

**FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK**  
**NATIONAL ACADEMY FOR LEARNING**  
**NORTH BENGALURU**  
**AN OVERVIEW OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25**

Dear Parents,

We would like to extend our warm greetings to all our NAFL North family members. As we near the end of another busy, fulfilling and productive academic year at NAFL North, we take this opportunity to share details of our school journey of the year 2024-25. We would also like to share important dates and schedules with you for the coming academic year 2025-2026.

**School Achievements:**

We firmly believe that education becomes a truly enriching and holistic experience when parents play an active role in the learning journey. Their involvement fosters an empathetic and collaborative environment that enhances student growth.

Our students and teachers work with dedication and teamwork across academic and co-scholastic domains to uphold the NAFL-North legacy of excellence. Our curriculum is thoughtfully designed to cultivate intellectual curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking skills.

Our in-house Teacher Training Academy (TTA), an initiative led by our Vice Chairperson, Dr. Bindu Hari, ensures that our Principal, Middle Leaders, and teachers remain motivated and upskilled through regular workshops and training sessions. This ongoing effort strengthens the faculty's expertise and enhances teaching practices across all NPS/NAFL institutions.

Dr. Bindu Hari has also introduced *Esprit De Corps*—an event designed to promote sportsmanship, competition, and camaraderie among students and faculty members. With enthusiastic participation from all eight NPS/NAFL branches, this event fosters a spirit of unity and teamwork, reinforcing the values that bind our students and schools together.

Additionally, our Sunshine Saturday initiative has brought joy and engagement beyond the classroom. Through this programme, students engage in sports activities and enhance their knowledge through quizzes. The sessions are focussed on wellness, acquiring knowledge, personality development and confidence that nurture their talents.

Guided by the NPS motto—'Reach Out, Reach High, and Reach Beyond'—we inspire our students to maximize their academic, creative, social, and emotional potential. It is with immense pride that we present this year's most remarkable achievements of NAFL-North and our students.

**School Toppers - CBSE Board Examinations 2023-2024**

Our students have once again brought laurels to themselves as well as the school with their exceptional results in the Board Examinations. Here are some of the top performers.

**Grade 10:**

Indupriya Gangarapu (96.2%), Aniketh Nair (94.4%), Theertha Sudeep (94.2%)

**Grade 12:**

**Science Stream:** Pranav Ravimanivasagam (91.6%), Dhruv Menon (89.6%), Prashyanth V (86.6%)

### **Batch of 2023-24 placements in prestigious universities**

All our students from the 2023-24 batch have secured placements in esteemed universities and colleges, pursuing excellent courses at renowned institutions such as Ashoka University, P.E.S College of Engineering, BITS Mumbai, R.V Engineering College and Virginia Tech USA.

### **School Events 2024-25**

A detailed list of events conducted throughout the year is shared through the school newsletter. The last edition of the newsletter for this academic year will be shared shortly.

### **Professional Skills Building:**

Our in-house TISB Training Academy (TTA), which works towards the professional development of our Senior Leadership team and Teachers is the initiative of our Vice Chairperson, Dr Bindu Hari, to enhance and upskill our school team, keeping us ahead in teaching practices, classroom management and professionalism at the workplace. The team has continued their yeoman service this year too, offering in-person and online courses that have greatly benefitted the teachers from Early Years to Senior School.

### **Sports Challenge:**

‘Esprit de Corps’, another initiative in sports and the outdoors by Dr. Bindu Hari, has enjoyed wonderful success in its second year running, bringing a happy spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie. The enthusiastic participation of students in a variety of sports from all our NPS Group of Institutions and NAFL, fosters a rare, collective spirit that binds our teams together.

We are delighted to announce that our junior volleyball team, comprising of students from grades 4 & 5, won their first Esprit de Corps trophy this academic year!

### **Workshop for our stakeholders:**

Recognizing the challenges of parenting and children's behaviour, we organized insightful workshops for parents, including ‘How to Be an Askable Parent’ by Dr. Shailaja Shastri, the Director of YourDOST- Training and Research Initiatives and a special ‘Joyful Parenting’ session for primary years' parents, led by Ms. Sudha Balan, Mentor Principal, NPSI Chennai. These sessions aimed to equip parents with effective communication skills and a deeper understanding of their child's emotional and developmental needs.

A workshop on ‘Leadership Skills’ was conducted for the student council by Dr. Shailaja Shastri, the Director of YourDOST- designed to equip our young leaders with essential coping strategies, the session aimed to help them navigate academic and personal challenges effectively, fostering resilience and well-being.

To support our teachers in maintaining a healthy work-life balance, we conducted workshops focussing on stress management, time management, and well-being strategies. These sessions provided valuable insights and practical techniques to help educators achieve harmony between their professional and personal lives.

**Summer Vacation:**

With reference to the dates for our summer vacation, kindly note the schedule below.

| <b>_Grade</b> | <b>Last Working Day</b> |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| Grades 1 to 8 | 28.03.2025              |
| New Grade 10  | 09.04.2025              |
| New Grade 12  | 09.04.2025              |
| KG 1 and KG 2 | 28.03.2025              |
| Montessori    | 28.03.2025              |

Kindly note the detailed schedule for the **re-opening of school** after the summer vacation.

| <b>Grade</b>                     | <b>Re-opening Date</b> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Grades 9 to 12                   | 26.05.2025             |
| Grades 1 to 8                    | 04.06.2025             |
| KG 1                             | 05.06.2025             |
| KG 2                             | 12.06.2025             |
| Montessori (Freshers)            | 05.06.2025             |
| Montessori (Juniors and Seniors) | 12.06.2025             |

*(These dates are subject to change based on Government notifications at that time.)*

**Books Issue:**

At the request of the parents, the school has made arrangements for the availability of books and materials from different agencies at the school. These will be distributed to the students, to avoid any academic delay. The prescribed cost and schedule of issue of books will be notified to you separately.

**Application for Transfer Certificate:**

To help us plan, it would be appreciated if parents who are planning to withdraw their wards from the school for the next academic year, could inform us of the same, latest by Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025. From the school website, you can obtain the "Annexure F" application form under the "Resources" section and submit it to the school bursary.

<http://www.naflnorth.com/pdf/2023-2024/Annexure-F.pdf>

**School Fees:**

Annual fees for the academic year 2025-26 may please be remitted from 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025 to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025, in the Acadamis parent-portal. **We presume that the students who do not remit the fees by the due date will not be continuing in the school for the next academic year.**

We are sure that all the parents are aware that an escalation in the fee is due to various components like staff salary; government increase in property taxes - four times; increased water and electricity charges; infrastructure maintenance and material expenditure; laboratory, computers and AMCs upkeep etc. An annual fee increase of 7.5% to 10% is effective to offset the increasing expenditure, as NAFL-North is a private self-financing institution. As a school policy, we do not collect any donations or capitation fee.

We are eagerly awaiting to walk into the next academic year and experience everything it has to offer. Wishing you and your wards a great summer vacation!

**Plans for the Academic Year 2025-2026:**

We look forward to the next academic year and its exciting growth plans. We will build new opportunities for our students, keeping in mind the transformations envisaged in the future of the job industry. We continue to promote critical thinking and research through Interdisciplinary Project-Based Learning Tasks, etc.

As we close out this year, we're excited to announce that starting next year, we plan to introduce a dedicated Commerce stream at our school. This new offering will include subjects such as Business Studies, Entrepreneurship, Accounts, and Economics, designed to provide our students with a strong foundation in the world of business and finance. We look forward to empowering our students with the skills and knowledge to thrive in these dynamic fields. Stay tuned for more details as we prepare to launch this exciting new chapter!

We hope our students use all the support and guidance provided to excel in every way. We wish you and your ward a wonderful summer vacation!

Warm regards,

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