

# The International School of Choueifat, Lahore- Pakistan

## Summer School 2008

4<sup>th</sup> August – 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2008

### Enrollment 117

This year's summer school was no different from any other year; we provided the children with proper educational facilities along with recreational facilities. Under the wise guidance of our teachers, we prefects started to organize the summer school well before the 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2008. We started by collecting and photocopying books that were needed for summer school. After that was done, all prefects started to plan activities for summer school, such as where we would take our students for field trips, what clubs we would offer, and who would teach which grade. Apart from those decisions, we carefully chose who would work for each department. After all that was sorted out, we went home to enjoy our summer.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of August, everyone came to school at eight o' clock to tidy up everything, and make sure everything was as it should be. Students started to arrive a little before nine. We lined everyone up on the first bell, and summer school was well underway!

The prefects were divided up into departments, and each prefect was assigned with a job. Below is a list of all the departments, and a description of their responsibilities:

- Management Department

The management department was responsible for monitoring and running the summer school. The department's duties ranged from taking attendance, to managing the other departments, and to making sure everything planned was carried out. The department would take the attendance of every student and prefect each day, and then we would computerize the daily attendance. The management prefects also organized and supervised all the field trips the students were taken on.

- Academics Department

The academics department is one of the most important departments; it is responsible for managing the summer school curriculum and for organizing classes for the students. This year, the department also took care of the exams the students took each Friday. Not only did they manage and organize the exams, they also invigilated and administered them. They had the exams checked, and used the feedback they received from the results to improve their teaching.

- Activities Department

The activities department organized events and activities for the students. The prefects worked on various projects to make sure the planned events were able to see light. The activities department organized clubs, such as the arts and crafts club, the drama club, and the modeling club. Not only did they organize and run clubs, they also planned various events for the students. The department held a spelling bee, a general knowledge quiz, a movie afternoon, a carnival, a scavenger hunt, and most importantly organized most of the Grand Finale. All these events were not only planned by the activities department, but they were also prepared by the department.

- Finance Department

The finance department made sure the summer school program operated well under budget. To make sure of that, they were responsible for collecting lunch money, summer school fees, selling items at the school tuck shop, and managing a balance sheet of all expenses and savings.

- Sports Department

The sports department managed sporting clubs, which were held almost daily after lunch. The sports that were offered ranged from soccer, basketball, and cricket, to table tennis. The department made sure every student got some sort of exercise, while making sure the students had fun playing games.

- Discipline Department

Lastly, the discipline department made sure that rules were not violated. The prefects were responsible for maintaining discipline throughout the summer school program. They patrolled hallways, and checked classes to make sure students were listening to their teachers.

As mentioned above, the students were involved in many extracurricular activities and participated in educational events, apart from attending class.

First we held a spelling bee, which was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August, for students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. It was organized to encourage and motivate students to improve their spelling and to commend those who already had good spelling ability. The spelling bee took place in the small gym, where a stage was set for the students to participate. From what the Student Life gathered, students loved the event.

Another event that the activities department organized was the scavenger hunt, which was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August. The main aim of the scavenger hunt was to encourage team work amongst the students, but that wasn't the only reason. The organizers also wanted to provide the students with an opportunity to have fun. The students were placed in teams, and were given tasks which they had to complete faster than their rival teams. The winners of the competition received a special prize.

After the scavenger hunt, a general knowledge quiz was organized on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August, for 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Its main aim was to allow students to compete with each other and to encourage students to increase their knowledge about basic facts. The winners were presented with prizes, and this event was also held in the small gym.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of August, a movie afternoon was organized for the students. The small gym was converted into a theater, and everyone watched Kung Fu Panda. Students were served complimentary popcorn, soft drinks, and ice cream.

We also organized a carnival for the students on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August. The activities department worked very hard to make sure everything pulled through. The department decorated the big gym, and put up stalls for the students to purchase food items and participate in games. It would be safe to say that students enjoyed every bit of the carnival, ranging from the scrumptious food to the involving yet fun games.

Also as mentioned above, the students were taken on field trips. The school took them to a bowling alley on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August, to McDonalds and Sindbad on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August, and then to the Walls Ice Cream factory on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August. Unfortunately, we were unable to take the students to a candy factory due to bad weather. But nevertheless, the students enjoyed every bit of each excursion. On every trip they were provided with free food or drinks, and if the location had rides and games, the students were provided with free tokens to play the games.

To commemorate this year's summer school, the prefects organized a closing ceremony on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August and they named it the Grand Finale. During this event, students staged various plays, shows and exhibited some of their talents. The function was topped off by a certificate distribution ceremony for the prefects followed by the distribution of awards for those who taught classes during the summer school.

To conclude, this year's summer school was one of the most constructive programs held by the students of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Everything was managed properly and deadlines were met. All in all, everything went the way it was planned. It can be said that this was one of the most organized summer schools ever held.

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