SAINIK SCHOOL CHITTORGARH PARENT TEACHER MEET MINUTES - 09 MAY 2025

The PTM of classes VII to XI for the academic session 2025-26 was held on 09th May, 2025 in the SM Auditorium at 1110 hrs. It was presided by Col ADS Jasrotia, Principal, Sainik School Chittorgarh. The following points were discussed:

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1.	Welcome address	Mr. Onkar Singh, Senior Master and In-Charge of the Parent Teacher Meeting, graciously welcomed all the esteemed parents and guardians to the first PTM of the academic year 2025–26. He emphasized the importance of regular communication between the school staff and parents and requested parents to attend all future Parent-Teacher Meetings regularly. He also advised parents to ask general queries during PTMs, parents with specific or individual issues, were directed to meet the Vice Principal or respective Housemaster for appropriate solution. The Senior Master emphasized the importance of completing holiday homework with sincerity and diligence. Parents were asked to cross-check the completed homework, which has been uploaded on the school website. The Senior Master informed that all cadets must report back to school on June 28, 2025. Failure to report on time will result in a fine, and parents were urged to ensure punctual return.
2.	Commencement for new academic session	The Senior Master informed parents that the new academic session has officially commenced. He also announced that PA-I is scheduled from July 7, 2025 and asked parents to maintain active involvement in their child's academic journey right from the beginning. Parents were requested to ensure that their ward prepares sincerely for the upcoming assessments. The syllabus of exam is shared on School website.
3.	Principal's address	The Principal extended a warm welcome to the parents and conveyed sincere appreciation to those who remained to support their cadets, emphasizing further that such commitment and engagement are vital to the cadets' development and discipline. The Principal also expressed that a higher level of parental attendance had been anticipated, highlighting the critical role of parental involvement in fostering a supportive environment for the cadets.

4.	Compliance and Cooperation Required	The Principal stressed upon the critical importance of strict adherence to the school's established policies and procedures by both cadets and parents. All privileges extended—such as early cadet departure during weekdays or PTMs, parental entry into the campus, and review of cadet dossiers—are granted as a gesture of trust and partnership. Non-compliance or disregard for these protocols will result in the immediate withdrawal of such privileges. The school maintains a structured and disciplined environment, and any deviation undermines the system designed for the cadets' safety and development. The Principal further stated that continued disregard for procedures will compel the administration to enforce stricter policies without exception. In this context, the Principal urged parents to exercise greater responsibility in fulfilling their duties towards the school and their cadets, reiterating that their active cooperation is fundamental to the success of the institution's mission.
5.	Availability of Minutes	To ensure inclusivity and transparency, the official minutes of the meeting are being uploaded to the school's website. Parents who were unable to attend are encouraged to review them online.
6.	Leave policy guidelines	The Principal stated that updated instance of leave request is observed particularly 10 days before the commencement of vacation and on/ after the culmination of vacation. The Principal further stated that repeated instances are observed, particularly before the vacation. In the last break, there was a noticeable surge in marriage invitation applications and medical leave applications. While the administration is sympathetic towards genuine cases, many of them appeared to be unjustified. A similar trend has occurred again, raising concerns about the misuse of leave requests. The Principal urged parents not to become enablers of casual behaviour or non-compliance. Instead, parents were reminded of their role in reinforcing accountability and ensuring that cadets report back to school on time, without exception. Any AWL will attract fine as per existing orders & absence will affect the academic performance of their ward.

7.	Campus Entry Protocol for Parents	The Principal announced a policy requiring prior permission for parental entry in inside on regular days. The parents day as per schedule is on 2 nd & 4 th Sunday of the month,. In case any parent needs interaction on regular days prior permission is required for entry. Effective immediately, parents must seek and receive approval in advance before entering the school premises, except on designated occasions such as Parents' Day or Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs). Upon arrival, parents will be asked to verify their approved permission at the security checkpoint. Unauthorized or unplanned visits will not be allowed beyond the gate. This measure has been implemented to maintain campus discipline, ensure cadets' safety. The school seeks parents' full cooperation wrt respecting the same.
8.	Revision of Dietary Charges	The Principal informed the parents that the school had formally requested the State Government to revise the dietary charge reimbursement for cadets. The request has been approved, and the new sanctioned rate is ₹133 per cadet per day.
9.	Online Classes for Senior Cadets	The Principal announced that online English classes for Class 12 cadets have commenced, in collaboration with Dr. Lalit (Ex-Chittorian) a subject expert. These sessions aim to strengthen language proficiency and exam readiness. Additionally, it was informed that similar online classes will be introduced for Class 11 cadets after the upcoming vacation, ensuring continuity and early academic support for senior students. This initiative reflects the school's commitment to academic excellence and leveraging expert guidance for better results.
10.	Extended Internet Access for Class 12 Cadets	To support academic preparation and research, the Principal announced that Class 12 cadets are now granted additional internet access hours from 2030 hours to 2230 hours daily under supervision. This extended access is intended solely for academic use, especially for online classes, self-study, and examrelated preparation. Cadets are expected to use this facility responsibly.

11.	Achievement in Football	The Principal proudly announced that both the Under-17 Boys' and Under-17 Girls' football teams have emerged as Group C champions in the recently Inter-Group Football Competition. Both teams will proceed to Bhubaneswar to represent the school at the next level for qualification to the Subroto Cup. The Principal congratulated the teams and their coaches, encouraging them to maintain their discipline, team spirit, and competitive edge in the upcoming tournament.
12.	Anonymous Concerns Regarding Subroto Cup Participation	The Principal addressed an anonymous email received from a parent, requesting the cancellation of the school's participation in the upcoming All India Sainik School Football Tournament 2025 in Bhubaneswar, citing concerns over the current national situation. However, upon seeking clarification during the meeting, no parent present acknowledged or supported the request. The Principal reassured all parents that the safety and well-being of the cadets remain the school's top priority. All necessary precautions will be taken during travel and stay. Furthermore, the Principal highlighted that this year, even the Under-17 Girls' Football team has won under the guidance of a skilled coach, marking a significant achievement. He urged parents to support and encourage cadets—both boys and girls—by providing them with opportunities to grow, compete, and excel. The school remains committed to offer equal platforms for all cadets, especially when they showcase equal potential and determination.
13.	Scheduling of NCC Camp and National-Level Competitions	The Principal informed parents that the NCC camp is being scheduled earlier than usual to ensure it does not interfere with the academic/ examination calendar. While this adjustment may cause some inconvenience to parents, it has been made in the best interest of the cadets' academic and co-curricular balance. As a result, Class 12 cadets, along with selected cadets from Classes 9 and 10, will be required to stay back during part of the vacation period to fulfil the commitment. A similar situation has arisen with the Hockey Tournament, as the organizing society has decided to conduct the matches in Mainpuri during the vacation period. The Principal acknowledged parents' concerns but encouraged them to see the broader benefit—these events provide cadets with the prestigious opportunity to represent their institution at national-level platforms, such as Nehru Cup, contributing to their growth, confidence, and future prospects.

14.	Examination Preparation and Academic Updates	The Principal informed parents that the exam date sheet and syllabus have been uploaded on the school website for their convenience and easy access. Parents were urged to ensure that cadets are utilizing their time effectively for revision and preparation, especially during the vacations. It was also mentioned that the syllabus has been nearly completed, allowing ample time for revision and doubt clarification. The Principal emphasized the joint responsibility of both school and home in supporting cadets' to adhere academic discipline and focus during this vacation period.
15.	Holiday Homework and Focus on Practical Learning	The Principal informed parents that holiday homework will soon be uploaded on the school website and will also be shared in official WhatsApp groups by respective housemasters for easy access and follow-up. Parents were requested to ensure that cadets complete their assignments diligently. This vacation, the focus will be on more practical and application-based learning, with assignments designed to enhance understanding beyond the textbook.
16.	Skill Development During Vacation	The Principal reiterated a message shared in the previous meeting: "vacation is not just a break, but an opportunity for cadets to improve their skills and broaden their learning horizons." Parents were encouraged to guide cadets toward productive engagement during the holidays, such as learning Abacus, enhancing English language and communication skills, or pursuing other aptitude-building activities. Such efforts will contribute significantly to the cadets' overall development, preparing them not only for academics but also for future challenges in a competitive environment.
17.	Post-Vacation Reporting	The Principal informed parents that the reporting date for all cadets is June 28. Since June 29 falls on a Sunday, cadets will have one full day to settle in and prepare before regular school activities resume. Parents were clearly advised that any request for extended leave must be approved in advance through proper channel. Unauthorized absence will result in a fine and a corresponding entry in the cadet's dossier. In case of genuine medical issues, the school will consider the request with valid documentation. However, parents were strongly urged not to encourage cadets to stay back without valid reasons, as it affects their discipline and academic continuity.

18.	OBA Parent Representative	The Principal initiated a discussion regarding the Parent Member, who has been serving in the role for the past 2—3 years. Parents were given the opportunity to suggest a change if desired. However, all parents present unanimously agreed to continue with the current member Mr Ramkumar Rojh for academic year 2024-25.
19.	Fee Payment Reminder	The Principal reminded parents that those who have not yet deposited the first instalment of the school fee are requested to do so at the earliest to avoid any administrative inconvenience. Additionally, the second instalment is expected to be paid by on or before the due date i.e. 25 Jun 2025. Timely payment ensures smooth functioning of school operations and resources allocated for cadets.
20.	Points raised by parents	The following points were raised by parents and discussed in the PTM:
		(a) <u>Cadet Vagisha Sch No 6328 Class VIII.</u>
		(i) Impact of Increased Dietary Charges. Parent raised concerns about change in diet of cadets due to change in dietary charge reimbursement.
		(ii) <u>Early reporting of cadet.</u> Parent inquired if cadet has to report back earlier than the scheduled date.
		Action taken.
		 (i) The Principal explained that School follows per day diet authorization per cadet. The diet is nutritionally healthy and balanced. It is finalised in consultation of doctors and keeping in view the healthy habit of cadets. A standard nutritional scale is maintained for each cadet, based on the recommended daily intake of protein, calories, and other essential nutrients, as assessed by a qualified dietician. Accordingly, the diet menu is carefully designed to meet these nutritional requirements, ensuring that each cadet
		receives a balanced and health-conscious diet appropriate for their age, physical activity, and development needs.
		(ii) The Principal clarified that cadets participating in IPSC football competition are required to report earlier than the general reporting date of June 28. This information has already been communicated in the PTM circular. Parents of participating cadets were

		requested to ensure timely compliance with the instructions provided.
21.	Conclusion	The Principal concluded the meeting by extending heartfelt thanks to all parents for their active involvement and constructive suggestions. He reiterated the school's unwavering commitment to the holistic development of cadets, emphasizing discipline, academic excellence, and character building as core pillars of Sainik School education. He also informed the parents that cadets have been personally briefed by him on how to conduct themselves during national emergencies such as military movements or air strikes. Clear guidelines have been provided to ensure cadets remain calm, follow instructions, and uphold their responsibilities as good citizens of the nation. The Principal urged parents not to panic in such situations and advised them against believing unverified information circulating on social media. The meeting concluded with an appeal for continued cooperation and mutual trust between parents and the school, reinforcing that together they play a pivotal role in shaping the nation's future leaders.

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