

## Annual Report - 2020-2021

First and foremost, I bow my head in gratitude to Almighty God, the Saviour and fullness of all wisdoms for his abundant blessings and concerns shown for our day to day activities.

“Technology won’t replace teachers..... But teachers who use technology will probably replace teachers who do not.” With the advent of the Coronavirus pandemic, came the containment measures of self-isolation, a social distancing and self - quarantine, which resulted in a major interruption in the academic year of the students, implying a big gap in their learning moods. However, the timely steps taken on ensured the learning to be continued to go on even at homes with the help of technological alternatives, including network channels such as the computer, smart phones etc. This technology and learning platform acquired a new base of life because of the training programs attended by the teachers which enabled them to conduct their online classes in the most effective digital platforms. Firstly we adopted Google meet platform for online classes later changed to Google classroom. Google classroom was really reliable and a very good platform for teachers and students, which created a more friendly environment for them to communicate and also helped the teachers tremendously to teach their students in a more effective manner.

### Vision and Aim

Our mission is to create dynamic environment to bring out the best of every student in a holistic manner with learning’s focused on the complete development of the child, Santa Maria English Medium School envisions to be the foundation for creating wise leaders rooted in their ethnicity and cultured to create a better future for all. The school aim is to achieve the scholastic development of students through an excellent academic and physical environment that is conducive to learning, developing, creating and exploration.

I am happy to share the news that students of class X and XII, who appeared for All India Secondary School Examination, passed with flying colours. 100% success for Class X students and 97% success in Class XII, unfortunately one of students had to write compartment exam only for Maths.

### Achievements and Activities

The greatest happiness in the beginning of this academic year was one of former students of Class XII, Farheen K S scored 66<sup>th</sup> Rank in All India and 8<sup>th</sup> Rank in Kerala in NEET 2020.

To ensure that our students are equipped to face any challenges of this modern era, our school has taken different initiatives throughout the year. The sudden outbreak of a deadly disease called Covid 19 shook the entire world. During this hard time also, one of the best way for students to continue diversify their skills and knowledge base is by engaging in different activities, especially the activities what they have done during the normal school time.

Under the stewardship, support, vision and commitment of our management and faculty the school has devised 9 holistic models in view of a child’s need was structured- education, physical exercises, co-curricular activities, appropriate leisure time, all of it was administered online.

Three Periodic Tests, Half Yearly Examination and Final Exam were conducted online for Classes I to X and Mid-Term Exam, Half Yearly Examinations and Final Examination were conducted for Class XI and XII. There were two Pre-Board Examinations offline for the students of Class X and XII and one Pre-Board Exam was held online. Parents co-operated with us to ensure that the students attempted sincerely.

Efficient, accurate and swift assessment tools are another core pillar to simultaneously refine the new age online pedagogy. Here is why teachers training programs are essential for smart school future in India.



Different clubs and coordinators were announced during the online meeting on the month of June 2020. Even though there was no formal inaugural function, we all together decided to conduct various activities. Thrown into the digital environment, this was a unique academic year where every teacher was essentially a first year teacher all-over again. In spite of limitation of bringing online management and faculties were successfully furnished a much boarder and visual platform of celebrations and competitions to Santa Marians.

Our students participated in number of activities pertaining to art, culture, literature, science technology, social science and environment. Many won prizes and brought laurels to the school. Due to the pandemic situation we are not able to conduct various nature related programs as in the previous years. It was on June 5, with respect to World Environment Day, some exciting competitions were organized by the Eco Club members. Competitions were held mainly for two categories. For lower category, Painting competitions were organized with the theme "Save Our Earth" and for higher category; Pencil Drawing with theme "Time for Nature" was carried out.

Even though the Competitions were conducted online, it was a healthy one which students participated whole heartedly. The scanned copies of artwork were really amazing and apt for the theme. Results were declared formally in the class Whatsapp group. As part of World Population Day, on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2020, Abhaya House conducted the first online inter- house competition. To bring out the creative expression of the students a Poster Design Completion was organized. In order to channelize the energies of students and make use of their scientific as well as technical skills and talent, Science Club conducted a 'Watch and Win' contest for classes 8 to 10 on July 13<sup>th</sup> 2020. A video related to scientific phenomenon was uploaded in the Whatsapp class groups and students were asked to identify the reason behind it. From that though competition prize winners were selected by Science Club. Amrutha House Co-ordinators took the initiative celebrating "Parents Day" on July 26<sup>th</sup> with Card Making Competition for the students of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> standard. In connection with "World Conservation Day" on July 28<sup>th</sup>, Asoka House organized a Bottle Art Competition for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> standard, the competition was a fusion of talent, imagination and creativity.

Independence Day was celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2020. This program was a combination of live and virtual celebration. The live part of the our online Independence Day was the flag hosting by our Delegate Superior Rev.Sr.Maria Rita and a thought provoking speech by our principal Rev.Sr.Rosamma . Rest of the content was pre recorded. Students of our school performed a wide variety of programs, that is one act play about Iron Shermila Chanu, a speech was made by our student that showed our tribute Martyrs and students sang and danced songs evoking the spirit of patriotism. Thus we celebrated Independence Day with great enthusiasm to commemorate the sovereignty of our nation. In the year 2020-'21, Literary Club of Santa Maria had organized various competitions and programs. Completions were conducted for Kinder Gardens to +2 levels. Competitions related to Onam were the initial step to this pandemic. 'Onaniravu' was one of the best colourful virtual celebration, was conducted with great enthusiasm, trying all means not to lose the sheen of the festival. Students presented a scintillating cultural program comprising of dance and song performance which left the spectators spell bound and thoroughly mesmerised. It also includes few more competitions such as Flower Carpet, Dessert Making, Malayalam Manga and Maran, Collage Making etc. The performance of the students were mind blowing and outstanding. Finally our school uploaded the video in YouTube Channels and parents were fortunate to watch their wards performance.

The Covid 19 pandemic cast a shadow on Christmas celebrations. But we Santa Marians never failed to keep the spirit of Christmas because Christmas is the time to share love of God. Group of our teachers entrusted with the duty of virtual Christmas Celebration "Natale2020" to celebrate Christmas in a unique way with great favour and enthusiasm. Santa Marians kept the festive fear alive on digital platform. Natal 2020 was a big hit among students in which they participated along with their family I fun filled activities. As part of "Natal2020", the classes were divided in to four categories. The instruction for the competitions was send a week prior. The creative posters were send by the teachers were spark to a great competitions ahead.



When children got a chance to express their creativity and dive in to art, they developed confidence, increased their empathy and discover how to look at the world from different perspectives. Joy of Lips, Christmas Décor and Stars of Bethlehem were such competitions to express their creativity and talent. Along with these competitions Christmas Symphony and Living Crib Competitions also helped to show the bond of love between the family members of our students.

As part of Fit India Movement Ministry of Sports and Youth launched the “Fit India Freedom Run” from August 15 to October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 and from our school, students participate under the guidance of our school Physical Education department. It was a great initiative which provided not only physical benefits but also mental benefits for the participants. Republic Day is an auspicious day for every citizen. The Republic Day in our school was celebrated with all its solemnity and grandeur. Due to this pandemic the Marians celebrated the Republic Day virtually. The slogans of the national leaders showered the spirit of nationalism. The constitutional rights, duties, flashed through the mind of the students.

As per the CBSE circular above art integrated learning by school, our faculty also took the initiative and assigned the topic to class 1 to 10. For 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, we took the Art Integrated project as subject enrichment activity in all the students for internal assessment. One of the objectives of art integrated education is to make the students aware of vast and diverse cultural heritage of our country. Our school invited the parents through online mode to assess the progress of the online classes in different sessions in order to find out the difficulties they face in the online classes that were conducted by our school and to avail their various suggestions for improvement. All the parents were really happy about the online classes and they also put forward some valuable suggestions for further improvement. Most of the parents participated and gave positive feed backs, which were really encouraging.

The global pandemic has led us to a paradigm shift in the way we learn today. Before I conclude let me assure that even though our students are learning through online mode top priority is given to academic performance. Unit tests, assignment, project work, art integrated activities, online competitions have kept them busy throughout the year. It renders thanks to our management, our teaching and non-teaching staff and my students and parents who have been with us in all our activities with maximum support and co-operation.

We wish to grow consistently and steadily in the coming years and take our school to its peak with our Almighty's Grace and blessings.

Sr.Rosamma K C  
Principal.

