

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

"Bible quote"

Most distinguished Chief guest.....

Good morning all!

We heartedly invite you to glimpse of all our expeditions and hardships and excitements celebrated as we march towards success.

We take pleasure in summing up all our commitment which carried us to face various challenges in our drive through, during the academic year 2023-24.

This Annual Report comprises of the achievements and excellence made during the year gone by which started from the illuminating "Stems Luminance" which was on 28th Nov 2022. The presence of the sub- Ms.Sweta Nagarkoti IAS,Sub-Collector was a real blessing.....

The breath taking performance by Mr.Sumesh Kootikkal stole the show. An event like this is set to showcase the student's inherent calibre and expertise through various items.

And today on this festive occasion I really feel proud and honoured to be a part of this Stella family and with your permission let me unfold before you the reflections of the year gone by moving forward with the sole motto of "Lighted for Life".

We at Stella Maris showcase our students creating an eco-system encouraging young minds to be equipped with all the 21st century skills thriving in the rapidly changing environment to foster a better world for tomorrow with the goal of Learning for Life.

Scholastic Achievements..

Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all love of what you are doing or learning to do....

Our students displayed exemplary performance in the SSE examinations of 2022-23.

Here is a glimpse of the big achievements that our children brought home. Among 38 students who appeared for SSE examinations, 36 secured distinction and 2 first classes. This academic excellence merited high positions among 70 schools in Pathanamthitta district. The board results indeed added a sparkle to life with centums achieved by master **Midhun Joshy** and kumari **Leya Chinna Sajan** in social science Kum.**Amritha Arun** in Malayalam along with Kum.**Aleena Mary Mathew** in Information Technology.

Master **Midhun Joshy** showed an exception performance by scoring 480 marks out of 500 and is the school topper with 98% marks.

Just behind is **Alwin V Binoj** with 96.4%,**Juvina Shan Mathews** 95.2%, kum **Aleena Mary Mathew** 96%

95.2% Larissa Abraham 95% and they are the shining stars of Stella Maris.

Our academic excellence and prudence is to provide a meaningful and fruitful educational experience through activity oriented classes and we encourage outside class room learning where students come in close contact with the environment which builds a strong bond between human and nature.

Attitudes and habits formed very early in one's life. What children learn in their impressionable childhood years stays with them throughout their lives. As we all know, these children constitute the future of our Nation.....

Thank you dears you have really made us proud.....

The Central Travancore Sahodaya Complex Merit day 2023

We were indeed so fortunate to host the CTSC Merit day 2023 in our school to honour the top scorers in SSE and SSCE and our Children were the shining stars there .. they were honoured by the Former Vice Chancellor, M G University Kottayam Mr.Babu Sebastine who was the chief guest.....

Competitive Exams

Preparing children for scholarship exams help them to get a outside text view concentrate more on boosting up their general knowledge. Here in Stella we conduct a number of scholarship exams to help children grow with the present pace of the learning era.

***PCM Scholarship exam**

Almost approximately 300 students participated in the preliminary exam which was held on 3rd Nov.

***SEAS (State Educational Achievement Survey)**

90 students from grade III,VI and IX were randomly selected and the test was conducted on the same day i.e 3rd Nov 2023.

***Philately Scholarship Exam**

To nurture patience, persistence and teaching students about everything from ancient history to modern graphic design, the philatelic club conducted a scholarship exam this year too and the results are awaited.

Special Remedial Teaching:

School also envisages on the reading habit of the students .Special reading activities and classes are arranged for all students where teachers train the students to read in all three languages...

Teachers also take up special classes for slow learners with the motive that students of Stella Maris do not lag where academics is concerned.

We have also appointed “**student teachers** “of the senior classes of VII,VIII and IX to each class as they reach early in school and who are having good leadership qualities as they could guide the young students in their academics.

Team Stella

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress and working together is success."

We at Stella Maris make up a total of ___ students and ___ teaching faculties and supporting staff.

We are lead by a very promising staff who work tirelessly taking the school to the new zenith of excellence.

Our faculty members have put in immense effort to create an environment that is both conducive to learning.

ORIENTATION AND WORKSHOPS:

"Learning is a process, and to become a master, there must be an extended process of revision and reflection."

Teacher Empowerment programs:

Teachers are continuously updating themselves attending various training programs to keep them updated with enhancement of understanding of curriculum and delivery mechanism and other personal qualities, conducted by CBSE, Sahodaya complex and other renowned agencies in order to keep in track with the New Educational Policy (NEP 2020)

- Product orientation program 23-24 for teachers teaching in classes 1-5 on the 19th of May this year.
- An orientation program for teachers of Grade I to X was conducted on 22th May 2023. Resource person- Ms Shiby Anand (Associate Vice Principal, Excelsior English school, Kottayam).
- An orientation program for teachers of Grade I&II was conducted on 15th July 2023.
- There was a Orientation program for KG teachers was also conducted.
- Promoting mental well-being and Resilience in the class room was another orientation program was initiated by Rev Fr Jaison Kurian.

“They give us the wings to fly when we thought we won’t even walk ever, in our every success and glory, let’s remember the teacher’s behind every stay.

The Teacher’s day celebration in Stella Maris was a very memorable and a heart touching one.

Student Empowerment programs:

Several empowerment programs were organized in school:

- ❖ Exam enhancement program by Rev Fr Shaji Thumpechirayil (a renowned inspirational speaker and musical artist) on 07.02.2023 for the students of class IX and X to develop confidence to appear for the Board Exam.
- ❖ Exam enhancement program by Ms. Smitha Sara Varghese, Motivational, Fitness and English Language speaker on 04.03.2023 for the students of

class I toVIII to develop confidence to appear for the Annual Examination 2022-23.

- ❖ A class on cyber awareness program for students by Shri Aravindakshan PB,Sub Inspector of police Cyber cell,Pathanamthitta.
- ❖ Yet another class on Personality Development Skills was very well taken by Mr Sijo Francis, Motivational speaker cum trainer....
- ❖ Students of grade IX and X had an orientation program on the topic **Adolescent Challenges** was conducted on 18th Oct 2023 and the resource person was Ms Liji John.....

School accentuates on growth of each subject and value their importance in our daily lives and to lighten this subject spirit we celebrate each day in Stella Maris with difference and splendor related to each of our subjects.

Language Skills

Communicating skillfully is a very important part of any human being, for which we concentrate on LSRW skills which not only contributes to understanding oneself but also helps in critical thinking and building relationship through effective communication.

Reading Day/Week

We celebrated the Reading day on June 19th this year with a whole lot of literary activities.

Recognizing the importance of reading, Stella Maris celebrated Reading week in all three languages viz English, Hindi and Malayalam students actively participated in the activities during the language periods where teachers were facilitators.

- ❖ The activities conducted were **Reading aloud, elocution essay writing and highlight of the day was the mass run with the slogan “Reading for empowerment “and “donate a book”**

- ❖ A three-day book fair was conducted by the National Books in our school where students and all book lovers including our parents also got an opportunity to be a part of it.
- ❖ National Hindi Divas was celebrated on September where students made placards on Hindi idioms, a speech was delivered and importance of promoting the language was also instilled in each class by the Hindi department of our school.
- ❖ We are also a member of the “Nallapadom” program initiated by the “Balajana Sakhyam of Manorama daily where activities of students are being highlighted in the dailies, here again students show their talents outside classrooms and evoked a sense of patriotism for the state and nation as a whole
- ❖ Read challenge exam was organized by the CBSE where students had to give a preliminary exam and students were then short listed and only the selected students answered the final round and results are awaiting.

To hone reading and writing skills in children and keep them updated with general information, 10 Malayala Manorama Newspaper was sponsored by Mr. Zachariah, former president of Rotary Club, Thiruvalla. Our Principal Rev.Sr. Elize DM also initiated to subscribe The Hindu and Deepika to our school.

We have also initiated to distribute childrens magazines like “Snehasena”, Tik-Tik life and other childrens magazines to the students waiting for the evening school van second trip to instill a strong foundation of reading skills in children right from their early childhood

Scientific Skill:

Strengthening knowledge and skills mathematics is critically important to prepare the next generation of innovators, problem solvers and interdisciplinary thinkers, with this motive our science and math department teachers are always on their toes busy preparing our children for the future.

Environmental Initiatives

To increase the scientific temperament of children and to make them realize the need to protect and preserve our environment and love the nature, we celebrated the world Environment Day on 5th June we planted a Jack Fruit sapling by the students of grade X and our School Gardener; Sadhu uncle. Chingam 1st being national farmers day, children planted almost 20 coconut saplings in school campus. A Medicinal Garden and a Vegetable Garden were also an initiative taken up by the respected Sisters of our school.

We promote growing of trees in the courtyard especially fruit trees and Flower Garden which would invite birds and butterflies to our campus and thus become nature friendly.

Science Exhibition

Sci-Tech Mostra 2K23 was conducted in a grand manner with Dr. Manu Oommen, Principal of St. Mary's College for Women and a well-known ornithologist being the guest of the day added to the limelight of the function, there students got a platform to exhibit their kinesthetic skills.

Health Checkup

- An EYE Checkup was conducted on 4th October
- A Dental checkup was also arranged on 26th October.

Math Skills:

Mathematics is often considered challenging by the students but with the right guidance and approach it can be an enjoyable and rewarding experience which improves the problem solving skills in students.

Here in Stella our Math teachers are really proficient in their subject and make learning effortless through their activities and thus age-old traditional saying has proved fatal with these of dedicated teachers.

To promote the mathematical skills, we celebrated the “National Mathematical Day” on December 22nd 2022 where in students showed extra ordinary interest with the various activities organized in connection to mathematics.

- ❖ Arya Bhatta Ganit challenge exam is conducted every year where three students showed up a remarkable performance and went into the finals which was an online exam.
- ❖ Students also paved way to an enchanting array of mathematical still models and working models exhibited every year for the “Science exhibition”

Social Skills:

To awaken in students an awareness of Social and Economic realities in the world around them and to bring a sense of Social responsibilities, to develop in them qualities of leadership we have an efficient team of teachers who guide the students enthusiastically to build a responsible society in future.

The Social Science team of Stells Maris conducted a number of programs to evoke a sense of patriotism, love and compassion through the following activities.

- ❖ “Meet the Candidate Programme” and the school parliamentary Election was held by the Social Science Club backed by the “Red House” members was held on 30th of June 2023 where in even our tiny tots from Grade I experienced the feel of Election by casting their votes which rejuvenated the students of their commitment to the society and the Nation as a whole.
- ❖ The investiture Ceremony Programme was held on the 1st of August and Mr. Sajesh Kumar CI of Police, Koipuram was the guest of the day. The former cabinet members handed over their charges to the newly elected members who assumed office are:
 - Head Boy- Master. Alen P Alex X A
 - Head Girl- Master. Anna Mariam Jacob X B

- Arts Club Secretary – Kum. Haritha R Josh X B
- Sports Captain – Master. Jeremy Jacob Varghese X B
- Magazine Editor – Master. Dan John Saji IX A
- Media Club Secretary – Kum. Aiswarya R G X A

Independence Day

The 77th Independence Day was celebrated with great favor and grandeur with the unfluring of the National Flag by the Principal Rev. Sr. Elize D M, the day witnessed by an enchanting patriotic dance performed by our tiny tots of classes I and II. A fancy dress by two KG section and patriotic song competition was the limelight of the day.

The school witnessed the importance of various important days in the India history and all these dates were very well depicted by the students during assemblies. These days were observance of the partition horrors, anti-drugs day constitution day, Unity Day, Vigilance days and Swach hi sewa campaign.

Onam Celebrations

This year our students welcomed Onam with all its grandeur conducting various competitions like Athappookkalam, Onappattu etc. which evoke the sense of oneness and patriotism among all the students.

Gandhi Jayanti

The Mahatma Gandhi's contribution towards bringing peace and nonviolence to the world is unparalleled. We too evoked these qualities into our students by paying homage to the Farther of the Nation. We celebrated Gandhi Jayanti on October 3rd during the morning assembly by the blue house members.

Children's Day

Childrens day celebrations was initiated by the blue house members on 14th November which showcased a different activities initiated by the staff members was a treat to the children.

Co-Scholastic Competitions and Achievements

The school looks at each learner as a unique “Whole Person” with inherent special capabilities and unlimited potential by providing a conducive and encouraging environment, the learners are mentored to participate in a variety of Inter and Intra school activities and competitions which helps them not only to showcase their talents and hone their skills which leads to the growth of their physical, social, intellectual and spiritual wellbeing.

Success has wedged its way into various contests, art cultural and literary events at the inter school cultural fests

“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much”

Natyadwani 2K23

This year the Arts festival “Natyadwani 2K23 was celebrated in a grand manner as the grand fiesta was inaugurated by Mr. Rajeev Kovilakam Art Director, Ms. Suja PM introduced the chief guest and our students displayed their talents under four consecutive houses RED, BLUE, GREEN and YELLOW and the 1st prize winners were selected for the District Sahodaya Arts festival.

CTSC KALOTSAV 2023

We participated for _____ CTSC Kalotsav this year with 65 students participating for stage a Non-stage activity, students performed really well and we stood in the **2nd position overall** in the secondary level.

As a part of Childrens day celebrations the Kerala State Pensioners Association had organized a Malayalam Elocution for children of different age groups, where in students represented our school and proved to be

Physical Education

Sports has the vast potential to better the game of life itself, besides promoting physical fitness, it lays importance an healthy life styles and helps in developing social skills.

The success of our students in sports bears testimony to the school’s endeavors in encouraging sporting as well as our students indomitable will and skill to win.

The Annual Sports Meet 2023 “SPARK 23” took place on 30th October which was declared open by Col-Vijayakumar Indian Army.

The highlight of the function was the lighting of the Olympic Torch ceremony depicting the symbol of peace, friendship, tolerance and hope this task was performed by the sports champs of last year’s Sahodaya sports meet. The torch bearers were

- Master Aaron C Alex - X B
- Kumari. Anushka S - VII A
- Kumari. Misriya Ubaid - VIII A
- Master. Aaron Jacob - IX A
- Kumari. Sunidhi Devi - X B

We have a very promising strong and enthusiastic budding basket ball (under 16 girls and boys) team who has won laurels to our institution with the very special mention of a very promising and dedicated Basket ball coach Mr Pratheesh Prasad who takes the initiative to train as well as expose our children for inter school competitions.

- ❖ The school achieved the 1st place in the “Dionz Trophy” a basketball tournament at Mar Dionysius Senior Secondary School, Mallappally and Kum. Sreya Mary Saji bagged the Best player award.
- ❖ We were also very fortunate to host a Basket ball carnival which included teams from in and around Pathanamthitta Dist on the 27th of June 2023
- ❖ Our school also got a golden chance to participate in the NBA basketball tournament held in Girideepam Bethany public school Kottayam and our team performed well.
- ❖ School also hosted a Football Tournament, **Mar Joseph Kuzhinjalil Ruby Jubilee Memorial Trophy** held in connection with the Ruby Jubilee of Mar Joseph Kuzhinjalil, founder of Daughters of Mary congregation, which was

inaugurated by Mr Jolly Alexander President Football Association Pathanamthitta.

Yoga Day

This year the international Yoga day was celebrated on 21st of June with the Theme “Yoga for Vasudeva Kudumbakam” or Yoga for the welfare of all as “One world one family” is the theme for International Yoga Day 2023.

Simple practical sessions were performed by the students and members of teaching faculty.

A beautiful Yoga dance was also performed by the students under the leadership of our PE Instructor, Ms. Jincy P J.

Art and cultural Education

Including art and culture in the classroom has several benefits ,one of the most prominent being encouragement of student innovation and expression

Stella Maris encourages our young budding artists in numerable ways to bring out their innate talents and provides a greater exposure of these Talented budding artists to the outside world.

Here these children with good drawing skills are recognized and are given special training for drawing and painting in and outside school...

Students are given oppurtunities during all programs for stage decorations and notice board displays which triggers their creative skills where they show their talents in form of poster designing and chat displays etc ...kumara Anzana Shafeek of class IXB has shown extra ordinary Talents in this field by preparing Greeting Cards and Chart displays....

❖ CCA fest

Special training is given to children during their CCA periods by trained personnel in Music, Art and Craft, Games such as Basketball and Football,

Martial Arts (Kalari and Karate), Dance and Spoken English where students can uplift their innate talents grow which paves way to the all-round development of a child!

There was a CCA fest organized in school on the 31st March 2023 where children got chance to showcase their talents which really rocked the show and filled with lot of fun and frolic and splendor.....

- ❖ Approx.80 of our students participated for **Deepika Colour India** painting competition held in connection with 77th Independence day celebration awaiting the results.....

Morning Assemblies

School emphasis on developing a feeling of unity and bringing up children in good social behavior, facilitate moral and realistic development and to acquaint a team spirit we have morning assemblies being conducted every day in the school campus and a moral value being delivered by each teacher every day. Assemblies are conducted in all three languages-English, Hindi and Malayalam.

School Publications

We released a magazine '**Inspiria**' by Mr John Peter which was a real platform for the students to express their unique creative talents and expand their mental horizons as well as it instills a sense of achievement in them.

Value Education

Value education equips students with skills to make ethical decisions even in challenging situation which builds a sense of critical thinking and productivity in our children.

And we are very blessed that these classes are handled by our dearest sisters, Our Vice Principal Rev Sister Rose Margret DM is in charge of the Value education classes where in we instill good values and morals in children through various hands on activities, stories and songs which builds a strong foundation in students.

We have also appointed a a full time wellness teacher to help our children cope up with the mental challenges they face in their life and bring up a balance between their studies and the problems they face.

❖ Stella Maris Day celebration:

Stella Maris, Star of the Sea”

Stella Maris day was celebrated with much devotion and spiritual well being. There was a novena for nine days which included the decoration of the grotto and a small prayer session next to it which were all initiated by the students of Classes I to X.

We have a special prayer cell in school wherein all teachers assemble in the prayer hall during the evenings and seeking and instilling God,s grace in all facets of life...

Media Literacy

SM2k23 FM radio: This year too the FM Radio is a pakka entertainment during lunch breaks which promotes creativity through the various music programs, story telling and a good general knowledge quizzes being initiated by our talented students through their voices.

P T A

The parent teachers association of Stella Maris EM School is a powerful and influential Association that promotes a forum for the smooth functioning of the school.

Representatives of parents from each of the classes were chosen by the other parent community which formed as the PTA Executive committee members and I am indeed glad that we have a team of very enthusiastic, educated and Jubilant set of executives who very actively participate in every program conducted in school and is lead by a very promising PTA President Mr. Shijo Jacob elected by the executives who plays an important role in the activities of the school.

Parents Interface

The school places a lot of importance in maintaining a cordial relationship with the parents with extra care being provided to attend every individual issue brought for attention. We are very thankful to our parent community for being very supportive and cordial.....

CONCLUSION

Thus, the educational journey at Stella Maris E.M School goes beyond imparting knowledge. Through carefully planned inter-disciplinary Scholastic and Co-Scholastic programmes we endeavor to equip our learner with necessary life skills and values that help them face the challenges of life in a confident and courageous manner.

As we continue our journey further into the 21st century, we are conscious and committed to our roles as a part of social transformation for sustainable development. In all efforts, we have always been ably guided by the edurite

“Rev. Sr. Isabel Manadan (Educational Councillor) I take this vision, unsurpassed knowledge and the willing Co-operation in all our ventures to motivate us to scale yet greater heights of excellence...

Thank you.....