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Dear Parents and Students,

The Athenians from Greece were the first people to develop a complete alphabet, invent the idea of democracy, philosophy, logic and rhetoric. They composed and sang epic poems, wrote and performed plays, initiated the Olympics and stood for excellence. 500 years later these people began to disappear, but not what they had created.

The Visigoths were spectacularly good horse-men; they were marauders-ruthless and brutal. Their language lacked subtlety and depth. They swept through Europe destroying everything in their path. From them we have no poetry, no theatre, no logic, no science and no humane politics.

Like the Athenians, the Visigoths also disappeared, but not before they had ushered in the period known as the Dark Ages. It took Europe almost a thousand years to recover.

Athenians and Visigoths still survive in this community through the values they have left behind. To be an Athenian is to hold the quest for knowledge in high esteem, to contemplate, to reason, to experiment and to question. To a Visigoth, the quest for knowledge is useless unless it can help you to earn money or to gain power over other people.

You may not be aware that, the purpose of your children being at CGS is to give them a glimpse of the Athenian way. We cannot know how many of them will choose that way. But I can wish for no higher compliment than, that in the future it will be reported, that among the CGS graduating classes the Athenians outnumber the Visigoths. Happy holidays,
Mahine Khan



RS REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON TECHNOLOGY AT CGS

In 2012 we are hosting the Regional RS Conference, between 19th January and 7th February. The conference is divided into 3 stages. It will commence with CGS, CGS:NC and CGSD students in classes 3 to 9 participating in a series of one-day mini conferences. In late January class 10 will be joined by visiting local schools from all parts of Bangladesh, for 2 days of activities. Finally, stage 3 is the international part with over 15 schools from as far as Kenya joining us for 4 days of activities. An impressive list of Bangladeshi and international keynote speakers will be addressing the students. The conference is an entirely student led effort with a steering committee made up of Upper School students.



CGS CELEBRATES 2011/2012

377 CGS teachers, administrators, heads and directors got together at the annual staff dinner in early December. The day started with 6 CGS communities getting together for training at all levels including a Leadership seminar for senior management, pictured above.

The evening celebrations included games and a performance by Middle School students. **Shereen Ispahani** was given the ICS (Institute for Career Studies) 'Inspiration Educational Leadership' award by video conferencing with **Amrita Dass** in Lucknow, India. **Mrs. Ispahani** accepted the award and dedicated it to the wonderful team of teachers at CGS.

ADF: EARTH, WIND, WATER, FIRE



Middle students (above) seen performing at the recent ADF. The theme proved to be popular with both Upper (pictured right) and Middle Schools putting on spectacular shows.



SPORTS ROUND-UP

Senior Badminton:
Tabassum (10G) and **Nafisa** (12) beat **Nabeela** (12) and **Samiha** (12).
Atiqul (9C) and **Hamza** (9C) best **Shadman** (9S) and **Muntasin** (10G).
Senior Cricket:
In the final **Generosity** batted first scoring 50. **Service** responded with 36. MOTM **Saif** (11).

Children are special...
SET YOUR SIGHTS ON A GOAL...
'If one does not know to which port one is sailing, no wind is favourable'.
Seneca

RS JANUARY CALENDAR

Between RS and MUN conferences the CGS family is busy travelling to all parts of the world. In January we have invitations to conferences in Indore (Heads and Reps), Dubai (Sr. RS), Jaipur (Jr. RS) and Delhi (MUN).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	DATE
School Reopens	3.1.2012
Upper Mocks	4-14.1.2012
Lower Drama Festival	17/18.1.2012
CGS Conference	19.1-7.2.2012
Sarawasti Puja	28.1.2012