

Carry the legacy of De Sales - LEARN TO LOVE

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As the Grade X students of 2024-25 completed the Board Exams and stand at the threshold of a new chapter in life, it is time to reflect on what truly defines success. Achievements, careers, and financial stability are significant, but the foundation of a fulfilling life lies in something deeper-humanity.

At De Sales Academy, our motto, Learn to Love, is not just a phrase; it is a lifelong mission.

In the coming years, these students may become doctors, engineers, IAS officers, entrepreneurs, or pursue any profession they choose. Some may achieve great wealth, while others may lead a simple life. They will prepare for JEE, NEET, UPSC, and other competitive exams, striving for excellence in their respective fields. However, the real training that life demands is the ability to love.

Love is not just an emotion; it is a discipline that needs nurturing and understanding. The love between parents and children is the first lesson of life-respecting, caring, and valuing the sacrifices they make. The love between friends teaches trust, companionship, and support in times of need. The love between relatives reminds us that family extends beyond our immediate household, strengthening our roots.

Beyond personal relationships, love must extend to society. The love for one's country instills patriotism and responsibility. Love for the environment ensures we protect the world for future generations. Love for humanity means treating every individual with kindness, fairness, and dignity, regardless of caste, creed, or social status.

Perhaps the most profound love is the love between a person and God, which brings purpose and strength in moments of doubt. This love teaches us humility and gratitude, making us aware that every success is a gift, and every failure is a lesson. Yet, equally important is the love for oneself-not in arrogance, but in self-respect, selfcare, and confidence in one's worth.

With love comes the right attitude towards life. A person who knows how to love finds peace of mind. Love teaches patience in adversity, courage in uncertainty, and joy in simple things. A loving heart does not seek to harm but to heal; it does not crave power but seeks to serve.

As these students step into the future, may they remember that success is not measured solely by wealth or fame but by the ability to love and be loved. If they carry this lesson with them, they will not only achieve their dreams but will also create a world where success is defined by compassion, integrity, and true happiness.