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"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover".

- H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Francis School!

Reflecting on the above quote, you must have realized that complete education can never be contained just in binding of books; it has to be enhanced by experiencing new ideas, places, cultures, civilizations and meeting new people as well. In the endeavour of providing the utmost quality of education to your ward, St. Francis School is happy to announce that, it would like to offer our students a *Space Programme*, an educational and cultural tour to USA, organized at Kennedy Space Center, Florida, USA. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to work alongside the world's best scientists, astronauts and engineers at *NASA's Kennedy Space Center* in USA, and other leading organizations of international repute.

The Programme which is meticulously researched and well-crafted offers an Educational exposure for young learners. It would help redefine the knowledge ecosystem by enhancing effectiveness through state-of-the-art solutions enabling a young learner to broaden her/his horizon.

Please find more details about this programme alongside this circular.

So dear parents, we look forward to your young learner to be a part of this programme to explore, dream and discover!

With best wishes,

Principal

Flagship Space Program

An educational and cultural tour to USA, organized at Kennedy Space Center, Florida, USA (12 days program)

- This 12 day program consists of a 2-day course at the Kennedy Space Center, the launch pad of NASA, which includes Astronaut trainings, lectures and demonstrations from scientists and astronauts, activities on rocketry and space science, guided tour of NASA and knowledge opportunities in the field of Astronomy worldwide. This visit will offer enthusiasts their 'Giant Leap for Mankind' moment in traversing the corridors once embraced by space science stalwarts.
- A cultural tour to Orlando, the largest tourist destination of USA, where your child will visit Universal Studios, Sea World, Wal-Mart and many more. Students will also be visiting New York, Harvard University visit, MIT Program, Niagara Falls and Boston within this trip.
- The experience is enhanced by visits to the world's most renowned theme parks such as the Universal's Island of Adventure (or Disney's Magic Kingdom), and Sea World. Students are exposed to the art of animation and valuable lessons about the Arctic/Antarctic life in these most visited places of the world, while at the same time meeting their childhood dream characters in these theme parks.
- Young learners will be then frequented with the nerve centers of US Economy
 with guided tours to New York (the Liberty Island, Empire State Building or One
 World Observatory, Times Square) and Washington DC (Lunch at the US Capitol,
 visit to Library of Congress, Smithsonian Museums).
- The quest in the pursuit of leadership in the field of cutting-edge research is realized in Boston where young learners may visit the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and the world-renowned Harvard University.

Tour Itinerary

The tentative schedule of the tour will be in September/October 2024. The exact dates will be intimated in due course.

- Day 1 : Departure from Bengaluru
- Day 2-4: Reach Orlando & Attend Kennedy Space Center Program
- Day 5-6: Shopping, Universal IOA and Sea World
- Day 7 : Departure for New York City tour -Rockefeller, Central Park, Fifth Avenue
- Day 8 : Boston: MIT Robotics Workshop, Harvard Campus Tour
- Day 9-10: Niagara Falls: Maid of the Mist, Observation Deck and Illumination
- Day 11 : New York Tour continues: Statue of Liberty, Ground zero and Empire State
 Building
- Day 12: Travel Back to Home City & Cherish the Life-long memories of a great Experience.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ENROLMENT IN THE PROGRAM

- Students from grade 5 onwards are eligible for this program.
- The total fees for the Tour will be INR 3,50,000/- per head.
- BOOKING CONDITIONS: The program fee mentioned will include everything like VISA support/processing charges, VISA application fee, airfare, NASA center fee, hotel stay, meals, ticketed destinations, travel insurance & Inland transportation (transportation within USA).
- Expenses for travel in India viz., traveling or staying for VISA interview, transportation to Delhi/Mumbai airport for departure and from airport after arrival is not included in the price.
- Extra TCS as applicable 5% has to be paid by participants.
- The students who participate will get certificates along with goodies like Tshirts, bags and many more.

AIRLINES: Round-trip airfare including internal flights would be provided to the students for economy seating. The schoolteachers and organizers will escort the group. While preference is given to non-stop flights to US but the same is not guaranteed. Air Tickets Surcharge may be applicable if there is a sudden surge in the price of Air Tickets due to some uncontrollable factors.

VISA FILING AND DEPARTURE: The US VISA filing will be taken care of by the organizers while parents must be ready with just the valid passports of their wards. The trip is planned in the month of September / October 2024. US VISA interview will take place at least 2 months before that.

SAMPLE ITINERARY: Given above is the standard itinerary. The activities described might be shuffled or curtailed/extended according to the convenience of the group or due to some external factors like weather, traffic, or a major event in the city etc. But all of the mentioned activities will be covered during the program.

PARENT CONSENT		
I am interested in the program and wish to know more about the booking and other details.		
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