

**To Parents (Grades 7-9)****Subject: International Student Exchange Program\_Latvia\_Parents**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is now six years since the inception of SVM and our progress though gradual seems to be on the up. We pride ourselves on being an institution that is in a constant state of development, adapting to new concepts and practices in the field of education. This has also caught the attention of visitors and other people from out of SVM.

Sometime last year, we had a business associate of the Gadre conglomerate, Mr. Vadim Pavlov, who visited SVM and who was quite taken up by the culture and atmosphere at the school. Mr. Pavlov is a Latvian national with a flair for breaking boundaries and getting people together, making the world a smaller place per se. In an attempt to do so, Mr. Pavlov has expressed his desire to send his 13-year-old son to SVM as part of a student exchange program, beginning September 1, 2024, for a period of three months. While we are welcome to this idea, we also seek your help in hosting Mr. Pavlov's son for the time span just mentioned. Hence, we request members from our SVM family to reach out to us should they be open to hosting a learner from Latvia. Those interested may make known their intentions directly to our Principal, Ms. Monica Jaiswal or Academic Coordinator, Ms. Zeba Parkar.

On the other hand, Mr. Pavlov is willing to host a child from SVM at his residence and said child will attend the Riga Ostvald Secondary School of where Mr. Pavlov's son is a pupil. Having said this, we throw open the gates for discussion, that we may take this student exchange program further and bring it to fruition. There is much to be talked about, mulled over and decisions to be made. Once again, interested parents/ guardians you are urged to come forward, this is a step in a new direction and should be explored to the hilt. Consider this is a fine opportunity to bridge our varied cultures and environments and form a relationship that will continue to grow in the years to come. But it takes one to start one; we look forward to a favourable response from you.

Thank you,

**Sincerely,**

**Monica Jaiswal**

**Principal SVM**