



ST. NORBERT SCHOOL

Chowhalli, T. Narasipura

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

1. INTRODUCTION

It is truly a matter of immense pleasure and great honour to present the annual report of our School for the academic year 2020-21. The school is situated amidst extremely exhilarating and refreshing surroundings with a total strength of 1013 students from nursery to class IX. Although, the year 2019-2020 ended unexpectedly, due to worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, creating fear and uncertainty in academic life of children, St. Norbert School kept striving to achieve its desired goals.

2. INAUGURATION OF AY 2020-21

The academic year 2020-21 was inaugurated virtually on 7 June 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the lockdown declared in the Karnataka State. A well-planned inaugural ceremony was organized with different cultural activities and the virtual inauguration was a new experience for students as well as teachers. From 8 June, we began classes online through ZOOM platform.

3. ONLINE AND OFFLINE CLASSES

A major portion of the classes for the AY 2020-21 was conducted online as schools could not be opened due to the Pandemic situation. Online teaching and learning was not easy initially, as teachers and students were not prepared for it. However, after a month's preparations and training, teachers as well as students slowly got into the "new normal" — the online teaching and learning. During this lockdown, St. Norbert School took maximum care in educating children and providing best possible opportunities.



With the permission from Karnataka government, we conducted offline classes for grades 6 to 9 from January to March 2021. These three months of on campus teaching and learning provided the teachers as well as students ample opportunities of interacting with one another and gave better learning outputs. On campus examinations were conducted for grade 9 in the beginning of March. After declaring the grade 9 results, students were promoted to grade 10 and we began classes for them from 22 March, 2021. However, the school extended the academic year 2020-21 for grades KG to 8 to mid-May 2021, with the aim of providing the best for children and completing the portions. From mid-May annual examinations were conducted and children were promoted to the next level of learning.

4. FAREWELL TO FR. SALU JACOB, THE FOUNDING MANAGER

The story of St. Norbert School begins with the first visit of Rev. Fr. Salu Jacob, its founder, to T. Narasipura in 2012. It was his untiring zeal and commitment to the education of rural children that paved the way for the establishment of St. Norbert school in 2015. His commitment to the cause played a pivotal role to enhance its speedy progression. In the process of actualizing his dream, he started his missionary work and



social service under ‘Sangama Rural Initiative’. This humble beginning gained popularity and received ceaseless support and love from all corners of the society. All that contributed to the triumphant journey of Fr. Salu was his sense of belongingness to the place and people he worked with.

As Fr. Salu is transferred from T. Narasipura, the entire school community on 29 August, 2020, organized a send-off gathering to express their deep sense of gratitude and appreciation to him for his dedicated service in the field of education. Thank you Fr. Salu for all that you have been to the people of T. Narasipura.

5. THE SCHOOL WELCOMES FR. DR. JOSE MURICKAN-THE NEW MANAGER

On 29 August, 2020, Fr. Dr. Jose Murickan was given an official welcome as the new Manager of St. Norbert School. Fr. Jose holds a doctorate in Social Communications from Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome. He is also the former Director of the National Institute of Social Communications, Research and Training (NISCORT), New Delhi, the premier media institution of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI).

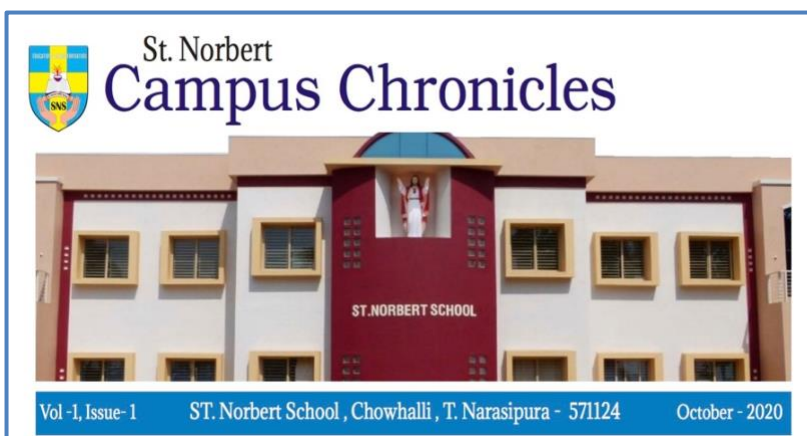


6. ST. NORBERT SCHOOL GETS CBSE AFFILIATION

We are very happy to announce that our school received the General Affiliation up to Secondary Level from Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), New Delhi on 16 December, 2020. This affiliation is initially for a period of three years, and the affiliation number is 831041. We are grateful to Rev. Fr. Salu Jacob, the former Manager, Mr. Moksha Gundam, the Principal, Mrs. Pushpica Tirkey, the headmistress, the teaching and non-teaching staff of our school, who worked day and night to achieve this milestone. The affiliation with CBSE board warms our heart and at the same time it also increases our responsibility collectively to be more effective in terms of teaching and learning outcomes.

7. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER “Campus Chronicle” INAUGURATED

A thought that has been enduring in my mind, when it becomes real is truly an interesting and exciting experience. To start a newsletter for the school was one such cherished work and it was officially inaugurated from October, 2020. The

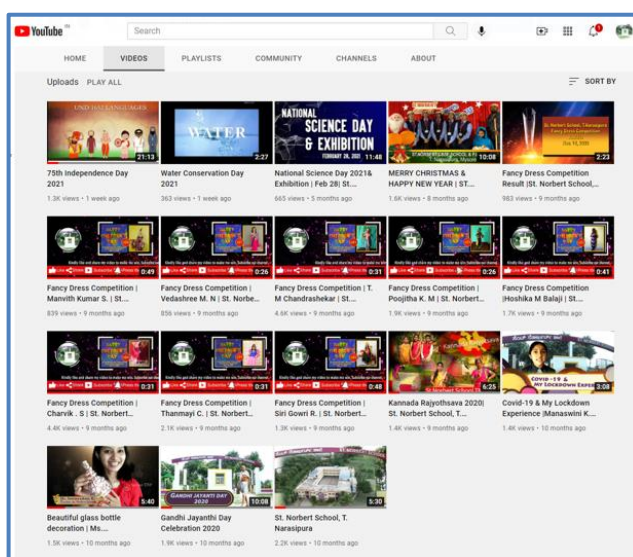


newsletter not only reflects the achievements of the school, but its aspirations and dreams which it has to realize in the coming years. It is aimed to provide an excellent window for the budding

writers to hone their communication skills through poems, stories, features, articles etc. ‘St. Norbert Campus Chronicle’—the e-newsletter of the school—serve as a mile stone which unleashes a wide spectrum of creative skills and wings of ambition. We hope that this initiative will provide students with opportunities so that they can soar like falcons to touch the skies and endeavour to make them the global citizens who can look beyond geographical boundaries and promote a culture of peace and universal brotherhood. We extend our greetings and appreciation to Rev. Fr. Rajesh, the Chief Editor, members of the Editorial Board, and to all the contributors for making this newsletter a reality.

8. SCHOOL YouTube CHANNEL INAUGURATED

The long cherished dream of St. Norbert School to develop a YouTube channel was actualized in December 2020. The channel is aimed to introduce children to different formats of media. Teachers should act as a guide and friend to the students to allow them to grow as individuals so that they can flower their latent talents in video production, scripting, anchoring, sound editing etc. The channel will function under the guidance of media club and we



hope to produce videos on academics, festivals and cultures and on any topic of interests for children and general society which are educative.

9. COVID-19 FEE DISCOUNT FOR THE AY 2020-21

In responding to the plight of ordinary people and the economic struggles caused by the covid-19 pandemic, St. Norbert School management decided to give fee discount to all students for the academic year 2020-21. Different discount slabs were announced in the following manner. While 50% fees discount was given to grades 1 & 2, 40% were given to students from grades 3 to 5. Students from grades 6 to 9 received 30% fees discount.

10. TEACHERS' TRAINING AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

AY 2020-21 was so special both for teachers and students. A major portion of classes were conducted online due to Covid-19 pandemic. Also, 2020-21 introduced new systems of teaching and learning in line with the national education policy (NEP). Initially, both teachers as well as students were not comfortable with the online/digital platforms. It required added skills for teachers in conducting classes, examinations etc., and so, the school introduced different skill development training programs. While most of the programs were online, some of them were conducted offline. Besides, the subject based training programs, teachers also participated in various online certificate courses offered by the CBSE. Understanding the features of NEP, art integrated learning, 21 century learning skills, classroom management, communication skills, public speaking skills etc., were some of the programs that teachers attended.

11. EXAMINATIONS

Besides the Annual exams and Term exams; Periodic Assessments (PA) and evaluations were conducted for students according to the CBSE norms, and children's progress were informed to parents as and when needed. Multiple assessments, Subject enrichment activities, portfolio making were also conducted as part of the internal assessment system.

12. PTA ACTIVITIES

Online and offline parents meetings; depending on the situations, were conducted with parents along with the class teacher, subject teachers, co-ordinators and Principal. The students' difficulties with online educations like lack of android mobile phones, issues with networks, loss of jobs, financial difficulties, fear of the virus etc. were discussed in the meetings.

13. COVID -19 AWARENESS PROGRAMS

Various programs for creating awareness among children and parents related to Covid-19 were organized by the school. It included short videos and posters, instructions on hygiene and mental health and Covid-19 guidelines and protocols. They were sent on WhatsApp groups to students and parents.

14. CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Along with the intellectual formation of students, St. Norbert school also gives ample opportunities for the holistic development of children who are our future generation. Students are taken care of their emotional, psychological, cultural and behavioural developments throughout the academic curriculum. Various activities are organized from early years of education for developing their creativity and latent talents. They are also aimed at inculcating sound moral values, a sense of individual responsibility, self-reliance and social awareness. Some of the programs of the AY 2020-21 are as follows.

Sl. No	Event/Competitions	Date	Mode
01	Teachers Day	5 September, 2020	Online
02	Gandhi Jayanthi	2 October	Released video
03	Kannada Rajyothsava	1 November, 2020	Online, uploaded video
04	Children's Day	9 November, 2020	Inter class competitions, Online
05	Constitution Day	26 November, 2020	Online
06	Story Telling	28 November, 2020	Online
07	One Child, One Plant Drive	30 December, 2020	Online
08	Maths Promotion Test	06 February, 2021	On campus
09	Science Exhibition	27 February, 2021	On campus

15. CONCLUSION

The academic year 2020-21 was so special due to the Covid -19 pandemic. The on campus teaching and learning was shifted to online platforms and the teachers and students faced various difficulties in coping with the new normal. However, the year brought lots of innovative changes which made our efforts all the more rewarding. The Covid -19 pandemic taught us new lessons on developing positive approaches for setting better goals amid uncertain times. We pray for the healing of those affected across the world, for peace and good health to all mankind.