

**BARNES SCHOOL & JUNIOR COLLEGE**  
**CIRCULAR NO 11 / 2023-24**

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents,

**Nativity Play**

It is my pleasure to inform you that after a hiatus of 3 years, our students will be back with a heartwarming Nativity Play, titled "The Miracle of Christmas", scheduled on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023, at 5:30 pm in the school quadrangle.

The Nativity Play is the outcome of total and unconditional teamwork by the students and school staff, with students from the lower to higher classes performing together under the guidance of the Junior School Supervisor & other staff, who realize that this is a fundraising event by the school to assist with the uphill task of upkeep of the school's huge campus, infrastructure, sporting facilities, including the swimming pool, the football fields, the basketball & tennis courts etc. These small, but consistent efforts aim to strengthen this institution, which being a Minority, unaided school, relies totally on the fees collected from students, which incidentally happen to be the lowest as compared to the other ICSE schools across Nasik.

I humbly request your support in this endeavour of ours through the purchase of tickets from the Class Teachers for the Nativity Play, which promises to be worth every effort put in by the school.

**Practical & Viva Examinations for Grade 12 students**

The practice sessions for the Grade 12 Practical & Viva Examinations have begun from Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and the Practical Examinations will begin from Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

An email dated 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 was sent to all parents of Grade 12 students, mentioning that it is vital for the Grade 12 students to be present for the Practical / Viva practice sessions as well as examinations, since marks of the same are added to the Final Board Examinations.

**Cocurricular Activities**

The school also conducted Inter-House Activities, namely Debates, Athletics, Story Telling, as well as a Play, Elocution & Dance Competition, on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

**Fees**

A reminder for clearance of fees (till the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, i.e. October to December 2023, which were to be paid by 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023), as well as the fees for the 4<sup>th</sup> & last quarter (January 2024 to March 2024) before the due date of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

You may call the accounts office (7888095545 / 0253 – 4034261) to inquire about the fees to be paid or share the UTR / transactions number in case of fees paid online.

### **Ex-Students' Reunion**

Our former students' reunion from Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November to Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023, was a nostalgic event, made memorable for our present students who participated in cricket, football & basketball, apart from meeting old students and gaining invaluable wisdom from the former students through seminars on architecture & music.

The Barnes Alumni Association is well-known for its benevolent gestures of sponsoring bicycles for our students, kitchen utensils for the school mess, as well as felicitating former & present staff, which included the following teachers during their thanksgiving ceremony this year:

1. Mr. Alec D'Souza (former staff)
2. Mrs. Leona Kingsellers, the Junior School Supervisor
3. Mrs. Mamta Lal, Biology Teacher for Grades 9 & 10
4. Mrs. Lilian Joseph, Economics Teacher for the Junior College
5. Dr. (Mrs.) Rashmi Gosavi, Marathi Teacher for Grades 5 to 8

### **Winter Break**

The winter break will begin from Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 (school to get over at 2:10 pm on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023, which will be the last working day) and the school will reopen on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024, with the boarders to report back to the hostel on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Parents are requested to refrain from asking for students to leave before the vacations begin and ensure that they report back to school on time, on the day they are supposed to return after the break / vacations.

### **Preliminary Examinations & Unit Tests**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Unit Test for Grades 5 to 9 & Grade 11 and the Preliminary Examinations for Grades 10 & 12 begin from Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and the Time Table for the same has already been shared.

Parents are requested to ensure that their child does not miss the examinations or unit tests, since **no retests** will be arranged.

### **Driving without a license**

Please take care not to allow children to ride scooters or motorbikes, particularly if they do not have a driving license. With increasing traffic and the pitiful state of the roads, it is a risk not worth taking, and is against traffic rules since the students are below 18 years of age.

### **Parking**

Parents / guardians are requested to please cooperate with the school security staff for parking of vehicles outside the main gate in an orderly fashion to help with the smooth flow of traffic and help us keep the school campus safe for our students, staff, guests & visitors, including the elderly.

### **All Maharashtra Anglo-Indian Schools 10<sup>th</sup> Inter-School Athletic Olympiad & Debates**

We regret that the 10<sup>th</sup> Inter-School Athletic Olympiad & Debates has been called off by the Association of Heads of Anglo-Indian Schools in India (Maharashtra Branch) due to unavoidable circumstances.

### **Android / Smartphones not permitted**

Please do not provide android / smartphones to students (boarders & day scholars) to carry to school. If it is absolutely unavoidable for them to carry a phone, they may be furnished with a simple, basic phone, just enough for them to make phone calls, which however, needs to be kept outside the office occupied by the Vice Principal earlier (in case of day scholars) on their arrival to school, or Wardens / Matrons (in case of boarders).

### **Fete**

The **tentative** date of the Annual School Fete is Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024, which promises to be a momentous occasion with the Barnes Centennial Ceremony to follow during the last week of January 2024.

### **Final Examination & New Academic Year (2024-2025) Dates**

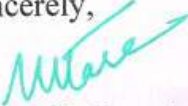
The **tentative** dates for the Middle School (Grades 5 to 8) and the Senior School (Grades 9 & 11) are from 4<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024, and the new Academic Session (2024-2025) is scheduled to begin from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 **tentatively**.

### **School Website & Social Media Platforms**

Parents are once again reminded to visit our school website, [www.barnesschool.in](http://www.barnesschool.in), regularly, as well as our Facebook ([facebook.com/barnesdevlali](https://facebook.com/barnesdevlali)) & Instagram ([facebook.com/barnesdevlali](https://facebook.com/barnesdevlali)) pages to keep abreast of the latest school activities, sporting events, school circulars regarding participation in competitions, quizzes etc.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Principal

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