

St. Joseph's Convent Hr. Sec. School, Sambalpur



Dear Class 10 Students,

As you gear up to face the challenge of your board examinations, I want to extend my heartfelt wishes to each one of you.

This moment marks a significant milestone in your academic journey, reflecting the dedication, hard work, and resilience you have demonstrated throughout your schooling. You have prepared diligently, and now it's time to showcase your knowledge and skills.

Approach each exam with confidence and a positive mindset. Remember, you are more than capable of overcoming any obstacle that comes your way. Believe in yourselves and trust in your abilities. I want to acknowledge the tremendous support system surrounding you - your teachers, parents, family, and friends - who have been with you every step of the way. Lean on them for encouragement and guidance whenever you need it.

While these exams are important, they do not define your worth or determine your future. Regardless of the outcome, your hard work and efforts are always commendable.

As your principal, I am incredibly proud of each of you and all that you have accomplished. Go into these exams with determination, perseverance, and a positive attitude. You have the power to achieve greatness.

Wishing you all the best of luck for your board exams. May you excel and achieve success in all your endeavours.

With lots of Love, Blessings and Warm Regards,

**S. Navya CSJ
Principal, Staff & Students
St. Joseph's Convent Hr. Sec. School**

**God's
Blessings!**

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Dear Class 12 Students,

As you embark on this crucial journey of your academic career, I want to take a moment to extend my heartfelt best wishes to each one of you as you prepare for your board exams. These exams mark a significant milestone in your educational journey, representing the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I have every confidence that you have the knowledge, skills, and determination to excel in these examinations.

Remember, these exams are not just a test of your academic abilities but also an opportunity to demonstrate your resilience, adaptability, and problem-solving skills. Approach each paper with confidence, knowing that you have prepared to the best of your abilities. I want to remind you to stay calm, focused, and positive throughout this period. Trust in your abilities and believe in yourself. Remember to take breaks, get plenty of rest, and maintain a healthy balance between studying and relaxation.

I also want to acknowledge the incredible support system that surrounds you – your teachers, parents, family, and friends – who have stood by you every step of the way. Lean on them for encouragement and guidance whenever you need it. No matter what the outcome, always remember that you are capable, resilient, and destined for great things. Your journey doesn't end with these exams; it is just the beginning of a new chapter filled with endless possibilities and opportunities.

As your principal, I am immensely proud of each of you and all that you have accomplished thus far. Go forth with confidence, determination, and a positive attitude, and I have no doubt that you will shine brightly in these exams and beyond. Wishing you all the very best for your board exams.

May you excel and achieve success in all your endeavours.

WITH LOTS OF LOVE, BLESSINGS, AND WARM REGARDS,

**S. Navya CSJ
Principal, Staff & Students
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**wishing
you
All the Best**

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT HR. SEC. SCHOOL

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"Welcome back to St. Joseph's for the New Academic Year 2024-2025!"

**DEAR PARENTS/ GUARDIANS,
GREETINGS!**

As we stand on the threshold of a new academic year, I am filled with anticipation and excitement for what lies ahead. It is my pleasure to welcome both our returning families and those who are joining us for the first time to St. Joseph's. Your trust and collaboration are the keystones that enable us to provide a nurturing and effective educational environment for our students.

Our commitment to excellence extends beyond academics; it encompasses all facets of school life— from academic achievement to extracurricular enrichment, from student well-being to community engagement. Here's how we plan to elevate every aspect of our school:

- 1. FOCUS ON STUDENT WELL-BEING:** We remain committed to prioritizing the well-being and social-emotional development of our students. We will continue to provide a nurturing and inclusive environment where every child feels valued, supported, and empowered to thrive.
- 2. PARENT ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:** Open and transparent communication is essential for fostering strong partnerships between home and school. We will strive to keep you informed and engaged through regular updates, newsletters, parent-teacher conferences, and opportunities for involvement in school activities and events.
- 3. ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:** Our academic programs will continue to be rigorous, innovative, and student-centred. We will have more integration of technology, and differentiated instruction to meet the diverse needs of our learners and promote academic excellence.
 - Examination Pattern: Entire academic year will have three assessments for 25 marks each, Half-yearly examination for 50 marks and Annual examination for 100 marks. Two out of the three assessments will be selected for the final entry into the Progress Report Card.

Classes 10th and 12th will have no half yearly examination; instead, they will have two preboards. After the first preboard there will be an individual meeting of every student along with their parents with the principal.

- 4. ENHANCED EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES:** We believe in the importance of holistic development and will offer a variety of extracurricular activities and enrichment programs to complement classroom learning and provide students with

opportunities to explore their interests, talents, and passions.

- Students will be asked to sign up for learning a new skill during the activity periods. Learning a new skill, whether it be dance, music, drama, karate, drawing, or painting, is an enriching endeavour that can enhance the students' life in numerous ways. Each of these skills offers unique benefits and opportunities for personal growth, creativity, and physical health.

5. GAMES AND SPORTS: The incorporation of games and sports into the school curriculum supports the development of healthier, well-rounded individuals who are better equipped to face the challenges of the future. We believe in promoting the value of sportsmanship, inclusivity, and a balanced lifestyle, ensuring that students not only excel academically but also thrive in their personal lives and future careers. Greater attention will be given to sports and games with necessary changes in the infrastructure.

- Special attention will be given to the 25 CISCE Games and Sports activities which gives children opportunity to compete at local, zonal, regional and national levels.

6. SCHOOL CINEMA: School Cinema instils values while reinforcing important life lessons to deal effectively with the demands and challenges of everyday life. One of the most unique features of School Cinema that distinguishes it from other audio-visual learning modules is the workbook for students. This interactive, fun-filled book incorporates information, illustrations and activities that enhance learning and awareness in an entertaining and informative manner. It covers three levels of learning. Awareness: Students relate to the film and identify the core issue addressed in the film. Understanding: Students understand the issue, relate it to their own lives and identify the implications. Action: The activities in every chapter enable the students to internalise and act out the key learning.

- Instead of the value education books the students will be getting school cinema books. Value education will be imparted to the students through children's movies.

7. ROBOTICS AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: Artificial Intelligence and the technologies along with it are driving transformative changes in various sectors. We are convinced that our students need to be prepared and equipped for the technology driven society.

- Recognizing the importance of preparing our students for the future, we are excited to announce our initiative to update our school system to incorporate robotics and artificial intelligence into the curriculum from Class 9. The school already has two computer labs where every student from Class 1 to Class 12 is offered a computer each for the practical work with good internet connection. The school will also be equipped with a Robotics Lab.

8. INTERACTIVE PANELS FOR EVERY CLASSROOM: The introduction of AI-driven interactive panels seamlessly integrates with existing educational platforms and digital content repositories empowering students with 21st-century skills, and preparing them for future success in a digital world. Powered by AI algorithms,

these interactive panels adapt to the unique learning needs of each student. Through personalized content recommendations, adaptive learning pathways, and real-time feedback, they foster deeper engagement and facilitate individualized learning experiences.

- Every classroom will be equipped with AI – driven interactive panels from this new academic session. These panels will also have an app that is student/teacher/parent/admin friendly. You will be able to see whether your child has reached the school or not by looking at his/her attendance from your cell phone. Information regarding your child's performance will be made available to you through this app.

9. Transportation Facility for Students: Reducing transportation barriers that causes inconvenience to hundreds of parents, the management has decided to provide safe and efficient transportation for students from their homes to school and back. We are hoping that this will help to reduce traffic congestion and environmental impact by decreasing the number of individual trips made by parents.

- This facility will be hosted by Mr. Pratyush Debta an ex-student of the school. For any matters regarding the bus service please contact him on WhatsApp only. His number is: 9937303474

10. SOCIAL MEDIA AND ADDICTION TO CELL PHONES: As educators and caretakers, we recognize the importance of staying informed about the challenges our children face in today's digital age. With the widespread availability of smartphones and access to social media platforms, we are witnessing a growing concern regarding children's excessive use and potential addiction to cell phones and social media.

In connection with this I would like to draw your attention to children's excessive use of smart phones and other electronic gadgets. There are proven facts that smartphone addiction in children develop anxiety, low self-esteem, addiction, sleep disturbances, eye problems, troubles with the nervous system and many other behavioural problems.

- The school will not be forming WhatsApp groups for classes; WhatsApp broadcast messages will reach you on WhatsApp individually whenever any information has to be given to you urgently. No class notes or PDFs will be sent to you through WhatsApp. Be very clear about the fact that your kid does not need a cell phone for his/her studies. Teachers are in the school to teach them. Notes will be given in the school. Let that not be an excuse for your kid to use a smartphone.

11. STRICT PROHIBITION ON PARENTS FOR SENDING CHILDREN TO SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR TUITION: This is to ensure that teachers concentrate their efforts on classroom teaching rather than private tuition. This policy aims to equalize learning opportunities for all students, regardless of their socio-economic background. It encourages students to take full advantage of the educational resources provided by the school and to engage more actively with the curriculum during school hours.

The success of this policy relies heavily on the cooperation of parents, who are encouraged to support the school's educational mission by respecting the tuition ban. Instead of seeking external tuition, parents are urged to work in partnership with the school to address any academic challenges their children may

face, utilizing school resources such as after-school help sessions or peer tutoring programs.

12. PROVISIONAL ADMISSION TO CLASS 11 FOR STUDENTS WHO WILL FINISH THEIR 10TH BOARD IN MARCH 2024

The students who are appearing for their 10th board exam are expected to come and take provisional admission for Class 11 from the school office. From this year the school is offering three streams of subjects to the students. The timing for Classes 11th and 12th will be 07:30 am to 12:15 pm. Additional arrangements will be made for training the students for competitive examinations and various career choices.

A. SCIENCE STREAM

B. COMMERCE STREAM

C. HUMANITIES STREAM

COMPULSORY SUBJECTS

PCM
English
Physics
Chemistry
Mathematics

COMPULSORY SUBJECTS

PCB
English
Physics
Chemistry
Biology

COMPULSORY SUBJECTS

English
History
Political Science
Sociology

ELECTIVES (Only 1)

Physical Education
Computer Science
Psychology

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Physical Education
Computer Science
Psychology
Mathematics

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Physical Education
Computer Science
Psychology
Economics

We positively hope that the parents of our Class – 10 students will make the choice to come back to the school for their children’s 11th & 12th class. When your child is intelligent and capable ISC board will only groom them better for many career choices. I invite the parents of our 10th board students to trust the CISCE board where every year lakhs of students are appearing for their 12th board exam. Please don’t underestimate the calibre of your children. They are able to perform beyond your imagination in a conducive environment that will be provided for them by the school from 2nd April 2024 when the classes will begin for Class 11 with provisional admission.

To conclude, the tireless efforts and hard work put in by the management, teachers, and non-teaching staff are the driving force behind our school’s success. Their dedication, commitment, and passion for excellence are truly commendable and serve as a source of inspiration for all of us. Together, they form a cohesive team that is deeply invested in the well-being and academic success of our students. We are grateful for their unwavering dedication and tireless commitment to nurturing a positive learning environment where every student can thrive and succeed. Their contributions are invaluable and central to our mission of providing a quality education to all to achieve the **VISION** of the school, **“SPIRITUALITY OF COMMUNION FOR HUMAN EXCELLENCE.”**

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