



# Santhosha Samachar

NEWSLETTER FROM SANTHOSHA VIDHYALAYA



## STAFF ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

**A Great Start to the Academic Year:** As we embarked on a new academic year, the beginning of June marked an exciting time for our school with a comprehensive two-day Staff Orientation Programme. We had an engaging start in Joppa, Kanyakumari. The programme kicked off with interactive sessions and icebreakers, setting a lively and engaging tone for the two days. The event was coordinated by **Mr. Jeyaraj** ( FMPB-HR) and graced by several speakers. **Mr. Nathaniel** delivered an inspiring talk on integrity and stewardship, emphasizing the core values that drive our school community. **Mr.Santhakumar** and **Mrs. Dolly Santhakumar** captivated the audience with their insights on effective communication competence and building functional teams. Their session was both informative and motivating. **Dr.Ben J Anthrayose** shared his expertise on child psychology, providing valuable insights into understanding and nurturing our students. Additionally, he conducted a practical session on basic grammar and pronunciation, enhancing our teaching skills



The second day featured talks by experts from the **Santhosha Samsara** team: **Ms. Julia** and **Ms. Melissa** focused on stress management and time management. Their session was highly practical, offering strategies to manage our workload effectively and maintain a healthy work-life balance. It was a successful and exciting start. The two-day programme was a wonderful experience for all attendees, equipping us with essential skills and knowledge for the academic year ahead. It was a perfect blend of learning, interaction, and inspiration. We are excited to apply what we have learned and make this academic year a success.

# SCHOOL REPORTING DAY

Our school reopening day on June 5th was a day filled with excitement and enthusiasm. The campus buzzed with activity as we welcomed many new students to our school community.



We were thrilled to see the eager faces of our new students, particularly those joining us for the first time in the I std. The young learners were interviewed and enrolled in their respective classes, ready to embark on their educational journey with us. Reuniting after a month-long break, students were eager to meet their friends and teachers once again. The joy and excitement were palpable as they shared stories of their vacations and reconnected with their peers. Being a diverse and vibrant community, our school continues to be a melting pot of cultures, with students joining us from various parts of India. This diversity enriches our community and provides a unique learning environment for everyone.



# SCHOOL ELECTIONS AND INVESTITURE CEREMONY



**School Election:** The election campaign began one week before the election, with candidates from various grades campaigning for positions in the Student Council. Candidates showcased their leadership qualities and presented their visions for the school community through speeches and interactive sessions with their peers. On June 22, 2024, students eagerly cast their votes for the candidates contesting for various positions. The votes were meticulously counted, and the results were announced shortly after, bringing a wave of joy and anticipation.

**Investiture Ceremony :** We were honored by the presence of **Mr. Edison Daniels**, former Vice Principal of SV and the current Senior Principal at St. John's English School, who graced the event on 26 Jun 2024 as the Chief Guest. In his inspiring address, he emphasized the significance of cultivating leadership qualities and nurturing a strong relationship with God to navigate the challenges of today's world.

Special congratulations to the newly elected **School Pupil President, Caleb Brainard Raj V** of Class XII-B, and the Pupil **Vice President, Samarpan Subhash Nalavade** of Class XI-A, both of whom delivered heartfelt acceptance speeches.

Despite a gentle drizzle, the Badging Ceremony was a remarkable event, highlighted by the School band's performance and the spirited leadership of the House Captains from Walker, Ragland, and Brand. The event was a testament to the dedication and excellence that define our school community.



## Child Development Programme

We recently had a wonderful retreat for our students, which was both entertaining and spiritually enriching. **Mr. Colin Tilsley** (1998 Batch) and his talented team joined us for the event, engaging the students with uplifting songs and exciting games. The retreat provided a valuable opportunity for our students to grow spiritually while having fun. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Colin Tilsley and his team for making this retreat a memorable experience for everyone involved.



## Thanks to Dr. Jacob Swaroop Anand and Mr. Ganesh, our esteemed alumni.

We are delighted to announce the remarkable contributions of our esteemed alumni to our institution:



- **Dr. Jacob Swaroop Anand**, a member of the 1998 alumni, has generously funded and constructed new washrooms for the boys' dormitory, demonstrating his continuous commitment to the school's well-being and advancement.
- Additionally, **Mr. Ganesh**, a graduate from the 1997 batch, and his wife, **Ms. Christina**, who graduated in 2004, have graciously donated four air conditioners for the computer lab, significantly enhancing the learning environment for our students.



Our heartfelt gratitude and warmest congratulations go out to Dr. Anand and Mr. Ganesh and Ms. Christina for their kind donations and for serving as exemplary philanthropic role models.



## Annual General Body Meeting

The Santhosha Educational Society held its Annual General Body Meeting on July 6, 2024, marking 42 years of dedicated service and leadership. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all past and present members for their support throughout the years.

**We are also excited to announce the appointment of Dr. Jacob Swaroop Anand, an esteemed alumnus,** as a new member of the Santhosha Educational Society, the governing body of Santhosha Vidhyalaya. He is also second member from the alumni community to join the board. Dr. Anand is a distinguished surgical professional.

We warmly welcome Dr. Jacob Swaroop Anand to the Santhosha Educational Society and look forward to his valuable contributions to our community.



## Special Assembly Address

On July 5, 2024, our school had the distinct honor of hosting Mr. Prince Josiah Jeyaraj, President of the Santhosha Educational Society, for a special assembly. In his inspiring speech, he drew from Colossians 3:23, urging students to work wholeheartedly for a greater purpose and highlighting the importance of dedication, integrity, persistence, and resilience in achieving success.

Mr. Prince shared stories that vividly illustrated how fully engaging in all tasks can lead to personal fulfillment and make a significant impact. His words deeply motivated the students, inspiring them to approach their studies with renewed purpose and vigor.

The President's visit was a memorable event, reinforcing the values of hard work and commitment within our school community.

## Staff Development Programme

On July 6, 2024, our staff had the privilege of attending a dynamic development program led by Dr. Anand V. Samuel, the former Pro-Chancellor of VIT University and a respected member of the Santhosha Educational Society's distinguished board.



Dr. Anand V. Samuel delivered an engaging address, emphasizing the importance of fostering teamwork and enhancing communication skills. His insights and expertise provided valuable guidance, inspiring our staff to work collaboratively and communicate more effectively.

# Climate & Environmental Awareness Club



Our correspondent, **Mr. Jeremiah Rajanesan**, visited on 09.07.2024 our school and shared his knowledge with the Climate and Environmental Awareness club comprising 6th to 8th graders. During his engaging session, he discussed the significance of plant protection, the joy of bird watching, and the fascinating seasonal bird migrations to our campus. Mr. Rajanesan's talk not only informed the students about environmental conservation but also motivated them to take part in nature preservation efforts. The Climatological Club appreciates his impactful presentation and anticipates more enriching experiences in the future.



## Honoring Professor Ivan Balasingh

**Professor Ivan Balasingh's (28 March 1938 to 25 July 2019)** visionary leadership and dedication have profoundly shaped our institution and continue to inspire us all. His deep concern for the well-being of missionary kids and the entire staff set a high standard of care and compassion that continues to resonate within our community.

His genuine interest in the lives of his students and colleagues created a sense of belonging and purpose that still guides us today. Many of us carry forward the lessons he imparted, both in education and in life. His legacy is a testament to his commitment to nurturing young minds and his belief in the transformative power of education. The values and principles he instilled in our school serve as a beacon for us and will inspire future generations.

As we honor Professor Ivan Balasingh's memory, we are reminded of the lasting influence he has had on our school and the bright future it continues to shape. We thank God for his wonderful life and the indelible mark he has left on our hearts and our community.



## Honoring Ms. Nesaruthina Carunia

It is with profound respect and admiration that we honor **Ms. Nesaruthina Carunia (7 July 1932 to 29 Jul 2024)**, a remarkable individual whose legacy will forever be cherished in our school community.

As a former correspondent, Ms. Carunia demonstrated commitment and dedication, enriching our institution with her enthusiasm and spirit.

Her involvement in every school event was not just participation but a beacon of encouragement for both students and staff. She had an extraordinary ability to uplift and inspire, offering spiritual guidance and fostering a sense of unity and purpose. Her prayers and faith were a source of strength and comfort for many.

Ms. Carunia's love for our school was truly boundless, and her contributions have left an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her legacy as a prayer warrior and a devoted supporter of our school will continue to inspire and guide us for years to come. We extend our heartfelt gratitude and remembrance to Ms. Nesaruthina Carunia, whose impact will forever be woven into the fabric of our school's history.

## The best of SV

# A GRAND SPORTS DAY



On July 17, we kicked off our Mini Sports Day with great enthusiasm. The day was filled with a variety of sports events that kept everyone engaged and active. Our students participated wholeheartedly, showcasing their talents and enjoying the friendly competition.

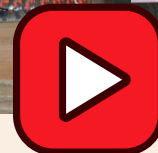


### Walker walks off with the overall Champion Shield

Annual Sports Day: A week later, on July 26, we marked our Annual Sports Day. This year, the rivalry among our three houses – Ragland, Walker, and Brand – was intense. The event was filled with various activities, such as:

- **Dance Performances:** Students showcased lively and dynamic dance routines that captivated the audience.
- **Fancy Dress Competition:** Students exhibited creativity by wearing imaginative costumes.

Exceptional athletes and performers were acknowledged for their hard work and accomplishments.



The highlight of the day was the announcement of the winning house. After a day of tough competition, Walker House emerged victorious, claiming the title for this year. We were honored to have **Mr. Sam Daniel Raj** and **Mr. M.A. Raajasekar** as our chief guests. Their presence added an extra layer of excitement to the event.





## Pedal Power for the Lads!

We are thrilled to share that our recent student cycling trip was a resounding success! The enthusiasm was palpable as our students took to the trails, ready for a day of adventure on their bikes. The weather was perfect, and the route offered the right mix of challenge and scenic beauty, making the ride enjoyable for everyone.

It was heartwarming to see the students not only enjoying the ride but also encouraging each other along the way.

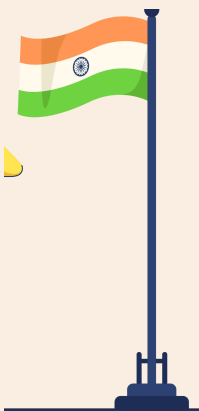
## Enjoy a day filled with laughter and exercise!

The experience fostered a sense of community, teamwork, and a love for the outdoors. This event was more than just a ride; it was an opportunity for students to engage in physical activity, build resilience, and experience the joy of cycling. We look forward to organizing more such events in the future, promoting a healthy and active lifestyle among our students.



UPCOMING  
EVENTS

- **First Mid Term Exam - August 1st week**
- **Independence Day - August 15**
- **Annual Prize Giving day - August 16**
- **Student Development Program - August 23 to 25**
- **Teachers' day - Sep 5**
- **Musical Night - Sep 7**
- **First Terminal Exam starts - Sep 12**
- **Quarterly Holidays begins - Sep 21**



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