

ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF
JANUARY 2021
HOUSE ON DUTY- TOPAZ HOUSE

1. Online classes resumed after winter break: 04th January, 2021

The school resumed its online classes after winter break on 04th January, 2021 for the students of classes I to XII. A special morning assembly was conducted through virtual platform, seeking God's blessings for the smooth running of the school during this pandemic time. Prayers and petitions were held to help the management, staff, students and their families, feel excitement and joy in the promise of a new start.

2. The new normal- Online classes: 06th January, 2021

An online webinar was organized by The Times of India (NIE) on 06th January, 2021. The topic for the session was 'Analysis of Sociological and Psychological factors affecting Students and Teachers due to online classes'. The main speakers were Mr. Tarun Anand (Chairman and Founder- Universal Business School) and Dr. Preeti Das (Additional Director of the United World school of Liberal Arts and Mass Communication at Karnavati University). In this one hour interesting session, Mr. Tarun Anand emphasized on reducing stress among students through group activities and developing social connection. Dr. Preeti Das advised to make less use of online modes to reduce stress. She appreciated the efforts of the teachers, who are involved 24*7 in pandemic times. In such times, when connectivity is a major problem, there should be empathy. She termed teachers as the 'Backbone of the Society' and urged everyone that the teachers should be treated with dignity. The conclusion drawn was fewer burdens for the teachers and stress free education for the students should be considered on every aspect. This webinar was attended by our TOI coordinators- Mrs. Gurpreet Kaur, Mrs. Parul Bhatia and Ms. Macrina.

3. Plan for school reopening: 09th January, 2021

On 09th January, 2021 Rev. Principal, Sister Roseline called out for a meeting with the management and staff members of the school to plan a framework for reopening schools. Many suggestions were given by the principal and the teachers as the safety guidelines for the school to follow once the students start coming to school for offline classes. Some of the suggested measures include having one student per bench with 6 feet distance between two students, rotational online and offline classes for students and splitting the class into two and conducting double shifts to ensure that all students don't have to come at the same time.

4. Tech-warrior Club Activity: 9th January , 2021

Tech -warrior club conducted an activity- Pandemic and Technology on 9th January 2021. Class 1 presented the steps of turning on and shutting down the computer on sheets. They all actively participated and showed their creativity very well . Class 2 painted the screen with joy and fervour of Makkar Sakranti . Their creativity was worth appreciation. Class 3 put down their thoughts on pandemic in MS Word application .They expressed their ideas in a modest yet meaningful way. Class 4 presented their thoughts on Covid 19 using MS PowerPoint and Class 5 presented their ideas and views on the pandemic and online studies through the same. All the students actively participated in the activities and did their best.

5. Sophia heads for Senior India Camp: 09th January, 2021

Manvi Srivastava of class XII got selected for Senior India camp for basketball. For the first time in the history of Rajasthan Basketball, nine players were selected from the state for the Senior India camp. Out of those players, four are women players where our Sophian champ Manvi Srivastava could make place for herself. It is a proud moment for Jaipur Sophian fraternity.

6. IGNITE 2020-21: 11th January, 2021

An inter school online science fest was organised by Delhi Public School, Jaipur on 11th January, 2021 for the classes VI-VIII comprising four innovative and igniting events to explore scientific concepts through ingenious ways. The four events were Art attack (class VI), Kaleidoscope (class VII), Srijan (class VIII) and APP A-Thon (class VI-VIII). Our students fervently participated in all the four activities and performed excellently giving their best in each activity. The fest gave an opportunity to the students to ignite their knowledge at home with resources that will get them on the path toward seeing the world through the powerful lens of scientific thinking.

7. XPRESSIONS 2021- 11th-13th January, 2021

Maheshwari Girls Public School had organised Annual Inter School Cultural Fest: XPRESSIONS 2021 on the theme RISING SPIRIT comprising around ten different activities during the three days fest from 11th-13th January, 2021 for the classes VI-XII. Activities named as Debate in English, Udbodhan Hindi speech, Relive a character, Colour splash, Trash to treasure, PPT on Sustainable Green school, Creative Karizma with Brain pop, Making things public (Advertisement making), Life on Canvas and “Beyond the Voice” were conducted during the three days fest. Students from classes VI-XII participated for all the activities. Two girls of our school participated for the Debate in English on the topic, Advertisement: An Alluring Trap. Riya Agarwal of class XI Commerce spoke in favour of the motion and Soumya Sharma of XII Humanities was against the motion. Twenty one schools participated in the competition. Both the girls

expressed themselves with original content, good expression within the time limit. Like these two girls, other students of various classes from VI-XII showed immense zeal during the competitions and gave their best in their respective activities. Our students were recognized and awarded for maximum participation in all the activities during the cultural fest.

8. School reopens: 18th January, 2021

As per the guidelines given by the Government, our school reopened on 18th January, 2021 for students of classes IX- XII, living outside containment zones. The school made it compulsory to get parents consent for allowing any student to attend school. Classrooms in school maintained the presence of 50% of the total strength of students everyday on an alternating basis. All the students as well as the teachers were very excited to enter the school premises after so many days. Everybody followed the safety guidelines very strictly.

9. 72nd Republic Day: 26th January, 2021

Our school celebrated the 72th Republic Day on 26th January, 2021. The programme commenced with the hoisting of the national Flag by Rev. Principal, Sister Roseline. After that a prayer service was conducted seeking God's blessings on the country, its leaders and the people who are struggling in every aspect during this difficult time of Covid-19. A small cultural programme was organised which contained patriotic songs, dance performance by Ma'am Raagini Eshwar and speeches in English and Hindi. The air was filled with patriotism. Sister Principal encouraged everyone with her inspiring words and appreciated the efforts of the students and the teachers who are facing several technical glitches but are still striving for learning advanced multimedia methods for successful conduct of online as well as offline classes. Sweets were also distributed to the staff members at the end of the program. Though the students couldn't attend the program in school premises as per the order of the University Grants Commission, the celebration was recorded and was made available for them through virtual platform.

10. Young Chef India 2020: 27th January, 2021

International Institute of Hotel Management (IIHM), Jaipur organized a Chef Competition in more than 50 schools of the city. The qualifying round was conducted on 16th November, 2019 and on 10th October, 2020, the final round of the competition was conducted through which our four home science students i.e. Sakshi Morani, Durvi Mitra, Pranjal Arora and Daisy D-Souza, qualified for the competition. Out of them, Sakshi Morani of class XII E secured third position and added another feather to the Sophian cap. Hence, on 27th January, 2021 these students were certified for their participation and excellent presentation in the competition, in an award ceremony organised by IIHM Jaipur at Hotel Fern. Our Rev. Sr. Principal, Rev. Sr. Vice-Principal and Ma'am Sarika

Agarwal (PGT -Home Science) accompanied our students to the ceremony. In the presence of the Head Chef of IIHM, Chef Rishi Raj, Director Reena Chaturvedi, chief guest Principal of Ryan International School and coordinators of the different participant schools, the award ceremony was commenced. Our student, Sakshi Morani was awarded with a cheque of rupees 5000 and a certificate. She will represent our school for the National level, which will be organised in London.

11. Winning stride of Basketball team: 8th-10th January and 24th-26th January, 2021

Sophian Basketball team continues its winning stride by securing titles in two 3 on 3 basketball tournaments. First was Chandrashekhar basketball championship 2021 held from 08th to 10th January, 2021 at Chandrashekhar Azaad Park. Our team won the under-19 girls title. The other 3 on 3 basketball tournament was a tribute to Kobe Bryant, the famous basketball player, which was organised from 24th to 26th January, 2021 at Kapil Gyanpeeth School, Jaipur in which our team was winner and also runner up (both) in under-16 girls category. In the both the championships, all Covid-19 guidelines as per Government were followed strictly. Our basketball team showed its charisma and calibre at both the tournaments and added golden feathers to the glorious cap of Sophia school.