

STELLA MARIS CONVENT SCHOOL, HANGA

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

Introduction:-

“As we reflect on the past three years at Stella Maris Convent School in Hanga, it is with immense pride and gratitude that we present this annual report. These years have been marked by unwavering dedication, remarkable achievements, and a steadfast commitment to the holistic development of our students. As we delve into the pages that follows, you will witness a journey of growth, learning and community building that defines the essence of Stella Maris Convent School.”

Vision:-

‘A vision without a task is dream – a task without a vision is drudgery- but a task with a vision can change the world. Our vision can change the world’

We Stella Maris School providing well balanced and highly competent, challenging universal citizens, with independent thoughts and individual charisma. It insists on individual care and concern for each student.

Mission:-

SMS education is value oriented. It encourages love and acceptance of self and realistic knowledge of the world in which we live. Every child is a precious gem for us. We stress the total development of each child- spiritual, moral, intellectual, social, emotional and physical.

Motto:-

Love and Serve.

New- Academic Session:-

2021-2022- online classes started on June, offline classes started after Deepavali

2022-2023 -Regular classes started on 11th April 2022.

The new academic year started with prayer service. The young buds were welcomed with flowers and balloons. In this year we got around hundred new admission.

Infrastructure:-

The newly constructed second floor enhances our schools facilities, featuring state-of-the-art spaces dedicated to various disciplines. The composite lab provides a dynamic environment for interdisciplinary experiments, while the math lab fosters hands on learning in mathematics. Activity rooms offer versatile spaces for creative physical pursuits, encouraging a well- rounded education.

The multi -purpose hall serves as a central hub for events, assemblies, and gatherings, promoting a sense of community. Our extensive library on the second floor is a treasure trove of knowledge, providing students with resource for research and leisure reading. The compute lab, equipped with 22 computers, is a technology hub where students can engage in interactive learning and practical applications.

Overall, the second floor reflects our commitment to providing a holistic education by offering specialized spaces that cater to diverse interests and learning styles.

Staff Development Program:-

On June 6 and 7, 2023, a two -day seminar was conducted for teachers with the focus on the theme “Becoming an efficient Teacher.” The seminar aimed to enhance teaching skills and methodologies, providing valuable insights for educators to excel in their profession.

The event featured Reverend Fr. Suresh as the resource person, whose expertise and guidance proved invaluable. Fr. Suresh shared profound perspectives on effective teaching strategies, emphasizing the importance of fostering a dynamic and engaging learning environment.

Teachers actively participated in discussions, workshops, and interactive sessions, gaining practical tools to enhance their teaching methods. Fr. Suresh’s insightful presentations delved into the nuances of classroom management, innovative pedagogical approaches, and the cultivation of a positive teacher-student relationship.

The seminar not only equipped teachers with new skills but also served as a platform for networking and the exchange of ideas among educators. The collaborative atmosphere allowed teachers to reflect on their practices and explore innovative ways to address challenges in education.

Feedback from participants highlighted the seminar's practical applicability, with many expressing gratitude for the enriching experience. The knowledge and inspiration gained from Fr. Suresh's expertise and anticipated to have a lasting impact on the teaching community, contributing to the continual improvement of education standards.

In conclusion, the two-day seminar on "Becoming an Efficient Teacher" proved to be a resounding success, fostering professional growth and camaraderie among educators. The event served as a testament to the commitment to excellence in education and the continuous pursuit of refining teaching practices for the benefit of both teachers and the students.

It's great to hear about the AI seminar conducted by Rev. Fr. Rinoj CMI on November 17-18. Workshops can enhance the learning experience for teachers and contribute to their professional development. If you have any specific questions or topics you'd like to discuss from the seminar, feel free to share!



The induction teachers' training program at Stella Maris Convent School on November 25-26, 2023, featured CBSE experts, including resource persons Mrs. Archana from Global International School and Mrs. Sundari Subhramanyam from Kendriya Vidyalaya, Sangner. The program likely provided valuable insights and professional development for participating teachers.

Parents Teachers Meeting:- (April 12, August 26, December 1)

The PTA meetings at Stella Maris Convent School are held three times a year, serving as crucial forums for parents, teachers, and school administrators to discuss various aspects of the school's functioning. In these meetings, a significant focus is placed on the discussion of school fees, ensuring transparency and addressing any concerns parents may have regarding financial matters. Additionally, the agenda includes comprehensive deliberations on the school's curricular and non-curricular activities, exams, extra classes, annual day events, and the overall discipline maintained within the school.

These regular gatherings provide a platform for open communication and collaboration between the school and parents, fostering a supportive educational environment. Through constructive discussions, the PTA meetings play a vital role in enhancing the overall educational experience for students at Stella Maris Convent School.

Parents Executive Meeting :- (July 1, October 18)

The PTA Executive Meeting convened twice annually provided a platform for key discussions shaping the school's agenda. Fee adjustments were a focal point, emphasizing financial sustainability while ensuring quality education. Foundation classes were deliberated to enhance academic support, catering to diverse learning needs. The planning of the annual day showcased collaborative efforts to celebrate achievements and foster community spirit. Additionally, sports took center stage, with strategies discussed to promote physical well-being and extracurricular engagement among students. These deliberations underscored the commitment to holistic development within the school community

Celebrations:-

Grand parents day celebration:-The Grandparents Day celebration at Stella Maris Convent School was a heartwarming occasion dedicated to honouring the cherished bond between generations and fostering a sense of belonging within our school community. The impact of this celebration resonated deeply within our community. Both grandparents and students expressed their gratitude and joy.

Looking forward, Stella Maris Convent School committed to nurturing and strengthening these integrating bonds. Future plans include integrating more opportunities for grand parents to actively participate in school events and educational programs.



Independence day celebration:-The Independence Day celebration at Stella Maris Convent School was a proud commemoration of our nation's history and the values of freedom, unity, and patriotism. It served as a platform to in still patriotism and a deeper understanding of the struggles our nation endured for independence. The day commenced with a dignified flag hoisting ceremony, attended by students, faculty, honoured guests, and members of the local community. A moment of silence was observed, followed by National Anthem, symbolizing our respect and gratitude for the sacrifices made for our freedom.



Childrens day celebration:- The Children's Day celebration was an exuberant affair filled with laughter, learning, and memorable moments. It was a day dedicated to honoring the spirit of childhood and fostering a sense of joy and creativity among our students.

The Principal's speech was a moment of inspiration and encouragement for our young learners. Emphasizing the importance of education, creativity, and embracing one's unique talents, the Principal's words resonated deeply with the students. The speech encouraged the children to dream big, nurture their passions, and be kind-hearted individuals.

In a delightful and unexpected turn of events, the school's dedicated teachers put on a captivating dance performance, showcasing their talents and adding a unique touch of excitement to the celebration. The teachers' dance routine brought smiles to the children's faces, creating a heartwarming bond between educators and students.

The day was filled with engaging activities, interactive workshops, and entertaining performances. Students participated enthusiastically in various games, art sessions, storytelling, and talent showcases. These activities aimed to stimulate curiosity, creativity, and a love for learning among the children.



Teachers Day celebration:- It was a jubilant and memorable event, dedicated to honoring the exceptional contributions of teachers. It was a day filled with appreciation, gratitude, and heartfelt performances to convey admiration for esteemed educators.

Throughout the event, heartfelt speeches were delivered by students, sharing personal anecdotes, expressing gratitude, and acknowledging the dedication and guidance provided by their teachers. These speeches were filled with sincerity and admiration, reflecting the profound impact teachers have on their students' lives

A moving and melodious song and dance dedicated to the teachers added a soul-stirring element to the celebration. The lyrics were carefully chosen to convey the depth of appreciation and admiration felt by the students towards their mentors, creating an emotional and touching moment.

In addition to the dance, speeches, and song, an enthralling drama performance was staged by the students. The drama highlighted the importance of teachers in shaping the future and emphasized the invaluable role they play in nurturing young minds. It was a captivating portrayal of gratitude and admiration for the educators

Beyond the performances, various engaging activities, games, and interactive sessions were organized to facilitate a stronger bond between teachers and students. These activities aimed to showcase the lighter side of the educators and foster a sense of unity and appreciation within the school community.



Stella Maris Day:- It was a reverential tribute to honor the patron saint and the values she embodies within our school community.

Prayer Services and Reflection: The day commenced with prayer services, reflecting on the life and teachings of Stella Maris, emphasizing values of compassion, faith, and service.

Educational Activities: Discussions, talks, or presentations were organized to educate students about the life and contributions of Stella Maris and her relevance today.

Service Initiatives: Initiatives or charity drives were undertaken to embody the spirit of service and giving, reflecting the values espoused by Stella Maris.



Deepavali Celebration:-It was a vibrant and culturally significant event, commemorating the festival of lights with enthusiasm and unity, showcasing the diversity and richness of our cultural heritage.

Decorations and Ambiance: The school premises were adorned with colorful Rangoli designs, vibrant lights, and traditional decorations, creating a festive and joyous atmosphere.

Cultural Performances: Students showcased their talents through mesmerizing dances, music, and theatrical performances, celebrating the cultural essence and traditions of Deepavali.

Educational Activities: Engaging workshops, presentations, enlightening students about the historical, religious, and cultural significance of Deepavali.



Christmas day celebration:-It was a heartwarming and joyous occasion, commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ and embracing the spirit of love, compassion, and togetherness. The school was adorned with colorful lights, beautifully decorated Christmas trees, and festive ornaments, creating a warm and welcoming ambiance. Students and teachers presented soulful carols, musical renditions, and theatrical performances, spreading the joy and spirit of Christmas throughout the school. Various initiatives were undertaken, including donation drives, charity events, or community service activities, promoting the values of giving and compassion.



Inauguration day celebration:-Our Inauguration Day was a momentous occasion marked by the presence of esteemed guests, faculty, staff, and students, heralding the beginning of another promising academic year.

Womens day celebration:- We call all the mothers those who are our parents we gave one day seminar for them and arrange different different kinds of competitions and also arrange some entertainment program by students atleast we gave some snacks and conclude this session. Rev Fr. Ajay was the resource person on this day.

Competitive Exams :-

Our students are encouraged to appear for various competitive Exams like Little star Olympiad, Silver zone Olympiad of English, Maths, Science, Social Science, Hindi, GK, Navodaya exam, Scholarship exam, General Knowledge exam and drawing exam etc.

Inter house competitions:-

The school organized a number of inter house competitions throughout the year pertaining to music, folk dance, group dance, patriotic dance, patriotic group song, speech competition, Christmas tree, diya decoration, star making, rangoli, mehendi, lamp making kite making, etc.

Our two students Aryan and Makarand showcased exceptional skills, progressing from the taluk level to the esteemed district level, reflecting consistent dedication and prowess in their chosen field. Shadab's outstanding performance resulted in securing a gold medal, symbolizing excellence and commitment in their respective event, bringing pride to the entire school.

This year our students participated thalukka level competition. Around fourty schools were there for competition kabaddi girls and boys, kho-kho, javelin throw, running race, our students got first prize.

Investiture Ceremony:-

It was momentous event dedicated to acknowledging and appointing student leaders who exemplify leadership, responsibility, and commitment. Our honourable chief guest Jhoti Ghadakari Highlight the importance of the Investiture Ceremony in shaping future leaders and instilling a sense of responsibility and service among students. The oath-taking or swearing-in ceremony where the elected leaders pledged to uphold their duties with integrity. It is the role in shaping responsible leaders and fostering a culture of leadership and service within the school community.



Co-curricular Activities:-

Cocurricular activities are significant for enriching students on an emotional cognitive, physical and social level. They can be included as additional activities that are in alignment with learning outcomes and skills. These activities provide students with opportunities to explore their interests, develop various skills, and learn valuable life lessons outside the traditional classroom setting. They contribute significantly to a student's personal growth, character-building, and the development of a well-rounded individual.

Academic Clubs: These include debate clubs, science clubs, math clubs, and language clubs. They provide opportunities for students to delve deeper into subjects they're passionate about, enhancing their knowledge and critical thinking abilities.

Sports and Physical Activities: Participation in sports teams, athletics, yoga, dance, or fitness clubs promotes physical health, teamwork, leadership, and discipline among students.

Arts and Creative Clubs: These encompass drama clubs, music bands, painting, photography, and creative writing groups. They allow students to express themselves artistically, fostering creativity and self-confidence.

Community Service and Volunteering: Engaging in community service projects or volunteering activities helps students develop empathy, compassion, and a sense of social responsibility.

Leadership and Organizational Activities: Involvement in student government, leadership programs, or organizing school events nurtures leadership skills, decision-making abilities, and teamwork.

Cultural and Diversity Programs: Celebrating diversity through cultural festivals, language exchange programs, or international clubs encourages inclusivity and understanding among students from different backgrounds.



Symposium:-

The symposium organized by 8th and 9th-grade students provided a platform for thoughtful deliberations on the roles of teachers versus AI in education, emphasizing the indispensable value of teachers while acknowledging the potential enhancements AI technology offers to educational practices. The symposium focused on dissecting the unique contributions of teachers and AI-driven technologies like robots in the realms of education, examining their respective strengths, limitations, and potential impacts on student learning.

Students delivered presentations articulating the invaluable role of human teachers in fostering critical thinking, emotional intelligence, and personalized learning experiences.

Discussions centered around the capabilities of AI, exploring how robots and technology can enhance learning through data-driven insights, adaptability, and accessibility to vast knowledge databases.

Students shared perspectives emphasizing the importance of teachers in providing mentorship, guidance, and cultivating a nurturing learning environment that fosters creativity and social skills.

Conversely, viewpoints were expressed highlighting the potential of AI in providing personalized learning experiences, facilitating efficient assessments, and catering to individual learning styles.

The symposium initiated contemplation among students and educators, fostering an understanding of the symbiotic relationship between teachers and AI, and advocating for responsible integration of technology in education.

It paved the way for ongoing discussions on ethical AI usage, teacher training to adapt to technological advancements, and strategies for collaborative learning environments.



Summar classes:-

Fr. Jerry and Bro. Stephen organized a vibrant vacation camp aimed at fostering creativity and guiding participants on utilizing their holidays effectively through engaging and purposeful activities.

Creative Workshops: Participants engaged in various creative workshops including painting, music, crafts, and storytelling, encouraging self-expression and imagination

Skill Development Sessions: Fr. Jerry facilitated sessions on skill enhancement such as time management, goal setting, and personal development, empowering attendees to make productive use of their time.

Group Projects: Collaborative projects were undertaken, focusing on community service initiatives, environmental awareness, and promoting social responsibility among the participants.

Impact and Insight:- The camp provided a platform for participants to explore their creativity, develop skills, and contemplate meaningful ways to spend their holidays productively.

Insights emphasized the importance of balancing leisure with purposeful activities, promoting personal growth and contributing positively to society during leisure time.

Fr. Jerry's vacation camp successfully blended creativity with meaningful holiday planning, providing participants with a valuable experience that encouraged personal development, creativity, and the importance of utilizing holidays in a purposeful manner.



Picnic:-

In 2021-22 went to morachi chincholi water park for one day outing.

In 2022-23 Shivathara water park for one day outing.

In 2023-24 Students from grades 6 to 9 embarked on a memorable three-day trip to Silvassa, Gujarat, exploring nine different places of cultural and historical significance.

Silvassa Tribal Museum: Immersive learning about the heritage and traditions of the local tribes.

Hirwa Van Gardens: Appreciating the lush greenery and natural beauty of the gardens.

Vanganga Lake Garden: Serene surroundings and leisure activities by the lake.

Dudhni Lake: Boat rides and serene landscapes for a tranquil experience.

Deer Park: Interaction with nature, observing deer in their natural habitat.

Island Garden Dadra Park: Enjoying the picturesque landscapes and serene environment.

Nakshatra Garden: Astronomy-themed garden, enhancing scientific curiosity.

Tribal Cultural Museum: Understanding the cultural nuances and diversity of the region.

Swaminarayan Temple: Cultural visit and understanding religious diversity.

Learning and Experience:

Cultural immersion, appreciation for nature, and understanding historical contexts. Students learned about tribal culture, nature conservation, and diverse

religious practices. Enhancing social skills, teamwork, and independence through group activities and exploration.

Young learners from KG to 5th grade enjoyed a delightful one-day trip to Saiban Park for water-based activities and recreational fun.

Water Play Zone: Children engaged in various water games and activities, fostering enjoyment and physical activity.

Picnic Area: Relaxing picnic spots for socializing and enjoying packed lunches amidst nature.

Playground Facilities: Utilizing park facilities like swings, slides, and jungle gyms for recreational fun.

Learning and Experience:

Enhanced motor skills and physical activity through water-based games and playground activities. Encouraging social interaction, teamwork, and building friendships in a recreational setting. Promoting appreciation for outdoor activities and the importance of playful learning experiences. Feel free to tailor these reports with specific details, highlights, or achievements from each trip to better reflect the unique experiences of the students during these excursions.



Charitable Work:-

Empowering Communities and Supporting the Less Fortunate

The charitable efforts, from the generous donation to Pumpkin House to the direct support provided through food distribution and empowering disabled individuals via craft sales, embody the spirit of giving back to society, fostering a more inclusive and supportive community.

Pumpkin House Donation:

Contribution: A generous donation of Rs 25,000 was made to Pumpkin House, aiding their mission to uplift underprivileged communities.

Blind Orphanage in Ahmednagar we donate Rs. 5000

In private poor children hostel we gave Rs. 5000

Impact: The funds contributed directly to initiatives supporting education, healthcare, and livelihood enhancement for those in need.

Support for Street-side People:

Food Distribution: Students actively engaged in preparing and distributing food to individuals living on the streets, providing nourishment and care to those facing hardships.

Community Kitchen Camp: Organizing a community kitchen camp offered regular meals to the homeless, ensuring sustenance and support for the less fortunate.

Empowerment of Individuals with Disabilities:

Handmade Crafts Project: Collaboration with disabled individuals allowed for the creation of handcrafted items, providing them with opportunities to showcase skills and earn a livelihood.

Sales for Support: The sale of these handmade crafts directly contributed to supporting disabled individuals, enabling them to achieve financial independence and empowerment.

Impact and Outcomes:

Community Engagement: These charitable activities fostered a strong sense of community involvement, empathy, and active participation among students and contributors.

Empowerment: The initiatives empowered both the recipients and contributors, promoting inclusivity and support for marginalized groups



Conclusion:-

Education should be imparted with a view to the type of society that we wish to build. We are working for a modern democracy built on the values of human dignity and equality. These are only ideals; we should make them living forces. Our vision for the future should include these great principles.

Knowing other is intelligence;

Knowing yourself is true wisdom

Mastering others is strength;

Mastering yourself is true power.

We express our sincere thanks and gratitude to all parents and well-wishers. We seek the blessings from the almighty to help and guide us in the future in the right direction.

Thank you

Sr. Sajeeva