selection of students for Class VI and IX was declared on 08 Feb, 2018. The Result was uploaded on the School Website and published in Newspapers.

### **Pre Board for Class X**

Pre Board for Class X was conducted from 12 Feb 2018 to 16 Feb 2018. The cadets had a good practice for their final exam and they took the exam very seriously for their bright future.

### **CBSE Class XII Board Exam**

The CBSE Board Exam for Class XII commenced on 05 March, 2018. As the School was Centre for Board Exam, Students from other schools also came to give the exams.

### **CBSE Class X Board Exam**

The CBSE Board Exam for Class X commenced on 06 March, 2018.

All the cadets were very enthusiastic.

### **Class XII Final Exam**

Cadets of Class XII (Computer Science Group) had their Final Exam of their CBSE Exams on 23 Mar 2018.

The cadets of class XII (Computer Science Group) left the school on 24 Mar 2018 after attending their farewell party held in the evening on 23 Mar 2018.

### **Class XII Board Exam Concluded**

Cadets of Class XII had their Last Exam (Biology) of their CBSE Exams on 27 March, 2018.

The cadets of class XII left the school after giving their last exam with teary eyes.

### **Class X Board Exam Concluded**

Cadets of Class X had their Last Exam (Mathematics) of their CBSE Exams on 28 March, 2018.

The cadets of class X who had applied for withdrawal from School left the school after giving their last exam.

### **Result Declaration and Parent Teacher Meeting**

Parent Teacher Meet and Result Declaration for Classes VI to IX and XI was held on 31 Mar, 2018. During the Meet, Principal briefed about the happenings and efforts from School side for offering the best possible education to the cadets.

At the end, Dr Nilesh Gambhava was selected as the new Parent Representative. All the parents interacted with their wards' class teacher and subject teachers and teachers in turn briefed them about their wards' result.

## **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

### **Inter House Drill Competition**

On the auspicious occasion of 69th Republic Day, Inter House Drill Competition was also organised. All the Marching Contingents of Senior houses showed their might in the field of bearing and turnout, marching, saluting and coordination. Finally Tagore House emerged as the Winner. Angre House bagged the Second Position.

## **VISITS**

### **Parents' Visit Day**

Parents visited their wards after the Diwali break for the first time. They met the teachers and house masters to know about the progress of their wards. Principal addressed the parents at 1100 hrs and briefed them of the initiatives the school has taken to uplift the quality of life of cadets and training activities.

Parents expressed their concern and got their doubts clarified. They also assured whole hearted cooperation to the administration for the good work.

### **Major General's Visit**

Maj Gen M V Chandran and Col Jitender Singh visited the School on 16 Jan, 2018. The Dignitaries went around the campus and interacted with the Officers, Staff and Cadets to get a clear picture about the functioning of the School and to know about the challenges faced by the Balachadians to get a successful result in CBSE and UPSC-NDA examinations.

### **OBSSA 1993 Pass Out Batch Visited School**

Twenty three members of OBSSA 1993 batch visited school on 04 Feb 2018. They shared their experience and interacted with Officers, Staff and Cadets. They also played friendly Volleyball match with the cadets. They were shown a Documentary of the School.

### **Rear Admiral Dhiren Vig, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff Visited the School**

Rear Admiral Dhiren Vig, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff, an alumnus of the school visited the school on 22 Feb 2018. He was given a warm welcome by the Principal Gp Capt Ravinder Singh. On the arrival, he was also given a befitting 'Guard of Honour' by the cadets.

The Admiral interacted with the Officers, Staff and Cadets. A special lunch was organized in his honour.

### **District Collector Visited the School**

Shri Ravi Shankar, IAS, District Collector, Jamnagar visited the School on 28 Feb, 2018. He was welcomed and briefed about the School and its functioning by the Principal. Later, he was taken around the Campus to show the infrastructure and living conditions.

### **Polish Ambassador visited the School.**

H.E. Mr Adam Burakowski, Ambassador of Poland in India along with the Director of Polish Institute Dr. Tomasz Gerlach visited the school on 07 Mar 2018 in connection with discussion on Polish Centennial to be celebrated at Balachadi, Jamnagar during 3/4 Oct 2018.

### **Visit of Maj Gen AK Vyas, Addl DG MT (AE) & HoS, AEC**

The General Officer visited the School on 27 Mar 2018. On his arrival, he laid wreath on Shaurya Stambh. Later, he was given a befitting Guard of Honour by the cadets. Then, he was briefed about the school and its surroundings on Sand Model. He visited the Academic Block and had a discussion with the Principal in his office.

Afterwards, The General was taken on Campus Round. He visited Hostels, Cadets Mess, Horse Stable, School Dairy, Agriculture Farm, Athletic Ground, Indoor Sports Complex and Swimming Pool etc.

## **CELEBRATIONS**

### **New Year Celebration**

On the eve of the New Year -2018, the Officers, Staff and Cadets assembled in front of Cadets' Mess to celebrate and welcome year 2018. Everyone danced to the DJ tunes and shared the Greetings. A brilliant cracker show and Cake cutting marked the arrival of 2018 in Balachadi.

A special Principal's assembly was organised in the morning on 01 Jan, 2018 and a high tea was also organised to commemorate the arrival of the New Year 2018.

Principal conveyed the best wishes to the staff, their families, cadets and their parents.

### **'National Youth Day' Celebration**

The 'National Youth Day' was observed on 12 Jan 2018 on the auspicious occasion of 155<sup>th</sup> birthday of Swami Vivekananda. On this day Mr Mayura Joshi, Asst. Master Mathematics delivered a speech covering the life and achievements of the great Hindu Monk – Swami Vivekananda. The lecture awakened the spectators to arise and not stop till the goal is reached. It was a fabulous presentation including audio visual effects which really motivated the Balachadians.

Officers, Staff and students attended lecture which resulted in carrying values and ethics of the great propagator of Hinduism.

### **Lohri Celebration**

The Officers, Staff and families celebrated Lohri in a traditional manner in Balachadi House on 13 Jan, 2018. Everyone exchanged the warm greetings on the special occasion.

### **Kite Flying Festival / Makar Sankranti Celebration**

Uttarayan / Makar Sankranti was celebrated with joy and enthusiasm in Balachadi premises with great enthusiasm on 14 Jan, 2018. On this auspicious occasion "The Kite Flying" event was organised at School Athletic ground.

The event was kick started by Principal Gp Capt Ravinder Singh by flying a huge kite. It was followed by the soaring of kites by students and staff and soon the sky was covered with colourful kites. It was a memorable event for the Balachadians as all of them gathered together to enjoy kite flying. Principal extended his hearty greetings to the students, staff and their families on this auspicious day. At the end of "The Kite Flying" event, sweets were distributed to all.

### **Army Day Celebration**

On account of Indian Army Day Celebration on 15 Jan, 2018, a brief history about India Army was presented in the form of power point presentation by Mr Raghesh PR, HOD (Social Science) which was witnessed by cadets and staff.

## **Republic Day Celebration**

The 69<sup>th</sup> Republic Day was celebrated with enthusiasm and fervour. The event commenced with laying the Wreath at the Shourya Stambh - the War Memorial of Martyrs by the Principal.

Indian Tricolour was hoisted by the Chief Guest followed by the National Anthem, magnificent Band Display and March-Past. A patriotic song was also presented by the Staff of the school. The Tiny Tots of Balniketan also exhibited their patriotism by presenting a patriotic song. Audience witnessed the wonderful display of Mass PT, Yoga, Aerobics and Dumbbells Drill performed by the cadets. The Chief Guest on this occasion gave a motivating speech to the cadets and later distributed sweets to Tiny Tots of Balniketan.

A contingent of the school comprising of 34 cadets of class XI participated in the Republic Day Programme organised by Jamnagar District Administration. They won first prize in March Past and brought laurels to the school. Ravi Shankar, IAS, District Collector, Jamnagar honoured the Contingent by presenting the shield.

## **Martyrs' Day**

On the eve of Martyrs' Day Officers, Staff and Cadets paid homage to the great souls who sacrificed themselves for the nation.

On this day Mr Mayura Joshi, Asst. Master (Mathematics) along with two cadets delivered a presentation on the life and achievements of the Martyrs and their supreme sacrifice for the Nation.

The event was graced by the relatives of the Martyrs, Capt Nilesh Soni and Maj Rushikesh Ramani, SM.

The Chief Guest Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal, Sainik School Balachadi motivated the cadets in his speech to join the Armed Forces to make their life worth living. He also called the responsible heroes to carry forward the baton passed by the Martyrs. On the 70<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of the Father of the Nation - Mahatma Gandhi, the school observed two minutes silence at 1100 hrs.

The proud parents of Maj Rushikesh Ramani, SM and Brother of Capt Nilesh Soni presented photo posters and wall clocks of the Martyrs to the School. They also shared their feelings with the cadets of the School in the special assembly.

## **Mahashivratri Celebration**

On the auspicious occasion of Mahashivratri all the Officers, Staff, Cadets and families assembled at Shiv Temple, Balachadi to offer prayers and seek blessings of Lord Shiva at 1830 hrs.

By doing this Balachadians tried to show their devotion towards Lord Shiva.

## **International Mother Language Day**

In order to promote the use of mother tongue, Matr Bhasha Diwas ( Mother Language Day) was celebrated in the School on 21 Feb 2018.

On this occasion, a programme was conducted by the 'Gujarati Department' of school in which cadets presented various group songs and dramatic performances. Cadets were also shown short documentary on Mother Tongue.

Officers, staff and cadets were present on this occasion.

## **Cock House Party**

Any house that scores highest points in an academic year by exhibiting excellent performance in the field of Academics, Sports, Co-Curricular activities, Discipline, Bearing & Turnout and the maximum number of cadets selected for NDA gets the award of Cock House.

The Cock House Party was organised by the Trophy winner - Sardar Patel House on 23 Mar 2018. The event started with the welcome and Interaction with the Chief Guest. It was followed by a short video clip on S P House, solo songs and dance by the Titans (Sardar Patel House), which enthralled the audience. Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi, Vice Principal, Staff along with their families were present on this occasion.

## **Holika Dahan**

*Holika Dahan* also Kamudu pyre is celebrated by burning Holika, the devil. For many traditions in Hinduism, Holi celebrates the killing of Holika by Vishnu in order to save Prahlad, a devotee of God Vishnu in the city of Multan Pakistan, and thus Holi gets its name.

Officers, Staff, Families and Cadets assembled beside basketball court on the eve of 'Holika Dahan'. The priest performed the rituals and chanted Mantras on this religious ceremony.

## **Dhuleti**

Officers, Staff and Cadets assembled in Sports Arena to celebrate 'Dhuleti'- the festival of colours. All smeared colours on one another to exchange the greetings and good wishes. Cadets took blessings of officers and staff on this auspicious occasion. The celebration concluded with distribution of sweets to all.

Principal conveyed his best wishes and seasons' greetings to officers, staff and cadets on the occasion of Dhuleti.

## **EXPOSURE**

### **Air Rifle Firing Practice Session For Class VI**

Firing practice session for class VI was organised from 0900 hrs to 1100hrs on 21 Jan, 2018. ANOs and PI Staff guided them and chance was given to all 103 cadets of class VI to fire using Air Rifle / Air Pistol. Cadets gained a good exposure and enjoyed the experience.

### **Display Of 'Induction Publicity Exhibition Vehicle' By Indian Air Force**

A motivational session was organised by Air Force Station Jamnagar in the School on 21 Feb 2018. The team brought an 'Induction Publicity Exhibition vehicle' (IPEV). A simulator which was designed to give the feel of flying an aircraft was shown to the cadets. The students were explained about the Cockpit functions, various parts of the plane and dress of pilot.

A motivational documentary on Indian Air Force was also screened. It was followed by the question answer session related to Indian Air Force.

Cadets gained a fair idea about the functioning of an Airplane and more about the Adventurous Career in Indian Air Force.

### **Cycling Expedition for Class IX**

Cycling Expedition for Class IX to Khijadia Bird Sanctuary was organized on 28 Jan, 2018. 88 students participated in the expedition.

Cyclists covered a distance of 26kms. Cadets were taken around the sanctuary and were briefed about the different species of birds. All the cadets got a very thrilling experience.

### **SSB Capsule**

A short session on SSB was conducted for Classes IX, X and XI on 25 March, 2018. It aimed at acquainting the cadets with a basic knowledge about SSB and to kindle their eagerness to prepare themselves to achieve Success in cracking SSB.

Principal gave an introduction and kick started a discussion about SSB procedures and means to succeed. It was followed by an assignment for volunteers from Class XI to attempt a Progressive Group Task.



## **FAREWELL**

### **Farewell to Outgoing Class XII Cadets**

To bid adieu to the outgoing class XII cadets, a farewell party was organised by class XI cadets on 23 Mar 2017.

Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi was the Chief Guest on this occasion. The Anchors read out compliments while school Principal presented a memento to each student.

The outgoing class XII cadets recounted their school experiences in emotional and nostalgic overtones. The School Captain Cadet Arjun Singh summed up the experiences on behalf of all cadets of class XII.

While addressing the gathering the Principal mentioned the vast transformation from a child to a gentleman that has taken place in each one of the passing out cadet. In this process of seven long years, directly or indirectly the Officers, Staff and General employees have contributed with selfless dedication.

At last Principal, Officers and staff congratulated and blessed the outgoing class XII cadets for their future endeavours.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Medical and Interview for New Entrants – 2018**

Medical and Interview for selection of students in class VI and class IX was conducted from 19 to 24 Feb, 2018.

All the students were looking very eager to join this prestigious school.

### **Local Board of Administration (LBA) Meeting**

Maj Gen Anil Puri, SM, VSM, GOC 11 Inf Div & Chairman, LBA visited the school on 22 Feb, 2018. He was given a warm welcome by the Principal. Maj Gen Anil Puri, SM, VSM, GOC 11 Inf Div chaired the Local Board of Administration (LBA) meeting. Representative of Commissioners of School, Representative of Collector Jamnagar, Parent Representative and Principal of Nand Vidya Niketan Jamnagar were also present in the meeting.

On his arrival, Maj Gen Anil Puri, SM, VSM, GOC 11 Inf Div was also given a befitting 'Guard of Honour' by the cadets.