

**BARNES SCHOOL & JUNIOR COLLEGE  
CIRCULAR**

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**BS/CIRC/2024-2025/16**

Dear Parents,

A lot has taken place since our last circular to you dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024. Some of the noteworthy events that took place were:

**October 2024**

1. A Sports Day for the Pre-Primary Section was introduced on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024, in the presence of Mr. Abhishek Mani Tripathi, the Chief Executive Officer of the Cantonment Board, Devlali, who graced the event as the Chief Guest.
2. The Primary School Sports Day followed in quick succession on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024, featuring spectacular class drills, marchpast and track events like flat races & shuttle races, as well as a relay race and a jovial parents' race, which were thoroughly enjoyed by the Chief Guest, Mr. Mahesh Devadiga, an alumnus of ours and owner of Sonu's Hardcore Gym.
3. An Open House for Nursery to Grade 9 & 11 was held on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 for parents to meet teachers of their children and have a look at their performance during the Half Yearly Examinations.

**November 2024**

1. On Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024, our teachers attended a POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) session presided by Adv. Sachin Bhate, who has been practicing criminal law since 2005 and is an expert on POCSO, cyber security for children and issues involving rising juvenile crimes.
2. Students of Grades 9 to 12 underwent training for a Fire Drill on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024, conducted by representatives of the Cantonment Board, Devlali.
3. Children's Day on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 was made a memorable day for students with a special morning assembly to mark the beginning of this much-awaited occasion.
4. Our boarder students felt the onset of winter on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 as they spent time with friends, comforted by the warmth of a bonfire, courtesy of our maintenance team.

**December 2024**

1. Students of Grades 9 & 11 attended a presentation by Commander Joshi & Gp Capt I. V. K. Rao on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024, familiarizing them with the process of joining the Army, Air Force or Navy.

2. The Senior School Athletic Meet on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 was a day of pride as our relay team comprising of Shriniwas Patil, Adil & Kadil Sangma and Jaeden Anthony won the Invitational Relay competition which involved the participation of Wisdom High International School, the Agniveers of the neighbouring Air Force Station and jawans of the Arty Centre, with Lt. Gen. Navneet Singh Sarna, Commandant, School of Artillery, present as our esteemed Chief Guest.
3. As part of our Centenary Celebrations, our students were part of a Cleanliness Drive and distribution of tea, coffee & biscuits to travellers on the Ghoti Road, held as a gesture of goodwill on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024, to mark the countdown of 50 days to our 100<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day Service on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025.
4. "The Journey of Barnes", the Annual Play held on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 was a grand depiction of the birth of Barnes and the transformations that the school has gone through since the time of its inception.
5. A thanksgiving function as a token of gratitude to our Support Staff was held on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024, which had them joyfully participate in exciting games & friendly competitions on the School Basketball Court, followed by lunch in the School Mess.

#### **Dates to keep in mind**

1. School reopens from Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 after the Winter Break (with boarders scheduled to return on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025).
2. Open House on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025 for all classes, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

#### **3. Preliminary Examinations**

| <b>Grade</b> | <b>Begin From</b>                    | <b>End on</b>                           |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Grade 12     | Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 | Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2025  |
| Grade 10     | Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 | Saturday, 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 |

#### **4. Final Examinations**

| <b>Grade</b> | <b>Begin From</b>                        | <b>End on</b>                         |
|--------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Grade 12     | Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 | Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025 |
| Grade 10     | Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2025  | Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 |

Tentative dates for the Final Examinations for classes other than 10 & 12 are from Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 to Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

5. Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Annual School Fete
6. Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – 100<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day

## Fees

Fees for the last quarter (January 2025 to March 2025) will be due and must be paid before Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

We thank parents that have cleared fees for their children and request others to kindly clear the same before the due date.

Nearing the end of this calendar year, I would like to thank all parents for their support and understanding throughout the year, which helped us bring the best out of our students so that they could perform to their true potential, backed by dedication and sincere efforts of our teachers. The end of another successful year is a result of the combined contribution of each one of us, working hand-in-hand as a unit towards a common goal.

Wishing you a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year!

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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