



## INTRODUCTION

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen. St. John's English School and Junior College was founded in the year 1981 by our beloved founder couple, Rev. Dr. G. Rajakumar and Smt. Sakunthala Rajakumar. St. John's aims at helping students think out of the box and to incorporate in them a sense of discipline, responsibility and team spirit.

On this joyous occasion, I recall with great pride the highlights of this productive academic year 2017-18.

## LAURELS IN ACADEMICS

With the gracious blessings of the Lord Almighty several students from our school had performed exceptionally well in class X and XII board examinations.

20 students secured 10 point rank A1 in all the subjects.

In Class XII Many Students scored 90% and above in all subjects.

## SEMINAR / WORKSHOP

In order to expand their knowledge and acquire new skills and teaching methods, our teachers attended various workshops conducted in the city.

## 37<sup>TH</sup> STUDENT'S COUNCIL INAUGURATION

The Student's Council 2017-18 was inaugurated on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. The event was graced by Prof. Dr. Krishnan Baskar, the Vice Chancellor of Manomaniam Sundaranar University. The inspiring speech of the Chief Guest enthralled the audience. The students with the most eminent skills, earnestness and



enthusiasm were appointed the secretaries and assistant secretaries of the various clubs of our school.

The Class 10 and 12 AISCE and AISSCE toppers were recognized and awarded by the Chief Guest. The students who acquired 100% attendance were also honoured. The LKG, UKG and Class XI were awarded the proficiency prizes.

The audience were then treated to a cultural extravaganza.

### **EXTERNAL COMPETITION (SPORTS)**

The school encourages the students to take part in various external competitions in sports and cultural. Many students have won medals and certificates in district, state and national level competitions. Students are motivated to take part in Olympiads - NSO, UCO, NGSE, IEO and IMO. Spartan Spelling Bee, Salt Memorial, Peter Cochran Memorial Examination, Abacus, Karate, Skating etc are few other competitions our students proved their mettle.

### **GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS**

D. BEACON PAUL NEWTON of class III-B has achieved a Guinness World record by participating in the largest Taekwondo display in multiple locations of 1016 participants and was awarded by Jayanth Reddy International Taekwondo and Madurai Taekwondo Academy at 6 venues across India on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

HANNAH EVELYN MATHEW of Class I A and JOANNA ANGELA MATHEW of class VI - D have participated in VIDHAIKALAM and have achieved a Guinness World Record by achieving the most people sword dance with 798 members on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at police ground, Chennai.



### CLUB ACTIVITIES

The school has 23 difficult clubs which are designed to stimulate the interest of the students in hobbies and provide opportunities for self-expression. The clubs conduct activities such as debates, dances, dumbcharades, skits, songs, speeches, power point presentations, etc.

### DISPLAY BOARDS / WALL MAGAZINE

Each department has a display board which is updated with interesting information related to the subject every 2 weeks. Every class has a wall magazine board which is filled with an array of colourful articles every week. To cultivate creativity and competition among the different clubs and classes.

### FUNCTIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

#### FOUNDER'S DAY

Several students honoured and felicitated the compassionate soul of our dear Founder Chairman Rt. Rev. Dr. G. Rajakumar. All classes starting from the kindergarten to the super seniors put in all their efforts to set up various food stalls, game centres, plant nurseries and other accessory stalls.

#### Patriotic Fervour - Independence & Republic Day

The spirit of patriotism echoes vibrantly within the walls of our school. To remember and honour our national leaders who fought valiantly for our country's freedom, our school celebrates Independence Day and Republic Day every year.



### TEACHERS' DAY

On the occasion of Teachers' Day, Teachers were welcomed into the school by all the Student Council Members with bouquets of love and a special song. The teachers were felicitated by the students during the special assembly. Many events were organised for the teachers throughout the day.

### CHILDREN'S DAY

Teachers and students enthusiastically celebrated children's day on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The children were allowed to wear colour dresses and the school resembled a garden of tulips in spring. We had a special assembly to commemorate the birth anniversary of our first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

### CHRISTMAS

Christmas, the season of advent, is a time for spreading cheer and joy all around.

Students from Class 4 and above presented special Carol Assemblies to spread Christmas cheer through their melodious songs and skits which portrayed the real meaning of the season of Joy.

The Christmas programme was conducted on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December in our school.

### SPORTS

Sports provide an opportunity for athletes to excel and become outstanding in their field. This year, the sports meet was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2017. The Chief Guest for the morning session was Thiru. Dr. M. Ravi, IPS Additional



Director General of Police. The March Past was performed gloriously by all the four houses. This was followed by igniting the Olympic torch,

There were colourful mass-drill performances by junior and senior students. The track and field events commenced with great enthusiasm and energy. The Chief Guest for the closing ceremony was Thiru B. Ravi Kumar David, Chairman, Physical Activities Committee, MCA Madras, Senior Vice President, TV Carrom Association.

### CLUSTERS

In the State Level Clusters held in September in Chennai, students from our school had won medals and had qualified for the Nationals in shotput, discus, high jump, long jump and Triple Jump students participated in the Velammal Interschool Meet, Tamilnadu Inter District State Meet, South Zone Meet, TamilNadu Open State Meet, Inter-District National Meet and won laurels and medals.

### INTRAMURALS

To encourage teamwork among the students, our school hosts intramurals where the respective houses compete against each other in games like kabadi, kho-kho, table tennis, carom, throwball, volleyball and chess for the different categories.

### KIDDIES SPORTS MEET

The Kiddies Sports Meet took place with great Zeal on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2018. The national flag and the school flag were hoisted by the chief guest for the day, Mr. A. ROBIN CHARLES RAJA. The March Past was impeccably executed by the students



of Classes II and III. Ensuing this, the Olympic torch was lit.

A March parade, mass drill, a skit and dance were performed by a striking array of brightly clad students from the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Standard Classes. The students also performed a couple of patriotic songs in the national language, Hindi as well as in the regional language.

### EXCURSION

An educational tour was organized for the students of class 9 and above. It was a 3 day stay. Class-9 students were taken to Kodaikanal, Class 10 students were taken to Mysore, Class 11 students to Ooty and Class 12 students were taken to Hyderabad. Students of Classes I - VIII were taken for a one day trip to different place in Chennai

### HEALTH IS WEALTH

Health checkup is held at the end of every academic year to check the stamina, eyesight and general health of the students. These checkups are done by our respected school doctor, Dr. S. Ramakrishnan. We also have Mrs. Sunitha Prakash, our nurse who assists our doctor in taking care of our ailments.

### NCC

National Cadet Corps comprises of students from VIII and IX classed under the Air Force Wing. NCC makes the students determined towards civil service. This year the NCC cadets attended the National Yoga day at Zion Matriculation School, Tambaram. They participated in two rallies. One of them was on 'Anti Drugs'. Our cadets performed a campaign titled 'Say no to drugs'. Our cadets also participated in a marathon to



highlight the importance of human rights. On the Independence Day and Republic Day, the NCC students did a parade. They attended a camp at Satyabama University.

### FAREWELL

The Thanksgiving Ceremony is hosted by the school for class XII. The students thanked their teachers for the knowledge and value they have imparted to them. The students leave with unforgettable memories.

### EPILOGUE

This academic year 2017-18 has been wonderful with the countless blessings of our God Almighty showered upon us at St. John's Besant Nagar.

I would like to thank our founder couple Rt. Rev. Dr. G. Rajakumar and Smt. Shakuntala Rajakumar who had worked for years to establish this prestigious institution, St. John's. My special thanks to My Vice Principal, Mrs Anitha Rajakumar, Headmistresses, Mrs. Elizabeth Sekar and Mrs. Ruth Chandravadhini and coordinator Mrs. Mekala for their constant support. I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the staff members, students and my encouraging parents. I also remember with gratitude all my office staff, menial staff responsible for the running of the school. I would also like to thank Mr. Ashwin Dev Dhiyram, MD Good News Television.

St. John's will continue to strive in every possible field to reach the pinnacle of education, excellence, discipline and will continue to uphold its name by inculcating good values in children.