



Mind Spark 2026

Igniting Young Minds for a Brighter Tomorrow

Director Message

Dear Students, Parents, Teachers, and Esteemed Readers,

It gives me great pleasure to share this message for our school magazine under the inspiring theme “Rise and Shine.” This theme beautifully reflects the spirit, determination, and positive growth demonstrated by the students of Mount Olive Mission School throughout the past academic year.

The year gone by has been one of purposeful learning and meaningful engagement. Our students approached their studies with sincerity and enthusiasm, striving not only for academic excellence but also for personal growth. Classrooms were alive with curiosity, discipline, and a willingness to learn, while students consistently showed improvement in knowledge, skills, and confidence.

Beyond academics, our students actively participated in a wide range of co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Sports, cultural programs, literary events, social awareness initiatives, and creative pursuits provided platforms for them to discover talents, build teamwork, and develop leadership qualities. These activities played a vital role in shaping balanced individuals who are prepared to face challenges with courage and integrity.

I place on record my sincere appreciation to our Principal, whose visionary leadership and unwavering commitment have guided the school forward. I also extend heartfelt thanks to our dedicated teachers, who have continuously motivated, mentored, and inspired students to rise above limitations and shine with excellence. Their patience, hard work, and passion for teaching have been instrumental in nurturing young minds and hearts.

As we look ahead, may our students continue to rise with confidence, shine with character, and walk the path of discipline, faith, and service. Let us remain united in our mission to provide quality education that empowers every child to reach their God-given potential.

With best wishes for continued success,

Dr. Sam Abraham



OUR LITTLE GRADUATES

OF SESSION 2025-26



Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

As an administrator, I strongly believe that a school is not just a building where lessons are taught — it is a place where futures are shaped, values are nurtured, and dreams begin to take flight.

Education is not only about academic excellence; it is about developing character, confidence, creativity, and compassion. In today's fast-changing world, our responsibility is not just to prepare students for exams, but to prepare them for life. We aim to create an environment where every child feels safe, valued, and inspired to do their best.



Our teachers are the pillars of our institution. Their dedication, patience, and passion make learning meaningful and enjoyable. Together, we strive to provide a balanced education that includes academics, sports, cultural activities, and moral values.

We believe in our motto: “Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow.” Every child who walks through our school gates carries unique potential. It is our mission to guide them, encourage them, and help them discover their strengths so they can grow into responsible and confident leaders of tomorrow.

The success of a school depends on the strong partnership between students, teachers, and parents. With unity, discipline, and determination, we continue to move forward towards excellence. Let us continue to inspire, learn, and grow together.

Administrator

Ms. Kimi Katoch

CAMPUS LIFE & ACADEMIC JOURNEY

CIVIC AWARENESS & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The school actively observed Road Safety Awareness Week (January 27–31) in alignment with State and National initiatives. Students took the Road Safety Pledge, attended orientation sessions, and performed awareness skits at various road junctions, promoting responsible road behaviour. The programme was enriched by the interaction with DSP Lokendar Singh Negi, who encouraged students to become disciplined and responsible citizens. In addition, students participated in Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Anti-Drug Awareness campaigns, and pledged support for Chitta Mukh Himachal, reflecting the school's commitment to building socially responsible citizens.



ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT & COMPETITIVE EXPOSURE

To strengthen academic confidence and competitive skills, the school conducted the World Science Olympiad Foundation (2025–26) and Indian Talent Olympiad (2025–26) examinations. These initiatives provided students with exposure to national-level academic challenges, enhancing their analytical and problem-solving abilities.



PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT PARTNERSHIP



Regular Parent-Teacher Meetings were organized after every assessment to discuss students' academic progress and personal growth. An annual Parent-Teacher-Student Meet was also conducted after the Summative Assessment, strengthening collaboration among parents, teachers, and students.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

To foster creativity, leadership, and holistic development, Mount Olive Mission School organized a wide range of co-curricular activities and competitions throughout the academic year. Students actively participated in thematic celebrations such as Himachal Day, Earth Day, and World Food Day, along with Calligraphy and Handwriting, Fine Arts, Painting, Drawing, and Rangoli, Dance and Photography, and Debate and Elocution competitions.

In addition, Cultural Fests and Social Awareness Projects provided students with meaningful platforms to explore their talents, build confidence, and express creativity while developing teamwork and communication skills.

SPORTS & PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

A Sports Day Meet was also organized, encouraging physical fitness, sportsmanship, discipline, and team spirit among students.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH & SOCIAL SERVICE

Demonstrating a strong commitment to community service, the school organized a Carnival and Food Festival, promoting teamwork, creativity, and entrepreneurial skills among students. The event successfully raised ₹13,000, which was donated to Rotary Club Palampur, reinforcing the values of compassion, generosity, and social responsibility.



GLANCE OF MOMS 2025-2026

Mount Olive Mission School continues to nurture young minds through academic excellence, value-based education, and experiential learning, ensuring the holistic development of every child.

Prepared by the Academic
Ms. Sharmila Devi
Supervisor



JOYFUL & EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

To promote stress-free and joyful education, the school successfully implemented Bag-Free Saturdays, engaging students in creative, experiential, and life-skill-oriented activities beyond classroom learning.



ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION SYSTEM

Mount Olive Mission School follows a comprehensive and continuous evaluation framework: Monthly Formative Assessments, Summative Assessments conducted in September and March, Pre-Board / Mock Examinations for Classes III, V, and VIII. Assessments were conducted for students from Nursery to Class VIII, ensuring consistent academic monitoring and improvement.

CELEBRATIONS & NATIONAL OBSERVANCES

The school celebrated important national, state, and cultural events with pride and purpose, including:

- Himachal Day
- Investiture Ceremony
- International Yoga Day
- Kargil Vijay Diwas
- 79th Independence Day (with Good Samaritan Award)
- Teachers' Day (with Tree Plantation Drive)
- Hindi Diwas
- Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
- Berachah Foundation Day
- Constitution Day
- Statehood Day
- 77th Republic Day



These celebrations instilled patriotism, leadership, environmental awareness, and cultural values among students.

AWARDS, RECOGNITION & ACHIEVEMENTS

Institutional Leadership Excellence

Dr. Sam Abraham, Director, received prestigious recognitions for his visionary leadership and educational impact:

• Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Visionary Mentor Award 2025 – Treta Yug Foundation

Honoured for outstanding mentorship, impactful leadership, and significant contributions to educational excellence.

• Visionary Award 2025 – Certificate of Achievement – Vision Wellness Foundation

Awarded for exemplary service as a transformative educator and compassionate social reformer, enriching the academic and social landscape of Himachal Pradesh.



ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP & SCHOOL RECOGNITION

Dr. P. Abey Thomas, Principal, was honoured with:

- Principal Academic Research Star Education Excellence Award 2025, recognizing exceptional academic leadership and research-oriented educational practices.

- Best Principal Award 2025 by Indian Talent Olympiad, acknowledging his visionary leadership and commitment to excellence.

Under his strategic guidance, Mount Olive Mission School was also recognized for its outstanding academic standards and holistic educational approach.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT

Ms. Ranjana Katoch, Ms. Rupali, Ms. Neha Devi received the Best Teacher Award 2025 from Indian Talent Olympiad, in recognition of her dedication, effective teaching practices, and commitment to student success.



EXCELLENCE IN EVERY STEP

The Role of Early Childhood Education in Building Strong Foundations

Early childhood is often described as the most crucial stage of human development. It is during these formative years that children begin to absorb the world around them like sponges—learning through observation, interaction, play, and exploration. Early Childhood Education (ECE) plays a vital role in shaping not only academic skills but also emotional, social, and moral development. It lays the groundwork for all future learning.

In the classroom, every activity—from counting beads to storytelling, from circle-time discussions to art and craft—serves a deeper purpose. Children learn to express themselves, build confidence, and develop foundational literacy and numeracy skills. Just as importantly, they learn to share, communicate, cooperate, and resolve conflicts, nurturing emotional intelligence and social awareness.

A strong early foundation does not focus solely on teaching children what to learn, but also how to learn. By encouraging curiosity and critical thinking, we empower young learners to ask questions, explore possibilities, and grow into independent thinkers. This helps them transition smoothly into higher grades with readiness, enthusiasm, and resilience.

At Mount Olive Mission School, our focus is not merely academic growth but holistic development. Through a blend of structured learning, experiential activities, and value-based education, we strive to ensure that every child feels safe, confident, and capable. When children learn in an environment filled with care, encouragement, and opportunity, they blossom into lifelong learners.

The early years are not just the beginning of education; they are the foundation of future success. By investing in early childhood education, we are building responsible citizens, thoughtful individuals, and bright futures.

Strong roots create strong wings—and early education provides both.

Foundations

Ranjana Katoch

Pre-Primary Coordinator

Mount Olive Mission School



OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Dr. Sam Abraham
Director



Dr. P. Abey Thomas
Principal



Ms. Kimi Katoch
Administrator



Ms. Sharmila Devi
Academic Supervisor



Ms. Ranjana Katoch
Academic Coordinator
Pre-Primary Section



Ms. Neetu Devi
Academic Coordinator
Senior Section (Class 5 - 8)



Ms. Neha Devi
Exam Coordinator



NEW EXPERIENCE AS AN ACADEMIC COORDINATOR

Stepping into the role of Academic Coordinator at Mount Olive Mission School has been one of the most enriching experiences of my professional journey. Although I have always enjoyed teaching and guiding students, this new role has opened a broader perspective on how a school functions and how academic excellence is shaped behind the scenes.

As an Academic Coordinator, I have learned the importance of planning, teamwork, and timely execution. Every day brings new responsibilities—designing academic plans, supporting teachers, addressing students' academic needs, and ensuring smooth communication between staff and administration.

These responsibilities have helped me grow not only as a teacher but also as a leader. One of the most rewarding parts of this role is collaborating with my colleagues. Their support and cooperation have made the transition smooth and enjoyable. Together, we constantly strive to improve teaching-learning methods, create a positive environment, and encourage students to reach their highest potential.

My experience has also taught me patience, organization, and the ability to handle challenges with confidence. Whether it is coordinating exams, preparing reports, or guiding students, each task has strengthened my belief that education is a collective effort.

Mount Olive Mission School has always stood for discipline, values, and holistic development. Being part of the administrative team has made me feel even more connected to the school's mission and vision. I am truly grateful for this opportunity, which has allowed me to grow professionally and contribute meaningfully to the academic progress of our students.

As I continue this journey, I look forward to learning more, supporting my team, and working together to bring out the best in every child. This new chapter has been both inspiring and fulfilling, and I am proud to be a part of the Mount Olive Mission School family.

Ms. Neetu Devi

“Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts.”

With profound sorrow, we remember our beloved student of Class V, who left us too soon. His cheerful presence, innocent smile, and kind heart touched everyone around him. Though his time with us was brief, the memories he created will remain forever in our hearts.

Virat Thakur



जदिगी सांसो की डोर है,
जदिगी खुशियों का खेल है।
जदिगी मल्लि है जो प्रभु से अनमोल रत्न है,
खुशी का खजाना है।

जदिगी दोस्तों का एहसास कराती है।
जदिगी दोस्त माउंट ऑलिव मशिन स्कूल जैसे मल्लि
तो हंसते-हंसते कट जाएगी जदिगी।

कुछ ने जीना सखाया,
कुछ ने हमिमत दलाई,
इसी को कहते हैं जदिगी।

वरना पानी की तरह बहती है जदिगी।

अंत में यही कहना चाहूंगी कि
ईश्वर का अनमोल रत्न है जदिगी।

खुल कर जियो, खुश रहो।



Ms. Arty Dixit



MOMENTS THAT MADE US PROUD



Learning by Playing



SOF Achiever's



Library



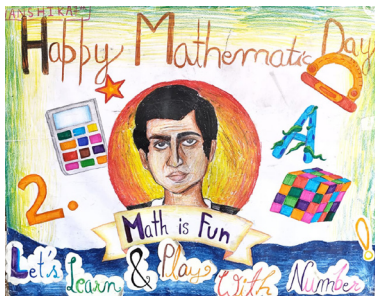
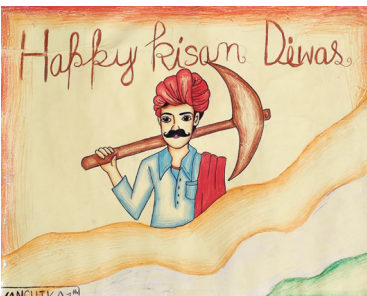
Smart Classrooms



Ms. Tanushka secured 1st Prize in the Inter-School Science Quiz Competition for Girls held at Palampur Science Centre on September 27, 2025, during the Educational Festival celebrating the International Day of Scientific Culture. The quiz was based on the theme "Women and Girls Leading in Science."



STUDENT VOICE



PARENTS' REVIEW

1. Ms. Monika (Parent of Class V Student)

"We are extremely grateful to the school for providing such a nurturing and inspiring environment for our child. The dedication of the teachers and the focus on both academics and values have helped our child grow in confidence and discipline. We truly appreciate the efforts of the entire school team in shaping the future of our children."

2. Mr. Ravi Kumar (Parent of Class III Student)

"It is wonderful to see the positive changes in my child after joining this school. The teachers are caring, supportive, and always encourage students to explore their talents. The school maintains a perfect balance between academics and co-curricular activities."

3. Mr. Surjeet Kumar (Parent of Class VII Student)

"As parents, we always look for a school that ensures quality education and moral values. This institution has exceeded our expectations. The regular communication with parents and the dedication of teachers make us feel confident that our children are in safe and capable hands."

4. Mr. Santosh Kumar (Parent of Class VII Student)

"I appreciate the school's commitment towards the overall development of students. The discipline, learning environment, and various activities organized by the school help children build confidence and leadership skills. I am proud that my child is part of such a wonderful institution."



Ms. Neha Devi
Editor, Mount Olive Mission School Magazine