

Annual Report of the School

Commencement of the Academic Session- 2019-20

The beginning of April And back to school. It was a spirited and enthusiastic union- hugs, handshakes, sharing of experiences and sheer joy of being in those corridors again. Seeking God's blessings and the divine wishes of Mother Mary, the Patroness of the school we embarked the beginning of the new session. Class- X students conducted the assembly and the Principal welcomed the new members to the Marian Family. With the staff & students possessing interminable energy, the new session began in a way like never before.....

Investiture Ceremony

Leadership is not about getting people to follow you, but empowering others to step up and lead- this saying had been proved true by the school Head Boy, Head Girl, Captains, Vice Captains, Sports Captains, when on 3rd of May, they took an oath and promised to perform their duties responsibly. The event commenced with a hymn and readings from the Bible, BhagwadGita, Guru Granth Sahib and Quran. The Co-ordinator of the event Mrs. UshaKalra invited Sr. Amitha, The Principal to administer the oath of the new office bearers. Later the house photographs were captured with the Manager, Principal, Vice-Principal and House In-Charge teachers.

Independence Day Celebration:

St. Marians celebrated the 73rd Independence Day with pride and enthusiasm. We started the day by ushering the Guests to the dais. The students took their positions for the march past and prepared to march eagerly. The Chief Guest Rev. Sr. Celine hoisted the National Flag which is followed by a rendition of the National Anthem by our choir. We paid tribute to the brave freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of our country. The dance performances of different classes were

splendid! Different dance forms, emotions and dramas were well expressed and beautifully co-ordinated. The Chief Guest and the Principal through their speeches emphasized the importance of our emancipation and encouraged the students to value our togetherness and solidarity. The beautiful dance performance by the students filled everyone with passionate love for our motherland.

Interhouse cultural literary competitions

September was the month of fun and frolic; it brought cultural and literary competitions for students that led the power to enhance the holistic approach of an individual. Several new co-scholastic initiatives have been introduced in the Academic session 2019-20. All students from grade I to X have time to set aside in the time table to pursue an activity of their choice. In addition to music (vocal and instrumental), dance, drawing and craft, speeches and essay writing a host of new activities have been introduced like :- slogan writing(Save-water), mime, tableau, street theatre, quiz, rakhi making, photography, hand writing, spell well, extempore etc. Dance and music has always remained inseparable and so we wish to encourage children to pick up both Indian classical and western style. Under the guidance of music and Dance teachers Instrumental and vocal singing (solo\group) competitions were held for all three categories (Senior, Sub-junior and Junior) in which students made the audience lost in another world. Similarly the enchanting performance in the dance competition (solo\group) surprised the viewers by displaying Semi-classical, hip-hop and contemporary dance as the themes were given. The respective Judges of the competitions were Sr. Mellita, Sr. Rashmi, Sr. Celline, Sr. Noella, Sr. Amitha, Sr. Sandra, Mr. Martin and Mr. Ankush. Simultaneously the other cultural competitions also took place like -mime, Hindi and English skit, qawwali, tablaue etc. all these competitions made the students and viewers aware and awaken about the society and delivered the moral values amongst all.

Teachers Day Celebration:

Very well said,—‘Teachers can change lives with just the right mix of chalk and challenges’. ‘Without teachers life would have no classes- On 5th September student of St. Mary’s offered a grand reception to their miraculous mentors. The students of class X arranged the whole programme with the help of their class teacher. They beautifully decorated

school with rangoli, flowers and garlands. Function started with ushering. The students prayed to the supreme teacher-God, who is immeasurable, inexhaustible, and inexpressible. Every class contributed on this occasion by displaying various cultural items. As a sign of appreciation and respect, the class X students presented a small gift to all the teachers. The teachers felt that this programme was a treat to watch and music to the ears. The greatest attraction of the day was prize distribution ceremony for various competitions and for the academic excellence. Principal Sr. Amitha and the school leaders in their inspiring speeches made the audience spellbound. The Sisters and Teachers were overwhelmed with the effort of each and every student. Thereafter, the teachers enjoyed dine and dance with the management.

Internatonal literacy Day :

*'One book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world'-
(Malala Yousafzi)*

Class VI under the able guidance of Mrs. Ritika Soni staged the beautiful assembly on Literacy as it is annually celebrated around the globe, the aim of assembly was to promote the importance of literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights and to achieve the literacy agenda towards a more literate and sustainable society.

Hindi Divas

Hindi language is the hallmark of Indians. This opportunity of commemorate the day was held by Ms. Apoorva Gupta and her class IV students. The short play varnokikahaani was based on the journey of Hindi language through this thought provoking skit the students presented expressions, messages and arts in Hindi language very beautifully.

Gandhi Jayanti and Shastri Jayanti Celebration

St. Mary's School celebrated Gandhi Jayanti and Shastri Jayanti on 2nd October 2019 during a momentous morning assembly organized especially for the occasion. The morning prayer began with the rendering of 'Vaishnavjantoh', Gandhiji's favourite bhajan. This was followed by poems and speeches befitting the event.

The Principal Sr. Amitha announced the initiation of the

***Swachataaabhimaan** on this special day as both these national leaders were true embodiments of unity and integration. A solemn prayer service followed, wherein prayers of different religious beliefs were intoned. The*

Captains of the four Houses led all the students to take a pledge to work for the Unity and Peace in our Country.

During the day, a drawing competition was organized to mark the 150th birth anniversary of the Father of our Nation- Mahatma Gandhi. Our students also participated in a rally arranged by the local bodies and authorities.

Scout and Guide Camp:-

"Once a scout, always a scout"

Principal Sr. Amitha and Vice Principal Sr. Sandra were the inaugurator and Chief Guests of this ceremony respectively. They were escorted by Mr. Pandey, Mrs. Darshankaur and head boy, headgirl of the school. Ceremony begun by singing 'the scout and guide prayer.' The lamp was lit, guides chanted the sholaka—Asto ma Sadgamaya... that was filled with devotion and dedication. Pravesh badges were distributed by Sr. Principal. Students then tried out various adventure games like monkey bridge, ladder climb, chimney crawl, balancing the pole etc After the lunch, every petrol prepared and put up an item based on the different states of India. Later they had a sumptuous dinner and cleaned their tents. Tents were inspected after lunch. Sr. Amitha said,—“The scouts and guides should be disciplined. Develop leadership qualities, co-operation and service mindedness.” Camp living helped the students to their work independently. They returned their homes with many good memories and the love of camping, rooted firmly in their hearts.

Diwali Celebration :-

"Look at how a single candle can both defy and define the darkness."

(Anne frank)

Very well quoted that be the light that helps others see, let light shine out of darkness.

Diwali is the festival of lights and it was celebrated with great aplomb at St. Mary's on 22th October 2019. The students of the Gandhi House with the aid of their House in charges Mrs. Usha and Mrs. Ritika recreated the story of Diwali from the Ramayan. The young actors played their roles on stage with great precision and charm they also created awareness about the true meaning of Diwali and the best ways to celebrate this beautiful festival so that everyone may enjoy it. On this day, rangoli was adorned, lamps were lit and the back drop was a real treat for the eyes. Tiny toddlers were up on

the stage to perform their action song so the dance filled with innocence of classes I,II and III made us feel delighted .

To increase the festivity on high level school management decided to honor the winners of various literary competitions. As the celebration drew to an end, the students wished the Sisters and teachers a Happy Diwali and presented them with earthen lamps painted and decorated by themselves. The School closed for the Diwali Break for a fortnight.

Guru Nanak Jayanti :-

“ He who has no faith in himself can never have faith in God”- (Guru Nanak Ji)
Under the able leadership of Mrs. Darshankaur Saluja the students of Class-V conducted the morning assembly. No one could remove the sight from the scene; because all the children were in Sikh traditional attire. They voiced holy and sacred words from Guru Granth Sahib the holy book of Sikh Dharma. Class also highlighted the major events of Guru Nanak's life. Finally Mrs. Darshan shared the teachings from the life of Guru Nanak Dev with the school family.

Children's Day:-

In the words of Douglas Adams-

“Only a child sees things with perfect clarity, because it hasn't developed all those filters which prevent us from seeing things that we don't expect to see.”

On 14th November, Sr. Amitha and the teachers organised a special prayer service for the students. The teachers prayed for the well being of the students and their loved ones through prayer intentions and a hymn. After which a self-composed melodious song was recited for the students by Sisters and Teachers. Besides this Sr. Sandra and Sr. Asha crafted a humorous act later on the Male Teachers of the School extended the same theme. Everyone laughed openly, school was filled with the spirit of exultation and ecstasy. Last but not the least Children's day message and warm wishes were bestowed by the Principal, Sr. Amitha.

Annual Function:- (Theme- Humanity)

St. Mary's School celebrated its “Annual Function- on the theme-Humanity with great elation and gusto. The spectacular evening began with the inauguration of the Annual Function. The Chief-Guest of the programme was Rt.Rev. Bishop Pius Thomas D'Souza the Bishop of Ajmer. The programme commenced with auspicious lighting of the ceremonial lamp

by the distinguished assembly of guests. The Principal, welcomed the august gathering and spoke about the theme-Humanity.

Humanity is not about maintaining a gracious relationship between one another in the society but it is building a bond among the members of the society with the help of sustainable values. The audience comprising of the parents and guests were captivated by the enchanting performances of the students and soulful symphony of the budding musicians. The guests were also given sumptuous meal at the evening of the programme.

Christmas Celebration:-

What is Christmas?

It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present and hope for the future. Peace on earth will come to stay when we live Christmas.

The students were extremely happy to celebrate the beautiful festival, Christmas. The programme began with a prayer service after which the play 'A Christmas Story' by Mr. Martin was performed by the students of Nehru House. The flagship of the house was commended by Mrs. Nikita Khatri and Mrs. Renu. The stage and Christmas tree both were decorated with Merry Christmas and happy New Year tags. The items contained the message of love and unity. The play brought to the fore the true meaning of Christmas. The delightful celebration included various activities. The Principal, Sr. Amitha enlightened the students about the true meaning of Christmas through a short message. All the students stood there waiting for Santa with great avidity, finally Santa visited and all had fun.

Furthermore, the Christmas joy was shared by the Sisters, Teachers and Students as they presented gifts and sweets to one another.

The students were given Christmas chocolate cake before they left for the Winter Vacation.

(Republic Day)—

The 71th Republic day of India was celebrated with gaiety and patriotic fervour at St. Mary's School. Amidst the foggy morning of 26th January, 2020. Sr. Rashmi the Treasurer of the School unfurled the national flag that was accompanied by the rendition of national anthem. Besides all the children of the school marched rhythmically, danced to the tunes of patriotism, enacted skits, sang patriotic songs and even more wore tri-colored clothes to mark the occasion. The programme moved forward with certificate distribution ceremony meanwhile The Principal declared Tagore House the winner among four houses. Sr. Principal in her address

highlighted the significance of the day, and made the children understand that they are the future of India, so they need to study well now and inculcate good values in life. The day was celebrated with zeal and spirit befitting the occasion in real sense.

Farewell to Class X-- Batch—2019-20

“Every ending has a new beginning.” It is a phenomenal saying by Paulo Coelho that if you are brave enough to say good bye, life will reward you with a new hello.

Early in the morning on 16th February 2020, Sr. Amitha the Principal led the students of the outgoing batch into prayer through a short prayer service which comprised of hymns, a Bible reading and prayer intentions. The entire assembly prayed for the success and well-being of the class X students. The captains of the four houses then expressed their feelings and thanked the institution for its gift of love and knowledge.

The latter part of the day witnessed a scintillating farewell programme organized by Mrs. Usha Karla and students of class IX. With a beautiful backdrop on the theme “Fond Farewell”, the performers moved their seniors to laughter and tears. Interesting games brought out the thrill and excitement. As a gesture of gratitude, Class X presented a song and a thank you speech. The Principal in her speech encouraged Class X to work hard and uphold the values of the school and to keep the light of St. Mary’s burning always.

With a race for photographs, dancing to the most trending numbers, enjoying snacks and later a delightful lunch...it was soon time to finally say goodbye!

CONCLUSION

Our aim is to be one of the leading schools in the community it serves, known and widely acknowledged as a secular institution which develops character and ethical leadership in its students in their pursuit of excellence.

We hope St. Mary’s Convent Secondary School, Ramganjmandi will be recognized as a model for excellence in academics, culture and sports. Each student will demonstrate a spirit of respect, responsibility and a commitment to academic and civic excellence.