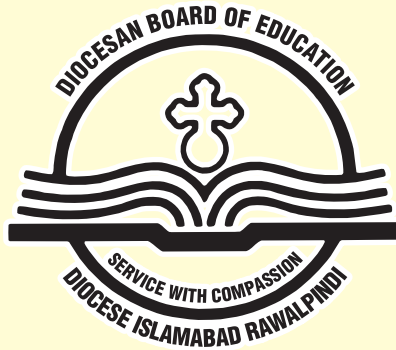


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Diocesan Board of Education Islamabad/Rawalpindi





ARCHBISHOP DR. JOSEPH ARSHAD
Chairman DBE Message

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace and gratitude be with you all. As we embark on a new academic year, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to every member of our educational community, Diocesan Board, Principals, Teachers, Ancillary Staff, Parents and Students for their your unwavering commitment to the pursuit of knowledge and the formation of young hearts and minds.

Education holds a sacred place within our diocese, as it plays a vital role in shaping the spiritual, intellectual, and moral development of our future generations. Our educational institutions are not merely centers of academic excellence, but sanctuaries where faith and reason harmoniously blend, fostering an environment of growth, discovery, and compassion.

As Catholics, we believe that education is a transformative journey. It is through education that we encounter the richness of our faith, the beauty of God's creation, and the boundless potential that lies within each and every one of us. Education allows us to discern truth, deepen our understanding of the world, and equip ourselves with the tools necessary to make a positive impact in our communities.

Our mission is not confined to the transmission of knowledge alone but extends to the Character formation. We strive to cultivate a culture of virtue, integrity, and service, empowering our students to become compassionate leaders who embrace diversity, uphold justice, and champion the dignity of every human being. We encourage them to be critical thinkers, to question, and to seek understanding while remaining firmly grounded in the light of the Gospel.

In these challenging times, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to providing a safe, nurturing, and inclusive educational environment. Let us continue to adapt and innovate, harnessing the power of technology and embracing new teaching methodologies, while never losing sight of the importance of personal connection and the value of face-to-face interaction.

Finally, to our parents and guardians, I extend my gratitude for entrusting us with the education of your children. Your partnership and support are invaluable. Together, let us continue to foster an educational environment that nurtures the whole person and prepares our young ones to become ambassadors of faith, hope, and love.

May the grace of God guide us as we embark on this new chapter, and may the Holy Spirit inspire and empower us to transform lives through education. Know that you are in my prayers, and I am confident that, with God's grace, our educational community will continue to flourish and shine brightly.

May God Bless Us All!



**From the desk of
General Secretary DBE**

Dear students, teachers and parents,
Greetings from DBE!

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. As the Director of Education for the Diocesan Board of Education, Islamabad/Rawalpindi, I want to take a moment to connect with each one of you through this newsletter.

Firstly, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated educators, staff members, and parents who have shown unwavering support and commitment to our mission of providing quality education. Your tireless efforts and passion have truly made a difference in the lives of our students.

I am pleased to share that despite the challenges we have faced over the past year, our schools have continued to thrive. Our commitment to academic excellence and spiritual growth has remained steadfast, and our students have shown remarkable resilience and adaptability.

As we look ahead to the ongoing academic year 2023-24, we are excited to announce several new initiatives and programs that will enhance the educational experience for our students. We are continuously exploring innovative teaching methods, incorporating technology into our classrooms, and fostering a nurturing environment where every student can flourish.

I would also like to remind everyone about the importance of our faith in guiding our educational endeavors. Our schools are not just places of learning, but also communities where our students can deepen their relationship with God and embrace the values of love, compassion, and service. Let us continue to cultivate an atmosphere of prayer, reflection, and moral guidance in our schools.

Lastly, I encourage all parents and guardians to actively engage with our schools and participate in the various opportunities for collaboration and involvement. Your partnership is vital in ensuring the success of our students, and together, we can continue to provide an education rooted in faith and excellence.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and dedication. Let us keep our educational mission in our prayers, and may God bless each and every one of you abundantly.

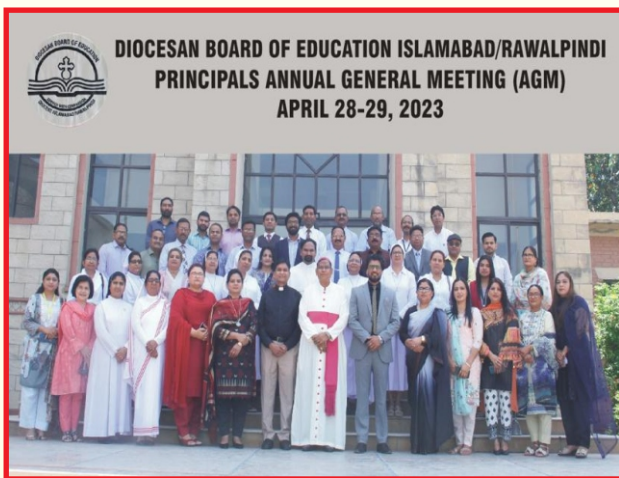
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Snawar Gill
General Secretary - DBE

Principals' Annual General Meeting-2023

Annual General Meeting was held on 28th & 29th of April 2023 to evaluate the performance, progress and to reflect their strategies & plans. All the Principals' were invited to share their annual reports, Further, Finance and In-service department shared their reports too. The academic planner for the year 2023-24 was discussed and finalized in the meeting.

His grace, Archbishop Dr. Joseph Arshad addressed the Principals to draw their attention towards the remarkable and valuable contributions of the Diocesan Board of Education in the field of education in the Diocese of Islamabad/Rawalpindi. He appreciated the role of DBE and schools for the betterment of education of the students.



Principals' Annual General Meeting-2023

Doing What Matters in Times of Stress:

Teacher's well-being is associated with higher rates of teacher efficiency, better understanding of classroom dynamics, cultivate supportive and caring relationships with students & improve the student-teacher relationships and a positive school climate. In view of that, a session was conducted on Strategic Planning to improve the academics and schools' infrastructure as a whole.

(Facilitated by the General Secretary Mr. Snawer Gill.



Follow-up Visits by DBE-Academics

Follow-up visits are an apparatus to monitor the effectiveness of the teaching & learning process. Our In-service department is always on their toes to ensure the quality of work in learning and teaching process in cooperation with Principals.



Professional Development

Professional development is an important tool in a teacher's pocketbook. DBE is always concerned about its Staff's professional development. Therefore, different sessions were arranged according to their needs and requirement in all four circles of DBE- RWL/ISB.



Leadership Workshop

Leadership training can teach you the skills you need to lead effectively, including the often-tricky skills needed to persuade and influence people even those over whom you have little direct authority. Leadership training widens thinking abilities to help leaders think in innovative and creative ways. Keeping in view the need a leadership training workshop was organised for the Principals of DBE-Schools.

***Report by:
Mr. Amir Dean***



In-service Training Programs

In-service training programs help to sharpen the expertise of our Teacher Educators. In the Month of June NCEC arranged four-day Training Session at NCEC Office –Lahore to equipped MTs, CTs and TEs with modern knowledge and skills.



Annual Result Day



Follow Up Visit by DBE Finance Department



Various Activities at Glance

Archbishop's Tree Plantation Campaign



Various Activities at Glance

Labour Day



Interfaith Iftar Dinner

Interfaith harmony embodies the notion of love, peace and harmony. It is a great opportunity for people of all faiths and beliefs to mix and learn about other faiths and beliefs. To keep the interfaith spirit alive, His Excellency Archbishop Dr. Joseph Arshad organized an Iftar dinner for our Muslim brothers on 19th April 2023 to promote peace and harmony among the citizens of Pakistan.

Report by:

Mr. Faryad Francis



Sports Activities



Various Activities at Glance



Investiture Ceremony



Fruit Day



Various Activities at Glance

Earth Day Celebration



Mother's Day



Welcome to;



Ms. Iram Zafar
Teacher Educator
DBE



Sr. Shamim Gulzar
Principal
St. Threasa's School
Murree Road, Rawalpindi



Mr. Aqeel George
Principal
St. Joseph's High School
Risalpur Cantt.



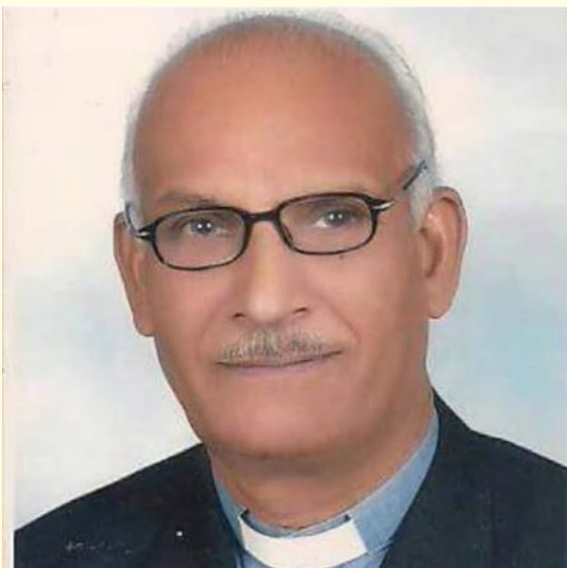
Fr. Emmanuel Fazal OP
Principal
St. Helen's High School & College
Dera Ismail Khan

Condolences

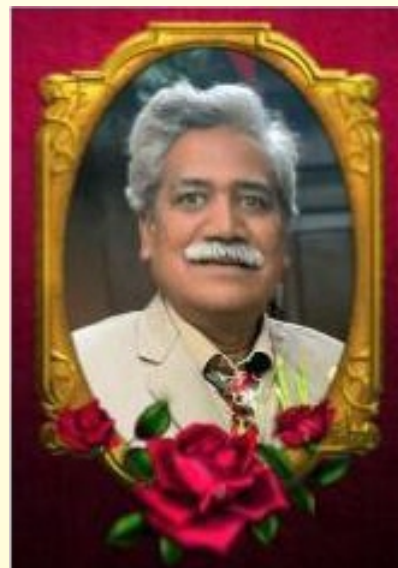
"Losing a loved one never easy"

Dear Mr. Aamir Dean and Mr. Sharoon Saleem

Our condolences for the loss of your father with deepest sympathy. On behalf of our entire team please accept our deepest sympathies. We wishing you and your family courage and peace.



Rev. Victor B. Dean
(Mr. Amir's Father)



Dr. Saleem Akhtar
(Mr. Sharoon's Father)