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A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL

~ Ms. Vithika Rahul

Greetings! I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. As we approach the end of another academic year I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to all our students, teachers, and support staff for their unwavering dedication and resilience throughout the year. True education is universally considered to have as its goal the enhancement of living quality, and this is where the search for a good school begins. A good school is more than just a structure or a library of books; it is a place where we grow intellectually, acquire crucial life skills, and form relationships that last a lifetime.

We at Excelsior American School understand this need and strongly advocate self-inspired learning, which fosters in children a strong sense of self-worth and responsibility and equips them to live, work, and contribute in a global community. We believe education should not be limited to the classroom, so we organised various outstation excursion as well as visit to commercial bank and art museum this year. Looking ahead, as we prepare for the upcoming academic year, I assure you that we will continue to strive for the highest standards of education. We remain committed to fostering a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment that promotes holistic growth and empowers every individual. Our focus will be on implementing innovative teaching practices, leveraging technology, and providing ample opportunities for personal and intellectual development. I would also like to express my gratitude to our parents and guardians for your unwavering support. Your involvement, encouragement, and collaboration have been invaluable in nurturing a positive and nurturing learning environment. Your partnership with us is crucial in ensuring the success and well-being of our students, and we are grateful for your trust and commitment. Stay safe, stay well, and see you all soon for another exciting year of learning!

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THE STUDENT COUNCIL 2022-2023

~ Gia Khushi Khaitani

Greetings! The power of collaboration and meticulous planning has propelled our student council to new heights throughout this academic year. As the Head Girl, I am delighted to share the remarkable achievements we have accomplished through dedicated teamwork, responsibility, and innovative leadership.

The path to success has been paved with countless events, and I have had the privilege of organizing and coordinating many of them. From creating scripts and assemblies to orchestrating various initiatives, my role as the Head Girl involved shouldering significant responsibilities. Together, we conducted plant sales, bake sales, book drives, garage sales, Diwali celebrations, morning assemblies, and raised awareness for a myriad of events. Each of these undertakings required careful planning and attention to detail.

Collaborating with individuals who possess diverse opinions and perspectives can be challenging, but we recognize that these differences bring richness to our ideas. While navigating through varied viewpoints, we remained committed to fostering an environment where every voice was heard and valued. It was through open dialogue and respectful discussions that we discovered common ground and harmoniously executed our initiatives.

Amidst our collaborative efforts, it is important to acknowledge that not everyone contributed as much as was needed. This placed an added responsibility on me as the Head Girl, but I gladly embraced the challenge. Leading by example, I dedicated myself to ensuring the success of each endeavor, despite the additional workload it entailed.

The student council showcased the power of collaboration by organizing a highly successful bake sale that resulted in a profit of over twelve thousand rupees. This endeavor involved meticulous planning, where the council members worked together to bake a variety of delectable treats that catered to everyone's tastes. By carefully pricing and strategically marketing the baked

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goods, they ensured a high turnout and enthusiastic participation. The bake sale served as a testament to the student council's dedication, teamwork, and ability to create an enjoyable experience while achieving remarkable financial success.

One of the most notable achievements this year, personally, was the creation of a significant project called Save Soil by me. As the driving force behind this initiative, I am immensely proud of the dedication displayed by our classmates. Together, we committed ourselves to composting and saving vegetable waste daily. The project garnered attention not only within our school community but also attracted guests from outside who were inspired by our commitment to environmental conservation. Witnessing the impact of Save Soil stands as one of my proudest moments as the Head Girl, knowing that I led such a meaningful project within our school.

Managing the responsibilities of the Head Girl without substantial support was undoubtedly challenging. However, I approached each task with enthusiasm, resilience, and unwavering dedication. I meticulously planned each event, shouldered the weight of decision-making, and ensured that every detail was carefully executed. While the journey was arduous, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Head Girl, and I am immensely pleased with the results we have achieved.

I extend my deepest gratitude to the student council members, teachers, and fellow students who supported our endeavors. Your unwavering commitment and enthusiasm were instrumental in our accomplishments. Together, we have proven that collaboration, meticulous planning, and innovative thinking can bring about profound change within our school community.

As I pass on this righteous role, Head Girl, to the next, I am confident that the student council will continue to flourish and thrive under new leadership. I encourage all of you to embrace the spirit of collaboration, responsibility, and innovation. Together, we can shape a future filled with endless possibilities and meaningful achievements.

Thank you for granting me the honor of serving as your Head Girl and for embarking on this incredible journey alongside me.



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A TRIP TO CHAIL

~Angelina Ranyal



After a rigorous exam session, every student of the senior school of Excelsior was very excited as we looked forward to our CAS trip. From packing our bags days before the trip to gathering at the train station before we departed, we can all confidently say we made memories of a lifetime. Our trip was in the Chail Hills with Youreka Camp Junga. On arrival, we were divided into two large groups of students with whom we would experience all the activities scheduled for the next few days. We learned multiple new skills such as teamwork and communication in activities such as the friendship ladder, zipline, and our trek through the hills. We also washed our own dishes and cooked our own food during the trek, which taught us many imperative life skills that would be useful in the future. The talent show on our last day and every night we spent with our friends in the tents or around the bonfire helped us get closer as a group and made us learn to appreciate our surroundings and environment. The friendly and guiding nature of our camp instructors and our accompanying teachers made us comfortable and enthusiastic, and the reflection book that we filled every day aided us to consider all the knowledge we gained throughout the trip and made the experience truly unforgettable.

THE NIGHT OUT AT SCHOOL

~Advaita Gambhir



On October 31st 2022, our school had planned a night camp after the halloween celebrations, "trick or treating." We reached the school at 6pm for the night camp with adrenalin line rushing through our bodies while some kids were just sleepy. Once we reached our destination, the teachers had planned some amazing activities for us like pool games and some party games which were enough to tire us out, just a little though! After the activities we decided to have some burgers which were honestly pretty good. Then we were headed to the dorms where we played table tennis, foose ball, chess and to top it all of some kids even watched movies! After that we had some pizza and ice-cream, then we decided to hit the bed as we had more activities planned in the morning. When we woke up next morning, everyone was clearly drained and sleepy as we all had slept really late but... after some breakfast there was no stopping us, we played more for many hours and sat down together to talk. Then finally it was time to say our goodbyes and that was THE END of our AWESOME NIGHT CAMP!

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THE ARROW OF DETERMINATION

~ Joshua

As I stood there holding an archer's bow, it
was uncertain where it was to go.

Was it left or was it right,

I will still shoot with all my might.

Yet my path is not with ease,

like a leaf flowing in the breeze. But I

will not tarry any longer, those

missed arrows have made me

stronger.

I will bend my bow with valour, for
those loyal arrows

I will not shudder.

And I will shoot my last arrow, aiming
right for the target through my eyes
narrow.

As I shoot I always aim for the goal,
even if I reap rock and coal.

When I'm done whether succeed or fail, I
know I will never bail.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Children's day marks the birth anniversary of India's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. He was known to be a kind and loving man thus getting the title of 'Chacha Nehru'. To celebrate this day, the teachers organised a fun event to bring joy to each child's face. We played sports such as Football, Basketball, Kho-Kho, etc. The students were divided into teams inclusive of all grades and teachers, later they enjoyed it with their grade mates. The children took it as competition and played with enthusiasm topped with intellect. The day ended with sweets and joy.

HALLOWEEN & PUMPKIN CARVING

~ Ocean Jain



On Hallow's' Eve, commonly known as Halloween, is celebrated on 31 October. This festival marks the beginning of Allhallowtide, a three-day event in which Western Christians honour all saints and pray for deceased souls who have not yet reached heaven. Be it Australian summer or New York winter, no one forgets the fun of dressing up and trick-or-treating. From carving pumpkins to telling scary stories, everyone remembers the fun of Halloween. To celebrate this event, the students and teachers in Excelsior dressed up as witches,

ghosts, all-famous Harley Quinn and other well-known characters from movies. Everyone had a sweet time trick-or-treating and considering how loved we are, I bet no one missed a treat. A spooky Photo Booth was set up to ensure everyone has their fair share of pics to post on social media. An Inter-house event was hosted to ensure no creative minds forget their input in the carving of the Halloween special, Jack-o'-lanterns. Spooky like they were meant to be, decorations included ripped open teddy bears to freaky little ghosts. It was an exhibition many would look forward to witnessing again.

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BIBLIOTHECA OF KNOWLEDGE

~ *Ananya Singh*

“ Education is the passport to the future”. On the 19th of November, world-class universities graced the campus of Excelsior to enlighten our students with the endless opportunities they have to offer. From the University of British Columbia to Tokyo International, children could converse with their dream universities like never before. Delegates representing 20 universities across seven continents, were served mouth-watering delicacies from India and had the golden ticket of communicating with students not just from Senior school but even budding middle schoolers to unearth new beginnings and aim for the best. Furthermore, Mr Harsh, our beloved founder illuminated the ambience with his evergreen presence and charm. This was surely a grand and unforgettable experience for our students and teachers.

THE PREDATORS OF THE JUNGLE

~ *Dhiman Seth*

“Patience, Persistence and Perspiration make an unbeatable combination for Success.” Excelsior has always encouraged a healthy environment of sports. It was after years that excelsior had hand-picked the best of its athletes to assemble a promising team for basketball. In the wake of an inter-school tournament approaching at GD Goenka is ticking like a bomb. We rumbled before dawn for several weeks, excelling in teamwork and sharpening our skills. Finally, the judgement day had caught over and we were thundering storms ready to strike at our opponents with no mercy. Unfortunately, life isn't a straight road. We had been trounced by our enemy due to shady political forces and imperfections in the tournament industry. The light at the end of the tunnel gradually dimmed. However, our team captain was a beacon of hope and prosperity. The following match was our last chance to preserve the dignity of our school. Fueled with revenge and confidence, we emerged victorious against our opponents. This taught us one of the most valuable life lessons, losing hope does not lead to success but only grievances.

THANKSGIVING DAY

~ *Ocean Jain*



To celebrate the occasion of Thanksgiving, the student council organised an event to appreciate the efforts put in by the 'bhaiyas' and 'didi's' in school. In the presence of our Chairman, Mr Hersh, the support staff were given scarves to ensure their warmth wrapped them in the cold like our gratefulness towards them. Games such as 'Lemon-spoon race' and 'Dog and the bone' were also held. Everyone seemed to be having a lot of fun and performing to the best of their abilities. Let us all never forget their importance in school, from cooking us meals to ensuring our safety all the time. Thank you all.

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ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET

~ Nitya Mehta

Sports Day is an annual event celebrated in schools worldwide and is a testament to the importance of physical activities, teamwork, and healthy competition. It is a day that generates excitement amongst all the students and is a way to promote healthy sportsmanship through athletics. Thus, on the 4th of February 2023, EAS held its annual athletics meet, the first one after the global pandemic.

Sports Day is much more than just a day of physical activities; it is a celebration of athleticism, teamwork, sportsmanship, and personal growth. The event was a huge success and included races ranging from the youngest to the oldest members of the Excelsior American school community. Students worked hard for weeks before the actual event, comprising of Marchpast practices, pyramid making, and of course, practicing their running. Although being a tiring process, this event is a true example of how hard work always pays off.

Being an inter-house competition the students were filled with pride in each of their respective houses, honoring this by wearing their respective house t-shirts. After a long day of cheering and teamwork, Pegasus ultimately won the house cup, being deemed the best house of the year. The annual sports meet of 2023 was truly a day to cherish.

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THROUGH THE EYES OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NATURE WEEK

~ *Tejasvi Thakur*

Nature Week started on 12 February and ended on 17 February. On the first day, we collected objects such as flowers and leaves and wrote about them in English class. In Art, we made moulds with pop clay in the pattern of leaves. The next day, we did a picture comprehension in Hindi class. On the 16th, we wrote stories about our favourite animals in the library. On the last day, we drew something about nature on Paint during ICT class.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

~ *Niven Grade 5*

Akashi and Sidney were the anchors for this event. Zyana and Shynaya presented a story about Nian, a mythical beast and how he stopped terrorising a village when he saw red papers and firecrackers. Since then, the people of China have been celebrating the day as Chinese New Year. Following the story, grade one danced with a few jump scares and hops. Then, we had a fun quiz time after which Enok distributed some red packets.

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

~ *Manira Grade 5*

On that day we had so much fun. First we had to settle according to our houses: Pegasus, Griffin, Unicorn and Phoenix. I am in Griffin house so I sat with them. After settling we had march past after which grades 1 to 3 did exercise and grades 3 to 5 did yoga. It was so much fun. Grades pre-primary to 12 had races after this and I was so happy because I won my first medal this time. After the races, grades 9-12 built pyramids. It was the best day of my life.

STORY WRITING

~ *Zoya Grade 3*

We had a competition where there were a lot of things and we had to make a story from them. All houses participated and our house, Unicorn, made a story with the title 'The Magical Pencil'. It was so much fun to listen to the stories.

STORY TELLING

~ *Saranya Relan Grade 3*

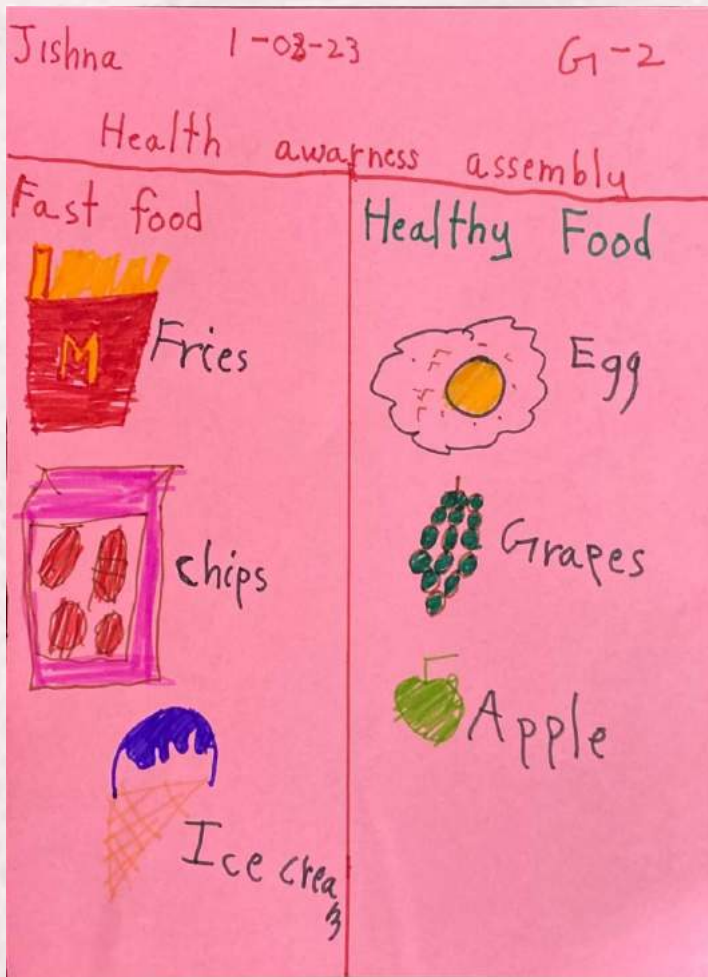
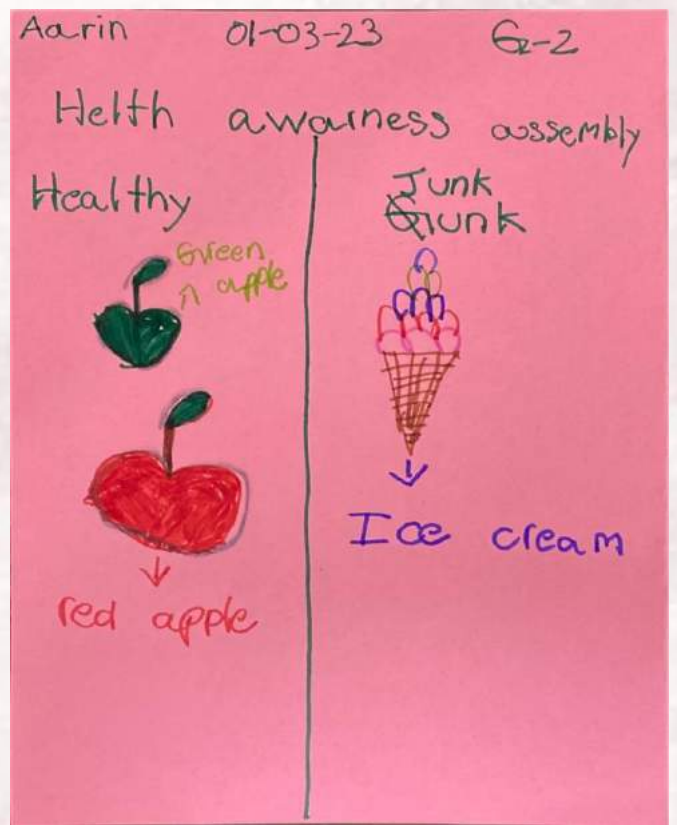
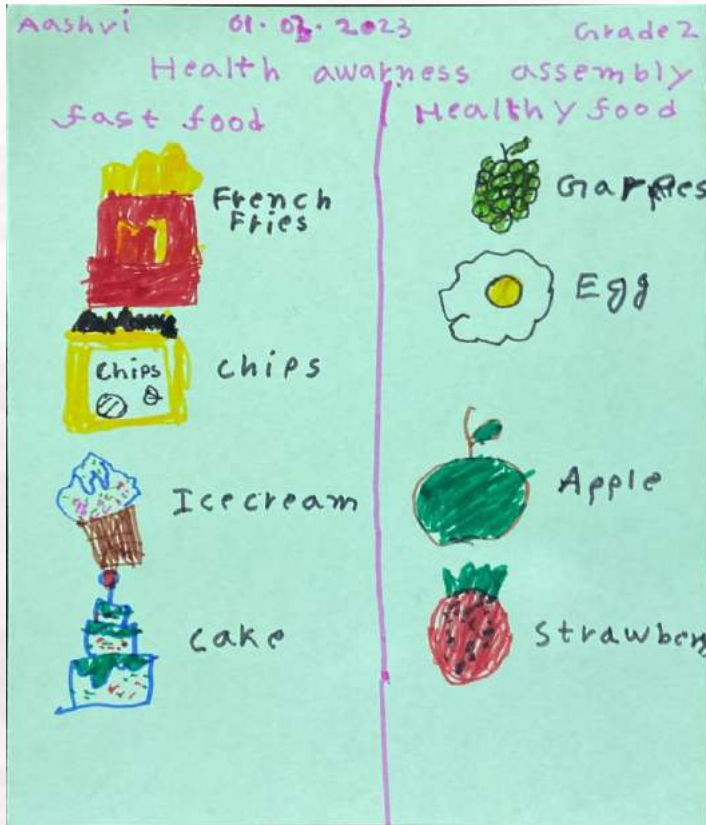
A story telling competition was held to celebrate this day. We had to weave a story with the objects in the room and could use a maximum of 5 objects. I am in Pegasus house and we chose sand, birds, clay, bucket and plate. The title of our story was 'The Magic Sand'. Phoenix came first, Griffin was second and Unicorn, third.

WORLD HEALTH DAY

~ *Kanishka Malhotra Grade 4*

To celebrate World Health Day we had an assembly. We did meditation, zumba and yoga. I was so surprised because we already knew the Zumba steps from our dance lessons. We also learned about a balanced diet and the type of food we should eat. For example: fruits, nuts, etc.

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EAS COLLEGE COUNSELLING LAB

~ Manisha Suri

Vision: “Don’t just choose University- choose a future”

Mission: “Building an entrance for students to make their way from core to crest”



We are thrilled to share the incredible journey of our students' placements at prestigious universities. Since 2018, when part-time College counsellors who regularly visited EAS and offered advices to our students, we launched our College Counselling Lab in 2019 occasionally. We gradually began offering regular counselling sessions to our students, and now we have our own college counselling lab based on L2 Concept (Lab and Library) at Excelsior in 2021.

It gives us enormous joy to share with you Excelsior's phenomenal achievements over the last four years.

The College Board provided us with a CEEB (College Entrance Examination Board) code in 2019. With CEEB code we can ensure materials like scores and transcripts are sent to right place. In 2019, our proposal to become a UCAS centre was approved and our school now has a BUZZWORD for UK applications. During the application process, EAS has full access to the application. We are able to use our UCAS advisor portal to manage send and track the progress of our students' applications. EAS is viewed as trusted source of application by universities and colleges. We achieved authorization from the College Board to operate as an SAT test centre in 2023. We have successfully been conducting digital SAT examinations since March, 2023, at our school campus. The SAT offers students the unique opportunity to apply to a variety of programs in India and abroad with just one test. Students have the exciting opportunity to become College Board India Scholars and earn a full-tuition scholarship to participating universities through their SAT scores. There are many Indian universities that has a requirement of SAT Scores.

From Grade 8 onwards, we begin counselling students for their profile building. Every year, during the third quarter of session, the school hosts a subject choice fair to assist students of grades 8 and 10 to select academic subject and curriculum choices. The school organizes university tour for all students from grades 9 to 12 and provides a vast exposure to get to know the university's facilities and faculty throughout the visit. During the summer and winter breaks, we also make a concerted effort to assist students in improving their profiles and informing them about numerous internship opportunities. Every year, we host a university fair where representatives from significant institutions gather to enlighten parents and students about the admissions process. We have tools to empower students – 1) Three-way meeting between the parent, student and counsellor/Two-way meeting between student and counsellor 2) Robust communication 3) Student-led initiatives in school.

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From 2018 to 2023, our students were accepted into reputable universities in India and abroad with some of the achievements are mentioned below:

- 1) University of Wollongong, Dubai (Gia Khiatani, class of 2023)
- 2) University of California, USA, (Anushka Singi Reddy, class of 2023)
- 3) Huron at Western, Canada (Dhiman Seth class of 2023)
- 4) University of Toronto, Canada & University of California, Davis, USA (Kopal, class of 2023)
- 5) Istituto Marangoni, Dubai (Askiya Thapar, class of 2023)
- 6) Trinity College Dublin, Ireland & OP Jindal Global University, India (Ronit Sabharwal, class of 2023)
- 7) University of Alberta, Canada (Ananya Singh, class of 2023)
- 8) The University of British Columbia, Canada (Nitaditya Chaudhry, class of 2022)
- 9) University of Western Australia, Wales (Aryaman Bhutani, class of 2022)
- 10) Queen's University, Canada (Natasha Rohilla, class of 2022)
- 11) University of Lincoln, UK (Ananya Maheshwari, class of 2022)
- 12) The University of Edinburgh, UK (Soumya Ruchy Saral, class of 2022)
- 13) The University of British Columbia, Canada (Anitej Issac Sharma, class of 2021)
- 14) University of North Texas, USA, (Suraj Varne, class of 2020)
- 15) Cardiff University, Wales, UK (Khushi Jain, class of 2020)
- 16) University of Maryland, USA (Sidhant Sardana, class of 2020)
- 17) Heriot-Watt University, Dubai (Gauri Chaudhary, class of 2020)
- 18) Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Dubai (Saksham Singh, class of 2020)

Finally, we believe college counselling is an ongoing process and a two-sided propellant effort by the school and parents for students to triumph and chase their dreams, and we all have to evolve together.

GOOD BYE!

~ Class of 2023

The Class of 2023 was definitely a batch to remember. As we prepare for the next chapter of our lives, we would like to take a moment to recognize how grateful this batch is for the help and support we received from every single individual in Excelsior American School.

The friendships we have formed will be cherished for a lifetime. Through countless hours of hard work, laughs in the classroom, and of course, getting in trouble, we have created bonds that will stay with us forever. Our school offered us experiences within and outside the classroom that have molded us to become the individuals we are today. We have been through things that we never thought we could handle and made it to the other side.

Although we may be leaving, what will stay with us is our shared experiences, our friendships, our teachers, the lessons we have learned, and the memories we have made. So, as we close our high school chapter, we begin the next, and on behalf of the entire batch, we thank everyone who played a role in our journey.

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