



Campus Collage

A round-up of all the major events that happened this year in the school campus

Literary Fest:

July 3 & 4, 2015

One of the most awaited days of the years dawned after weeks of practice.

The Literary Fest is a platform for students to portray their debating, acting, dancing, art and singing skills. The Kumarans Lit Fest this year was a combination of culture, hard work and undeniable talent. The culmination of all the preparation that went into this event was seen on 3rd and 4th July.

The judges included alumni of the school as well as several individuals accomplished in various fields like music and dance. The group events such as Street Play, Dance, Group Music stood as a beacon of the spirit of teamwork that has been embedded in every Kumaranite.

The color, the laughter, the voices of students cheering their houses on, is something no student or teacher will forget.

Aside from just music and dance, this year, we also had a Fashion Show. The theme was board games, and students from all the four houses went on to prove that we have some aspiring fashion designers among us.

The Street Play was an attempt to educate people on pressing issues in society today. There were plays on pollution, importance of education, bullying and Swachh Bharat.

The group dances portrayed the beautiful festivals in India, and how people across India celebrate these festivals.

The group music had songs that were sung by famous music icons, and they had the entire audience tapping their feet to the beat.



Kumarans Model United Nation:

July 9, 10 & 11, 2015

“People forget. We are here to act. We are here to deliver results. We are agents of change. Our job is to change the world for the better.”

-Secretary General of the UN, Ban Ki-moon

The KMUN is conducted every year by the alumni of this school. This time, it was conducted on 9th, 10th, and 11th of July 2015.

These three days brought to the students fast paced, political and invigorating debate. In this simulation of the UN, there were several committees like the Security Council, the Secretariat, NATO, Marvel Fictional Crisis Committee, Ad Hoc Crisis Committee and many more. Students were allotted a country, a committee and were given agendas upon which they had to research and put forth their countries stance and solutions.

These events stirred the minds of students with ongoing events and pushed them to research, read and learn more about the affairs of the world.



Centenary Celebrations:

Aug 10, 2015

The 10th of August marked the hundredth birth anniversary of our founding mother, Smt. R.A .Devi. The occasion was graced by Mr.Saimani, Mother's grandnephew and an ex-Kumaranite.

The high school students put forth a play, depicting the life of Mother, based on the recordings of her life by Smt. Meenakshi Balakrishnan. The school song, dedicated to mother was explained to the students, and its relevance understood.

It was a day where all students and teachers came together to celebrate the person who made good quality education possible and established this great institution with little support, braving all odds.



October 1, 2015

The sudden demise of Mrs. Meenakshi Balakrishnan, Director of Kumarans Group of Institutions, fondly called 'Mother', saddened Kumaranites and all those who were associated with Mother. Her indomitable spirit and vision will continue to guide all Kumaranites.



Sports Day

November 6&7, 2015

Spirits soaring high, the flag of the four houses swaying in the winds, and the thud of the athlete's feet hitting the track - Sports Day 2015 was a huge success.

The event began with the march past by the four houses. Each house had on unique sashes and accessories, and marched with confidence and panache. The meet was declared open by the school Principal.

There was a rope climbing event, in which four children of tender age had been trained long and hard in the art of rope climbing, performing on the vertical rope.

Then began the various sporting events.

Athletes stretched and took a deep breath as they awaited the whistle which informed them to start running. It was an array of colour and sound.

There were many events, including individual sprint, relay, shot put and long jump. Some students excelled in all these events, and were crowned all round winners.



The house captains and teams accepted shields from various team events like basketball, volleyball and football which had been conducted previously.

After this was the moment every house had been waiting for -the declaration of the overall winners of sports day. There was silence as the points were tallied up. Finally, Topaz was declared the winner.

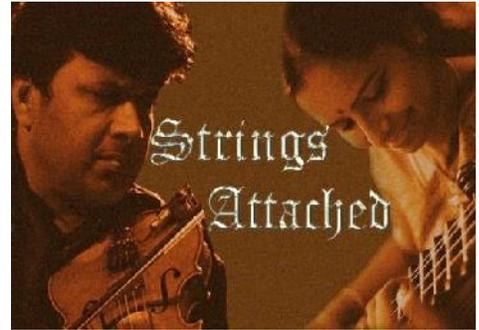
The day culminated with students of all houses participating in the closing ceremony march past, marching with their heads held high, regardless of whether they had won or lost.

Music Concerts

This year, there were concerts by Ms.Shabnam Virmani and Mr.Vipul Rikhi (KabirDas Songs),a Sarod Recital by Pt. Biswarjit Roy Chaudhary, sponsored by SPIC MACAY and a veena recital by an young artist,Master Ramana Balachandran.

An exclusive instrumental music concert titled “Strings Attached” was held in the auditorium by renowned artists, Dr. Jayanthi Kumaresh and Shri. Kumaresh along with the co-artists, Shri. Jayachandra Rao on the mridangam and Shri. Pramath Kiran on the tabla and morsing.

People who attended the concert felt privileged to have witnessed an enthralling musical conversation on November 18, 2015.



Students of class 8 and 9 performed the Thyagaraja Aradhana on Jan 28, 2016, in memory of Saint Thyagaraja. The hour-long performance saw a packed auditorium, with students and teachers enjoying the program. The young musicians felt encouraged and were happy at the opportunity to sing before their peers.

IT Fair

November 21, 2015

IT Fair this year returned in a whole new avatar, INTERFACE. It was a result of the KHMD community of Kumarans working day and night to bring forth the various, stimulating events.

iQuiz – Conducted by Abhishek Krishna, Barghav Cavale (Alumni)

Hour Of Code – Conducted by Arjun Rao (alumnus), Sameer Kolhar, Prateek Rao, Krishna Datta, Shreyans Padmanabhan

Domino Computer – Conducted by Bhargav Kulkarni, Aditya Pandey, Anurag Muttur

Table top logic games – Conducted by Akshaya Mohan, Akash Nagaraj

KHMD Makerspace – Conducted by Adhesh Shenoy, Vishwa Pravin, Gagan Bhat

Jarvis Dance vfx – Conducted by Daivat Bhatt, Ashwin Joisa, Parth Bhatia

Design Thinking Workshop – Conducted by Mr. Vihari K (external facilitator)



Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning - Conducted by Mr. Ram Jayaram, Mr. Amar Lalwani (external resource facilitators)

Web Development Workshop - Conducted by Sameer Kolhar, Rishit Choudhary

ChrysoVenquest - Conducted by Daivat Bhatt, Ashwin Joisa, Pratyush Singh, Sanjay Devprasad, Sagar M

There were 5 flash talks on

1. Hacking : by Kushal Naidu, Harish Gumnur
2. Simulation of Physics : by Shreyas Sudhaman
3. Quantum Computing : by Suraj R, Bharath Hegde
4. Cognitive Computing : by Siddharth Viswanath and Prateek Venkatesh
5. Assembling a PC : by Pratham Shenoy, Aaryan Kotak

Science Fair:

December 19, 2015

Science Fair was the day when nearly a month of scientific research undertaken by the students culminated in spectacular displays.

Students across grades participated in this Fair with enthusiasm. The topics included Agriculture, Space Exploration, Transport and other fields upon which science had a major impact.



There was an array of creativity, unique propositions and a desire to learn.

There were various sectors like history, events, people involved, futuristic ideas and artistic values that the students portrayed through their projects.

Each class learnt from the other classes, and there was a sense of unity and mutual learning.

Careers day:

January 2016

Choosing a career can be tough, especially in today's modern economy where there are so many choices available.

At SKCH, the 10th standard students were taken through a career counseling programme, where workshops were conducted to help them gain an understanding of themselves-their interests and aptitudes. They also explored various career options and opportunities.

Our school conducts a Careers Day every year, to make this daunting choice a little easier.

The first Career Day was on 9th January, and focused on Commerce and Humanity related careers. We had talks from Lawyers, Journalists, Chartered Accountants and many other professionals, who excelled in their fields.

The second Career's Day was devoted to Science related aspects. There was Bio mimicry, medicine, architecture and many more careers.

This was received well by the students and made this difficult choice much easier.

Accolades

Sundararajan Srinivasan 9F, All India Rank I (Regional Winner) in the National Financial Literacy Assessment Test conducted by NCFE-NFLAT.

Aman Suraj and Sohan Desai of Class 8 won the 'Pearson Quiz Champs' competition conducted by Pearson PLC, India. Almost 2100 teams participated from all over the country and the finals was held in Bangalore, India. The winners were presented with trophies and various other prizes. But the cherry on the top was a free trip to NASA, headquartered in Orlando, USA. They will be going in August, 2016.

Bhargav K and Ish Bosamiya of class 10 won the II Place in the CBSE Regional Level Science Exhibition held in December 2015. The project titled "Village Soil and Weather Analysis" works upon the basic concepts of pressure, temperature, soil fertility and linear programming applied using Arduino code.

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