

Newsletter

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Choral Recitation of K.G.

A Choral Recitation activity was conducted for the KG students with great enthusiasm. The children recited a short rhyme together with clear actions, rhythm, and joyful expressions. The activity helped to build their confidence, improve pronunciation, and develop coordination and teamwork. The little ones participated actively and made the programme lively and enjoyable. The event was a delightful experience for both students and teachers.



FATHER PROVINCIAL'S VISIT TO DON BOSCO BANDEL

On 4th February, 2026, Rev. Father Provincial oversaw a magnificent event of blessing the newly constructed Assembly Hall in all its fabled grandeur. The inauguration began with a brief prayer service during which the blessings of God were invoked upon the hall—the institution in its essence, and within one and all individuals who would be privileged enough to pass through its sacred gates.

The prayer had set the immaculate tone for the day, reminding us all that any structure which revels in the purpose of meaning and sense must first be anchored in faith, piety, and belief. In his address, Rev. Father Provincial had enlightened us on the tenet of resilience, and the enduring and the overarching power of God, emphasizing that the strongest foundation for any lasting ordeal shall rest on the pedestal of faith. Expressing his gratitude, Rev. Father Provincial acknowledged that Rev. Father Provincial had been the backbone of the entire project—the guiding force that laid forth the tenacity of the ordeal, the instigator who doubled down on the effort, and ensured that the tedious dream shall never be led astray to a tedious path.

The newly blessed Assembly Hall stands now as a symbol of unity, fostering faith, innovation, and action.



EXCURSION TO THE BOTANICAL GARDEN, HOWRAH



The Biology Section of Class XI visited the Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Indian Botanic Garden, Howrah on 5th February, 2026. The garden's lush greenery provides a serene escape from the bustling city of Kolkata. We explored the 273-acre garden with around 14,122 species, including the Great Banyan Tree with 3,772 aerial roots. A seminar by experts from Botanical Survey of India and the visit to the Large Palm House enriched us. We were shown a vast collection of herbarium specimens at Central National Herbarium. The Flower Show featured an array of exotic blooms and ornamental plants from around the world. The trip provided valuable insights into botanical exploration and conservation efforts, making it a memorable learning experience for all. We are grateful to Rev. Fr. Principal and our teachers for this valuable opportunity.



RAPID CHESS TOURNAMENT



Souhardya Das

A STRATEGIC VICTORY

BOSCO OLYMPICS

WHAT WE LEARNED

On 6th February, 2026, Don Bosco School, Bandel, organised 'Bosco Olympics'--the annual bagless day for sports events. It had four different games for all types of sportsmen, to show their skills, including football, cricket, handball and badminton. It was successfully conducted for the senior section students, on the sprawling school grounds.

The events saw enthusiastic participation from the vast majority of the students, ensuring its success. These games were smoothly conducted and supervised by the teachers and the supporting staff of our school.

This was one of the many initiatives our school has taken for the holistic development of its students, as this event encouraged regular exercise, and displayed the benefits of team sports by promoting coordination, teamwork, leadership and camaraderie. A steady sense of sportsmanship was definitive for the occasion. This day was a truly rewarding experience, and we look forward to many more such events in the future.



VARIOUS PRIZE WINNERS - JUNIOR SECTION

- Nirav Agarwal of Class 4B has secured 2nd position in Karate & also gold medal in SIP abacus
- Asmit Paul of Class 5D secured three trophies and certificates in all the 2nd position of Drawing competition.
- Shivansh Majumder of Class 3C won a trophy for Sit n Draw competition in Tribeni
- Devansh Sharma of Class 2B has won a Gold Medal in SIP Abacus
- Dharshik Shaw of class 2B received prize in Sit and Draw competition.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS: EXAMINATION TIPS FROM ONE OF THE ICSE TOPPERS— IMAN DUTTA

Iman Dutta and Debdeep Dey have topped the ICSE 2025 with flying colours. Here is a short conversation with Iman Dutta with his exclusive examination tips for the aspiring ICSE batch 2026. Iman Dutta, topper of the ICSE 2024-25 batch, offered thoughtful advice to the students of 2025-26 as they prepare for their Board examinations. He stressed that the last few months should be dedicated to revising old concepts rather than attempting to learn new material, since fresh topics may interfere with effective revision. He believes that a clear daily plan with achievable goals is essential, and completing these goals each day helps reduce stress and ensures steady progress. He also recommended prioritizing topics according to their importance, which can be determined by analyzing previous years' papers and identifying recurring patterns. Repeated practice of concepts, he explained, trains the mind to quickly grasp what a question demands, thereby saving time and improving precision in answers. Above all, Iman urged students to remain confident, even if their pre-board scores are not ideal. He emphasized the importance of maintaining a healthy sleep schedule, noting that proper rest can greatly enhance performance during the exams. His advice serves as a motivating guide for the upcoming batch.



More than a Game: Shagnik's elite achievement

Resilience and dedication to one's hobby comes in many different forms. One such apt example is Shagnik Kundu. Though he is only in class 8, his resilience and prowess in football is noteworthy. We conducted an interview with him, to gain an insight into his life and to reach other students, a tale worthy of inspiration.

When asked about balance, Shagnik iterated that for him, balance means a juggle between his studies and football. He considers both to be of equal importance, and as such, gives equal importance to both.

Shagnik believes that football taught him that failures are a part and parcel of life. He sagaciously said that not every match or exam leads him to victory. But, the important thing is to not give up and continue persevering, and to learn from his mistakes.

As a school athlete, he tries to inculcate the habit of active participation in sports among other students. He believes that hard work, and respect for everyone and everything is very important. He believes that with consistent efforts, one can attain a high level of success and perfection.

We hope that Shagnik's prodigious skill in football, and optimistic view on life will be an inspiration to many, both in and outside the hallowed halls of this institution.



Gratitude Week: A Week of Thankfulness and Reflection

In the second week of February, just before the examinations, our school dedicated special moments to pause, reflect, and express our gratitude through the celebration of Gratitude Week. The week began with a meaningful assembly conducted by the Assistant House Captains, who reminded us that gratitude is not just a word, but a value that strengthens relationships and builds character. A Thank You Card-Making Competition for Classes VI-IX and XI was also announced to encourage students to express their appreciation creatively.

Throughout the week, students participated with enthusiasm, designing heartfelt and thoughtful cards as tokens of respect and gratitude. A solemn Thanksgiving Prayer Service was also organised by the Students' Council and the Class Monitors on 13th February, 2026 to express sincere thanks to Reverend Father Rector, Reverend Father Principal, Reverend Father Administrator, the Teaching and Non-Teaching staff, and all the dedicated support staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes for the well-being of the school.

The ceremony concluded with a touching address by our School Prefect, echoing prayers and words of heartfelt thanks. Selected Thank-You cards were presented to Reverend Father Rector, Reverend Father Principal, Reverend Father Administrator, Teaching and all the Non-Teaching staff members. The celebration beautifully reminded everyone that gratitude deepens unity and strengthens the spirit of our school community by saying a simple word - 'Thank You'.



TEACHING STAFF PICNIC

The Annual Staff Picnic of Don Bosco Bandel was organised on 14th February, 2026, at Gharana Resort, Singur. Surrounded by tranquil and scenic surroundings, the resort offered a refreshing escape from the regular academic routine.

The day began with a warm welcome and a delightful breakfast, followed by informal interactions and a range of fun-filled games and recreational activities. Enthusiastic participation by the staff added to the lively atmosphere. A well-arranged lunch with a variety of delicious dishes further enhanced the experience. The picnic proved to be an enjoyable occasion of relaxation, bonding, and rejuvenation for all.



NON-TEACHING STAFF PICNIC 2026



The annual picnic for the Non-Teaching Staff of Don Bosco School, Bandel, was organised on 7th February, 2026, at Disneyland Park near Delhi Road, Chandannagar.

The primary objective of this outing was to provide a much needed break from the daily academic routine. It involved highlighting camaraderie, relaxation, and appreciation for the support team that keeps this institution running smoothly. This event was designed to break the monotony of daily work, strengthen bonds, and provide a fun-filled and stress-free day.

The scenic beauty of the place and the pleasant weather immediately set a refreshing tone for the day.

The day began with a sumptuous breakfast followed by a series of well-planned and enjoyable games, organised by our Rev. Fathers. These activities provided us with a lively environment by which teamwork and friendly competition was encouraged.

A delicious lunch was served, offering a variety of cuisines, which everyone enjoyed. The highlight of the day was, definitely, the group dance and the boat rides. It was a wonderful opportunity for us all to connect with each other beyond the official setting. The tasty snacks in the evening marked a befitting end to this well-cherished day.

The picnic was a resounding success, leaving everyone refreshed and rejuvenated. We, the supporting staff of Don Bosco, Bandel, are grateful to the Rev.

Fathers, the management and the organizing committee for arranging such a memorable picnic for us.

ANNUAL EXAMINATION

2025-26

Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." –Winston Churchill. As the examinations began , we stood at an important moment in our academic journey. Exams were not just tests of memory but they reflected our preparation, dedication and hard work which we had put in. The examinations had reminded us that consistent effort always brought us success,growth and improvement. The examinations for the Senior Section commenced on 20th February 2026 and concluded on 6th March 2026 and the Junior Section began their examinations on 23rd February 2026, and the assessment period continued until 6th March 2026. We prayed to the Almighty so that each of us approached our papers with a calm mind and a positive attitude, avoided fear, and trusted our preparation which surely helped us perform with confidence and clarity of thought.



EXAMINATION 2025-26

EXAMINATION TIPS BY TEACHERS FOR THE UPCOMING SESSION

English I

- Break your writing into paragraphs
- Read the question minutely, very often they have all important clues needed for answering effectively
- use correct words in correct spelling
- Reject flowery style of writing

English II

- Support answers with keywords from text
- For character sketches: Traits □ evidence □ explanations
- Plan before you write, stick to word limit, use clear paragraphs

History

- Read all the chapters thoroughly
- Learn the chapters on the basis of timeline
- Always write the answers in points
- Overall read the chapters repeatedly but do not memorise

Geography

- Mark the full extent of rivers and mountains
- Use appropriate colours
- Wise use of arrows
- Learn definitions of important symbols in Topographical Maps
- Write brief answers with keywords



Physics

- Understand the concepts and apply
- For numericals – write formula and put proper units
- For diagrams – use proper labeling and arrow for rays
- Use scientific terms

Chemistry

- Learn the valency chart to write correct formula and equations
- Learn observation of chemical reactions
- Learn chemical test to differentiate between compounds



Biology

- Be confident
- revise catchy points
- Think logically
- Draw neat diagrams
- Manage time with a calm mind to enjoy the science behind life

Maths

- Practice model question papers seriously and finish the paper 15 minutes before finishing time while practicing
- Practice little but regular – everyday 30 mins for Maths
- Attempt and solve easy and known questions first
- Write neatly stepwise and don't skip steps
- Revise formulas before going to bed everyday
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Bengali

- প্রথম ১০-১৫ মিনিট প্রশ্নটি মন দিয়ে পড়ে সিদ্ধান্ত নাও কোন কোন প্রশ্নগুলি নিয়ে তুমি আত্মবিশ্বাসী।
- কোনো জটিল, কঠিন ভাষা নয় - সহজ, শুদ্ধ বাংলা ভাষায় লেখো।
- গদ্য, পদ্য বা রচনার ক্ষেত্রে **key points** মনে রাখো।
- গল্প - কবিতার মূলগ্রন্থ, লেখক ও কবির নাম মনে রাখবে
- রচনার ক্ষেত্রে ৪টি অনুচ্ছেদে ভাগ করে সহজ ভাষায় বিষয়টিকে তুলে ধরো।

Hindi

हिंदी (ध्यान देने योग्य बातें)

- अपने वाक्य को सरल एवं छोटा रखने की कोशिश करें।
- वाक्य में सहज शब्दों का प्रयोग करें।
- शब्दों की वर्तनी पर विशेष ध्यान दें।
- प्रश्नों पर ध्यान देते हुए अपने उत्तर लिखो, जिससे अशुद्धियाँ न होने की संभावना बढ़ेगी।
- उत्तर पृष्ठ में स्पष्ट होनी चाहिए।

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