

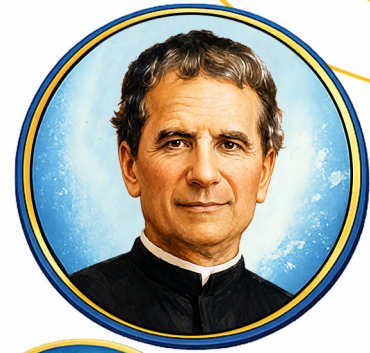
DON BOSCO

MATRIC. HR. SEC. SCHOOL, EGMORE, CHENNAI, INDIA

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Rector's Message



Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

I would like to draw your attention to being SENSITIVE, the theme for the month of July that passed by. Don Bosco noticed a poor boy quietly eating a piece of coarse black bread while the other boys were eating soft white bread. The boy tried to hide his bread, embarrassed by his poverty. Don Bosco immediately understood what the student was feeling. Without drawing anyone's attention to him, Don Bosco walked over with a smile and said, "Would you exchange your bread for mine?" He placed his own white loaf into the boy's hands and took the black bread for himself. The boy's face lit up, not because he had better bread, but because someone protected his dignity. Don Bosco then cheerfully ate the coarse bread as though it were the finest meal.

For Don Bosco, sensitivity meant more than feeling sorry for someone. It meant noticing what others failed to see, understanding another person's unspoken pain, and acting immediately with generosity and love. He knew that a young person's heart could be wounded by humiliation just as much as by hunger. By exchanging the bread, he was really exchanging shame for dignity, loneliness for belonging, and poverty for love.

This simple gesture reminds us that true sensitivity is not found in big words but in small acts of thoughtful kindness. A smile, a listening ear, a word of encouragement, or a quiet sacrifice can change someone's day - and sometimes, even someone's life.

In today's fast-moving world, knowledge and success alone do not make a great person. A truly educated person is one whose mind thinks clearly, whose hands serve willingly, and whose heart feels deeply. Sensitivity begins when one begins to see every person with respect, every creation with gratitude, and every situation as an opportunity to do good.

Every member of the Don Bosco - Egmore family, is invited to be sensitive in words, thoughtful in actions, and compassionate in relationships. May we notice the lonely classmate, encourage the discouraged, respect our teachers and parents, care for our campus, and use technology responsibly, always remembering that behind every screen is a human heart.

May Don Bosco inspire us to have a heart similar to his: intelligent, compassionate, and always ready to serve.

Fr. Alphonse Philip, SDB

Rector & Correspondent

Principal Speaks



Dear Don Bosco Family,

Welcome to the second edition of Bosco Beacon—our monthly newsletter that celebrates the life, spirit, and achievements of our school community

As we reflect on the past month, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our students for their outstanding achievements, our dedicated teachers for their passion and innovation, our non-teaching staff for their unwavering support, and our parents for being valued partners in our educational mission. Every milestone we celebrate is the result of our shared commitment and teamwork.

This month's theme is Unity. At Don Bosco, we believe that praying and working together is our highest form of spirituality and professionalism. Together, we inspire, support, and empower one

another to achieve excellence.

A pencil always carries an eraser—not because it expects mistakes, but because it reminds us that mistakes can be corrected. Likewise, we must learn to erase our biased opinions, false assumptions, and negative attitudes that create unnecessary divisions. When we choose understanding over judgment, forgiveness over criticism, and collaboration over comparison, we build a positive atmosphere where everyone feels respected, valued, and encouraged to grow.

Let us continue to be pathfinders, not fault finders, creating a school culture rooted in unity, mutual respect, and hope.

Thank you for your continued trust, dedication, and support. Together, let us keep building a vibrant Don Bosco community where every child thrives and every success is shared.

May God bless you and your families.

Fr. L. Suresh Kumar, SDB

Principal

“When we erase our prejudices,
we create space for unity.
“When we work and pray together,
nothing is impossible.”

Annual Aquatic Meet

On 4th July 2026, the Annual Aquatic Meet was held at the SDAT Swimming Complex, Shenoy Nagar. Students participated enthusiastically in various swimming events, showcasing their swimming skills, determination, and competitive spirit.

Feast of St . Dominic Savio:



On 6th July 2026, the school celebrated the Feast of St. Dominic Savio with prayer and reflection. The day began with a special assembly for students of Grades VI to XII, followed by Holy Mass in the auditorium for the Catholic students. Adding a meaningful touch to the celebration, the students of Classes IV and V presented a skit titled **“The Silent Sacrifice of St. Dominic Savio.”** The celebration inspired students to emulate his faith, purity, obedience, love, and holiness in their daily lives.

Animation Programme for Student Leaders



On 7th July 2026, Rev. Fr. Yacob Pichaimuthu Director of Niraivagam conducted an inspiring animation programme for the newly elected student leaders. Through engaging activities and interactive discussions, the session developed the students' leadership, teamwork, sense of responsibility and communication skills. They were encouraged to lead with confidence, integrity, commitment and a spirit of service.

Co-Curricular Activities Commence

On 8th July 2026, the Primary Section commenced its co-curricular activities, with students enthusiastically participating in a variety of clubs. The Clubs provide them opportunities to explore their interests, showcase their talents, and develop creativity, teamwork, leadership, and essential life skills. Their energetic participation reflected the school's commitment to holistic education.

Primary House Inauguration and Investiture Ceremony



On 10th July 2026, Don Bosco Primary inaugurated its House System and celebrated the Investiture Ceremony under the theme **“Ignite Minds, Inspire Hearts, Lead by Example.”** The four houses—Bosco, Savio, Rua, and Thomas—were formally introduced to foster unity, leadership, and healthy competition, while the newly selected student leaders took their pledge of office.

The ceremony was graced by Rev. Fr. Jayapalan Raphel, SDB, former Provincial of the Chennai Province, who reminded the leaders that **“Leadership is a responsibility, not authority.”**

Rev. Fr. L. Suresh Kumar, Principal, encouraged them to ignite minds, inspire hearts, and lead by example. The inaugural address was delivered by Mast. Jonas Maria Benito, School Pupil Leader, and the vote of thanks was proposed by Mast. Arugan Pragadeeshvel, Assistant School Pupil Leader. The programme marked the beginning of a vibrant leadership journey rooted in the values of Don Bosco.

Leadership Training Programme for Primary Leaders

On 13th July 2026, Niraivagam organised a Leadership Training Programme for the leaders of the Primary Section. The workshop was designed to instill core leadership values and nurture responsibility, teamwork and decision-making among the young student leaders.



Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign

On 13th July 2026, the school, in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Police, organised an Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign to educate students on the dangers of drug abuse and the importance of a healthy lifestyle. Students from Standards III to XII assembled to form the message **"SAY NO TO DRUGS."** Rev. Fr. L. Suresh Kumar, Principal, welcomed the gathering and encouraged the students to choose life over drugs, while Mr. Gajendran, Sub-Inspector of Police, F2 Police Station, Egmore, administered the anti-drug pledge. Mr. Thiruvallar Selvan District Inspector Of Physical Education – Chennai graced the occasion.



Annual Health Screening



From 6th to 13th July 2026, the school's Health Station, in collaboration with paediatricians from Dr. Mehta's Hospital, conducted the **Annual Health Screening**. Every student received a comprehensive check-up that included physical, vision and dental examinations. Detailed reports were subsequently shared with parents, reinforcing the school's commitment to every child's well-being.

Tamil Literary Association and Kalvi Valarchi Day

On 15th July 2026, the school celebrated Education Development Day, the **Tamil Literary Association** and '**Kalvi valarchi Naal**' with great enthusiasm. The Primary Section commemorated the birth anniversary of former Chief Minister K. Kamarajar, fondly known as '**Kalvi Thanthai**'. Mrs. Isai Nila graced the occasion as the chief guest, while a meaningful skit and a student's speech highlighted Kamarajar's remarkable contribution to education. Rev. Fr. L. Suresh Kumar, Principal, inspired the young learners to carry forward Kamarajar's educational vision.



Students of Standards VI to

XII marked the Tamil Literary Association and '**Kalvi valarchi Naal**', during which Dr. Dan Stany, Professor at Loyola College, Chennai, addressed the gathering on the richness of the Tamil language and the importance of literature and creativity. The celebration concluded with vibrant literary and cultural performances showcasing Tamil heritage.

PASCH BKD CAMP 2026- EMBILIPITIYA, SRI LANKA

The PASCH BKD Camp 2026 was held at the Centauria Lake Resort, Embilipitiya, Sri Lanka, from 13th to 16th July 2026, under the theme "**Entrepreneurship**." Bringing together students from India and Sri Lanka, the camp combined language learning, cultural exchange, and leadership activities. Don Bosco was represented by

Nathan Jesmarino (XII-A),

Jason Jones (XII-B), and

Jai Krishwin (IX-D), who actively participated in the four-day programme and strengthened their German language and communication skills.

Kindergarten House Inauguration and Investiture Ceremony



On 21st July 2026, the Kindergarten House System was inaugurated, and the young leaders were formally invested with badges and flags. Rev. Fr. L. Suresh Kumar, Principal, welcomed the gathering, while the Rector invoked God's blessings upon the newly elected leaders.



The Chief Guest, **Mrs. Ali Fathima, KG Supervisor, St. Mary's Catholic High School, Fujairah, UAE**, inspired the young students with her warm and engaging address. The ceremony concluded with the acceptance speech by Mast. Gamaliel Barack Simeon, KG School Pupil Leader, and the vote of thanks by Mast. Shahan Ali, KG Assistant School Pupil Leader. The occasion marked a joyful beginning to nurturing leadership, responsibility, and teamwork among the Kindergarten students.

69th Annual Athletic Meet 2026



Don Bosco Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Egmore, proudly conducted its 69th Annual Athletic Meet on 23rd July 2026 at the ICF Stadium, Ayanavaram, Chennai. The meet was declared open by **Mr. Kapil Kumar C. Saratkar, IPS, Additional Commissioner of Police, Greater Chennai**, while **Rev. Fr. Stanislaus Swamikannu, SDB, Former Provincial and Rector of Lourdes Shrine, Perambur**, graced the occasion and honoured the winners.

The programme commenced with an impressive March Past by the four Houses, followed by a well-coordinated drill display presented by the students of Classes VI, VII, VIII, and IX, showcasing their discipline, precision, and teamwork. Students enthusiastically participated in various track and field events, displaying outstanding athletic ability and true sportsmanship. The Athletic Meet concluded on a high note with the prize distribution ceremony, celebrating the achievements of the young athletes and reaffirming the school's commitment to excellence in sports and holistic education.

Voices That Shine Bright

The tiny stars of JKG to Std. II lit up the stage each week through **Speak-Up Stars**, an oratorical programme designed to nurture confident young communicators. With colourful props, cheerful smiles, and bright ideas, every child was given the opportunity to speak on a given topic.

The programme featured

Std. I students speaking on 'Vehicles' (17th July),

Std. II on 'My Favourite Season' (20th July),

SKG on 'Fruits' (24th July), and

JKG on 'Vegetables' (29 July 2026).

Each presentation reflected the childrens' growing confidence, creativity, and communication skills, making every session a **celebration of self-expression and learning**.



Commemoration of St. John Bosco & Birthday Celebration of Rev. Fr. Paulraj Maniam

The school community joyfully commemorated St. John Bosco and celebrated the birthday of Rev. Fr. Paulraj Maniam, Vice Rector, on 29th and 30th July 2026.

The celebrations began with a meaningful programme organised by the students of Class XII, featuring a thought-provoking presentation titled **"Don Bosco & Gen Z."** The occasion also included the cake-cutting ceremony, felicitations, and the presentation of tokens of appreciation. In his address, Rev. Fr. Paulraj thanked the school community and inspired the students to pursue excellence while living the values of faith, service, and love taught by St. John Bosco.



The celebrations continued on 30th July with a special assembly by Class I-B on the theme “Gratitude,” followed by vibrant dance performances by the students of Std. I and the IB School. The presence of the IB School students and teachers for the special assembly added greater joy and colour to the occasion.

Rev. Fr. Paulraj was warmly felicitated with shawls, bouquets, and gifts. Expressing his heartfelt gratitude for the love and affection showered on him, he thanked the entire school community, making the celebration a joyful expression of thanksgiving and Salesian family spirit.



Proud of our young champions! Their victories across multiple sporting events showcase teamwork, determination, and excellence. A big thank you to our dedicated coaches and teachers for guiding them to glory. Champions Everywhere! 🙌
Teamwork • Determination • Excellence 🙌

Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Tournament – Under-8

The Under-8 Football Team emerged as champions of the inaugural Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Devar Memorial Football Tournament 2026, organized by Chennai Soccer School. The tournament was held from 24th to 28th June 2026 at the Pasumpon Sports Facility, T. Nagar, Chennai. Joshua Tarang Edward David, Ian Joshua Benjamin P, Jaden Paul Xaviour, Ezekiel Thomas Vincent, Armaan A., Udhith A, Mohammed Umais Majeed and Abdul Afad A represented the school.

Devar Memorial Football



Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Tournament – Under-10

The school's Under-10 Football Team emerged as champions at the inaugural Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Devar Memorial Football Tournament 2026, organised by Chennai Soccer School and held from 24th to 28th June 2026.

Devar Memorial Football



Sir Mutha Model United Nations

The Sir Mutha Model United Nations conference was organised by Sir Mutha Venkatasubba Rao School on 2nd and 3rd July 2026. Students from various schools attended the event, representing countries and political leaders and advocating their assigned positions. In the All India Political Parties Meet committee, which debated the role and neutrality of Governors, Muhammad



Jaseem of Class X-D represented Mr. C. Joseph Vijay of the Tamilaga Vетtri Kazhagam (TVK) and received an Honourable Mention.

He also received the Best Diplomatic Delegate award. In the same committee, Rapheal Nicandro of Class XI-B represented Mr. Udhayanidhi Stalin of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and received a Verbal Mention. In the Berlin Conference committee, which recreated the historic conference, Arjun of Class XI-D represented Italy and received an Honourable Mention.



Junior Open Squash Tournament

Lokesh of Grade XII-E secured the runner-up position in the Under-19 Boys' category at the PBA 22nd Penang Junior Open 2026, held in Penang, Malaysia, on 5th July 2026, bringing international recognition to the school.



Under-17 Boys' Football Team: Zonal Champions

On 2nd July 2026, Don Bosco Matriculation Higher Secondary School celebrated a remarkable sporting achievement as its Under-17 Boys' Football Team emerged as Zonal Champions. Competing against 35 schools, the team displayed exceptional skill, determination and teamwork to secure the title. This victory marked the school's fourth consecutive zonal championship.



Under-16 Boys' Football Team: Zonal Champions

On 3rd July 2026, the Under-16 Boys' Football Team added another title to the school's achievements by emerging as champions of the Under-16 Football Tournament.



MCCS-MRF Inter-School Cricket Tournament Champions

On 4th July 2026, our school emerged as champions of the MCCS-MRF Inter-School Cricket Tournament, winning the championship trophy and a cash award of ₹25,000.

Kho-Kho Teams Crowned Zonal Champions

On 7th July 2026, the Under-14 and Under-17 Kho-Kho teams were crowned Zonal Champions for the third consecutive year, achieving a remarkable hat-trick in the school's Kho Kho sporting history.



Zonal Ball Badminton Achievement

On 8th July 2026, the Under-14, Under-17, and Under-19 Ball Badminton teams secured runner-up positions in the School Education Department Zonal-Level Ball Badminton Competition 2026- 2027, adding another feather to the school's sporting achievements.



Detroit School Football Tournament – Under-10

On 10th July 2026, the Don Bosco Primary Under-10 Football Team won the Champions Trophy at the Detroit School Football Tournament 2026. The victorious team comprised of Jovan Samuel, Krish, Muhammed Faraz, Muhammed Zafir Hussain, Muhammed Fariz, Muhammed Aaryan, Prasanna and Antony Ben Moral.



Under-17 Basketball Team Finishes as Runners-up

On 11th July 2026, the Under-17 Boys' Basketball Team finished as runners-up in the School Education Department Zonal-Level Competition 2026–2027.



Tamil Nadu School Education Department Zonal Basketball Champions – Under-19

The Tamil Nadu School Education Department Zonal-Level Basketball Competition was held on 10th July 2026 at MCTM Boys Higher Secondary School, Purasaiwalkam. Competing against 66 schools in the Purasaiwalkam Zone, the Under-19 Boys' Basketball Team of Don Bosco Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Egmore, emerged as Zonal champions and qualified for the District-Level Competition.



Science Olympiad Foundation: ENVIRO 2026

On 11th and 12th July 2026, the Science Olympiad Foundation, in coordination with IIT Madras and the Industrial Waste Management Association, organised the 15th edition of ENVIRO 2026 at IIT Madras to promote environmental awareness and sustainability among students. Master Ezra Giuseppe Prabhu (Std V), Master Ronan (Std. VI), Master Dharshith (Std. X) and Master Richardson (Std. XII) represented the school in the Primary, Middle, Senior and Super Senior categories, respectively. They participated enthusiastically in the various events and received Certificates of Participation.

Inter-Academy Champs Skating Competition

Master L. Yashik secured first place in the Under-8 category at the Inter-Academy Champs Skating Competition 2026, organised by Future Champs Sports Academy on 12th July 2026. In the adjustable-skates category, he participated in the three-lap and five-lap races and received a Certificate of Appreciation.

International Karate Championship

Master A. Saran Joel secured Second Place in the Individual Kata event at the International Karate Championship 2026 – Soke Ananthan Cup, hosted by the Okinawa Goju-Ryu Karate-Do Federation Malaysia and affiliated with the World Karate Confederation. The championship was held on 12th July 2026 at the ICF Palanisamy Multi-Sports Hall.

Chennai Corporation Boxing Tournament

Master R. K. Thanish Kumar won the gold medal in the Chennai Corporation Boxing Tournament, held from 11th to 13th July 2026, competing in the 20–22 kg weight category.

Football Glory at the Shree Narayana Tournament

On 11th July 2026, the school's football teams delivered an exceptional performance at the Shree Narayana Senior Secondary School Football Tournament. The Under-10 team emerged as champions, while the Under-12 team finished as runners-up. Master Prithiv was named Player of the Tournament in the Under-10 category after scoring 10 goals, and Master Lenin received the same honour in the Under-12 category after scoring an impressive 11 goals.



Tamil Nadu State Closed Championship 2026

Master Lokesh of Class XII E brought laurels to the school by securing First Place in the Under-17 Boys and Open Men categories at the Tamil Nadu State Closed Championship 2026. The tournament was held at the Indian Squash Academy, Chennai, on 23rd and 24th July 2026. His outstanding performance reflects his dedication, perseverance, and sporting excellence.



Armfest 2026 – Cultural Fest

Students of Don Bosco Matriculation Higher Secondary School participated in **ARMFEST 2026**, the annual inter-school cultural and talent festival hosted by The Ashram Group of Institutions on 16th and 17th July 2026. The festival provided a vibrant platform for students to showcase their creativity, confidence, teamwork, and communication skills through a wide range of on-stage and off-stage events.

Competing against participants from several schools, the Don Bosco team brought laurels to the institution by securing First Place in Channel Surfing and First Place in Football. Their remarkable achievements reflected their talent, dedication, and true spirit of healthy competition.



Impressionz'26 – Cultural Fest

Students of Don Bosco Matriculation Higher Secondary School participated in Impressionz '26, a two-day inter-school cultural festival organised by National Public School, Gopalapuram, on 3rd and 4th July 2026. The festival offered a dynamic platform for students to exhibit their creativity, confidence, teamwork, and communication skills through a variety of on-stage and off-stage events.

Our school band emerged First Place in the Band event, while our teams secured Second Place in both Adzap and Channel Surfing. Adding to the school's pride, Rajaram Ramesh (Class XII D) was a finalist for the Mr. Impressionz 2026





title, recognising the festival's best all-round performer, and was awarded a bicycle for his outstanding performance.

Magnum Opus '26 – Cultural Fest

Students of Don Bosco Matriculation Higher Secondary School participated in **Magnum Opus '26** – The Odyssey, hosted by Union Christian Public School on 17th and 18th July 2026. The two-day inter-school cultural festival brought together students of Classes VIII to XII for a vibrant showcase of talent through a variety of on-stage and off-stage competitions.

The Don Bosco contingent delivered an outstanding performance, securing the Runner-Up Trophy in the overall cultural championship. Adding to the school's glory, **Kevin Mathew** was crowned Mr. Magnum Opus 2026 for his exceptional talent and charismatic performance, making the event a memorable celebration of creativity, teamwork, and excellence.



Football Referee Fitness Test Achievement

The Don Bosco family proudly congratulated **Mr. Steve** on successfully completing all 12 laps of the Football Referees' Fitness Test on 19th July 2026, becoming **the only referee in Chennai to accomplish this remarkable feat**.

Rev. Fr. L. Suresh Kumar, Principal, personally congratulated him on his outstanding achievement. Mr. Steve's dedication, discipline, and perseverance serve as an inspiration to the entire school community. The DBM family wishes him continued success in all his future endeavours.



School Education Department Zonal Athletic Meet 2026–2027

Don Bosco Matriculation Higher Secondary School emerged as the Overall Champion in the Boys' Category at the School Education Department Zonal Athletic Meet 2026–2027, held on 30th July 2026. The athletes delivered outstanding performances across various track and



field events, earning the school this prestigious honour.

This remarkable victory marks the school's 10th Overall Championship in the past 12 years, a testament to its enduring legacy of sporting excellence. The Don Bosco family celebrates this proud milestone with gratitude and great pride.

PASCH Summer Youth Camp – Germany

Muhammed Saalik Nubaid of Class XII A participated in the prestigious PASCH Summer Youth Camp, organised by the Goethe-Institut in Dresden, Germany, from 4 to 26 July 2026. He was among the nine students selected from Tamil Nadu for this international programme.

During the camp, Saalik successfully completed the B1 German Language Course through interactive classes and engaging learning activities. The programme also included educational visits to the historic cities of Bautzen and Leipzig, offering valuable cultural and historical insights. Interacting with students from 16 countries, he gained a rich international learning experience while enhancing his German language skills and broadening his global perspective.



EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF August 2026

Date	Programme
05.08.2026	Open Day for SKG to Std. V
07.08.2026	Revelation
08.08.2026	Revelation / Working Day - Std. I to V
10.08.2026	Staff Meeting
11.08.2026	Open Day for Std. VI to XII / Speak-Up Stars - JKG
12.08.2026	Sports Day Rehearsal [Primary] / Animation for Std. X & XII
13.08.2026	Sports Day - Primary
15.08.2026	Independence Day / Feast of Assumption - Holy Mass
16.08.2026	Birthday of St. John Bosco
21.08.2026	Annual Day - Higher Secondary Section
22.08.2026	Commemoration of Mary Help of All
28.08.2026	Fr. Rector's Birthday Celebration by Students
29.08.2026	Fr. Rector's Birthday Celebration - by Staff, PTA & PPA / Std. XI & XII Tour from 29.08.26 to 02.09.2026
31.08.2026	Commemoration of St. John Bosco