



# ST. MARY'S MAT. HR. SEC. SCHOOL

AMALIPURAM, SHOLINGUR ROAD, PALLIPAT - 631207



**The November Chronicle**

# *Spark of Success*

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*"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." –*

**Benjamin Franklin**

Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,



**Greetings from the Principal.**

Why educational institutions are unable to meet the demands of India's ever growing need for skilful human resources? Why Schools and universities keep producing mere secretaries and managers but not risk takers? When will it change? Why we are unable to catch up with Finland, Japan, China and Canada?

**Are we parents who still have the mind-set that children should not do chores especially boys?**

In today's rapidly changing world, traditional academic knowledge alone is no longer sufficient to prepare students for future challenges. Skill-based learning has become an essential component of modern education, providing students with the practical tools they need to succeed in a dynamic and competitive environment. As educators, it is our responsibility to integrate these skills into the curriculum to ensure our students are well-equipped for the future.

Skill-based learning focuses on developing competencies such as critical thinking, problem-solving, collaboration, and adaptability. These skills are crucial in navigating complex real-world situations and are highly valued by employers. By engaging in hands-on activities and real-life scenarios, students can bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. This approach not only enhances their learning experience but also fosters a growth mind-set, encouraging students to embrace challenges and view failures as opportunities for improvement.

Moreover, skill-based learning promotes lifelong learning by instilling a sense of curiosity and a desire for continuous personal and professional development. In an era where technology and job requirements are constantly evolving, the ability to learn and adapt is vital. By equipping students with these skills, we empower them to become confident, innovative, and resilient individuals who can thrive in any situation.

Integrating skill-based learning into our educational system is essential for preparing students for the future. It equips them with the necessary skills to succeed, fosters a growth mind-set, and promotes lifelong learning. As educators, we must prioritize skill-based learning to ensure our students are ready to meet the demands of the modern world.

Educational researches clearly reveals that children who do chores at home have kept better learning skills throughout their lives and they are more attached to family than those who are pampered at home.

With Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "J. Jones Diraviam". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a horizontal line.

**Principal**

**Mr. J. Jones Diraviam – M. A, M.Ed**





## CANCER AWARENESS RALLY 2024



On 7th November 2024, a Cancer Awareness Rally was organized, where students actively participated in spreading awareness among the public. They shared vital information about **precautions and prevention measures** for cancer, emphasizing the importance of early detection and a healthy lifestyle. The rally aimed to educate and inspire the community to take proactive steps toward combating this disease.



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# Engage, Explore, Excel







# Shaping Future Innovators

A **coding assessment** was conducted for Classes **I to V**, fostering logical thinking and problem-solving skills in young minds. For Classes **VI to X**, engaging **Robotics classes** introduced students to **Python, STEM concepts**, and advanced coding techniques. These sessions aim to equip students with essential 21st-century skills, sparking creativity and innovation.







# A Joyous Children's Day 2024

Children's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm on **14th November** at our school. The day was filled with fun, happiness, and joy as the **staff organized special programs** for the students. To make the occasion even sweeter, **candies were provided** to all the children, adding to the festive spirit.





# The Student Empowerment Initiatives



A series of **motivational classes** and an **empowerment program** were organized for students, focusing on the important topics of **discipline** and **bullying**. The **Campus Superior, Principal, and Discipline Committee** took the initiative to guide students towards better Behavior and understanding, promoting a safe and respectful learning environment. These sessions aimed to instill values of self-discipline and empathy, encouraging students to stand up against bullying and embrace positive change.



Teachers attended various **training programs**, including **ICT Training** to enhance tech skills and **Communication Skills** training by the DFT. Regular **meetings with the Principal** focused on improving teaching strategies. These initiatives aimed at fostering professional growth and effective classroom management.





# Vibrant House Activities





# KG SPORTS MEET



The **KG Sports Meet** was held on **22nd November 2024**, filled with enthusiasm and excitement. Students participated in various fun games like **Filling the Pail**, **Lemon in the Spoon**, and more, showcasing their energy and sportsmanship. The winners were **felicitated**, making the day memorable for all.



# Annual Sports Meet



Last Saturday's (23.11.2024) Sports Day was a spectacular success, showcasing the vibrant spirit and talent of our students. Chief guest Mr. Deepen decorated the celebration stage with his presence. DFT Tamil Nadu correspondent Rev. Sister. Sasikala and DFT Provincial Rev. Sister Kulanthai Teresa were the guests of honour in this event. Campus Superior Rev. Sister Fransisca and Principal Mr. Jones led the celebration to its success. The event was filled with enthusiastic participation, friendly competition, and outstanding performances in Relay Race, Tug of War, Running, Volleyball, football, Javelin Throw, Shot Put, Kho Kho and Kabadi. The well-coordinated Extra Curricular activities and the support of our dedicated staff ensured a seamless and enjoyable experience for everyone. The highlight was the march-past displayed by the house students and scouts, which truly embodied the essence of teamwork and perseverance. A big thank you to all parents, participants, organizers, and supporters for making this event memorable and inspiring. We look forward to many more such successful events in the future!

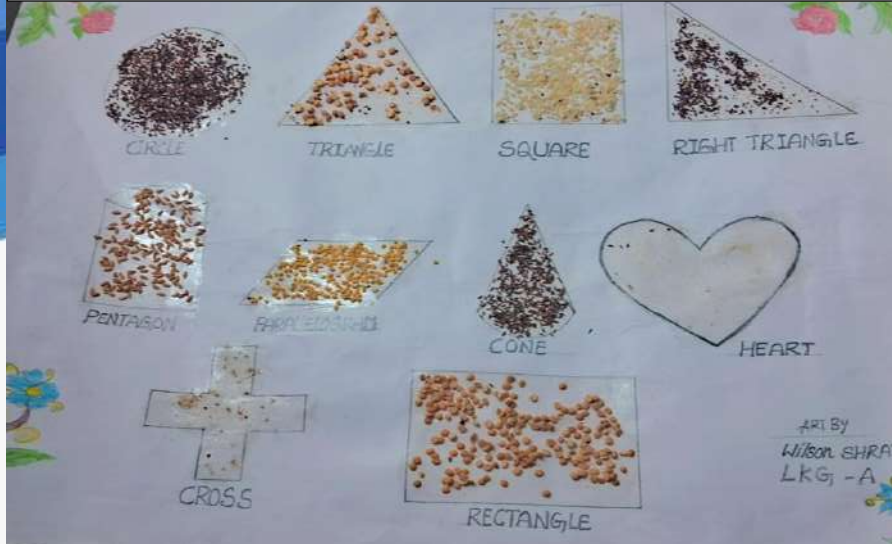








# KG Adventures and Activities







**Bridging Gaps, Elevating Potential**





# Nurturing Toppers to Achieve New Heights



The **Toppers Meeting** was conducted for all the compartments to understand students' focus and requirements for academic improvement. For Classes X to XII, a weekly session with the Principal emphasized achieving district ranks by encouraging and motivating students. Discussions focused on strengths, areas for improvement, and resolving doubts, while students received resources like question banks, HOTS questions, and past papers. The Principal inspired students by sharing success stories and providing personalized feedback to keep them motivated. Time management strategies and stress-reducing techniques were also discussed to support their preparation. These sessions have boosted students' confidence and commitment to excelling in their academics, aligning with the school's vision of securing top ranks.

"Where dedication meets guidance,  
dreams turn into achievements –  
Toppers meet to lead the way!"





# National Constitution Day



National Constitution Day was observed at our school on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2024, where all students gathered to take the **pledge** in remembrance of the historic document that laid the foundation of our nation. The event highlighted the importance of understanding our rights and

*The Constitution is not just a document, but a commitment to equality, freedom, and justice for every citizen.*





The staff enrichment program was conducted on **November 28, 2024**, focusing on enhancing the skills and abilities of the teaching staff. A **Listening Assessment and test** were organized as part of the program to help improve their **accent, communication, and listening skills**. This initiative aimed to ensure better engagement in classrooms and improve the overall teaching quality. It also reinforced the importance of effective communication in fostering better interactions with students and colleagues.



# ENHANCING Communication and Listening Skills







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