



## Carols by Candlelight 2018

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On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, Hillview College ushered in the Christmas Season with an evening of tranquil luminescence and ceremonial singing and performances. Its third annual event, “Carols By Candlelight” represented Christmas at its core purpose; themed with the birth of Jesus Christ. To kick off the evening Hillview’s Principal, Mr. Leslie Mahase extended warm welcome to the audience, consisting of students and their families and friends, then opening remarks were delivered by the hostess Ms. Sharon Ramdeen. Preceding the commencement of the event the Crèche was blessed by Hillview’s very own Reverend Anthony Rampersad and then the night of carols began!

Attendees were supplied with traditionally decorated candles as it set the mood for the proceedings. Entertainment was provided by both staff and students at Hillview College. Even the band that supported the musical items comprised of students. Entertainment which included solo performances of familiar Christmas songs, moving instrumentals (steel pan, flute and recorder) and duets were all enumerated by the host.

Dramatic performances contributed to the evening’s agenda through creative representation of the characters Mary, Joseph and the Shepherds as it pertained to the birth of Jesus. Communal carols led by Hillview’s choir, parang sung by the prefect body, and even the staff of Hillview organised a choir that all added to the evening’s delight. Wrapping up the parang for the night was a local parang group *La Nueva Experiencia* together with a few Form Six students who recited an unexpected refrain. Finally to close the evening at last, the jubilant carol *Joy to the World* was chanted from the hall by everyone involved.

On leaving, guests were offered several treats free of charge as a gratitude and a farewell until next year. A night of music, accompanied with a scintillating ambience definitely created the warm seasonal joy within the hearts of all who attended and a night to remember.