

## ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT 2023-24

Honourable Chief Guest of the day,.....

On Behalf of the entire family of Lourdes Public school and Junior college, Kottayam, I extend you a very warm welcome to the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Day Celebrations .Today I proudly present the Annual Report of the school highlighting the events and achievements that has placed Lourdes among the top 100 schools of the country. Lourdes Public School that had its humble beginning in 1996 has now entered the 28<sup>th</sup> year and has 1785 students on rolls. The Total Staff Strength is 131 with 93 teaching staff, and 38 service staff.

Lourdes has grown in strength and stature and is one of the First Best Schools in Kottayam District.

The School reopened on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> , for classes 1 to 10 and 12. The entire school community gathered in Lourdes Forane Church, to evoke God's blessings.

Rev. Fr.Dr. Philip Nelpuraparambil, School Manager blessed the students. The School reopened on June 5<sup>th</sup>, Monday for LKG and June 7<sup>th</sup> ,Wednesday for UKG. Classes for Std XI also commenced on 7<sup>th</sup> June ,Wednesday 2023.

### **A look on to the events and achievements this year...**

The PTA general body meeting and an awareness session for parents was held on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June . Awareness session for the parents was held under the leadership of Mr. Roy Thomas (Principal, Cardinal Padiyara Public School and Junior College. Mr. Gopa Kumar was elected as PTA President. The PTA is closely and actively involved in all the activities of the school. Mrs. Beena K Varghese was elected as Staff Secretary.

The School Parliament elections were held on 14<sup>th</sup> July, Friday. Candidates who contested gave a speech on the topic "A leader is the one who knows the way , goes the way and shows the way." during the Meet the Candidate Programme on 13<sup>th</sup> July ,Thursday.

Ganga Ajay (XI B) and Bennet Tom Ajith (XI A) were elected as School Captain and Vice Captain respectively. Antony Jaimon (VI B) and Issa Anna Suresh (VI D) were elected Junior Captain and Junior Vice Captain correspondingly. Elwin Tom Jain (XII C) and Devmitra P (XA) have been selected as Sports Leaders.

To inculcate reading habits among students , Reading Week was observed from Wednesday , 19<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday , 23<sup>rd</sup> June in our school. Various Competitions like Reading Badge making , Story Reading Competitions and Magazine preparation etc.. were conducted .

The **Charity Club** was inaugurated on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June. Every week , the charity collection, the money contributed by students, is given to the needy.

### **Academic Excellence.**

Our School has produced quality results at the Class X and XII CBSE Examination and we take pride in this.

#### **A look at the results of Board Exams held in 2023.....**

Out of the 106 students who appeared in the CBSE Class XII exam 50 students secured above 90% in all subjects and 14 students secured A1 in all the subjects. The School Topper, Class XII is Nimisha Renjith .

Out of 99 students who appeared in the CBSE Class X Exam 38 students secured above 90% and 5 students secured A1 in all subjects . Niya Susan Abraham is the School topper (Class X).

**PRATIBHA SANGAMAM** was held on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023 , to honor the students who appeared for the SSCE and SSE 2023 and brought laurels to the school by securing 100% results.

His Excellency Mar Thomas Padiyath (Auxiliary Bishop of Shamshabad Diocese ) was the Chief Guest . Very Rev. Dr. Philip Nelpuraparambil , School Manager presided over the function. All the meritorious students were honored and the traditional lamp lighting ceremony was the highlight of the glittering occasion. A token of Appreciation was given to the teachers who prepared the students to secure 100%. The event was

felicitated by Rev.Fr.Jinu Machukuzhy CMI (Director,Darsana Academy) , Mr. Sunny C Kanjooparambil [Trustee , Lourdes Forane Church] , Mr. Renjith ( Parent of School Topper) & Miss. Asha Rajesh (Parent of School Topper)

**Arts Festival** was conducted on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July for classes 1 to XII .

Under the banner of their respective houses the students participated in various literary and art events on different stages and accumulated points

### **Investiture Ceremony .**

Investiture Ceremony of Student Council and Prize Distribution of Arts Festival (Cat 3 and 4) were conducted on Friday , 4<sup>th</sup> August at Lourdes AC Parish hall. The Chief Guest Rev. Fr.Benny Mundanattu (Managing Director , Rashtra Deepika ) delivered the Presidential Address. The School Parliament members were administered Oath .

School Leaders , Group Leaders and Sports Leaders took the Oath.

March past , Sashing Ceremony , Flag giving ceremony and Oath taking were the highlights of the ceremony.

**Deepika Colour India Painting Competition** was conducted on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> August at Lourdes Public School. This competition was inaugurated by Karthik IPS (District Police Chief). Rev.Fr.Benny Mundanattu delivered the Presidential Address and Rev.Fr. Jino Punnamattathil rendered the vote of thanks.

**Onam Celebrations , ( Sraavana Pulari ) 2023** were held on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> August. Various competitions like Punchiri Malsaram, Malayali Manka, Kerala Sreeman, Onappattu , Tug of War , Maveli Mannande Varavelpu etc... were organized group wise. It was a privilege for the Lourdean Family to celebrate Onam with the inmates of Shanti Bhavan , the old age Home, on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August. The students entertained them with Thiruvathira dance and Onappattu and served Onasadhya .

The school closed for Onam Vacation on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> August and reopened on Monday ,4<sup>th</sup> September.

**TEACHERS DAY** was celebrated at school on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 during the indoor morning assembly. All the teachers were honored by the students.

**BISHOP CHARLES LAVIGNE MEMORIAL INDOOR STADIUM** was inaugurated and blessed on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> September by His Grace Mar Joseph Perumthottam. Rev. Dr. Philip Nelpuraparambil, School Manager delivered the Presidential Address. Very Rev. Dr. Joseph Manakalam our former school Manager felicitated the gathering. Mrs. Beena Varghese, Staff Secretary proposed Vote of Thanks.

A friendly inaugural match between Lourdes Public School and SH Kilimala took place in the newly inaugurated stadium.

The **18th All Kerala Basketball Tournament** was held at BISHOP CHARLES LAVIGNE MEMORIAL INDOOR STADIUM from Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023. The Opening Ceremony was inaugurated by Smt. Vigneshwari IAS (District Collector, Kottayam)

The Closing Ceremony was held on 21<sup>st</sup> September. Sri. Chandy Oommen (MLA Puthupally) was the chief guest who gave away the Lourdean Trophies to the winners. St. Ephrems, Mannanam, (Boys) and S H Thevara (Girls) emerged as winners of the 18th Lourdean Trophy.

**CBSE Youth Festival- Sahodaya Sargasangamam**, (Sahodaya Kottayam School Kalotsav) was held at Aravinda Vidya Mandiram Pallikathodu. on 14<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

We were second runners up (717 points) in the CBSE Youth Festival- Sahodaya Sargasangamam 2023.

All Kerala **CBSE Kalotsav 2023** was held from 24<sup>th</sup> November to 26<sup>th</sup> November at Sree Sarada Vidyalaya, Kalady, Ernakulam. Our students won prizes and brought laurels to our school.

A **Study Tour** was organized for Class XI to Mysore and Wayanad and for Class IX to Coorg and Mysore in the month of November.

Pleasure trips were organized for all classes in the month of November.

Classes 2 ,3 and 4 were taken to Funtura , Lulu Mall , Ernakulam .

Classes 5 and 6 to Silver storm , Chalakudy.

Class 7 had a pleasure ride on Sagar Rani in Kochi .

Class 8 went to Kodaikanal.

**Nirakkootu** (Colouring and Drawing Competition) was organized by Lourdes Kindergarten on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> November. Kindergarteners from various schools participated in the competition.

**Lourdean Expo** , the school level Arts and Science Exhibition was held on Thursday , 30<sup>th</sup> November. All students from Class V and above exhibited their creative and innovative talents on a competitive basis.

**Colours Day** was held on the same day for Classes 1 to 4. Students decorated their classes, dressed themselves and exhibited items according to the colour allotted to their class. Colours Day was a feast to the eyes.

The **Annual Sports Day** was held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at Nehru Stadium . Events like shot put, races, long jump, discuss throw etc...took place. It helped to encourage healthy competition and true sportsman spirit in our students.

The **Lourdes Kinder Garten** celebrated the Kiddies Day and Christmas with enthusiasm and joy on 21<sup>st</sup> December. Various Cultural Programmes were put up by the KG students, that showcased their talents and the Little Lourdeans proved that they would take Lourdes to the pinnacle of success in the years to come.

**Christmas Celebrations** were held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Rev.Fr.Dr. Philip Nelpuraparambil gave the Christmas message to the students . Various Competitions like Santa Claus competition , Carol

Song competition , Live Crib etc...were organized for the students group wise and Category wise.

The school closed for Christmas holidays from Friday ,23<sup>rd</sup> December to Sunday , 31<sup>st</sup> December.

### **Talents' days**

We spent two days , Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday , 19<sup>th</sup> , January as Talents days on which all students who desired to perform their talents on stage were given opportunities to do so.

### **Examinations...**

Periodic Assessments , Multiple Assessments , Half Yearly Exam , Revision Tests and Preparatory / Model Exams are conducted according to the Academic Calender. The Open House is organized after all assessments and exams to provide parents a feedback on the academic performance of their children supervised by teachers.

### **Achievements**

Our Students participated at the Sahodaya Kottayam Inter school Chess Championship and won overall 4<sup>th</sup> position. In Sahodaya Inter school Roller Skating Championship and in Sahodaya Badminton Competitions our school team emerged runners up and became champions in District Badminton Tournament.

Our **Tiny tots of Lourdes** joyously clinched the second position at the Kids Fest 'Jyothis' 2023 held at Sacred Heart public School , S H Mount and won several prizes at the Kids Fest that was held at Placid Vidya Vihar. A proud moment indeed for us.

At Various Competitions conducted by many private and non private organizations in our school and outside our school , our students and our Kinder garteners won many prizes and brought laurels to our school.

All this has been possible due to the diligence and untiring efforts of the staff and students of our school as well as the support and

encouragement from our parents. I owe a special thanks to them. Nothing could have been possible without the blessings and patronage of His Grace Mar Joseph Perumthottam , Archbishop of Changanacherry and His Grace Mar Joseph Powathil. I place on record my sincere thanks to both of them who have been our pillars of strength. Very Rev. Fr. Dr. Philip Nelpuraparambil, our Manager, is our guiding light .We are privileged to have his consistent support and gracious presence for all the functions of the school . My special Thanks to him. I am extremely grateful to the assistant vicars, trustees, the parish council and the education committee of Lourdes Forane Church for their genuine and selfless interest shown towards the affairs of the school. I acknowledge with gratitude the unlimited support rendered by the President, and members of PTA in all endeavors of the school. I sincerely express thanks to my, office staff and non-teaching staff who take the most important role in the smooth functioning of the school . I thankfully appreciate my students for their wonderful cooperation with the academic system of the institution. Before I conclude I would like to thank Almighty God for All His Choicest blessings.

May God Bless Us All!