

INTRODUCTION

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

Esteemed Chief Guest of the day, Rev.Fr. **T. Eugene** Rector - St. James Academy, contact person - Trichy Diocese, Rev. Fr. **S. Thomas**, Correspondent, honourable members of St. James Academy Management Committee, Rev. Fathers and Sisters, special invitees, beloved colleagues, dear parents and students, good evening to everybody.

On this joyous moment of annual day celebrations, I thank each and every one for your relentless support and encouragement; the dedication and untiring efforts that have taken St. James Academy to the towering heights of success and accomplishments.

With the deep sense of exhilaration and delectation, I present you the annual report of St. James Academy CBSE, for the year 2018-19.

ACADEMICS

The progress of any institution depends on a committed faculty, supportive administrative staff, a large pool of resources, responsive students and co-operative parents. We are indeed very lucky to have all these elements. At present, there are 635 students on roll with 29 teachers, 2 administrative staff and 14 supporting staff.

CUURICULUM

The destiny of a nation is born in the class rooms. We have always been committed to create an environment in the school which helps the young minds to blossom and provide the platform for individual thinking and holistic development of each child's personality. The great social activist Martin Luther King said ***the function of education is to teach one to think intensively and critically. Intelligence plus Character is the goal of true education.*** Our school curriculum has been sincerely striving hard to realize the dreams of this great visionary by providing conducive environment for all round development of students.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The co-scholastic activity develops social interaction and healthy recreation in the atmosphere of formal education. CBSE Board has instructed to allot periods for co-scholastic areas while preparing curriculum framework. Various co-curricular activities were planned and organized systematically throughout the year. The co-scholastic areas such as music, instrumental, yoga and dance classes are conducted regularly.

LEARN THROUGH FUN FOR KINDERGARTEN

Tell me – I forget; Teach me – I remember; Involve me – I learn

Our KG teachers train the children by using flash cards and puzzle games. Various monthly activities such as elocution, story telling, Thirukkural and poetry recitation in English, Tamil and Hindi were organized to enhance the teaching and learning process in the tiny-tots.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Eco club and Art club were inaugurated during the investiture ceremony. The aim of the Eco club is to create awareness among students to keep the class rooms and surroundings neat and clean. The aim of the Art club is to motivate and create inbuilt ability to pictorially draw what they see and dream.

SCOUTS AND GUIDES

In the present unit, there are 25 scouts, 18 cubs, 20 guides and 16 bulbul. Our Scouts and Guides children have been groomed well with the bye-laws.

EXHIBITION

Every child is an artist. Imagination is the source of every form of human achievement. An exhibition from Classes I to VII was conducted on 6th October 2018. Another exhibition for JKG and SKG was held on 5th Jan 2019. Rev. Fr. G. Saminathan was the special guest of the KG Exhibition. Parents have shown keen interest and encouraged all the children. The best exhibits will be awarded with prizes.

ANNUAL EVENTS

It is said that the life is the celebration of awakenings of new beginnings and wonderful surprises that enlighten human soul. The following events were celebrated in the school with befitting zeal.

REOPENING DAY

Classes I to VII and Kindergarten were reopened for the new Academic year on 1st June and 20th June 2018 respectively. Our Correspondent Rev. Fr. S. Thomas welcomed and blessed all the children with prayers.

- International Yoga day was celebrated on 21st June 2018. Our Correspondent gave a brief speech about contribution of yoga and its benefits. Students performed various asanas. Yoga master Mr. Ramasamy advised the students to practice yoga everyday to lead a healthy medicine free life.
- Investiture Ceremony was held on 2nd July 2018. Our Correspondent blessed the school Captain, Vice Captain, House Captains, handed over the badges and briefed them about their responsibilities.
- Karmaveerar Kamarajar's Birthday was celebrated by Class VI & VII students under the guidance of Mrs. Suganya and Mrs. Ramani.
- Our school patron, St. James Feast day was celebrated in our school premises on 25th July 2018 Rev. Father Manohar Doss, Parish Priest, Kallukuzhi was the chief celebrant of the Holy mass accompanied by our Correspondent.

- Independence Day was staged by Cubs, Bulbuls, Scouts and Guides under the guidance of Mr. Suresh Babu, Mrs. Christy, Mrs. Vijidha and Mrs. Sangeetha .
- Our School 3rd Annual Sports Fest was held on 20th August 2018 in our school premises. Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Devararaj , Correspondent St. James Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Trichy was the Chief Guest who presided over the function and distributed the prizes to the winners. The theme of our Sports Fest was 'Unity'. Class events were conducted for all the standards. Further the outstanding performance by the students in mass drill, yoga, Taekwondo & Silambam highlighted their talents. Water House received the shield for the best march past.
- Teachers Day programme was staged by Class V students on 5th September 2018 under the guidance of Mrs. Joice. Our Correspondent presented gifts to all the faculty.
- Diwali celebration was staged by Class IV students on 3rd November 2018 under the guidance of Mrs. Umeshwari and Mrs. Mischell.
- Children's day was celebrated on 14th November 2018 by Class III students under the guidance of Mrs. Lilly and Mrs. Jane. Master Bryan and Master Allan of class I exhibited their unique talents on Dexterous knowledge. A special programme was given by teachers to entertain the students.
- Christmas programme was staged by the Junior and Senior Kindergarten students on 7th December 2018 under the guidance of Mrs. Indrani, Mrs. Christy, Mrs. Cruz, Mrs. Josephine, Mrs.Sumithira, Mrs.Vijidha, Mrs.Amala & Miss. Tabitha.
- Staff Christmas celebration was held on 20th December 2018 under the guidance of Mrs. Faye White and Mrs. Henrita. Teaching and Non-Teaching staff entertained everyone. Principal gave the Christmas message. Our Correspondent greeted everyone with a Christmas gift of Rs. 2500. It was a day of family bond relationship with love and joy.
- Pongal Day celebration was staged by the students of Class II on 12th January 2019 under the guidance of Mrs.Ruby and Mrs. Vijayalakshmi.
- Republic day was celebrated by Class VI & VII scouts and guides under the guidance of Mrs. Ramani.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think.

- On 13th June 2018, Mrs. Henrita attended the Meeting organized by Tiruchy Diocesan Catechetical Commission.
- On 4th September 2018, Mrs. Henrita attended a Meeting for இயேசுவின் கண்மணிகள் இயக்கம் (பாலர்சபை).

- S. Chand Company Ltd organized a work shop in St. James Academy premises on 13th July 2018. The workshop was really useful and interesting.
- On 20th July 2018 “Spell Bee – International language for life” conducted one day seminar. Staff co-ordinator, Mrs. Faye white and Mrs. Umeshwari participated in the seminar.
- On 8th August 2018, Mrs. Umeshwari and Mrs. Theresa attended the orientation programme on “effective teaching of English” by Collin Publishers.
- Orientation programme was conducted for all the teachers by Collin Publishers in St. James Academy Premises on 21st July 2018.
- Mrs. Faye White and Mrs. Cruz attended “TEACH – Teacher Support Teacher Training” organised by the Rotary club of Trichirappalli on 8th September 2018.
- On 15th September 2018 S.Chand Company Ltd organized a workshop on the topic “Science Innovations in Pedagogy” Miss. Sudha and Mrs. Jane attended the workshop.
- on 23rd October 2018 Mrs. Lilly and Mrs. Vijidha attended the meeting organised by St. John Paul Dialogue Centre.
- On 3rd November 2018 Mrs.Indrani, Mrs.Sumithira and Miss. Tabitha attended the orientation programme organized by Ratna Sagar Pvt. Ltd on “Understanding 21st century children”.
- On 24th November 2018 Mrs. Ruby and Mrs. Mischelle attended the workshop organized by Black Swan Publishers on the theme ‘21st century learning skills and changing Role of Teacher’.
- On 24th November 2018 Madhuban Educational Books organized a workshop for Kindergarten Teachers on ‘Pedagogy of Early Childhood Care and Education of KG children’ Mrs. Indrani, Mrs.Christy, Mrs.Cruz, Mrs.Sumithira, Mrs.Vijidha, Mrs. Josephine and Miss. Tabitha attended the workshop.
- On 8th December 2018, Mrs. Vijayalakshmi & Mrs. Deepa attended the workshop organized by Cambridge University Press.

- On 11th August 2018 Mrs. J. Jaqueline Principal, attended the CBSE Principals Meeting organized by the CEO, Trichy on Process documentation for the grant of Government recognition for all CBSE schools.
- On 12th December 2018 Mrs. J. Jaqueline Principal, attended the Principal Meet conducted by Oxford University Press to update on the recent changes in educational system. Resource person Mr. Ajith Prasad Jain gave the Principals an indepth analysis of CBSE new bylaws.

COMPETITIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Mastery of thought and emotion is the key to all winning.

- Kalvi Valarchinaal competitions such as Singing, Drawing, Painting, Elocution, Poem Recitation and Essay writing were organized from Junior Kindergarten to Class VII students. The winners were awarded with prizes on the Kamarajar Birthday Celebrations.
- Diocesan school level Essay Writing competition for Teachers was conducted. Our teacher Mrs. Cruz secured 3rd place on the topic 'Impact of Social Media in the life pattern'.
- Master Tony Milton of Class V has secured First place and Miss. Ananya of Class IV has secured second place in the Diocesan school level catechism and moral exams.
- Trichy Diocesan Catechetical Commission Annual Day competitions were held on 10th August 2018. The winners of various events are
- Master. Johan Amos of Class I received the Ist prize & Master. Jaffrey Joseph of Class II won the 2nd prize **in Fancy dress.**
- Miss. Saadhana and Master. Arul Kishore Kumar of Class III won the 2nd prize **in story telling.**
- Miss. Shivani & Master Sanjay Prasad of Class VII, Miss. Hemavarshini, Miss. Karishma Begum & Master. Tony Milton of Class VI bagged the Ist prize **in the English skit on 'Humanity beyond Religion'.**
- Miss. Tiny Rachel of Class IV, Miss. Vijayashri, Miss. Nandhini & Miss. R.D.Atchaya of Class V won the 2nd prize **in the Group Dance .**

- One more Feather in the Cap of St. James Academy CBSE. On 13th October 2018, Thamarai International School, Thanjavur organized Arohan Inter School Cultural Competitions on the theme “ Empowering the Youth”. Totally 46 students from Class VI & VII participated in dance, singing, instrumental, mono acting, mime, drama and Enact of Advertisement under the guidance of Mrs. Faye White, Mrs. Mischell, Mrs. Gige , Mrs. Amala, Mrs. Suganya, Mrs.Joice, Mrs. Ramani, Mrs. Ajantha, Mrs.Vijidha and Mrs.Sangeetha. Out of 50 schools participated our school has grabbed OVERALL THIRD PRIZE of a colour printer. Our students have brought laurels to our school by securing over all second place in all the 8 events. Congratulations to all 46 students who have participated with enthusiasm and exhibited their skills and talents for their achievements.
 - Master Yashwanth of Class VII and Master Joel Rosario of Class VI attended the written Quiz competition on 3rd December 2018 organized by the Postal Department of India.
 - Miss.Vaidorya of Class VI won the gold coin in the Design’s School Art exhibition and Drawing competition.
 - Miss. Karishma Shree of Class IV and Master. Puvan Kumar of Class III won the Championship Trophy for Abacus.
 - Miss. R.N. Lajjana of Class VI received Runner up I place in Abacus and mental Arithmetic Course District level – Madurai.
 - Quiz contest was organized by Mrs. Faye White and Mrs. Ramani and Spell Bee contest was organized by Mrs. Ruby and Mrs. Umeshwari for all the students from Classes I to VII. The winners were awarded with prizes on the Children’s Day Celebrations.
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- On 26th July 2018 students from Classes I to VII visited the Mobile Museum in our school campus. It had a collection of ancient coins, stamps, tools, species and monuments. Students gained knowledge about our culture and tradition.
 - The Regional Head Post office of Tamil Nadu, Chennai has conducted ‘Letter writing competition’ on 9th August 2018 for Classes VI and VII in our school premises on the title “Letter to my Mother Country”, in three languages Tamil, English and Hindi. 28 students and some of our teachers have participated and expressed their skill of writing letters in a formative way.
 - On 14th November 2018, students from Class VI & VII visited the Mini Philatelic Exhibition at Philatelic Bureau, Trichy organized by the Postal Department, India.

- Trichy Corporation organized an awareness programme entitled “Changes from the Students”. The main aim of the programme was to inculcate the habit of segregating the garbage into degradable and non-degradable. Miss. R.Abinaya of Class VII received the 1st prize, a bicycle, Miss. K. Tahillela Tasneem of Class III ‘A’ received the 2nd prize, a Watch & Master. V. Sabari Kannan of Class IV received the 3rd prize, a Dictionary from Trichy Collector.
- On 1st August 2018, Class VII students attended the Mega Traffic Rules Training Camp organized by the Exnora International & Trichy City Police at Childrens Traffic Park, Old Collectorate Road, Trichy.
- On 19th February 2019, Class VI & VII students were taken for a tree walk in “பசுமைப் பூங்கா” Edamalaipattipudhur, Trichy.
- Our Art Master Mr. Deepan Chakkaravarthy participated in the Firefly Art Quest for Art Teachers organized by Chetna Publications .

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Besides academic excellence our students have taken the school flag high in the field of sports under the able guidance of Mr Suresh Kumar, Physical Education Teacher.

- Master. Hari Prasath of Class IV received in Kumse fighting Gold, Bronze and Silver medals .
- Master. J. Bala Suriya of Class II received third prize in Silambam.

In 11th Junior Athletic Meet under 12 years the following students got prizes

- Master. K. Rohith Priyan Kumar of Class VII – 100 mtr – I place, 400 mtr– II place
- Miss. C. L. Sajithaa of Class VII - 100 mtr – I place, Long jump - III place
- Miss . C. L. Kanishka of Class IV - Long jump - I place, Ball throw - III place

- Miss. K. Kaviyya of Class VI won the Tamil Nadu State Sub-junior in Taekwondo with Gold and Silver Medals and she has been selected to represent Tamil Nadu at the National Level.
- Master. C. Pilahari of Class VI was awarded with Gold medal in Archery at the state level.
- Master. T. Rohith of SKG C was awarded with Gold medal in 50 mtrs at the Pongal Festival Athletic Championship.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

‘When students improve attendance rate, they improve their academic prospects’. 35 students from JKG to Class VI did not take any leave and they were awarded with the badges and certificates. Faculty Miss. Sudha, Mrs. Amala and Mrs. Tamil Selvi received Rs. 3000 /- cash award for their cent percent attendance.

COUNSELING SESSIONS AND AWARENESS PROGRAMME

Awareness is the key ingredient in success. On a periodical basis, School Counselor interacts with the children and their parents. Based on the need, she makes appropriate recommendation regarding the need for special help to the teachers and parents. Group counseling and awareness programmes for students are also organized at regular intervals.

STAFF TOUR

‘Travel and change of place impart new vigour to the mind’.

19 Teaching staff and 13 Non-teaching staff along with our Correspondent went on a four days trip to Cochin from 24th to 28th September 2018. It was a pleasant and memorable trip for everyone.

MEDICAL CAMP

On 9th July 2018 Nilavembu Kashayam was given to all the students from classes I to VII by the Trichy City Corporation.

On 27th November 2018 Dental & Eye check up camp were organized for students from JKG to Class VII by Elim garments Textiles in our school premises.

OPEN DAY

We firmly believe that the positive communication between parents and teachers goes a long way in improving the efficacy of education.

Parent – Teacher Meet was held on 6th October 2018, after the Quarterly and Pre- Terminal Exam, on 5th January 2019 after the Half-Yearly and Terminal – I Examination to review the progress of the students and seek parents participation and feedback.

REMEDIAL CLASSES

Remedial classes were conducted from 8th October 2018 by the subject teachers for the slow learners from 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. every day to improve their performance in studies.

NEW BUILDING CONSTRUCTION:

‘You can design and create, and build the most wonderful place in the world. But it takes people to make the dream a reality’.

Our new school building construction work was started on 4th June 2018. The construction work is in good progress. Let us all pray to the Almighty to shower his gracious blessings for the successful completion of our new school building work at the earliest.

CONCLUSION

We set standards and goals for ourselves and strive to achieve excellence in them. *I would like to express my deep sense of gratitude to our correspondent, the management, all the members of my staff, parents and the student community whose whole hearted cooperation has enabled us to complete all our tasks successfully*

I want to tell my children that the great things never come from the comfort zone. Nothing will work unless you work hard. Believe in yourselves and conquer your goals.

Share your smile with the world. It is a symbol of friendship and peace. Above all I thank the Almighty for His wondrous works.

Thank you, PRAISE THE LORD