

## **ANNUAL REPORT – 2023-24**

Honourable Chief Guest, Mrs. Veena E. Gayathri, Former Vice Chancellor Tamil Nadu Music and Fine Arts University, esteemed Correspondent, Mr. R. Suresh Kumar, Mrs. Regina Suresh Kumar, respected Director, Mr. Calvin Jesudev Rajakumar, invitees, parents, teachers and students, it is an honour and privilege to welcome you to our School's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Day and present the Annual Report of the academic year 2023-24.

### **Academic Honours**

“Learning is not attained by chance. It must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence”. – Abigail Adams.

Our students of Class X – 2022-23 batch surely lived up to this philosophy for they, through their hard work, perseverance and diligence secured 100% pass in the CBSE Board Examination.

I take great joy and pride in appreciating the students who emerged as toppers in the Board Examination.

- With 98% marks Ms. R. Shanju is the School Topper.
- Ms. R. Shanju secured centum in Social Science and Mathematics, and Mast. Jason Prince secured centum in Mathematics.
- We appreciate Mrs. S. Leela Rani, our Principal and Mrs. Mercy Kanagaraj for this excellent teaching & training.

### **Subject Toppers.**

- Ms. Nithya .N – English 99 %, Hindi 95 %
- Mast N. Venkatesan – Tamil 98 %
- Ms. R. Shanju – French 97%
- Mast. Mohmd. Umar Shariff – Science 99 %

We congratulate all the class X teachers who prepared our students for worthy achievements with commitment, dedication & sincerity.

### **Creating a Great Learning Environment.**

“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge” – Albert Einstein.

An effective teacher is the one who dons several roles within the school campus – a creator, a speaker, a listener, a doctor, a counselor, a philosopher, an artist, a disciplinarian, a counselor all rolled into one. And in the ever evolving world of education teaching can be effective, only if the teaching community is open to adopting new techniques, novel ideas and incorporates the latest in the educational practices that can create a perfect learning environment for the students. It is here that the importance of seminars, workshops and training programmes of teachers become so very important. CBSE has made it mandatory for teachers to take 50 hours of training in an academic year.

This academic year commenced with a very motivating and inspiring Staff Orientation Programme for teachers from SJUS and SJMHSS at our campus. Mrs. Rebecca Stanley, Director Child Care & Rural Development India Gospel League, Salem, the chief guest in her thoughtprovoking speech brought up the new challenges teachers and students have to face under NEP – 2020. She reiterated the importance of balancing traditional patterns with digitalized methodologies. Mrs. Grace Browning shared her manifold experiences to instill into the teachers’ mind the importance of bringing in great family values into our classrooms.

Following the strict guidelines of teacher empowerment set by the CBSE, our teachers have been regularly attending Capacity Building Programmes organized by CoE, CSSC and others.

- Our Principal Mrs. S. Leela Rani attended the Orientation Programme organized by Chennai Sahodaya School Complex, CBSE for Principals. She has been regularly attending webinars and training programmes organized under PRAYOG, to keep abreast with the latest in education so that effective implementation can be achieved.

Our teachers have been regularly attending training programmes online and offline. A few to be mentioned are :

1. NEP 2020 CBP @ Mahatma Gandhi Vidyalaya.
2. Tamil Teachers Training Programme Organized by the State Education Dept., Government of Tamil Nadu, held at Anna centenary Library.
3. Reimagining the English Class Room for KG and Primary teachers organized by CSSC at GT Aloha Vidya Mandir.
4. 'Art Integration' organized by CoE, and hosted by our school in which around 60 teachers along with all our teachers participated with Dr. Padmini Sriraman former Principal of Hindu Senior Secondary School leading the session. It was indeed a proud moment for us when teachers from different schools joined hands to create very enlivening classrooms in our campus.
5. Mrs. Ramya Naveen participated in Enviro 2023, Work shop for science teachers organized by Industrial Waste Management Associates at IIT.

Experiential Learning, Competency Based Learning, Learning Outcomes, Skill based learning are the latest philosophy in holistic education. Equipped with the latest in techniques and tools of teaching, our teachers approach teaching from different, unique and innovative angles. Project

activities, Creative Display Boards, Role Play, Quizzes, Art & Craft, Interdisciplinary Projects, Dramatics, Experiments, Power Point Presentations, all have been dovetailed into the classroom dynamics to make learning experiences realistic and lively.

### **Beyond the Classrooms - Co – Curricular Activities :**

“A textbook can only take a child so far; creativity is the way forward”.

If the motto and theme of school education is the achievement of human excellence, it is imperative and of utmost importance that schools open the doors of creativity to students, allow them to have a wide spectrum of co – curricular activities that take them beyond the textbook, into the realms of art and literature, experiments and experiences, theatre and music, sports and Games. Through extended activities like Creative Assemblies, Value Based Talks, School Magazine, Club Activities, Athletic Events and Student Council, curriculum is enriched. As part of Extra Curricular Activities this year, we have resumed The Sports Academy coaching in Foot Ball, Cricket and Basket Ball. Karate classes have also been resumed. As a bud opens to be a fragrant flower or a butterfly emerges from a pupa, children emerge as confident, self sufficient individuals, with positive personalities ready to stride into the world.

Let us – look through some of our programmes and co-curricular activities that added colour & beauty to the regular sessions.

### **Annual Day**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of our school was celebrated with great excitement and enthusiasm after a 2 year Covid gap. Double was the joy as the whole programme was attuned to being our Christmas Celebration too! Mr. Paul Moses, Director of Christian Sports Fellowship the Chief Guest, in

his inspiring speech reiterated the manthra, “Hard work, Hard work, Hard work” for success. He took a spellbound audience through a variety of life experiences combined with Biblical narratives that made a lasting and positive impact on the young impressionable minds listening avidly. Academic proficiency prizes, Annual Special Awards to the Outgoing Students, Rolling Trophies for Sports, Academic and Culturals and Best Class were distributed amidst thundering applause. The Cultural Programme starting with a glorious Choir, ushering the advent season Angel Dance, pantomime depicting the birth of Jesus, Classical, Western Dances, thematic programme on environment crises and climate change culminating with the ennobling value of forgiveness presented through the famous play ‘Bishop’s Candle sticks’ were the sum total of the bursting creativity and talent of the students – a perfect amalgam of Co-curricular activities show cased in front of the rapt parents.

### **Investiture Ceremony**

Team Spirit, Organizational Skills, Leadership Qualities, Great values – oft repeated words indeed! Student Council is one of the most effective means by which students are slowly, but surely enabled to take on their duties as citizens. The investiture ceremony of our school was held on 12.7.23 at our school when the members of the Council ceremoniously took their Oath Mrs. Revathy Bonns, Former Principal, MCC School, inaugurated the Council and motivated the students with her tips on ideal leadership. Mr. Calvin Jesudev Rajakumar administered the Oath of Office to the Council members headed by Mast. Jason Travis Daniel as the Headboy, Ms. Aalya Deepak Gonsalves as the Head Girl and Ms. Rithika Nair, as the Head Volunteer. Mr. R. Suresh Kumar handed over the Certificates and Badges to the office bearers.

## **Annual Sports Meet**

“Sport teaches you character, it teaches you to play by the rules, it teaches you to know what it feels like to win and lose, it teaches you life”.

Weeks of Practice, Selection and training by the PT Department ably assisted by teachers culminate in the Annual Athletic Meet, the most looked forward to event of the school. This year Rajarathinam Stadium wore a festive look as athletes, donning their athletes uniform walked in along with their parents 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

The resplendent School Band led the March Past contingents. The Chief Guest Dr. Agnes Rozario, Former Vice Principal, Stella Maris College, took the salute, declared the Meet open and released the colourful balloons. The Olympic Torch was lit and the special day's events commenced with a colourful mass drill. The athletic events provided the much needed test of stamina, will, determination, courage and training of the athletes. Mast. Sanlyn Bright and Ms. Diya Sunil emerged as the Senior Champions and Ms. Hasini and Mast. A. Naveen Kumar bagged the Junior Championship. The Overall Championship was won by Red Ruby.

## **Founder's Day**

Rt. Rev. Dr. G. Rajakumar – a name written in golden letters in every Johnian's heart. His was a life devoted to educational excellence in all the schools that he started. He is an avid sports person, a powerful speaker and a consummate artist. We paid our tributes to our Founder through a series of Throw Ball Matches organized at our campus. Exhilarating moments marked the occasion when our teachers pitted their sportsmanship and sportsman spirit in the court. Our students proved no less. The message was loud and clear – team spirit, athletic skills, sheer joy and enjoyment! Our

Correspondent an avid sportsman and a state level, national level athletic champion himself not only presided over, but was seen talking, encouraging the participants, totally involved. The sweet laddus were as usual, the most special treat for all the Johnians.

**Our Correspondent's birthday** is truly an occasion of undiluted joy and excited celebration for the students. Our Display Boards wore a festive look and the birthday greeting song reflected the joyous note in every heart as the birthday cake was cut.

### **Independence Day**

Independence Day is that special occasion in our lives when we rededicate ourselves to our nation with patriotic spirit & fervor. On August 15<sup>th</sup>, the national tricoour was hoisted by Mrs. Ajitha Mathews, Senior Principal and teachers and students took the pledge. Various patriotic programmes were organized including Fancy Dress and Group Singing.

**Teacher's Day** was celebrated at our campus with great excitement. Class X students took the lead and teachers were treated to moments of undiluted joy and fulfillment through various cultural programmes. Speeches, felicitations, entertainment was part of the package. Students not only entertained teachers with dance and songs, they involved teachers in dances & songs as well. The highlight of the day was when teachers sat like students for a special Quiz conducted by the students. Our Correspondent presided over the function and honoured the teachers with gifts of Gold.

### **Picnic**

The outgoing students were taken for a one day tour to Pondicherry after their CBSE Board Examination. It was a day of great fun, games, sing & dance all the way for all of us. Our thankfulness to our correspondent for his demonstration of affection for the students and his boundless generosity.

## **Participation and Achievements at Inter School Level**

In the field of sports, we stepped into the sports and games organized by the CBSE, Our students, Mast, Sanlyn Bright, Mast Alwyn Jose and Miss. Diya Sunil participated in the track and field events and Ms. Rajvi Raj Singh participated in the skating tournament. Ms. Rajvi is a semifinalist in the under 10 category for 500 m Quad. She also won Silver medals for 500 m and 200 m at the Chennai District level Skating Championship and Gold in 200 m, silver in 1000m, Bronze in 400 m in the Kancheepuram District Skating Championship.

## **Initiatives for Students and Teachers :**

- The Tiny Tots of our school stepped into Shraddha Academy as the youngest contestants in the Cultural Competitions. Mast Johan Wesley and Ms. Diya won the Second Place in colouring and Ms. Vithika and Ms. Maria of UKG won 2<sup>nd</sup> places in Clay Art.
- In the Dhai Akhar – Letter Writing Competition organized by the Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs on the topic ‘Vision of India 2047’ many of our students participated and we are proud that Ms. Paramjyot Kaur won second place and a cash award of Rs. 10,000/- at state level. This year, our students have participated and despatched the letters on the topic “Digital India for New India” results of which will be announced by January.
- Ms. Param Joyt Kaur of class X taken part in National level math Olympiad and is the only student from Chennai district to be qualified for level 2.
- We are very proud of Mast. Mohammed Eshan the Sports Club Secretary of our school for being a player in Chennai Super Kings Under 16 Cricket Team. He has also been shortlisted for Under 16, Team Chengelpet District.
- We are very proud to announce that our budding writer, Mast. Nathaniel Raj published his first novel “The Rise of Hilltown” through Amazon.



- Ms. Rithika of class VII, won many prestigious trophies in ABACUS.
- Ms. Diya Sunil, an upcoming all rounder in Cricket participated in the Tamil Nadu Cricket Under 15 State selection.
- Ms. Antara Ranjan is a Marathan Runner and has won several Championships in Marathon organized at State level.
- EK Bharat Sreshta Bharat Art Integrated Project is an activity through which not only the amazing creativity of students were explored but also added to their knowledge and understanding of the cultural differences and similarities between various states of India. This year the theme is Tamil Nadu and West Bangal.
- Our Students participated and received certificate in the ‘Veer Gaatha’ Project, Govt. of India initiative to inspire patriotic fervour and a love for valour and bravery among the school students.
- Our students participated in the Essay Writing and Painting Competitions conducted by the CBSE on themes based on environment coming under the Expression Series the Spell Bee Competition organized by Humming Bird Education Limited, and the Green Olympiad conducted by TERI the Energy and Resources Institute Govt. of India. Heritage India quiz organized by CBSE are a few other competitions that the students are participating.
- Drug Addiction has emerged as a looming threat to the young generation of India today. In order to create an awareness of the existing danger, the students of our school took a pledge against drugs organized by Greater Chennai Corporation. Senior Principal addressed the Students, focusing on the threat and advising on how to avoid being an innocent victim. Principal administered the Anti Drug Pledge.
- Senior Principal inaugurated the Partition Day Horrors – Remembrance Day and spoke on the topic during school Assembly Ms. Rithika Nair of class X spoke highlighting the theme and a photo exhibition was held as per the

guidelines received from the Government of India through the CBSE.

- Parents are ambitious. Students aspire for the stars. Stress is the by product. Inorder to mitigate the negative impact of stressful experiences, CBSE has undertaken training programmes for teachers on Guidance and Counselling and several activities for the students. We have opened a Positivity Board wherein uplifting thoughts are posted by students and teachers. Each day a few students talk on positive thoughts during Assembly to help students to overcome their fears and misgivings.
- All our teachers and many higher class students participated in an Essay Writing competition and video presentation on You Tube organized by the Government of India related to – Pariksha Pe Charcha on specific topics. It is with great joy and excitement that I announce that 23 teachers and 15 students received special Certificates from the Honourable Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi.

### **The Best Teacher Award**

The Management, Staff and Students of SJUS thank God Almighty for the great honour, a praiseworthy recognition that our teacher received from Zone 6 Peripheral Cluster, CSSC, CBSE. She was conferred with The Best Teacher Award on Friday, 27.10.23. She has served the institution with undiluted sincerity, dedication and commitment for 12 years right from the year of its inception. The tiny tots who leaped from their mothers' lap into her loving arms are today the smart, Class X students. Yes, you have guessed it right. Congratulations, Mrs.L.Shilpa, the Best Teacher Awardee from SJUS.

## **Thanks giving**

- I Praise and thank God Almighty for his blessed presence and guidance in our campus everyday. Our deep gratitude to our Founder Couple for providing us a strong foundation of good values, practical discipline, high academic standards, upon which the caption St. John's stands. I express our thankfulness to our Correspondent for the kind concern, practical wisdom, observant guidance and the valuable interest in all school activities. My thankfulness to our Director for his keen observation and constructive thoughts. My appreciation the Principals of our sister institutions and our well wishers. And finally a big warm thanks to our dear Parents, Patrons, teachers & loving students.

***Thank you! God Bless!***