

PTA Annual Report 2021-2022

With the pandemic continuing in 2021, the school remained closed, and all classes continued to be held in virtual mode. Due to this, we could not organize the PTA activities typically held in an academic year. Nevertheless, many activities were conducted virtually; a prudent approach considering the prevailing scenario. Following is a brief synopsis of the PTA activities organized during the academic year 2021-2022.

July 5th is World Environment Day, and SJBHS supported by PTA commemorates it through the **Go-green activities** which are held through the month of July. A webinar on **Dr. Nima Manjrekar's** journey through her career in wildlife sciences was conducted. Dr. Nima Manjrekar is a noted Wildlife Biologist & author. She shared with our students her rich experiences working with wildlife, living and experiencing the various geographic regions of India. She gave our students a much-valued perspective on how enriching a career in wildlife sciences could be.

A workshop on growing **micro-greens** with **Ms. Nayana Haji** as the speaker was organized for primary school students. Ms. Nayana explained to the students the benefits of micro-greens for their health and taught them how to grow micro-greens in their balconies!

A '**Wealth Out of Waste**' activity session for the students of standard 2 was also conducted. This event highlighted to the students the importance of Reduce-Reuse-Recycle.

Transcendence 2021 - a fabulous science fest with 12 dynamic events, enriching engagements and learned judges, was co-sponsored by SJBHS PTA. It was held online between August 1st -14th. This fest has grown from a fest for science enthusiasts to aspiring journalists and hardcore gamers!

September 5th is a day dedicated to teachers appreciating the role they play in the life of our children—the leaders of tomorrow. The day is also celebrated to pay tribute to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, former President of the country and a visionary educator. Teachers provide the power of knowledge and education and create possibilities for a better future. Amidst the pandemic, the PTA, in collaboration with the school, celebrated **Teacher's Day** with great enthusiasm on September 3rd. The program commenced with a prayer song in the mesmerizing voice of our music teachers, **Mr. Robin Colaco, Mr. Mario Dunn, Ms. Jenita Maria, and Mr. Fabian White.** A

cultural program also followed with a dance performance by our teacher **Ms. Deeksha** and the group.

The Annual General Body Meeting of the PTA for the year 2021 was held in October, and a new committee was formed that consists of 30 members, eight staff representatives, and 22 parent members. Our Principal, **Rev Fr Sunil Fernandes**, was the President of the PTA, while **Mr. Clifton Pinhero** and **Ms. Priyadarshini D U** held the responsibility of the Vice President and the Secretary, respectively, for the academic year of 2022 - 2023.

The pandemic had impacted us all, but the arrival of the Christmas season brought with it an opportunity to lift the spirits of our school community. The PTA wholeheartedly supported our School in bringing about a reason to cheer. To add to the joy and merriment of Christmas, the parents of the PTA came together to sing a carol and dance to the most popular Christmas carol, Jingle Bells, as part of the school Christmas program.

We believe a good supportive relationship between our School and parents is an asset to our children. There is no better medium other than sports to strengthen this bond. The School Staff and parents got together on February 24 for an Inter-School-Parent game of cricket and throwball. Every year this is an event that is relished by our students, who are enthusiastic spectators. But this year was also a muted affair with only School Staff and parent players in attendance. The presence of **Mr. Naresh Ramadoss**, Physical Fitness Coach at National Cricket Academy, graced the closing ceremony and the prize distribution, as the chief guest, along with **Rev Fr Principal Sunil Fernandes**, Vice-principal, **Mr. Uday Kumar Abraham**, and Primary administrator, **Fr Vishal Dsouza**.

It has been a curtailed academic year for the PTA, but we are grateful that we could accomplish the following activities: Go-Green webinar, micro-greens workshop, wealth out of waste activities, Transcendence co-sponsorship, Teacher's Day, Christmas celebration, and PTA Sports day. We express our gratitude for the constant support and guidance from **Rev Fr Principal Sunil Fernandez SJ**, Vice Principal **Mr. Uday Kumar Abraham**, and Primary School Administrator **Fr Vishal D'Souza**. Many of these activities would not have been possible if not for their initiative.

For the next academic year, we have organized ourselves into four working groups, and we look forward to a regular academic year. With the support of the wider parent community and School Management, we plan to conduct more enriching activities for our students.