

Annual Report 2024-25

Good evening!!!

I cordially invite you to a glimpse into our journey, where we share the triumphs, challenges and moments of excitements that have marked our path to success.

This annual report 2024-25 tells the story of a remarkable year, one that has seen our school community come together to achieve great things. Highlighting the achievements, mistakes and memories that have defined our journey starting with the mesmerising 'Odyssey 2k23' and inauguration being done by His Excellency Bishop Dr. James Athikalam (Bishop of Sagar Diocese) which illuminated the whole crowd the incredible speed cartoon performer Adv. Jiteshji added colour to the function.

An event like this is set to showcase the student's inherent calibre and expertise through various items.

Today on this joyous occasion, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude to be a part of Stella Maris family.

With your permission, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the year that has passed. As we move forward, we remain steadfast in our mission "Lighted for Life"

The following are the perfect forays we have tracked in both scholastic and co-scholastic areas.

"We are overjoyed to share the most prestigious accolade in the history of Stella Maris that our school has been granted affiliation to upgrade to the higher secondary level which sets a new benchmark in our institution's history which is a testament to our unwavering commitment to the academic excellence by the overwhelmingly positive response from the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)!"

ACHIEVEMENTS -SCHOLASTIC

Our students displayed exemplary performance in SSE examination of 2023-24. The board exam results indeed added a zip to life with centums in class X.

Among 46 students who appeared for SSE examination, 25 secured distinction and 9 students secured First Class, 12 students secured above 90% marks. **Kumari Ann Elsa Anish** showed an exceptional performance by scoring 490 marks out of 500 and emerges as a school topper with 98% marks.

Just behind her is

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| • Aiswarya R G | : 97.8% |
| • Haritha R Josh | : 96.6% |
| • Punya Prabha | : 96.4% |
| • Aksa Cherian | : 95.6% |

- Fahim Haris : 95.6%
- Jeremy Jacob Varghese : 94%
- Bharath B Nair : 93.6% and these are the shining stars of Stella Maris.

Here at Stella, we pride ourselves on delivering academic excellence through a prudent approach to education. Our commitment is to provide a meaningful and fruitful learning experience that extends beyond the classroom.

COMPETITIVE EXAMS FOR HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT

As a part of our commitment to implementing the National Education Policy 2020, the following are the competitive examinations held this academic year in our school:

- **SAFAL EXAM (Structured Assessment for Analysing Learning)**
This was actually only for two classes Class VI & IX, and students actively participated in it.
- **PCM Scholarship Exam:**
As many as 323 students from LKG to grade V participated in the PCM scholarship exam, and results are awaited.
- **PARAKH Exam: (Performance Assessment Review and Analysis Of Knowledge)**

Our students of Grade IX were selected on random basis for this exam and they had done well.

- **Aryabhata Ganit Challenge** exam was conducted this year on October 7th and 3 of our students got qualified into the finals.
- **Philately Scholarship Exam:**
To nurture patience, persistence and teaching students about everything from ancient history to modern graphic design, the Philately club conducted a scholarship exam this year too and results are awaited.

Special Remedial Teaching

School places a strong emphasis on fostering a love for reading among our students, we believe that reading is essential for academic success, personal growth and develop critical thinking and special classes are arranged for all students where students are trained to read in all three languages.

Teachers also take up classes for slow learners with the motive that our students don't lag where academics is concerned.

CBSE Inspection

The CBSE inspection panel was highly impressed with our school's state-of-the-art facilities, teaching methodologies, and overall academic environment. Their glowing report paved the way for this outstanding achievement.

This milestone would not have been possible without the collective efforts of our dedicated team, comprising the Principal, faculty members, supporting staff, and, most importantly, our students. Their hard work, commitment, and passion for excellence have added a shining feather to our cap!

We take immense pride in this accomplishment and look forward to continuing to provide our students with a world-class education, empowering them to reach new heights!

Our Stellar Team

At Stella we take pride in our vibrant community of learners as of 2024-25, our school comprises of more than 1000 students from diverse background and 52 dedicated and experienced faculty members along with 25 supporting staff. Through their tireless efforts, our faculty have helped Stella achieve numerous accolades and milestones. We are grateful for our dedication, expertise and passion for teaching which have enabled us to maintain high standards of academic excellence.

Faculty Development Programme:

“Learning is a dynamic and iterative process and to achieve a mastery, they must be engaged in an extended process of revision and reflection”.

Teachers are continuously updating themselves attending various training program 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 to keep in track with NEP 2020.

Some of the In-Service training programmes are the following:

- **Teacher Enhancement Program** held on 25th May 2024. Dr. Saiju Khalid was the resource person.
- **A Seminar on Disease and Pandemic** was held on 24.08.2024 and Dr.Manu Oommen, Principal Of St.Mary's Woman's College Thiruvalla was the resource person.
- **A Class on Cyber Awareness** was arranged for students as well as teachers by Ms. Moorshida P J, one among our faculty.

- To upgrade and update knowledge dissemination skills our teachers are attending various training programmes completing 50hrs of training and other courses from CBSE DIKSHA app, COE, NISHITA module and other renowned agencies in order to keep in track with the New Education Policy (NEP 2020)
- **Weekly Subject Council** are held regularly to ensure an enhanced and unified quality of education fostering better teaching learning strategies.
- **Regular Staff Meetings** are an integral part of our school's ongoing efforts which provides a platform for teachers to discuss the activities, share opinions and address concerns and share the best practices and innovative teaching methods.
- **Prayer Cell** We have a special prayer cell in school where in all teachers assemble in the prayer hall during mornings and evenings and instilling God's grace in all facets of life.
- **Faculty Leisure Cell** as been formed to promote a healthy work life balance. This initiative aims to create a positive and supportive school environment which benefits staff and students alike encourages, teachers are engaged in physical activities and games such as badminton and other free hand exercise, brisk walks, breathing exercises etc....
- **"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 teachers behind every stay.**

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

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

During the academic year 2024-25 our school underwent significant infrastructural development to enhance the learning experience for our students.

New building for Higher secondary Education

We are proud to announce the on-going construction of a new building is dedicated to the higher secondary education from the next academic year. 2025-26.

- **Upgraded Laboratories**

From Composite Laboratory we have moved on to separate Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Maths and ICT Laboratories, which has been upgraded with modern equipment and facilities. These labs provide our students with hands on learning experiences, enabling them to explore scientific concepts in a practical and engaging manner.

We have a composite lab with fully equipped Physics, Chemistry and Biology lab which is accessible for all students from Class 3 to 8 where students think laterally and creatively with hands on experimentation.

- **School Library**

School is equipped with a full-fledged library and reading room with more than 6000 books which is visited regularly by students during their library periods.

- **Accessibility Enhancement**

The installation of a lift in our campus ensures that our school is accessible and inclusive for all students, staff and visitors.

ACHIEVEMENTS- CO-SCHOLASTIC

Arts:

Many of our dedicated staff members also provided their spirit and tenacity in various domains.

FUSION MELODIA 2K24

This year the Arts festival “**Fusion Melodia 2K24**” was celebrated in a grand manner as the grand fiesta was inaugurated by Mr. Vishnu Vardhan, Play Back Singer and Live stage performer. 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 2024 KALOTSAV

We participated in the CTSC 2024 Kalotsav. A total of 108 students of our school participated in various items and bagged the first runner-up for Thiruvathira and second runner-up for musical band display. We competed with 53 CBSE schools and emerged as the 1st runner up in the Secondary level with 408 points.

Eight of our students who bagged 1st or 2nd position at CTSC district level, participated in State CBSE Kalotsav held on 8, 9 and 10th of November and came out with flying colours.

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

“ The success of our students in sports bears testimony to the school endeavours in encouraging sporting as well as our students indomitable will and skill to win”.

- **Medical Check-ups:**

School prioritises the health and well- being of our students and to ensure prompt medical attention, we have:

*A fully-equipped Infirmary in our campus

*A full time Nurse who provides-medical care and attention to our students.

- To ensure the health and hygiene of our students we conduct regular medical check-ups throughout the year:
- A detailed eye check-up was conducted on 15th July and many students were further referred to hospitals for a detailed procedure.
- The health department of Kadapra distributed deworming tablets to students on the 25th November.

- **Physical Education**

The Annual Sports meet 2024 took place on 14th November and Mr. George Zachariah, Secretary, District Basketball Association, Pathanamthitta declared the sports meet open by administering the sports oath to the house captains.

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 years Sahodaya Sports Meet and the torch bearers are:

- Master Arjun Sunil : VII C
- Master Ruben Shibu : IX B
- Master Aron Jacob : X A
- Master Dhanuj Biju : X B

On 15th November we also celebrated Annual Kids Sports meet where in our kiddies were also not behind in showing their zeal through the sports activities including a wonderful March Past which they showcased.

Games

Basketball

We have a very promising strong and enthusiastic budding basketball (under 14 boys and girls) team who has won laurels to our institution.

- The school achieved the 1st place in the “ Dionz Trophy” a basketball tournament at Mar Dionysius Senior Secondary School Mallappally and **Kum. Nimisha Siju bagged the best player award.**

All credits to our very dedicated Basketball coach Mr Pratheesh Prasad who takes the initiative to train as well as expose our children for interschool competitions....

- We had also hosted a sub junior Basketball Championship which included many teams in and around Pathanamthitta on 15th July 2024.
- We are also getting ready for get another district level Sahodaya Basketball tournament which will be announced shortly.

Football

School also hosted an interschool football tournament, Msgr. Joseph Kuzhinjalil, (the founder of Daughters of Mary Congregation) memorial trophy.

Six teams from various schools participated and Stella Maris team emerged as the 1st Runner-up in this league.

INDOOR GAMES

Students are encouraged to play Table Tennis, Caroms, Skipping, Ring, Ludo etc. during their leisure time and PT periods to foster team work and cultivate the spirit of healthy competition promoting physical and mental well-being.

YOGA DAY [Yoga Club]

This year the international yoga day was celebrated on 21st of June with the Theme "Yoga for Self and society" which emphasizes the two-fold benefits of yoga enhancing personal well-being and fostering a more positive and harmonious society.

Based on this theme, our students and teaching faculties displayed yoga and students of Class VI performed a yoga dance under the leadership of our PE Instructor Ms. Jincy PJ.

IMPLEMENTING NEP 2020

At school we recognise the significance of each subject and which is well blended with activities enriching their daily lives.

Here at Stella, we ignite enthusiasm, spark curiosity and create vibrant academic atmosphere. Learning is a joyful experience of our students and all are truly initiated by our very dedicated staff members of each department which goes hand in hand with NEP 2020.

1. Foundational stage

Our school has embraced national education policy which emphasises holistic approach to education. Here we focus on providing a nurturing environment that fosters 360-degree development. And we also ensure that our students develop into well rounded, happy and motivated individuals through implementing joyful learning by learning through games and stories, outside class room learning right from the grass root level i.e., Pre-KG, KG, I & II.

2. Language skills (Literary Club)

2024 marks the 100th Anniversary of children's book week and with the theme "How do you read a book?".

❖ The Reading week was celebrated with great enthusiasm and initiated reading in all languages i.e, English, Hindi and Malayalam.

- Reading Marathons
- Story telling sessions
- Text reading competition
- Library visits
- Celebration of National Hindi Divas
- ❖ The reading challenge initiated by the CBSE was conducted by Literary Club faculties of Hindi and English where in videos of students reading were uploaded and results are awaited.

❖ **Book Fair**

A 3-day book fair was conducted by the “Perfect Books” in our school where students and all book lovers including our parents also got an opportunity to be a part of it.

❖ **A Reading corner** to foster a culture of reading and learning, our school has established a cozy Reading corner in front of the library, accessible to both students as well as faculty, as we strive to create a community of lifelong learners, sparking curiosity, creativity and critical thinking.

❖ We are also a member of “Nallapadam” program initiated by the “Balajanasakhyam” Manorama daily where activities of students are being highlighted in the newspaper.

This year it was the preparation of an “Olympic Album” and students actively participated evoking a sense of patriotism and hone their knowledge about Olympics. Again, to keep children abreast with general information 10 Malayala Manorama Newspapers was sponsored by Mr. Zachariah, Former President of Rotary Club Thiruvalla, our Management also decided to subscribe The Hindu & Deepika to the school.

We also distribute children’s magazine to the students waiting for the evening 2nd Trip students to instil a strong foundation of reading skill in children right from their early childhood.

3. **SCIENTIFIC SKILL**

To increase the scientific temperament of children and to make realise the need to protect and preserve our environment, we celebrated the World Environment Day on 5th June where in our Principal planted a sapling as a mark to contribute to a rich and healthy ecosystem.

❖ We also launched an innovative program empowering 5th Graders to establish a thriving vegetable garden within the campus.

❖ National Space Day celebration was another initiative and painting as well as quiz competitions were held and prizes were given.

❖ A seed exhibition was initiated by the students of grade 5 under the leadership of our science faculties of class 5.

A rose garden in our campus

❖ The science faculty of grade 7 initiated this scheme where students were taught how to plant and take care of rose plants. This year too students are encouraged to bring potted rose plants to beautify the campus which would invite birds and butterflies to our campus.

❖ Grandeza 2k24 ,our science exhibition was a real success ,and the presence of our chief guest Mr Vishnu Vasudev Research fellow(Astrophysics) at the College of Engineering Chenganoor, our proud Aluminus was a real blessing! This was a full-fledged science exhibition and all our students actively participated and showed their scientific temperament through still models, working models, simple experiments, jewellery making art and craft etc.

4. MATH SKILLS

Here in Stella Maris our maths teachers shatter the stereotype that Maths is daunting. With their creative methods and infectious enthusiasm, they make maths accessible, fun and effortless. Our students thrive under their guidance developing a deep appreciation for mathematics and its real-world application.

To promote mathematical skill we celebrate National Mathematics day on December 22nd every year where students show extra ordinary interest by participating in various activities.

❖ Students also paved way to an enchanting array of mathematic skill and working models for science exhibitionn.

❖ This state of art facility provides a conducive learning environment for students and we are also keen in helping our students to get a real-life experience as they are given a chance to go to the construction site in our campus and interact with the engineer and get all their queries solved.

5. SOCIAL SKILL

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

❖ Meet the candidate and school parliamentary election was held by the Green House members where in even our tiny tots from grade 1 experienced the feel of election by counting their votes! Which rejuvenated their duty to the society and nation as a whole.

❖ The investiture ceremony was held on 2nd of July 2024. DYSP of Thiruvalla , Mr S Arshad was the guest of the day. The former cabinet members handed over their charges to the newly elected cabinet members. They are:

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| • | Head Boy | Master Ali S Shiras |
| • | Head Girl | Kumari Joanna K Biju |
| • | Arts Club Secretary | Kumari Anzana Shafeek |
| • | Sports Club Secretary | Master Dhanuj Biju |
| • | Media Club Secretary | Kumari Adina Anna Ani |
| • | Magazine Editor | Master Dan John Saji |

❖ **Independence Day**

The 78th Independence Day was celebrated with great fervour and grandeur, the celebration commenced with the unfurling of the National Flag by the Principal

An enchanting PT Display, patriotic song competition, fancy dress by KG, all really added colour to the function as well as evoked a sense of patriotism in all!

❖ **Gandhi Jayanti**

Mahatma Gandhi's contribution towards bringing peace and non-violence to the world is unparalleled. We too evoked these qualities into our students by paying homage to the "Father of Nation"

Various programmes were initiated by the green House members on the whole program reached its brim by spreading the message of love and peace.

The green house members also conducted a "Clean campus Green Campus" drive where in students were allotted different areas in the school campus to weed and clean that particular area.

Students also had an interactive session with our supporting staff who showed the students the importance of segregation and separating bio degradable waste from non-bio degradable.

All activities of "EK Bharat Shrestha Bharat" were undertaken and all students very enthusiastically participated and pictures and report were uploaded on CBSE portal.

6. ICT & AI SKILLS

"Empowering Students for a Digital Age

In today's technology-driven world, staying ahead of the curve is crucial. Our school recognizes the importance of providing students with real-life experiences and hands-on training in Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

Our dedicated ICT faculty offers comprehensive training, ensuring students stay up-to-date with the latest trends and technologies. Students engage in various activities, such as:

- Creating posters for school programs using design software
- Learning office automation skills, including photocopying and document handling
- Capturing memories by taking videos and photos of school events
- Computer Safety day was observed on November 30th, students of Class IX & X participated in activities initiated by ICT faculty of our school.

By integrating ICT into our curriculum and extracurricular activities, we equip our students with essential skills for success in the digital age."

OTHER ACTIVITIES & FESTIVALS:

Festivities:

Our school believes in fostering a sense of community and cultural awareness among students. Throughout the year, we celebrate various festivals with great enthusiasm and fervour.

Onam Celebrations:

Our students and staff came together to celebrate onam which was initiated by the yellow house members. And the highlight of the celebration was the onam exhibition which was conducted on the previous day. This onam exhibition show cased the traditional way of celebrating Onam, reminiscent of the yesteryears.

Stella Maris Day Celebration:

Stella Maris, "Star of the Sea"

Stella Maris day was celebrated with much devotion and spiritual well-being consisting of the recitation of a set of prayer for 4 consecutive days commenced from 22nd Sept 2024.

The Grotto was beautifully decorated that each day was a new experience which made the whole day School divine.

Children's Day

Children's day celebrations were initiated by the yellow house members on 14th November which showcased a different activities initiated by the staff members was a treat to the children.

Christmas Celebration:

The school was filled with joy and cheer as we celebrated the holy Christmas. under the guidance of the red house members and which attained the completion by the presence of Rev Fr Jibin V Samuel who delivered an exuberant speech. The limelight of this celebration was the breath-taking skating performance by the students Initiated by the CCA skating In-charge. Hats off to the students....

Study Tour

As a part of our ongoing efforts to providing holistic education our students embarked on a study tour to Munnar, a picturesque hill station in Kerala on 19th November 2024. The tour was meticulously planned to combine learning with leisure.

Art and Culture:

Our student's artistic talents and cultural enrichment were showcased through various events and activities.

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

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

Students are given opportunities during all programs for stage decorations and notice board displays which triggers their creative skills.

Special training is given to children during their CCA periods during Saturdays by trained personnel in Music, Art and Craft, Games such as (Basketball and Football) Skating, Chess, Keyboard, Yoga, Martial Arts (Karate and Kalari), Dance and Spoken English where students can uplift their innate talent growth which paves way to all round development of child!

ACHIEVEMENTS- CO-SCHOLASTIC

Historic Milestone: Release of Stella Maris first-ever Christmas Music Album

We are thrilled to announce that Stella Maris has made history by releasing its first ever music album a Christmas Carol a beautiful collection of carol songs in association with "CELEBRANTS OF INDIA" initiated by Rev. Fr. Shaji Thumpechirayil, Famous Musical Artist, who has written more than two thousand songs!!!

This milestone marks a significant achievement for our institution showcasing the talent and dedication of our students and music faculty.

We are proud of this accomplishment and look forward to many more musical endeavours in the years to come.

Chess championship: our students participated in Pathanamthitta district chess championship and performed exceptionally well making us proud and Vismaya R of grade 7 and Hana Fathima ranked the 7th and 14th position respectively.

Deepika colour India painting competition

Nearly 490 students participated in the Deepika colour contest painting competition held in connection with 78th Independence Day celebration and Children came up with flying colours and Kumari Anzana Shefeek of grade X and Master Sourav V Nath grade IV came out first in their respective categories from Pathanamthitta Dist..

There was a CCA fest & Spring Carnival Packed with Fun, frolic and which was big motivation to all students they really enjoyed to the fullest, the 3-day orientation program for students was big treat with lots of information to the students.

Morning Assemblies

Our morning assemblies play a vital role in fostering a sense of community and setting a positive tone for the day. It really brings a realistic development in children and help to acquaint a team spirit amongst them. Our assemblies are conducted mostly in all three languages, and the moral values delivered by the teacher encourages students to adopt a positive mindset.

School Publications

We released a magazine “Hester” by Ms. Beena Sebastian K, Principal, Al Huda English School, Alappuzha which was a real platform for the students to express their unique creative talents and expand their mental horizons as well as it instils a sense of achievement in them.

Media Literacy

SM2K24 FM radio: This is for the 3rd consecutive year that we are continuing with this practice of pakka entertainment in the form of quizzes, a good information about a particular monument, melodious songs by our talented students through their voices.

Value Education

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

We teachers instil good values and morals in our children through hands on activities stories and songs which builds a strong foundation in our students.

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

Tribute

In Loving Memory of Mr. Benny Joseph, Band Master

As we mourn the loss of our dear Band Master, we take comfort in the knowledge that his legacy will live on through the countless lives he touched and the music that will continue to inspire future generations.

Benny sir was an exceptional musician, educator, and mentor who dedicated himself to nurturing the musical talents of our students. Under his expert guidance, our school band flourished, and won the 2nd runner up position for the CTSC Kalotsav 2024. His passion for music has inspired countless young minds.

Charity and outreach Programme:

To nurture values like sympathy, empathy and fellow feeling in children we have decided to donate lumpsum amount of fifty thousand to Chief Ministers relief fund for Wayanad disaster and we also managed to collect a huge amount of almost 1 lakh and donated to the Little Servants , Kunnamthanam and oldage home at Thirumoolapuram.

PTA & Executive Committee

The parent teacher's association of Stella Maris EM School is a powerful and influential Association that promotes a forum for the smooth functioning 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 along with our executive members.

"Our Alumni Association: A Beacon of Excellence

We take immense pride in our vibrant Alumni Association, comprising distinguished individuals who have made a lasting impact in various fields. Our alumni have excelled as scientists, IT professionals, medical experts, and more, showcasing their exceptional talents globally.

Moreover, they have also made significant contributions to religious and social services, demonstrating their commitment to giving back to the community. We are very fortunate that one among our Alumnus Master Christy George Sebastian has been ordained as Rev.Fr. George Elamatha.

We are thrilled to see our alumni shine brighter with each passing year, and we feel fortunate to have them return to our school as esteemed chief guests for various events. Their presence inspires our current students, providing valuable insights and motivation to pursue their own paths to excellence.

Our alumni are a testament to the school's mission and values, and we celebrate their achievements with pride!"

Gratitude

The educational journey at Stella Maris English Medium School extends far beyond the confines of academic knowledge. Through our meticulously crafted interdisciplinary scholastic and co-scholastic programs we strive to empower our learners with essential life skills and values. These enable them to confront life's Challenges with unwavering confidence and courage.

As we reflect on the accomplishments of the past years, we reaffirm our commitment to fostering a supportive inclusive and stimulating environment. This allows our students to grow into compassionate, responsible and enlightened individuals equipped to make a positive impact in an ever-evolving world! In all efforts we have been ably guided by Mother Provincial Rev.Mother Mercy John D M, edurite Rev.Sr. Isabel Mannadan, (Educational Councillor), and provincial team members Rev. Sr. Esther D M, Local Manager and other sisters, Ms. Anita Thomas , Academic coordinator, teaching and supporting staff ,take this vision unsurpassed knowledge and the willing cooperation in all ventures to motivate us to scale yet greater heights of excellence.....

Thank you.....
