

SUNSHINE WORLDWIDE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Learners, Educators and Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and the family compliments of the season and a wonderful 2019 ahead.

This year we have seen all the learners grow in terms of academic and social skills. As parents and educators we are privileged to play a positive role in their grooming and competence building.

As adults too we ourselves must remain conscious of being lifelong learners; seeking to improve personal skill sets and being a positive influence in society.

A developing challenge to our holistic growth exists in the wide variety of electronic distractions which eat into rest and recreation time - especially of our learners. Some mobile phone games such as PUBG are specifically designed to be addictive and have violent themes. It is important for us to be able to offer our young adults ALTERNATE avenues of pleasure and thrill-seeking which improves their health, encourages sociability and reduces stress.



The winter break is a useful time to re-look at the notes and concepts learnt in class. In some cases intriguing topics can be further explored by watching short documentaries. Animated explanations of scientific concepts and maths can be found on many online resources like Dr. Khan's Academy. Try and build a wider vocabulary by conversing in English using words introduced in the textbook and appearing in the Story-book issued to each learner. We believe that COMPETENCE building requires a strong academic proficiency. This academic proficiency is driven by the sharpening of all 3 areas – Knowledge, Skills and Attitude in any domain. Maths drills, spelling corrections, re-doing answers that were not adequate will all help in creating deep and meaningful learning.

During this festive season, do explore hobbies together as a family. Board games, playing chess, plying an instrument, singing, climbing trees and boulders, reading a novel, visiting the gym, jogging and playing Twister are great opportunities to bond as family.

Famathon 2019 on Sunday, January 27th is an upcoming opportunity to run together as a family on the scenic Goa University Road. For more details <https://www.famathonindia.com/> .



Outdoor picnics, meeting relatives / friends, cooking dishes, bike rides and heritage walks in the city are other superb ways to spend time. Goa is blessed with a wide range of such satisfying activities.





We would also like to suggest some eco-friendly activities, gaining in popularity, and already being enjoyed by Sunshine Learners over the past year.

1. **Bicycle Rides:** Contact Mr. Rohan Nagarkar of www.cyclingzens.com : 9892217936
2. **Sailing and Windsurfing:** Contact Mr. Maville Dawson of www.aquasailindia.com : 9004493203
3. **Scuba Diving:** Contact Mr. Chirag Garg of www.explorewatersports.com on 8249372885. Of special interest are their eco-literacy programs that combine environmental awareness and skill-building.

Many of our parents at Sunshine Worldwide School are already actively participating in spiritually uplifting workshops, book reading clubs, choral groups, crocodile safaris, social awareness drives etc.

We see a close connection in the family habits and values supported at home influencing the maturity and emotional balance of the young learners here at school. We are grateful for such involved parenting. During Breakfast and Tea meetings many parents and educators also helpfully shared their own successful parenting strategies. These are healthy signs of us building a transparent and mutually supportive “Sunshine Parivaar”.



Finally, I would like to invite as many learners as possible to participate in IDEATE...an initiative promoted by CBSE which combines many skills Sunshiners are good at. The initiative draws on “sustainable development goals” which the United Nations has been actively promoting. The last date for sending in the 90 second clip is January 5th so hurry.



IDEATE for India – creative solutions using technology, is a National level challenge conceptualised by National e-Governance Division, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India and Intel India for all students studying in classes 6 to 12 pan India. This challenge closely ties in with Sunshine’s thrust towards combining problem solving skills and an entrepreneurial mindset for learners to propose creative solutions for the problems they see around them in their communities (11 themes).

First step is to inform Mr. Roshan : 9823587474 of your interest so he can register you. Upon registering you will receive the access password which then leads to some audio-visual resources . Upon viewing all those resources you can upload your own 90 second clip and enter the challenge. Classes 6-8 and 9-12 are separate categories. Google the link for an introduction. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZIWmXWnv3E#action=share>

We look forward to seeing many parents on Saturday, January 12 at the Sunshine Games Day 2019 on the Miramar Beach.

Looking forward to having the learners back in school on Wednesday, January 2nd , 2019 !

Yours sincerely,

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