

## **GD Goenka Global School**

### **From the Principal's Desk**

Dear Parents,

As we step into a new academic session, I extend a very warm welcome to each one of you. This year marks a significant milestone in our journey of excellence, growth, and innovation at our school.



It fills me with immense pride to share that our collective efforts have been recognized by the GD Goenka Group, where we have been honoured with awards for Academic Excellence, Best Leader of the Year, System Smart School, and Best Teacher, awarded to one of our senior faculty member, from among their 150 schools. These accolades reflect the unwavering dedication of our faculty, students, and your continued trust and support.

### **Student Achievements & Global Exposure**

We are proud to share some of our students' accomplishments that reflect their talent, creativity, and global outlook:

- Our school emerged victorious at TechQ hosted by The Shri Ram School, competing amongst the top schools of Gurgaon.
- Our students, Leadership team & PYP coordinator, represented the IB philosophy through an interactive stall at DIDAC India (Asia's largest education exhibition).
- We have brought home numerous laurels in various sports, mainly in Skating, Swimming and Badminton at inter-school competitions. As a proud member of ISSO, we will continue to participate in various prestigious sporting events.
- Our students will also be actively competing in Art, Dance, Music, Olympiads and other co-curricular domains at both inter- and intra-school levels.
- A few of our Grade 2 students have become young authors, and their storybooks are now available on Amazon.
- As part of our sustainability initiatives, our Grade 5 students created seed bombs, becoming young entrepreneurs and eco-champions by presenting their work to our sister concern, Nirvana Wellness Resort, Dubai.
- We have initiated multiple global collaborations with international schools, and student exchange programmes are in the pipeline.

## **Academic Vision & New Initiatives**

As we move forward, we are excited to introduce several progressive initiatives that will further enrich the learning experience:

- We are commencing the Cambridge Curriculum in the Middle Years, as we believe it offers the right balance of academic rigour, global perspective, and skill-based learning. It fosters critical thinking, inquiry-based learning, and conceptual understanding, preparing students to thrive in a dynamic and globally connected world.
- Our school is scheduled for the IB PYP Evaluation in October this year, an important step in strengthening our international education framework.
- We are enhancing our infrastructure with advanced STEM and AI futuristic labs, enriched library resources, upgraded sports facilities, and an additional student well-being programme to nurture holistic development.
- A rigorous and continuous professional development programme for our faculty ensures that our educators remain at the forefront of modern pedagogy, enabling better planning and delivery.

In this ever-evolving world, this is truly the need of the hour!

## **School Timings & Protocols**

To ensure smooth arrival and dispersal, and to minimise congestion while maintaining student safety, the school timings have been adjusted by 15 minutes. We request your cooperation in adhering to the following schedule:

### **Morning Arrival**

- **Arrival Time: 8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.**
- **Gates will close at 8:20 a.m. sharp**

### **Afternoon Dispersal**

- **Gates open at 2:30 p.m.**
- **Bus Dispersal: 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**
- **Private Dispersal: 2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

To ensure academic continuity, early pick-up will not be permitted unless in case of a medical emergency. Kindly adhere to these protocols to ensure smooth and safe movement in and out of school.

## **Communication & Guidelines**

- Parents are requested to go through the Parent Handbook for policies regarding fees, transport, and other important guidelines.
- It is important to be proactive on our parent communication app 'Toddle' to stay updated with school news and important announcements.
- We request parents to kindly adhere to the timelines shared by teachers and connect with them as per their availability, ensuring a respectful and effective exchange.
- As a diverse cultural community, we have curated nutritious meals catering to both continental and local palates, ensuring children enjoy a balanced diet. We request parents to encourage their wards to try out this multi cuisine spread.

## **Parent Partnership & Key Initiatives**

Suggestions from our regular 'Parents as Partners' sessions with parent representatives have been thoughtfully incorporated. We request parents from each section to volunteer to be part of this initiative for feedback and suggestions.

1. To provide our students with consistent opportunities and richer experiences through events such as Annual Day, Sports Day, and field trips, we have streamlined the process by including these activity charges within the Annual Charges, as discussed with parent reps. This approach ensures ease and avoids multiple collections during the year.
2. To foster life skills and social development, students need to interact with a wider peer group; hence, sections will be reshuffled every 2–3 years.
3. Increased participation in internal and external competitions across co-curricular domains has been planned. Ongoing Agent Learning, Active Learning, and Enrichment Clubs are key steps in this direction.
4. After-school clubs and a 'Mom n Me' programme for infants are in the pipeline to support working parents.
5. Skill-based education, financial literacy, and global perspectives will be introduced in the upper primary and middle years.

As always, we value the partnership between school and home. Your continued encouragement and collaboration empower us to provide the very best for our students. We remain committed to nurturing not just academic excellence but also emotional well-being, ensuring our school continues to be a happy and safe haven for our entire community.

We look forward to working together for yet another successful and fulfilling academic year with your blessings!

Warm regards,

Ms. Navina Chadha

Principal

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