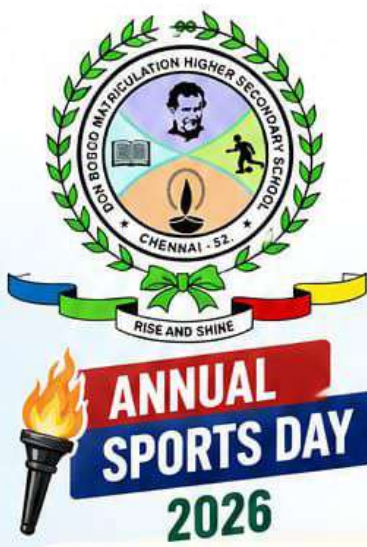




DON BOSCO

MATRICULATION HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL

★ WISDOM TOWN ★

MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY TALK

Monday, 27 July 2026

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Rector & Correspondent



**"The playground,
a place for happiness,
a place for growth,
a place for God."**
— Don Bosco

Good morning, my dear students!

This week is perhaps the happiest week of our academic year. Every week in our school is a happy week, but this week is truly special because we are all preparing for our Annual Sports Day 2026.



Already I can see the excitement everywhere. Different houses are practising their march-past, drills, and cultural displays. Many of you have already participated in the athletic heats, and some have proudly secured first, second, and third places. Our Principal, Vice Principal, teachers, support staff, and all those involved are working tirelessly to make this Sports Day a memorable visual celebration and a joyful experience for everyone.



THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE PLAYGROUND

Don Bosco believed that the playground is much more than a place for games. It is a place where character is formed, friendships are built, leadership is discovered, discipline is learnt, and the whole person—mind, heart, body, and spirit—grows together. The playground teaches us lessons that no classroom alone can teach.

"NO PAIN, NO GAIN."

Without effort, there can be no achievement. Our own Tamil sage Thiruvalluvar beautifully expressed the same truth in Thirukkural 616:

**"முயற்சி திருவியைக்கும்;
முயற்றின்மை இன்மை புகுத்திவிடும்."**

It means:

Persistent effort brings success and prosperity;
lack of effort leads only to loss and failure.



**MANY PEOPLE SAY, "IT IS IMPOSSIBLE."
BUT I WANT EACH ONE OF YOU TO REMEMBER THIS:**

IMPOSSIBLE = I'M POSSIBLE.

The spelling is almost the same,
but the attitude is completely different.

SAY TO YOURSELF:

- ✓ "I can do it."
- ✓ "It is possible for me."
- ✓ "I will give my best."

SO LET THIS WEEK BECOME:



A WEEK OF
HARD WORK



A WEEK OF
TEAMWORK



A WEEK OF
DISCIPLINE



A WEEK OF
INNOVATION



A WEEK OF
COURAGE



A WEEK OF
SUCCESS



Whether you are running a race, performing a drill, marching in the parade, or cheering for your house, every effort you make stretches your body, your mind, and your character. Growth happens only when we stretch ourselves beyond our comfort zone.



As you train, you will discover something beautiful.



You begin to believe in yourself.



You begin to trust your teammates.



You become proud of your house.



You learn to encourage others.

That is the true spirit of sportsmanship.



Today, we admire athletes competing in international football tournaments, the Asian Games, the Commonwealth Games, and the Olympic Games. None of them reached those heights overnight. They reached there through thousands of hours of discipline, sacrifice, perseverance, and hard work.

**THIS WEEK, YOU MAY NOT YET BE COMPETING
IN THE OLYMPICS, BUT YOU ARE COMPETING
WITH THE VERY BEST IN OUR SCHOOL.**



Tomorrow, some of you will represent our school at the zonal, district, state, national, and perhaps even international levels.

**EVERY CHAMPION BEGINS
EXACTLY WHERE YOU ARE TODAY.**

A BEAUTIFUL TAMIL SAYING ★

**"முயற்சிகள் தவறலாம்;
முயற்சிக்கத் தவறலாமா?"**

Our efforts may sometimes fail,
but we should never fail to make an effort.

- ✓ Give your very best.
- ✓ Play with honesty.
- ✓ Compete with confidence.
- ✓ Accept victory with humility and defeat with courage.
- ✓ Above all, enjoy every moment of this wonderful Sports Week.



— May Don Bosco bless each one of you. —

HAVE A JOYFUL, ENERGETIC, AND SUCCESSFUL WEEK AHEAD.

★ **GOOD MORNING, AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL!** ★