

SANTA MARIA ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Students, greetings from Santa Maria School.

SAFAL-Structured Assessment for Analyzing Learning

As you know, National Education Policy 2020 recommends assessment of core concepts along with relevant higher-order skills and application of knowledge in real-life situations, there by moving away from rote-memorization.

In this context, CBSE launched Structured Assessment for Analyzing Learning (SAFAL), a competency-based assessment for Grades 3, 5 and 8 to assess the progress of foundational skills and basic learning outcomes/competencies among students. SAFAL, as a diagnostic assessment, will provide developmental feedback to schools and teachers to improve teaching-learning without additional examination pressure on students. It has been designed to help students, parents, and teachers to track learning progress throughout the school years and not just in Grades 10 and 12. SAFAL results will not be used in any manner by schools for the promotion of students to the next grade.

CBSE is conducting SAFAL on a pilot basis in its affiliated schools for students of classes 5 and 8 in the academic areas of Language, Mathematics and EVS/Science and has selected 2500 schools across the nation.

I am pleased to inform you that our school also is selected for this innovative mode of assessment of Competency Based Learning system as we are equipped with the Hardware and Software requirements recommended by CBSE. As the first step, we have registered our students of Class 5 and 8 of current academic year as instructed by CBSE in the month of December 2022. The online Mock Exam will be held on 30th and 31st January 2023 for the students of Class 8 - Hindi. It will be held in four batches of 20 students each. Duration of exam will be 1 hour 30 minutes. Then the Online SAFAL Assessment for classes 5 and 8 will be held from 8th to 23rd February 2023. And if everything works well, CBSE will apply it to all the affiliated schools in the future. Therefore, parents are requested to provide your support and cooperation for the smooth conduct of the same.

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Principal.