

RAVEN REVIEW

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FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF ACADEMY

-MS. ELAMMA AUGUSTINE

I have always been very passionate about sports and education. As a former athlete myself, and having educated several aspiring athletes in my previous school, I truly understand the mission and vision behind Corvuss American Academy. When I heard about the opportunity to lead a school integrating sports and academics, it immediately peaked my interest. After understanding the vision and requirements by the Board of the School, I am convinced that I have the expertise and leadership skills to fulfil them and ensure each student at our Academy reaches their fullest potential.

As an educational leader I will use my experience to create an environment where youth are trained to become global citizens with proficiency in their chosen sport and with the academic rigour needed to get into the college of their choice.

What personally stood out to me is our unique ability as a school to address an area in the educational landscape in India vis a vis students having an environment where sports and academics coexist and thrive. Students do not have to choose one or the other. They can develop their passion for sport irrespective of their level of proficiency without having to sacrifice on the quality and rigour of their academics. With my boarding school experience of over 25 years as an educational leader I aim to bring pastoral

care to the forefront of our school by moulding our students into future global leaders. All the students will benefit from the warm, positive atmosphere in their dorms. Health, wellbeing and safety is at the heart of everything we do and safeguarding the children in our care is my number one priority.

Collectively with my motivated and experienced teachers, coaches and administrative staff we are committed to education that is inclusive, holistic, progressive and pioneering. Lessons learnt in the classroom transfer to the sports field and lessons learnt on the sports field transfer to the classroom.

I aim to build a robust bond and a vibrant channel of communication between the students, parents and faculty to help Corvuss reach grater heights of success. I found a perfect fit in Corvuss' mission, ethos and values.

I will be happy to meet with each one of you, please make an appointment via Reena pa.hoa@corvuss.in

I look forward to meeting you in person.
Ms. Augustine



EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS IN ACADEMIA: SEMESTER 1 ROUND-UP AND SEMESTER 2 KICK-OFF

- ZACHARIAH PETERS

As we embark on the journey of academic exploration in the Spring semester of 2024, it's an opportune moment to reflect on the achievements of the past semester and look forward to the promising endeavours ahead. Here's a roundup of recent developments and a glimpse into what lies ahead at our esteemed institution.

Semester 1 Reporting Phase Begins: The academic round-up for Semester 1 has been compiled, and we are thrilled to announce that the reporting phase has commenced. We extend our gratitude to all stakeholders for their unwavering support and dedication throughout the semester. Your commitment to academic excellence has been instrumental in shaping the success of our students. Please stay tuned for the issuance of Semester 1 report cards, as they are currently in the pipeline and being meticulously prepared for your review.

Semester 2 MAP Testing: As we transition into Semester 2, our students have embarked on their second MAP Testing journey for the academic year 2023-2024. MAP tests serve as invaluable tools for assessing student growth and academic progress. Each student's participation in these assessments is of immense value to us at CAA, as it enables us to critically evaluate and adapt our curriculum to meet the evolving needs of our student

body. We remain committed to staying abreast of current curricular trends in education and providing a dynamic learning environment that fosters intellectual growth and development.

Introduction to Business Course: In a testament to our commitment to providing unparalleled educational experiences, we are thrilled to announce a groundbreaking partnership with Len's of Sports for the Spring 2024 semester. Five senior students - Milind Sivakumar, Siddharth Roncon, Zain Lakhani, Aryan Lakhani, and Shreetej Hadge - with the highest GPA have been selected for the prestigious "Introduction to Business (Through the Lens of Sport)" course. This innovative course, available in both asynchronous and synchronous online formats, offers a unique exploration of core business concepts through the captivating context of sports. From management and marketing to finance and ethics, students will delve into the dynamic world of business, gaining valuable insights into the global sports industry along the way. We are immensely proud of the efforts made to bring this course to fruition and even more so of our students' selection to partake in it. We are confident that this transformative

educational experience will equip them with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in their future endeavours.

As we embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie

ahead in Semester 2, let us continue to foster a culture of excellence, innovation, and lifelong learning. Together, we will shape a brighter future for our students and our community.



'THE THEATRE AND MOVIE CLUB'

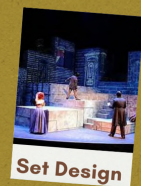
- CORNELL CHAPMAN

In the grand theatre of life, amidst the dazzling lights and echoing applause, there are moments when the show must go on despite the challenges that may come our way. It is in these moments that the true power of perseverance and the resolve to move forward reveal themselves as indispensable virtues.

Life, much like a theatrical performance, is filled with unexpected plot twists, setbacks, and disappointments. Yet, it is not the adversities themselves that define us but rather how we choose to respond to them. Perseverance, the unwavering commitment to persist despite difficulties, becomes our guiding light in the darkest of times.

Consider the story of a struggling actor who faces countless rejections before landing their breakthrough role. Each audition serves as a test of resilience, requiring them to dust themselves off and step back onto the

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stage, ready to face rejection once more. It is their unwavering determination and refusal to be deterred by failure that eventually leads them to success.

But perseverance is not merely about weathering the storm; it is also about finding the strength to adapt and evolve in the face of adversity. Like a seasoned performer who seamlessly adjusts their performance to suit the mood of the audience, we too must learn to pivot and embrace change with grace.

Moving on, while often easier said than done, is an essential component of perseverance. It requires us to let go of the past and embrace the uncertainty of the future with open arms. Whether it be the end of a relationship, the loss of a job, or a personal setback, moving on is a testament to our resilience and inner strength.

In the world of theatre, there is an unspoken understanding that no matter what happens behind the scenes, the show must go on. It is a rallying cry that echoes through the wings of the stage, reminding performers and audience members alike that life stops for no one. Similarly, in our own lives, we must heed this call to action, refusing to let adversity rob us of our dreams and aspirations.

The show must go on, not because it is easy, but because it is necessary. It is a testament to the human spirit and our ability to rise above the challenges that threaten to hold us back. So, the next time life throws you a curveball, remember the power of perseverance, the importance of moving on, and above all else, remember that the show must go on.

EMPHASIZING SAFETY AND PREPARING FOR WASC

-JEFFERY M. LOVE (DEAN OF STUDENTS)

Dear Raven Community,

As we embark on Term 3, our focus sharpens not only on the continuation of academic excellence but also on the well-being and safety of our student community. In the coming weeks, we will be welcoming the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) to our campus, an opportunity that allows us to showcase our commitment to providing a high-quality education within a safe and nurturing environment.

The safety and security of our students are paramount. It is with this in mind that I announce the upcoming release of streamlined policies designed to enhance our current safety measures. These policies are being developed to not only meet but exceed the WASC requirements, ensuring that our school remains a benchmark for educational safety standards.

I understand the importance of open dialogue and the value of listening to our students' concerns and suggestions. To this end, I will be increasing my availability to meet with students across various forums and settings. Hearing directly from you, the heart of our community is essential as we strive to create an

environment that supports every student's needs and aspirations.

Your voice is critical in this journey. Together, we can foster a culture of safety, respect, and academic achievement that prepares us all for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Best regards,
Jeffery M. Love
Dean of Students

MAP TESTING AND COLLEGE PLACEMENT

- LATOIYA PASCUA

Dear All,

As we wrap up an intense week of exams, we stand on the brink of another significant milestone: the MAPS (Measures of Academic Progress) testing. The dedication and perseverance you've shown this past week have been nothing short of inspiring. Now, we must channel that same energy and focus on the MAPS testing.

Your journey as a student-athlete at Corvuss American Academy is a testament to your resilience and commitment. Balancing academics with athletics is no easy feat, yet you've managed to excel in both arenas. The upcoming MAPS testing is another opportunity for you to showcase the same level of excellence and determination that you bring to the field or court.

Let's approach these tests with the same strategy and mindset that we do in sports: with preparation, confidence, and unwavering belief in our abilities. Remember, the effort you put in now is not just for your academic growth but for building a foundation of discipline and excellence that will serve you for years to come.

In the spirit of celebrating our successes, we have incredible news to share. One of our own, Anjali Pandey, has been accepted into the Dominican University of California and was awarded the prestigious Presidential Scholarship. Anjali's achievement is a shining example of where hard work, talent, and determination can lead. It's a proud moment for all of us at Corvuss American Academy, and we hope it serves as inspiration for each of you to pursue your dreams with relentless passion.

As we move forward, let's continue to support each other, stay focused, and remember why we're here. You are not only building your academic and athletic profiles; you are shaping the future you envision for yourselves. The path may be challenging, but it is also incredibly rewarding.

Let's tackle the MAPS testing with all the vigor and enthusiasm we possess. We believe in you, your coaches believe in you, and you should believe in yourself. Remember, excellence is not a singular act but a habit. You are what you repeatedly do. Let's make excellence our habit.

To victory, in academics and athletics,
Your Career Counselor





ON THE TRACK - SPORTS UPDATE

-SONGACHAN KASHUNG (FOOTBALL COACH)

Strength and Stability: Training on sand engages stabilizing muscles that are often neglected in traditional workouts.

Injury Prevention: Sand workouts can help reduce the risk of injuries and joint stability.

Cardiovascular Fitness: Running or performing drills on sand requires more energy expenditure compared to solid ground due to the increased resistance.

Foot and Ankle Strength: Working out on sand can enhance foot and ankle strength as the soft surface challenges the muscles and ligaments responsible for stability and agility.

Variety and Mental Refreshment: Incorporating sand workouts into training routines adds variety and keeps sessions interesting for players.



CELEBRATING OUR EXCEPTIONAL TEAM

-SAPNA (HR)

STAFF APPRECIATION

As we embrace the new month, it's essential to reflect on our staff members' remarkable efforts and contributions. The past month was filled with achievements, teamwork, and dedication. Let's shine a spotlight on some outstanding individuals who have gone above and beyond in their roles:

Documenting Success: Mr. Zachariah Peters



Zachariah Peters has exemplified exceptional dedication in our institution's WASC accreditation process. His effort and attention to detail have been unparalleled, culminating in the successful completion and submission of a comprehensive report for verification. Moreover, Zachariah's leadership and coordination skills were instrumental in facilitating collaboration among various stakeholders, ensuring that all necessary data and evidence were gathered and presented cohesively in the report. He meticulously reviewed, organized, and synthesized vast amounts of information, leaving no stone unturned in his quest for accuracy and completeness, resulting in a seamless and successful submission of the WASC report.

Leading the Way:- Coach Andre



We thank Coach Andre for his outstanding leadership and guidance to the Basketball team. Under his mentorship, the team has demonstrated remarkable progress and sportsmanship, reflecting his dedication and passion for the game.

In January, our school showcased exceptional sporting prowess by participating in two prestigious SGFI Games tournaments. From January 6th to January 11, our talented boys took center stage in Patiala, demonstrating remarkable skill and dedication throughout the tournament. Against fierce competition, our students exhibited resilience and sportsmanship, ultimately securing an impressive 4th place. Their commitment to excellence and teamwork was truly commendable, reflecting the spirit of our school's athletic community.

The achievements didn't stop there. From January 28th to February 2, our U-19 girls entered the SGFI Games arena in Mumbai with unwavering determination. The girls showcased stellar performances, navigating their way to the runner-up position. Their success is a testament to their hard work, discipline, and the guidance of our dedicated coaching staff. These achievements not only highlight the sporting talent within our school but also reinforce our commitment to fostering a culture of excellence in both individual and team sports. Congratulations to all the participants and coaches for their outstanding contributions to our school's sporting legacy!



