



CHAMAN
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FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR



Climate change is not a future scenario; it is a reality. 2023 will be the warmest year ever measured on the planet. I don't want to paint an apocalyptic and dystopian scenario, but the earth is getting warmer, the weather has become unpredictable, and this will bring changes to the way we live, where we live, how we produce, and what we produce. Our children will live in a world very different from the world previous generations have lived in. We must give them hope and optimism about this future world and educate them so they can adapt to the changes and innovate better consumption and production methods.

Education must cope with the challenges and educate the present generation so that they can live and thrive in a rapidly changing world. It must equip the learners with skills, expertise, and a strong character. Curriculum and content focus is essential, but more is needed.

At Chaman Bhartiya School, we have defined the leadership profile, which is an answer to the demands on education today. It has three strands:

- Academics (ICSE and MYP)
- The leadership pillars: learn to live, learn to live together, learn to act, learn to learn, learn to lead
- The 21st-century competencies (the 4 Cs): critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, communication

This academic year, we focus on improving the academic delivery and the integration of the leadership pillars and the 4 Cs in teaching and learning.

With the joining of our principal, Ms Shalini Singh Hamilton, we are strengthening the school's leadership. With our combined efforts, I'm confident that we will deliver academic excellence with "a leadership edge". Furthermore, we have created a new coordinator role for Shalini Naik, focusing on planning, quality and curriculum development.

We have adopted the Toddle app as our primary platform for sharing important updates, academic information, and as our medium of communication between parents and the school. All information and resources are at hand through Toddle.

We want an active involvement of our parent community in the school, and thus, we have introduced new initiatives that aim at improving our communication with the parents:

- A daily academic log
- Direct contact with the facilitators
- Easy access to meetings with the coordinators and the principal
- Monthly meetings with the principal/director and the facilitators
- Involvement of the parents in projects and events
- Discussion evenings on topics in education and parenting

Chaman Bhartiya School is child-centered. We focus on the happiness of our children. We want all of them to feel valued and included in class and in the school community. We want them to feel safe, and to be able to express their opinions, questions, and insecurities in class. We implement a pedagogy that encourages active participation. This year we are re-introducing the mentorship program for all learners in the Middle Years.

Warm Regards,
Allan Andersen
Director
Chaman Bhartiya School

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first edition of the Chaman Bhartiya School newsletter for the academic year 2023-24, The Connect!

As I sit back to reflect on the joys of learning during the initial month of this session, I realise that our classrooms are spaces where dreams are carved and nurtured, where the process of unlocking every student's potential is in progress, where we have leaders in the making during those 'seven crazy hours of our lives'. Doing this for children has to be a collective effort, and to see how the school staff and families align in this endeavour has been a real privilege.

It has been an eventful month and we have experienced an extraordinary range of activities that has enriched the education of our students, beyond the time-tabled curriculum. The orientations, the assemblies, World Tiger Day activities, the SLC nominations, campaigning, elections and finally the announcement of results: the students have been engaged in a variety of exceptional learning experiences with visible cognitive benefits.

To quote Dalai Lama, 'While educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their heart', and I take great pride in claiming that our students have and will venture into becoming mindful, reflective individuals who value their relationships above everything else. I believe that the open, honest relationships that we enjoy between home and school are essential models for our children.

I also believe that they serve to reinforce and amplify our efforts, and through alignment they become resonant. This resonance pulls us along and keeps us in harmony. Thus, in our classrooms, we see Chaman Bhartiya's vision manifested in reality with illustrative examples of students empowered by learning, empowered by values, empowered to act, and empowered to lead.

It is our constant endeavour to bring out the best in our students and create leaders of tomorrow. We look forward to your support as there are significant and real glimmers of hope on the horizon.

Dream Big and Celebrate the Small!

Warm Regards,

Shalini Singh Hamilton

Principal

Chaman Bhartiya School

FACILITATORS' INDUCTION

Commencing the academic year, we extended a warm welcome to 20 new facilitators at an induction ceremony. This event served as their initial connection to the institution's core framework and included a comprehensive briefing on essential safety and etiquette protocols. They also learned about our organization's ethos, positioning them for a productive and harmonious tenure at CBS.



PARENT ORIENTATION

We organised an orientation session for parents. They were invited to learn about the school's overarching vision and plan for the coming academic year. With a presentation, we told them about the innovative teaching methodologies, diverse curriculum enhancements, and enriching extracurricular opportunities that lay ahead. A highlight of the orientation was the interactive feedback exchange, where parents' perspectives and insights were sought.



1ST DAY OF SCHOOL

Our enthusiastic learners returned to school this month. The learners started off the academic year with a series of activities like art, dance and fun games. It was a great start to a fun academic year of growing, learning and playing together.



SLC ELECTION

We recently organized the election for the Student Leadership Council (SLC). The SLC is a program based on the CBS Leadership pillars 'Learning to Act' and 'Learning to Lead'. The election was an important event, where learners came together to choose their representatives. It offered learners a platform to engage, participate, and exercise their effective agency (Voice and Choice) in placing their concerns and requirements to enhance the learning environment.



BASTILLE DAY

We organized a special event to commemorate Bastille Day, which is also known as French National Day.

It featured a model display, which our learners had prepared for beforehand. In keeping with the theme, 'Symbols of France,' they created imaginative representations of iconic French landmarks, historical figures, and cultural elements. The model display showcased the talent and imagination of our learners while honoring the spirit of liberty that the French Revolution represents.

Learners played French rhymes on instruments such as the keyboard and the violin, and displayed their knowledge of the country's history with a keynote presentation about the French revolution. In a video, played live from France, we saw the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the French President M. Emmanuel Macron together during the parade in France.

Beautiful memories were created and captured at the selfie booth.



FIELD TRIP TO SRI RAKUM SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

As part of the Design Curriculum, students of grades 7, 8, and 9 visited a school for the blind, Sri Rakum School for the Blind. This visit provided a unique opportunity for our students to engage with and learn from the experiences of visually impaired students. During the visit, our students had the chance to meet and interview the students at the school for the blind, allowing them to gain firsthand insights into their unique requirements and challenges. This interaction will serve as a foundation for the upcoming design lessons, where they will be working on creating an assistive product tailored to the needs of visually impaired individuals.



PLANETARIUM SHOW

On World Space Exploration Day, we organized a Planetarium Show for our learners. They were enthralled to witness the show in India's first mobile auditorium. With its state-of-the-art visuals and immersive technology, it encouraged them to learn more about our solar system and the mysteries that lie beyond.



INTERNATIONAL TIGER DAY - ART COMPETITION

We organized an art competition to mark International Tiger Day. The event served as a poignant reminder of tigers' endangered status while celebrating the raw beauty and vitality they embody. It not only fostered creative expression but also proved to be a powerful educational tool, with the message: this magnificent species should not go extinct.



FACULTY FEATURES

Ms. Shalini Singh Hamilton has over 20 years of experience in teaching and management, and she has a deep understanding of strategic planning, evaluation, and implementation of academics.

Shalini holds a Master's Degree in English Literature and a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow University. She also holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Leadership from Emeritus, Singapore, in partnership with MIT Sloan, Columbia Business School Executive Education, and Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth, U.S.

Shalini's love for children led her to become a teacher. She has taught diverse curricula, including ICSE, CBSE, IB, and Cambridge International across Grades 1 to 12. Her creative contributions have notably advanced schools and students. She has also been conferred with several prestigious awards.

Shalini firmly believes that mentors can foster growth through caring, sharing, and communication.

She loves spending quality time with her family, being an animal lover, this includes her three fur babies. She also likes listening to music, travelling to new places, and learning about diverse cultures.



EVENTS - AUGUST 2023

04 August ▶

Friday - Investiture Ceremony

15 August ▶

Tuesday - Independence Day Celebration

19 August ▶

Saturday - Coffee Connect

28 August ▶

Saturday - Unit Test 1 Begins - Grade 6 to 8

HOLIDAYS - AUGUST 2023

◀ **25 August**

Friday - Varamahalakshmi Puja