

Annual Report 2019 -20
Don Bosco School of Excellence, Sayalgudi
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Greetings and a warm welcome to everyone present here. A special word of welcome to the esteemed Chief Guest **Honorable K. Navaskani**, Member of Parliament (LOK SABHA), Ramanathapuram Constituency - Tamil NADU. Hearty Welcome to the respected **Guest of Honour, Rev. Fr. Amaladoss Samson SDB**, Provincial Economer, Salesian Province of Tiruchy. Joyful welcome to our special guest **Rev. Fr. Arul Maran SDB**, the director of Cauvery development office, Tiruchy. I also would like to extend my hearty welcome to Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters, VIP's of Sayalgudi, dear parents, friends, well-wishers and all those who are present here this evening.

At the very outset, I thank the Almighty God, for all the blessings bestowed upon us for the past one year. I am grateful to St. John Bosco, our father and founder for his guidance, protection and continual assistance. With immense delight, I present to you, the Third Annual Report of the Don Bosco school of Excellence, Sayalgudi for the academic year 2019 - 20.

When we look back at the past year, there is a satisfying feeling to see clear evidence of stability and sustainability, growth and development both in academics and administration, in school curriculum, extra curriculum programs, event hosting, staff retention and many more. While the focus was on holistic development of every student, real education takes the center stage in daily activities throughout this year.

The Management & Staff

Don Bosco School of Excellence, Sayalgudi, is a unit of Global Don Bosco Schools found in 134 countries. This School is managed by three Salesian priests, namely **Rev. Fr. Amirthanathan Irudayaraj SDB**, the Rector and Correspondent, **Rev. Fr. Mohan Christuraj SDB**, the Principal and **Rev. Fr. Gabriel Raja SDB**, the Administrator, under the guidance of **Rev. Fr. Agilan Sarprasadam SDB**, the Manager of all the Don Bosco Schools in Tiruchy Province.

As we welcome the new confreres Rev Fr. Amirthanathan, Rector and Rev Fr. Gabriel raja, administrator to our institution, we also thank Rev Fr. George Arokiaraj for his committed service as director and correspondent of this institution for the past one year. At this auspicious moment we fondly remember our former provincial Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph, who seeded this intuition and kept this mission close to his heart and whose demise was sudden and shocking.

Our institution is blessed with good team of 27 staff in different capacities. 14 Teaching staff, 3 office staff, 4 supportive staff and 1 security and 4 part time staff who render their committed service to this institution. They

help the orderly functioning of this institution which caters to 260 students from Pre-K.G to Grade VI with the motto “Illuminating Heart, Mind and Soul”.

Don Bosco System of Education:

Preventive system is the unique educative method developed by Don Bosco. It is based on three pillars **Reason, Religion and Loving Kindness**. The system of education in Don Bosco School of excellence, as you all know, is a blend of theory and practice in the right proportion to arrive at a comprehensive curriculum.

School Ambience: Family spirit and loving kindness is the hallmark of Don Bosco System. The Atmosphere in our school is welcoming and inclusive. Our children feel comfortable and safe in our campus. There are strong bonds between the management, staff and the parents. The parents are positive partners in the education of the students in our School. Parents extend their invaluable support to the school by sparing their time and effort. We appreciate their thoughtful gestures.

Facilities and the Care Given

Every year our school makes all the efforts to improve its standard and facilities. This year we have introduced the following.

The school offers transport facility to the students for their convenience. Clean and healthy restrooms are made available; Children’s park is there for the children to relax and enjoy. Clean and green campus is the asset of this institution. We have

Well trained Teachers

Class rooms with smart TV

Pragmatic teaching

Green Environment

Resourceful Library

Updated composite lab

Multipurpose Hall

Spirited Sports

Tab for the teachers to evaluate and encourage students.

In addition to this ...

- A full-time communicative trainer, Ms. Sophia, has been appointed to improve the spoken English both for the students as well as teachers.
- School Management Committee and Staff council have been formed for the better running of the school.
- Co-curricular activities like Karate, Yoga, Music, Classical Dance and Silambam have been introduced this year.
- Lunch, Snacks and Drinking water is given to the children under the supervision of the class teachers and care takers.

- Both indoor and outdoor sports articles have been bought. Especially Kho-kho, foot ball, basket ball, cricket and other outdoor and indoor games have been introduced this year.
- Quality study materials and stationary items have been distributed to the children
- Music Club, Art and craft Club, Karate Club, Dance Club, Eco Club in function in our school.
- Vegetable garden and flower garden have been created in our school with the help of the students.
- Beautiful love birds and fish tank keep our students amused and entertained.
- We have planted more than 100 trees in our campus with the help of the children.

Empowering Staff Members

The institution is very particular in recruiting the qualified and efficient staff and trains them to impart quality education to our students.

- Every third Saturday our school staff is animated on Pedagogy of Don Bosco by our correspondent Rev. Fr. Amirthanathan SDB and motivated consistently.
- Almost every day from 4pm to 4.45pm our teachers are given special training in communication skill by Ms. Sophia, communicative trainer, Fr. Mohan Christuraj, our principal and Fr. Gabriel raja, our administrator with various innovative methods.
- 1st June all our staff members participated in one day seminar on “Don Bosco System of Education” organized for all the teachers of the Tiruchy province at Don Bosco School Thanjavur.
- To enhance the teaching skills of our teachers we had two professional development sessions by the team Chrysalis.
- Our kindergarten teachers were given special training in “innovative teaching skills” by Happy Tots in Coimbatore on 9th November 2019.
- Think room participation by Mr. Balaji every month fine tunes the teaching method of teachers. In this way our teachers are inspired and empowered for better teaching.

Academics:

The school makes constant efforts to transform every student a good thinker. We have adopted two programs to empower our students. One is **Happy Tots**: Happy Tots is the curriculum provided for the KG section. It nurtures the critical thinking of each child by creating curiosity. The other is **Chrysalis**: Chrysalis is the curriculum we implement in our school from grade I to Grade VI. It is India’s largest leader in educational research and innovation and it is adopted by forward-thinking schools. It helps us to provide highest standard of education and all-round formation for our students.

In our school every lesson is taught to the students using audio-visual Aids. Daily Home fun is given through school WhatsApp. Every term at least two projects and a few activities are done. Every six weeks we have formative and summative assessments and the results are given to the parents in the following open day. To improve the communication skill, children are regularly given **reading practices** in their respective classes. One week of intensive hand writing course was given to our children by the experts to improve their hand writing which changed the hand writing of many students. The medium of communication is English and the students are made to speak in English throughout the day. Equal importance is given for Tamil and Hindi the second and third languages respectively. Library week was organized to encourage the reading habit of the students. In order to create interest in mathematics table week was conducted in our school. A week long presence of the two German volunteers and their classes created a big impact among our students.

Think room day and Science Exhibition was conducted on 11th January 2019 in the presence of Mr. Balaji, in which students exhibited all their innovative projects and inventions. Parents and other visitors appreciated the initiatives and efforts made by the students.

Field Trips: In a year we plan at least two or three field trips outside our school in order to facilitate practical learning. On 2nd August KG students were taken to Public places such as fire station, market, bus stand, police station and so on. On 3rd August 2019 children from Grade 2 to 6 visited the light house, coastal guard station and seashore at Vembar.

House System: House system was inaugurated in our school on 31st August 2019 to make our educative system very vibrant and creative. Students were divided into four teams Bosco, Savio, Rua and Rinaldi and all the sports activities and cultural events were conducted basing on this house system. Opportunities are provided to the students to take up leadership as school Pupil leaders and Assistant School pupil leader, Class leaders, sports captains and vice captains etc.

Competitions:

We do conduct various competitions in our school to bring out best in our students such as

- Fancy dress competition
- Singing competition
- Story telling
- Poster making

Elocution and Picture identification
Thirukural Recitation
Cooking Pongal and Rangoli Competition
Traditional Games
Greeting Card making and Coloring
Don Bosco Quiz
GK Quiz Competition
Solo Dance
Clay Modeling and waste management
Spell Bee
Drawing competition

The winners are awarded during the annual day celebration.

Remarkable Days

This Being the CBSE School, we implement very unique and realistic ways of teaching. One such initiative is celebrating significant days in our school such as

World Yoga Day
World Population day
World Nature conservation Day
Good Samaritan day,
St. Dominic Savio Day
Father's day
International Friendship Day
Independence Day
International Youth Day
Organ Donation Day
World Photography Day
National Sports Day
Blue color Day
Red Color Day
Pink Color Day
Green colour Day
Yellow colour Day
Tri Color Day
Vegetable Day
Fruits Day
National Milk Day
World Kindness Day
Children's day
Teacher's day
Students Day
Women's Day
Child rights Day

Festivals and Celebrations:

India is a land of “Unity in Diversity”. People respect different religions, creeds, castes, languages, cultures, lifestyle, dressing sense and faith in God in India. This noble value is instilled in the children through the celebrations of all the major festival regardless of religion, language and culture.

- Ramzan was celebrated in our school on 15th June 2019.
- On 16th July Kamarajar’s Birthday was celebrated in a meaningful manner.
- 5th August Friendship Day was celebrated with sharing of friendship band and exchanging gifts and sweets
- 10th August 2019 Independence Day was celebrated with Fancy Dress competition and cultural programme in the presence of the parents.
- 16th August Birthday of Don Bosco was celebrated with the prayer service and animation by Fr. Amirthanathan.
- 5th September Teachers’ day was solemnly celebrated in our school with attractive games and cultural.
- Diwali, the festival of light was celebrated with cultural, lamps and sweets on 25th October 2019.
- Christmas was celebrated in the school with carols, Christmas skits and cakes on 23rd December 2019. Good Samaritan day was observed on the same day along with Christmas celebration to instill social consciousness in the students. We thank our parents for contributing Rs. 30000 for the poor and needy students of our locality. .
- Pongal was celebrated with traditional Tamil games, with the sugarcane and sweet pongal on 13th January 2018 in four teams.
- Don Bosco feast was celebrated on 29th January 2019. Students expressed their love for Don Bosco through cultural programs and quiz programme.

Significant Days

The new School building was blessed by His grace Most Rev. Soosaimanickam DD and inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph SDB, our former provincial on 19th July 2019.

The new provincial Rev. Fr. Agilan made his first canonical visit to our school on 21st January 2020 and encouraged everyone to give our best for the growth of the children and the institution.

We were privileged to celebrate the 25 years of priestly life, the Silver Jubilee of ordination of our dear. Fr. Amirthanathan, the Rector and correspondent on 1st February 2020 in our community.

Our School students won over all championship in District Level Yoga and dance Competition conducted on 25th November 2019 in Don Bosco School of Excellence, Sayalgudi.

Future Developments:

I am happy to present the possible future developments of our school.

- At present we have Pre- KG to Grade VI and for the coming academic year school will be upgraded up to Grade VII.
- New Play Grounds will be made for Volley Ball, Foot Ball, Basket Ball and Skating will be introduced.
- Music Club, Catering Club, Technology club and Media club will be started in the coming academic year.
- Children parliament, Scouts and guides and JRC will be started.
- Three Smart Class rooms will be made available for the students.
- One new school van will be bought and more number of School van will be made available.
- Computer Lab, Composite lab and Language Lab will be installed in the near future for the growth of the students.
- **importance will be given to sports especially athletics**
- Volunteers from Germany will be invited to our school for the effective learning.
- CCTV Camera will be installed for the safety of the children
- Children Play garden and Two-wheeler parking will be constructed.

As I conclude this Annual report, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who were instrumental for the growth this institution, especially our provincial Rev. Fr. Agilan, Rev. Fr. Amaladoss, Economer and Rev. Fr. Arul Maran with whose inquisitiveness this institution has grown up to this level.

Finally, I entrust our institution at the feet of the Lord and under the guidance of St. John Bosco and ask their blessings for the days to come.

Wishing you all grace filled evening.

Thank you and God Bless You.

Education does not mean just the ability to read and write but it is the process of holistic development of a child. The pragmatic approach imparts learning by experimenting and experiencing facts around.