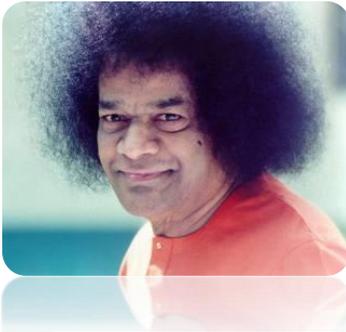




Sathya Sai School

Toronto, Canada

Parent Information Letter # 1 | Oct 16, 2019



Love is the chief quality of man, truth is his basis and right conduct is his very life. The combination of all these ensures peace.

~Sathya Sai Baba

Food Drive

SEP 30 -OCT 31

PC Nominations due

OCT 16

PC Oath-Taking

OCT 18

Pizza Day

OCT 24

P.D. Day (No School)

OCT 25

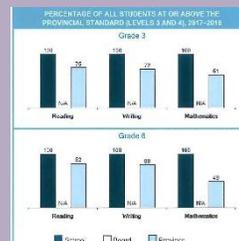
Science Projects due

OCT 28

Growing Garland Welcomes Year 20 03



EQAO Results: Top Again 03



Halloween Food Drive until Oct 31 04



From the Principal's Desk

Revathi Chennabathni

October 16, 2018

Dear Parents and Well-wishers of Sathya Sai School,

Welcome to new as well as returning parents, staff, students and volunteers to Sathya Sai School. The school marks its 20th anniversary this academic year as we work as triple partners (parents, teachers and volunteers) of this esteemed institution. We witnessed the growing garland at the start of the school year and we offer our thanks to our Founder Chancellor Sri Sathya Sai Baba for his continued guidance throughout this school year.

We start this year with Grades 3 and 6 EQAO (Educational Quality and Accountability Office) results where each and every Sathya Sai School student attained at least a Level 3 and/or Level 4 in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Our heartfelt thanks go to all teachers who helped our students attain the aforementioned levels, especially Mrs. Mohan and Mrs. Menon along with our volunteers – Mrs. Prem and Mrs. Vora, who all contributed to this success. Please accept our heartfelt thank you on behalf of Trust members, staff, students and well-wishers for your dedication to the school and its programs.

Many thanks to Parent Patrol Team (PPT), Building Management as well as Information Technology Teams (BMT, IT) for ensuring the health and safety of students, staff and volunteers at all times.

Sincerely,

Revathi Chennabathni



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Upcoming Events

Halloween Food Drive: 'til Oct31

Food donated to North York Harvest Food Bank.

Thanksgiving Holiday: Oct 14

No School.

P.C. Nominations due: Oct 16

Deadlines for nominations is 3:00 PM.

Progress Report Making Day: Oct25

No School.

Science Projects due: Oct 28

Grades 1 to 8, projects due to class teachers.

Science Projects: Oct 29-Nov 1

Oct 29-31: In-class presentations. Fair: Nov 1

Kennedy Lodge: Oct 30

Grade 4 & 5 students to visit Seniors Home.



Growing Garland Welcomes 20th School Year

We warmly welcome all students, teachers, parents, volunteers and well-wishers to Sathya Sai School's 20th school year and 4th year in its permanent premises. The school has a number of new teachers and we look forward to everyone working together to create a year full of learning and personal growth for students and members of the school community. The school year was greeted with a growing garland on September 2, 2019, a sign of the Founder Chancellor Sri Sathya Sai Baba's love, when the garland placed on his picture, during special prayers, grew for several days. This was a reminder that love is the basis for the human values and for our school.



Mrs. Mohan and Mrs. Menon

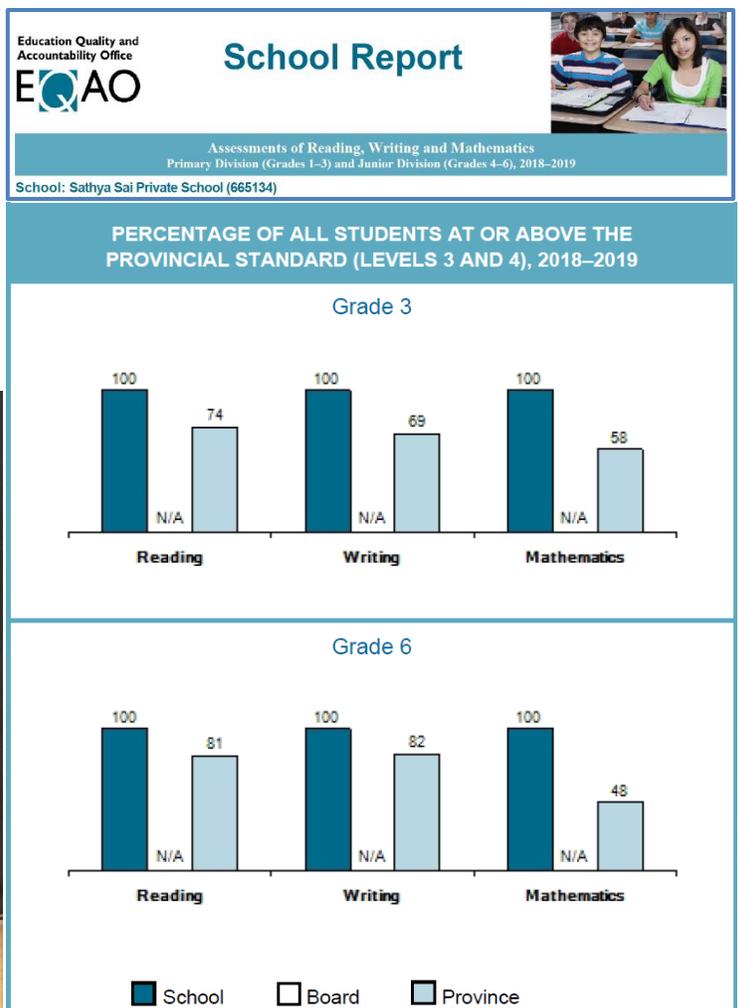
EQAO Results: Top Again

EQAO results are in for school year 2018-2019, showing that 100% of our Grade 3 and Grade 6 students are at or above the Provincial standard (Levels 3 and 4).

Congratulations go to the students and to their teachers, Mrs. Revathy Mohan (Grade 3) and Mrs. Nandini Menon (Grade 6) whose energy, drive, and dedication have helped students attain high results.

We also acknowledge the teachers the students have had in former years, for laying a solid foundation for their studies. In addition, we thank the volunteers who spent time working with students one-on-one: Mrs. Geeta Vora and Mrs. Koushi Prem.

In report below, the black columns represent Sathya Sai School; the light blue columns represent the Province.



Halloween Food Drive: Sept 30 – Oct 31

On September 30, 2019, the Sathya Sai School Food Drive commenced, in support of the North York Harvest Food Bank. The grade 5 class, under the direction of their teacher Mrs. Seema Sharma, will be coordinating the drive.

Boxes have been placed in front of each Value House display board and student donations will be placed in the box of their Value House. Grade 5 students will tally the food items for each Value House and a running tally will be kept in the grade 5 classroom.

Items suggested by the Food Bank are:

- Canned veggies
- Canned fruit

- Canned beans and pulses
 - Fruit Juices
 - Low sugar cereals
 - Low sodium instant meals and soups
 - Baby food*
 - Baby formula
 - Cooking oil
 - Rice (or other whole grains)
 - Nutritional supplements
- * Please avoid glass jars for all items
** A reminder to check expiry dates.

Every year parents have donated generously, filling up from four to eight large bins. This year we hope to keep up this record! Please avoid glass bottles, as they sometimes break. Baby food is best donated in pouches. Everyone is welcome to participate. If you have any questions, please let the school know!



School Staff 2019-2020

Principal	Dr. Revathi Chennabathni PhD Ed.Psy., M.Phil., M.Ed.
Admin. Asst.	Ms. Edith Recht AMI Montessori Diploma, B.A.
OES/Uniform Coordinator	Ms. Prabha Gupta B.Com.
Finance	Ms. Meena Khosla CPA, CA
Admin. Support	Ms. Rita Mohandas B.Tech
JK Teacher	Ms. Debra Gabiana, OCT B.Ed., CIDTT
JK ECE	Ms. Vandana Jhawar, ECE Ontario Reg. ECE
SK Teacher	Ms. Chandni Gadhavi, OCT B.Com, E.C.C.Ed, CIDTT, B.Ed., Guidance
Grade 1	Ms. Sobana Sharanigan, OCT B.Ed
Grade 2	Ms. Amira Shah, OCT B.Ed., TESOL, TEFL, Guidance and Counselling
Grade 3	Ms. Revathy Mohan B.A., Specialized Teaching Diplomas
Grade 4	Ms. Antonina Urman, OCT M.A.(Ling.),B.Ed;P,J,I; SpecEd1,2,3;Math1,2
Grade 5	Ms. Seema Sharma, OCT and ATA M.Sc., B.Ed., B.Sc.
Grade 6	Mr. Parthi Kandavel, OCT M.Sc. (Ed.), B.A., TDSB Trustee
Grade 7	Mr. Sam Nankivell B.Ed. (J,I History), B.A. (Hons.)
Grade 8	Ms. Nandini Menon, OCT M.Ed., (AQ Sr. Physics), M.Eng., BSc.
French	Mr. Christian Kpodjie, OCT B.A., Dip. Ed., French Pt2, French Specialist
Phys Ed & Health	Mr. Justin Black, OCT B.Ed., Health&PhysEd-Pt1,2(P,J)
Music	Mr. David Labrada More B.Music(Piano), Gold Dipl.:Perf.&Teaching
Yoga & Dance	Ms. Irina Spaley Hons.Dipl. Dance-Choreography,Yoga-Kids
Computers	Mr. Dev Taneja B.A.(Comm), CMA (5th level)
Computers	Ms. Kanchan Chadha CGA 3rd level, PGD Computer Sciences
Computers	Mr. S. Premachandran F.C.M.A. UK, C.M.A.Canada, SSET Trustee

Computers	Ms. Venkata Chakra (Parvati) Velidi PGDCA, B.Sc.&Comp.
Librarian	Ms. Gnana Jeyandran M.Sc., B.Sc.

Welcome to School Staff for 2019-2020

Sathya Sai School of Toronto-Canada warmly welcomes returning teachers Ms. Revathy Mohan, Ms. Seema Sharma, Mr. Parthi Kandavel, Ms. Nandini Menon, and ECE Ms. Vandana Jhawar. In addition to teachers for all the classes from JK to Grade 8 and the full-time French teacher, the school is pleased to announce that we now have a full-time Physical Education & Health teacher, a part-time Music teacher, and a part-time Yoga & Dance teacher. The school also has a Finance officer, Ms. Meena Khosla.

A Warm Welcome to New Teachers

Ms. Debra Gabiana



Ms. Gabiana completed her Bachelor of Education degree in the Philippines with a major in Elementary Education with English as an area of concentration. She earned her Cambridge International Diploma for Teachers and Trainers given by Cambridge International Education. Ms. Gabiana is registered with the Ontario College of Teachers and is currently taking Additional Qualifications in Kindergarten Part 1. She has a decade of experience in teaching different levels such as pre-school, kindergarten, Grade 1, 3, 4 and 6 in Thailand and Malaysia. She has completed the Introductory Course in SSEHV from the Canadian Institute of Sathya Sai Education. She is currently the Junior Kindergarten teacher.



Ms. Chandni Gadhavi



Ms. Gadhavi holds a Bachelors in Commerce with Majors in Management Studies from the University of Mumbai. She is passionate about teaching and thus acquired a Diploma in Early Childhood Care Education, Cambridge International Diploma In Teacher

Training from Podar International School, Mumbai and a Bachelors in Education with majors in Economics, Guidance and Counselling from the University of Mumbai. Ms. Gadhavi has been teaching for 9 years in India and was a Curriculum head for 2 years. In Canada, she is registered with the Ontario College of Teachers and is enrolled in an AQ in Kindergarten Part 1. She is pursuing her Introductory Course in SSEHV from the Canadian Institute of Sathya Sai Education. Ms. Gadhavi is currently the Senior Kindergarten teacher.

Ms. Sobana Sharanigan



Ms. Sharanigan completed her undergraduate degree at Ryerson University in 2014, majoring in Early Childhood Studies. She received her B.Ed from York University in 2015. After graduation, she worked at Waverly Montessori School. She has

taken the professional development workshop The Right to Write (Literacy department junior level workshop) and Building Futures Workshop. She is registered with the Ontario College of Teachers and is pursuing the Introductory SSEHV courses with the Canadian Institute of Sathya Sai Education. She is currently the Grade 1 teacher.

Ms. Amira Shah



Ms. Shah completed her graduate degree and B.Ed. at the Mumbai University in 2012, majoring in English and Geography with specialising in Guidance and Counselling (psychology). After that she completed her TESOL and graduated from Trinity College, London, UK with an add-on of TEFL

from Oxford in London. She has been teaching in different countries, with teaching experience in Canada, and is now finally settled here. She is registered with the

Ontario College of Teachers and is pursuing the Introductory SSEHV courses with the Canadian Institute of Sathya Sai Education. Ms. Shah is currently the Grade 2 teacher.

Ms. Antonina Urman



Ms. Urman holds a Master's Degree in Linguistic (Equiv.) from Odessa State University, Ukraine. She is Qualified as a Philologist, Teacher of English Language and Literature. In Canada she completed her Basic Qualifications in Intermediate and Junior Divisions-Dramatic Arts and

AQ courses in Junior and Primary Divisions and is qualified to teach grades K to 12. She completed the 3-part Special Education Specialist course, as well as Literacy and Reading (Certification Requirement), AQ courses in Mathematics Primary and Junior Divisions Parts 1 and 2, ESL Parts 1 and 2. She has over 10 years of experience teaching English as a Foreign Language in Ukraine and 9 years working as a Resource Teacher in both Elementary and Secondary schools, as well as teaching Grades 3,4,5,6 in Northern Ontario and Nunavut. She is registered with the Ontario College of Teachers and is pursuing the Introductory SSEHV courses with the Canadian Institute of Sathya Sai Education. Ms. Urman is currently the Grade 4 teacher.

Mr. Sam Nankivell



Mr. Nankivell holds a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Renaissance Studies and minors in Latin and German from Trinity College, University of Toronto. He holds a Bachelor of Education, Junior/Intermediate, in History. He has completed part of an M.A. in Medieval History at the University of

Vienna in Austria, is a fluent speaker of German and has knowledge of Chinese, Latin and French. In addition to a year of teaching at a bilingual Mandarin-English private school in Toronto, he has worked for a number of years in delivering camp programs to children with special needs and as an ESL teacher. He has fifteen years of experience in martial arts, five as an instructor of medieval German historical martial arts with Ottawa Swordplay. Mr. Nankivell is pursuing the Introductory SSEHV courses with the Canadian Institute of Sathya Sai Education and is currently the Grade 7 teacher.



Mr. Christian Kpodjie



Mr. Christian Kpodjie has a Bachelor Degree in Arts with a French major and an English minor, as well as a Diploma in Education from the University of Cape Coast in Ghana. He also completed the course work in the Masters programme in French from the University of Ghana-Legon. In Canada, he has completed the AQ in Junior Basic, as well as the French Part 2 and French Specialist courses with the York University and Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (University of Toronto) respectively. He has taught in various elementary schools in Toronto for more than 7 years. He is passionate in seeing his students enjoy success in both speaking and writing in French. He is registered with the Ontario College of Teachers and is pursuing the Introductory SSEHV courses with the Canadian Institute of Sathya Sai Education. Mr. Kpodjie is currently the French teacher for grades 2 to 8.

Mr. David Labrada More



Mr. Labrada More is a skilled music teacher with over a decade of experience. He graduated with his second Degree: a Bachelor of Music (Piano) from the University of Toronto. He also studied Music Composition at the National Institute of Fine Art of Havana, Cuba. He completed his studies at the Jose White Music Conservatory in Camaguey, Cuba, graduating with a Gold Diploma in World and Latin American Percussion and Ensemble Practice performance and teaching. He has taught classical, Latin and jazz piano, music composition, ensemble practice, and percussion for the past ten years to students of all levels and ages. He is qualified to teach piano up to RCM level 10 as well as ARCT. He is pursuing the Introductory SSEHV courses with the Canadian Institute of Sathya Sai Education. Mr. Labrador More is currently the Music teacher for grades JK to 8.

Ms. Irina Spaley



Ms. Spaley began her dancing career on the big stages of the Soviet Union in a children's dance group. At the age of 12, she began professional ballet training at Kiev State Ballet School, where she gained knowledge of choreography, music and multiple dance techniques. She graduated with Honours Diploma in Dance and Choreography.

At 18 years old, she began performing with The National Dance Company of Ukraine, touring Europe, North America, Australia, etc. In Canada, for the past 20 years she studied and practiced various types of yoga. She has completed the teacher's course Yoga for Kids and Families. She now combines Sathya Sai Education in Human Values with her yoga and dance experience and is the Yoga and Dance teacher for JK to 8.

Ms. Meena Khosla



Ms. Khosla holds a B.A. (Economics) from York University and later completed her CPA designation in Ontario. She has worked in Industry and then in Public practice. Ms. Khosla served for 15 years on a voluntary basis as the Accountant for Sathya Sai School. She has joined the school this year in an official capacity as the Finance officer.

If a student wants to lead a life of security and happiness in the future, he must undertake to lead a good life now. For this, appropriate teachers must be prepared. The teachers should show sacred and good habits to the students. If there are bad habits among the teachers, the students will also take the wrong path. When these tender-hearted young students are placed in the hands of teachers, the teachers should have the determination to develop good habits and proper thoughts. If a student is bad, he will himself be spoiled; but if a teacher is bad, several thousands of students will be spoiled. Therefore, in the first instance, teachers should get good habits. Really good students are themselves like teachers.

Sathya Sai Baba, Summer Showers on the Blue Mountains, 1976, p.226



BMT & IT Teams orient and support staff and school

Heartfelt thanks go to the Building Management Team (BMT) and the IT team who spent many hours during the Summer months, and now into the school year, painting, repairing, making installations to the school premises, and upgrading the computers, software, and IT networks.

On August 19, 2019, a meeting was held with staff members to discuss Health & Safety policies to ensure the environment is safe and sound within and without the classrooms.

On August 28, 2019, the BMT and IT team held an orientation meeting with all staff members. The BMT covered many items, including safety inspections, emergency evacuations, playground safety, hazardous materials, building security, and housekeeping.

The IT team discussed the new software that they had installed on all computers, the printer, projector, and audio/visual needs of staff. A new Technical Support request form has been created to ensure staff members needs are met in a timely manner. Two portable sound systems have been acquired to meet the requirements of daily functions at the school.

Once again, we are truly grateful to the individuals who comprise these teams, for their selfless service to Sathya Sai School.



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1st Day Assembly on Sept 3

After the National Anthem, School Prayer, and Light Meditation, all the teachers were introduced to their students. There were many new faces, as well as new subject teachers: the school now has a full-time Physical Education and Health teacher, a Part-time Music teacher, and a part-time Yoga and Dance teacher (see *School Staff 2019-2020 on page 5*).

After School Programs

The Sathya Sai School After School Program (ASP) started on September 3, 2019, its third year running. The program is much appreciated by parents, giving them time to complete their work day and pick up their children up until 6:00 PM.

ASP allows students to do homework for the first hour. In the second hour, various activities are provided, in Visual Arts, Language, Math, and Martial Arts. The ASP runs daily, Monday to Friday, from dismissal time until 6:00 PM.

Three parallel and independent After School classes are also being held:

STEM (now STEAM) on Fridays from 3:45 to 5:30 PM, run by Mr. Ashutosh Bhardwaj, assisted by Mr. Rajesh Rungta, Mr. Sam Nankivell, and Mrs. Antonina Urman. This is offered to Grade 1 to 8 students.

SPORTS on Thursdays from 3:45 to 5:00 PM, run by Mr. Justin Black. This is run on a casual basis, with students practicing various sports, and Mr. Black giving tips and coaching when requested. This is offered to Grade 5 to 8 students.

MUSICAL SKILLS on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:45 to 4:45 PM, run by Mr. David Labrada More. This is both a theory and hands-on class, where children learn musical skills that suit all instruments, and then get to apply these to an instrument they are learning. This is offered to Grade 4 to 8 students.



Science Fair Project Timeline

Science Fair Project topics were sent home with students on September 6, 2019, to launch the beginning of hands-on practice by students with the scientific method. The experiments and presentation by students of their results culminates in the annual Science Fair.

Grade 1 to 3 students begin their explorations of their chosen topics by creating models. Grade 4 to 8 students choose a topic and through hypothesis, experimentation, and conclusion, then analyze their results to see whether their hypothesis was proved correct or not. The Science Fair is being coordinated once again by Grade 5 teacher, Mrs. Seema Sharma.

Sept. 6	Science Fair project topics sent home
Oct. 28	Science Fair Projects due
Oct. 29-31	In-class presentations by students
Oct. 31	Grade 7 & 8 projects judged by a team of teachers for awards
Nov. 1	Science Fair Exhibition

Monday Morning Assembly Sept. 9

Introductions and Descriptions of Teachers

The assembly was emceed by teachers Mr. Parthi Kandavel and Mr. Sam Noncivil. With passion and humour they introduced each teacher with some little-known facts about their experience and interests. The students were informed that these are all caring adults looking after their development.

Next, the emcees covered the code of conduct for each student to follow: personal behaviour and responsibilities, uniform expectations, and school rules. Students were reminded that respect, manners, punctuality, self-control, and remembering the five human values are key to good behaviour.

Uniforms

Several students were called on stage to demonstrate the correct uniform items to be worn on regular days or on gym/yoga days. The importance of the school uniform was stressed. The uniform is a symbol of Sathya Sai School and students were asked to wear it with pride. A school uniform assists student to gain self-confidence and eliminates competition amongst students based on their clothes. Teachers will monitor the students to ensure they are well-groomed and wearing the correct uniform.

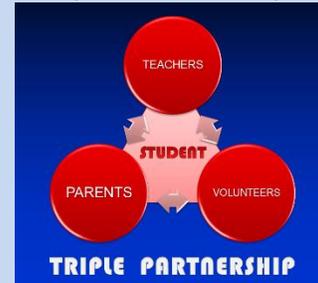
Expectations of Students

Correct behaviour of students was discussed for: the hallways, on school grounds, walking to the Ellesmere Community Centre (E.C.C.), playing on the jungle gym, and dismissal time. Students were advised to be careful of who and what is around them at all times, for the safety and well-being of everyone.

Curriculum Night, Sept. 13

A school-wide Curriculum Night was held by all classes, from JK to Grade 8, in their respective classrooms. The event was well-supported by parents eager to meet their children's teachers and find out what the children will be learning throughout the year. Teachers covered the Ministry of Education's curriculum guidelines, as well as their rules and expectations for both students and parents. The importance of health and hygiene

were also stressed. Parent questions were answered by teachers, creating a good working relationship between them. Parents are always encouraged to take an active interest in their children's learning and development. Their students' success is dependent upon the important triangle of support from teachers–parents–volunteers, with the child at the centre. Parents returned home that evening happy that their child will have a full and enriching year of learning ahead, in the hands of the school's well-educated, creative and dedicated teachers.



Terry Fox Run Sept. 26

The yearly event was launched during the morning assembly on Monday, Sept. 23, 2019. Video clips from Terry Fox's life were aired, depicting his both his courage and selfless concern to raise money for research to help others with cancer. Students were given pledge sheets by their teachers in preparation for the Terry Fox School Run sponsored by the Terry Fox Foundation on Thursday, September 26, 2019 for all schools.

Sathya Sai School students were full of enthusiasm to complete as many complete rounds as they could. The JK and SK students walked/ran on the green area in front of the school. The students in grades 1 to 8 used the very large field at Ellesmere Community Centre where two laps equaled one kilometre.

Students were handed a popsicle stick for each lap completed and they eagerly walked/ran around their field with the aim of collecting as many popsicle sticks as possible. One hour was allocated for the Run, and thereafter, half an hour for free play.







Mr. Pillay Visits Once Again!



Mr. T.R. Pillay is the Founding Principal of our school and the current Director of the Canadian Institute of Sathya Sai Education (CISSE). On Sept. 28th, Mr. Pillay and a group of facilitators delivered to Sathya Sai School's new teachers, the first day of Course One of the Standard Diploma Course in SSEHV. The facilitators were: Seema Poddar, Ahalya Ganeshan, Gamini Mohandas, Vinoj Suthakaran, Sai Amrita Kaul, Jaya Srivastava (Chawla), and Mr. Pillay overseeing.

Then from Sept. 30 through Oct. 4, Mr. Pillay addressed students in the school's morning assemblies, and spoke with teachers throughout the day regarding the delivery of SSEHV to their students.

On October 1st, during the morning assembly, Mr. Pillay addressed the students, mentioning the 150th Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's birth. Gandhi's goal was to bring about social justice by the practice of non-violence. He gave the example that when Gandhi and his followers were brutally hit by police during demonstrations, they did not flinch. Printed here is a report by a student on Mr. Pillay's talk.

By: Reena Bungaroo, grade 8

Our Founding Principal, the renowned Mr. Pillay, visited the Sathya Sai School of Toronto-Canada on Tuesday, October 1st and Wednesday, October 2nd. On these

days, Mr. Pillay had delivered a speech, enrapturing the students. His talk was very interactive as it was in the form of jeopardy. This speech also pertained to great traditions the school started. These traditions included the Walk for Values, the CHC project, and the M.O.D.E.L3 award.

Firstly, he had requested students to inquire about what had happened in 2003 regarding the school. One student had mentioned it was the year of the first Walk for Values. Mr. Pillay was very pleased to know that the students knew the answer. He then boggled the minds of students by questioning why the school does the walk for values. After several students had given their responses, he expanded on it by stating that the walk was meant for students to spread awareness on the values. After this topic came to a close, the topic of CHC arouse.

Secondly, Mr. Pillay had asked students to guess another important project with three letters. Soon after, it was revealed that he was addressing the CHC project! CHC stands for Children Helping Children, a project inspired by Ryan Hreljac and his mission to build numerous wells in Africa. Mr. Pillay then informed students on how the CHC project really started. It all began when one of the students had written a letter asking Ryan to visit the school. Mr. Pillay thought it would be a wonderful idea and decided to surprise him. This surprise would be donating money raised by students performing chores at their homes. By the time Ryan had visited, he had been surprised by receiving a donation of three thousand dollars, and from only 59 very young children! Students were also informed that today in Africa, there are four wells under the name of Sathya Sai School.

The last topic that was discussed was on being a M.O.D.E.L3 student. Mr. Pillay had asked what it stood for. Many students knew the answer. They replied that M stood for motivation, O for organization, D for discipline, E for exemplary, and L3 for love for learning, for humanity, and for nature and God. He then told students that it should be and is a goal of all of them.

Finally, his speech had come to a close addressing all the volunteers for their hard work and thanking the students for listening. It was a wonderful speech that definitely stuck with multiple students. We all hope Mr. Pillay will come visit us again.



From: Ryan's Well Foundation <info@ryanswell.ca>
Sent: September 27, 2019 11:43 AM
To: info@sathyasaischool.ca
Subject: FW: your donation

"It always seems impossible, until it's done." – Nelson Mandela

Dear Friends at Sathya Sai School,

It's very difficult to put into words the gratitude expressed from the villagers when they realize they

no longer have to collect water from a dirty watering hole. This basic human necessity, that we take so much for granted, is life altering to them. It means young people can spend more time in school rather than collecting water. It means women can focus more on helping with the family income rather than spending hours each day traveling to and from water sources. It means that the cycle for improper sanitation can now be broken with the addition of latrines and washing stations. And it means that the community can be trained in the maintenance and therefore, sustainability, of the projects so that they will last long into the future. It means **everything!**

We thank you so much for your donation of \$279.93. Your support is very much appreciated.

Attached is your invitation to join our 2019/20 School Challenge in Western Uganda! If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact us – we would be happy to try and answer them for you!

Thank you again for making this important decision to help those in need - people you most likely will never meet but will be forever grateful.

Sincerely,

Connie

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Note: In the first years of CHC, all money raised by Sathya Sai School students was donated to Ryan's Well Foundation. In later years, 10% of CHC funds were donated to Ryan's Wells and 90% was donated each year to an international project helping children in need, such as earthquake or tsunami victims.

High School Info Night

"Which high school do I want to go to?"

The High School Information Night was hosted by Grade 8 teacher Mrs. Nandini Menon on October 4, 2019. It is gratefully attended by the Grade 7 and 8 students and parents, as they research various high school programs being offered in Toronto.

Sathya Sai School alumni students came to speak on behalf of their current high schools, their requirements, and how best to prepare for admission.

Kritika Khanna, Gr.9	Wexford Performing Arts
Pooja Mahadeo, Gr.10	Wexford Visual Arts
Lishita Chen, Gr.9	Agincourt C.I.
Saimieraa Yogaraajah, Gr10	
Abhilash Jakanathan, Gr.9	R.H. King Academy
Smita Ramkirath, Gr.9	Father Michael McGiveney Catholic Academy
Geertika Jeyaganesha, Gr.9	Victoria Park IB
Jaanani Mohanraj, Gr9	
Annjana Paraparan, Gr.9	
Anishraam Sricamalan	SATEC @ W A Porter CI
Ashwin Jakanathan	
Ahil Moosa, Gr.9	gave tech support

Some Grade 8 student responses to the evening:

During the high school information night, the grade 9's and 10's gave a brief presentation/preview of high school life to the grade 7 and 8 students and parents. The high school students gave us some information/tips to survive high school and shared their experiences in their respective schools. Personally, I learned a lot from the information night. The students gave me an idea of what I have to do to get into the school I want. I really appreciate the grade 9's and 10's for taking their time, to help the students get ready for high school and further education.

- Parinitha Kotari

The grade 9's and 10's gave us a preview of the school they go to. They gave me an idea of what I should do to fit into the school. Thank you to both the 9's and 10's for the very useful information.

- Prishita Narayanasamy

What I learned from Info Night:

Victoria Park has a 500-word essay required and a Gauss test, and a French conversation is needed to be done. Agincourt is by lottery to get in - they actually use this for about 25 students per year. I learned about RH King, Wexford, Agincourt, and Victoria Park.

- Achchuthan Pakerathan

I learned so much from the information that I am now clear about which high school to go to (Victoria Park IB).

- Aumik Hulkoti

Dynamic Parenting Workshops

Saturday, October 5, 2019 was the first of 10 modules of the Dynamic Parenting Program, held from 8:30 – 10:30 AM. These are aimed at achieving two goals:

1. Parents would like their children to be respectful, dedicated, harmonious, loving, kind, good in studies, good mannered, good communicators, and self-confident.

2. Children would like their parents to be understanding, open-minded, more accepting, good role models, no nagging, no put downs, good communicators, supportive, and available when children need them.

These workshops are mandatory for BOTH parents of new students and are to be taken during the first year of attendance at the Sathya Sai School. Continuing parents who have not taken these workshops are also required to attend them.

Feedback from parents over the years have indicated that parents felt the workshops were very helpful for improving family relationships and creating a more loving and understanding family.



Progress Report Making Day Oct. 25

Oct. 26, 2019 has been allocated for teachers to work on their Progress Reports. Therefore, **Oct. 26 is a P.D. Day and there will be no classes for students.**

According to new guides of the Ontario Ministry of Education, the Kindergarten classes (JK and SK) will now also be given Progress Reports by their teachers. **This year, all students at Sathya Sai School from JK-Grade 8 will receive Progress Reports on Nov. 14, 2019.**

The Progress Reports do not include any marks, but rather report on the student's learning skills and working habits, falling under the following categories:

- Responsibility
- Organization
- Independent Work
- Collaboration
- Initiative
- Self-Regulation

The Progress Report is given to parents early in the school year, to indicate the child's strengths and/or next steps for improvement. This will enable teachers and parents to work together more effectively to better support the child's development through the remainder of the school year.

Halloween Costumes

The annual Halloween Parade takes place at Sathya Sai School on the morning of Oct. 31st. Each class will go onstage to display their costumes.

Please help your child(ren) to create their own costumes, rather than spending money on expensive store-bought costumes. During the assembly, the most creative costumes will be acknowledged.

Drop-off and Pick-up Times

Dismissal Times:

3:00-3:15 PM for JK, SK, Grade 1

3:30-3:45 PM for Grades 2 to 8

The school opens its doors to students from 7:45 AM to 8:14 AM. After 8:14 AM, students will be marked late. After 8:30 students will be marked as half-day absent.

Parking lot rules will be emailed to all parents. We request all parents to follow these rules and instructions given by the Parking Patrol Team, in order to ensure the safety of everyone. Please see Parking Lot Map below for flow of traffic.

Late pick-up fees will be charged at a rate of \$1 per minute from the following times:

After 3:45 PM For regular school dismissal

After 5:00 PM For students enrolled in the **MUSIC** Program and not in the ASP

After 5:15 PM For students enrolled in the **SPORTS** Program and not in the ASP

After 5:30 PM For students enrolled in the **STEAM** Program and not in the ASP

After 6:00 PM For students in the **MUSIC, SPORTS, or STEAM** Program and **also** enrolled in the ASP

After 6:00 PM For students enrolled **only** in the After School Program (**ASP**)



Camp Summer Stars

Sponsored by the Canadian Institute of Sathya Sai Education, Camp Summer Stars was offered again this past summer from July 29 to August 1, 2019. The camp was organized by CISSE facilitator Sai Amrita Kaul and conducted with the assistance of Young Adults from the Sathya Sai International Organization, Canada (SSIOC). The Camp offered activities and games that are both value-based and fun.

Printed here are a few pictures of summer camp 2019. One field trip was to Transform Café on Yonge near Eglinton. Amazing place. Helping the society in a unique way. Pictures depict sports, group activities and achievements.





Dear Parents, Guardians, Supporters, Facilitators and Participants,
Thank you so much for being part of Camp Summer Stars 2019. We had a fantastic week and got to do many exciting things together and learn from one another.

We hope that you enjoyed being part of the process as much as we did. Our Camp Leaders set a wonderful example for the children to remember that having fun and practicing human values are at the core of a successful and meaningful life. We made connections that we hope our participants will remember for a long, long time.
Amrita and the Camp Summer Stars Team



Founder Chancellor Sri Sathya Sai Baba to Students

Be steady in your determination and devotion

You must all make up your minds to have an unwavering faith and a steadfast vision. This is an attempt which you should make. Whatever you have grasped in your hand, you have already got. Until your objective is achieved, do not let go the hold. Whatever you have desired for, you have expressed it; and until your desired objective is fulfilled, do not turn back. What you have asked, you have asked. Until what you have asked is granted to you, do not give up. Whatever you have in your mind, you have already thought of it. Never move away from that thought till it is fulfilled. Seeing your determination and devotion, God will yield and grant your desire and what you want, or it may be that you will be tired and you may collapse. Until then, do not change your mind. That is the right path, but to give up your determination is not the right path.

- *Sathya Sai Baba, Summer Roses on the Blue Mountains, 1976, p.77*



Human Value for Sep/Oct RIGHT CONDUCT

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Punctuality

Unity

Determination

Resilience

“You can have anything you want if you want it badly enough. You can be anything you want to be, do anything you set out to accomplish if you hold to that desire with singleness of purpose.”

— ABRAHAM LINCOLN





Multi-Faith Festivals around the world

Sept 1

Al-Hijra (Islamic)



Sept 29-Oct 8

Navarathri (Hindu)



Sept 30

Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)



Oct 8

Dasara/Vijaya Dashami (Hindu)



Oct 9

Yom Kippur (Jewish)



Oct 12

Ghambar Ayathrem (Zoroastrian)



Oct 27

Diwali (Hindu/Sikh/Jain)



Oct 30

Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)



Uniform Note

Uniforms may be purchased every Tuesday, from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

Important Dates: Oct/Nov 2019

Sept 30

-Oct 31 Halloween Food Drive

Oct 16 PC Nominations due

Oct 18 PC Oath-taking ceremony

Oct 24 Pizza Day

Oct 25 Progress Report Making Day
(No School)

Oct 28 Science Fair projects due

Oct 29-31 Science Projects: In-class
Presentations

Oct 30 Kennedy Lodge Seniors Home
(Gr 4,5)

Nov 1 Science Fair Exhibition

Uniform Season Change

Students change from warm season to cold season uniforms at the end of October or beginning of November, depending on weather conditions each year. You will be notified later in October of the date.

*Yours truly,
Ms. Resht, Admin.Asst.
Dr. Revathi, Principal*

