

Academic Session 2020-2021

The Academic Session 2020-21 was started at St. Mary's Academy in the first week of April through virtual mode with the commitment that the Academy would not let the students suffer in their studies owing to the complete Lockdown situation because of the Pandemic.

On 7th of May, the Online Essay Activity was organized for the parents of the students of classes 6th to 12th with the motive to divert their attention from the stress building Pandemic to other positivity building areas of life.

The Feast of Mother Mary - Our Lady of Graces was celebrated with great fervour by the Marian family on 8th of May through online mode.

The special message of His Excellency, Rt. Rev. Francis Kalist, Bishop of Meerut Diocese was virtually shared on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

The Marian family celebrated the birthday of Rev. Fr. Manager on 21st May through online mode and extended the prayerful wishes and greetings. The festival Eid too was celebrated through online mode expressing greetings and prayerful wishes.

On 8th of June, the farewell was virtually extended to Sr. Gladys, Sr. Ajitha, Sr. Preema and Sr. Zita. On 21st of the same month, the International Yoga Day was celebrated virtually with great zeal.

In the month of July, the Academy received the CBSE Board result of class X on 15th of July and XII on 13th of July respectively (session 2019-20). Dhruv Maheshwari scored first position in class X with 97.4 % where as Neeharika Sharma scored second position with 96.4% and Aradhana Sachdeva scored third position with 96%. Aditya Maheshwari scored first rank in Class XII (Commerce) with 99.4%, Varun Gupta scored second position with 98.2% and Anamta Atiq scored third position with 97.6%. Vansh Saini scored first rank in Class XII (Science) with 99.2%, Ayushi Gupta scored second position with 97% and Ujjwal Jindal scored third position with 96%.

On 31st July, the Kid's World- Amusement Park for little angels at the Academy was inaugurated by Bishop Francis Kalist. The special welcome was extended to Rev. Sr. Augustine Mary as the first Lady Principal of St. Mary's Academy, Rev. Sr. Geeta as the new Primary Incharge and Rev. Sr. Kala through online mode.

Raksha Bandhan was celebrated virtually on 3rd of August wherein the Rakhi making activity was organised for the students.

Marians participated in the Fit India Freedom Run event and uploaded their videos on the website given by the Government. An essay writing competition on the topic, 'Gandagi Mukht Mera Gaon' was also conducted for classes IX to XII as per the CBSE circular.

Janmashtami was celebrated virtually by the Marian Family on 12th of August. Though Independence Day was celebrated virtually yet the Principal, Rev. Sr. Augustine Mary hoisted the Tricolour at school alongwith the a few office staff and supporting staff members following all required safety measures. On the same day the Marian Family extended special prayerful wishes and greetings virtually to celebrate the Feast of Rev. Fr. L. Tharsis.

The special prayerful wishes and greetings were also extended virtually to the Principal, Rev. Sr. Augustine Mary on her Feast on 28th of August.

Rev. Sr. Principal organised a special virtual meet to celebrate the Teacher's Day apart from getting the special online celebration conducted by students for the teachers.

The Marian Family extended prayerful wishes and greetings to celebrate the birthday of Mother Mary on 8th of September. On 21st of September the Feast of Rev. Fr. Manager was celebrated with extending of the greetings and wishes.

Gandhi Jayanti and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti too was celebrated virtually and the online groups remained flooded with the wishes, posters, videos and messages on the related theme as a part of the activity. The poem written by Varnica Baweja was selected among the top 10 entries in the "Pen My Gandhi" contest conducted by the Times of India.

As per the instructions of the authorities, the offline classes were started for the students of classes IX to XII from 19th of October on parental consent.

Dussehra was celebrated through online mode on 25th of October and the students posted the videos and pictures as a part of the activity.

Eid Milad Un Nabi was celebrated on 30th of the same month and the Marian Family extended greetings and wishes virtually.

A special online programme by the teachers prepared under the guidance and direction of Rev. Sr. Principal to celebrate Children's Day was wired live in the online classes for the students on 11th of November.

Diya Decoration and Kandil Making activity was conducted virtually for the Primary and middle school whereas Rangoli Making activity was conducted virtually for the Secondary and Senior Secondary classes as a part of Diwali celebration that was conducted on 12th of November.

The National Constitution Day was celebrated on 26th of November both at school and on the virtual platform. Rev. Sr. Principal administered special Oath from the Marian stage which was repeated by the staff and the students present for the offline classes. The students posted their videos expressing their views on the significance of the Constitution in the online groups as a part of the activity.

Madiha Ansari of class IX- A won the first prize at the District Drawing Competition organised by the Traffic Police at Saharanpur Public School on 25th of November.

Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti was celebrated virtually on 31st of November. The videos of Shabad singing, speeches and cards were posted by the students in the online Groups as a part of the activity.

Marian Family celebrated the birthday of Rev. Fr. L. Tharsis virtually and expressed their wishes through greetings, cards and videos.

The National Energy Conservation Day was celebrated on 14th of December through online mode and the students posted their views and videos as a part of the activity.

By God's grace the Covid Test conducted on the Principal, the teachers and supporting staff present in the school on 16th December came negative.

The students participated in the online activities conducted on 22nd of December to celebrate the National Mathematics Day.

A special virtual programme to celebrate Christmas was organised under the guidance and direction of Rev. Sr. Principal that was wired live in the Online classes for the students. A special programme was put up in the Academy too for the teachers that was presented by the supporting staff.

The Marian Family expressed special wishes and greetings on the first day of the New Year 2021 through online mode and prayed that the year brings good health and peace to everyone in the world.

The special wishes and greetings were expressed by the Marian Family virtually to celebrate Lohri and Makar Sankranti on 13th and 14th of January respectively.

The Republic Day was celebrated with great fervour by the Management, Rev. Sr. Principal and staff at the Academy. The Tricolour was unfurled by Rev. Sr. Principal and was followed by a small patriotic programme.

Marian Team received a certificate of participation for putting up the Patriotic dance at the Republic Day celebration organised at the Police Line, Saharanpur.

Varnica Baweja of class VIII - C won the first prize in the 'Author in the Making' event conducted virtually by the Talk Room on 26th of January.

Shabd Tyagi of class IX-C bagged the 2nd position in the District Badminton Championship on 27th of January.

The five teachers of the Academy - Sir R.K.Sharma, Ma'am Poonam Maheshwari, Sir Athar Umar Siddiqui, Ma'am Prabha and Sir Tejuswi were awarded the Appreciation Certificate for the error free evaluation of the Board Examination - 2019 on 12th of February.

Bhavya Kaushik of class V - B won the first prize in the Solo Acting Competition organised by Nagar Nigam, Saharanpur on 13th of February.

Basant Panchami was celebrated by the Marian Family with full gusto on 16th of February. Rev. Sr. Principal joined the teachers and the supporting staff to fly the kites. The students of Pre- Primary and Primary classes too participated in the online activity of Card and Kite Making.

Varnica Baweja of class VIII - C achieved the third rank (Section - 4) in the Diocesan Catechism Exam for the year 2019-20 and received the third prize trophy and the certificate. She scored 98/100. She received the special virtual applause from the Academy on 17th of February.

Shabd Tyagi of class IX - C won the third prize in the District Badminton. Competition organised by DPS, Saharanpur on 20th of February.

Varnika Baweja of class VIII- C won the Gold medal in the Online Kenken Competition organised by the Kenken India on 28th of February. KenKen is a math grid-based puzzle that uses all 4 numerical operatives, namely addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

She achieved the top position in the Kappa category and received the award in the Kenken Awards Ceremony that was conducted through Zoom meet.

A special talk on "Mission Shakti", was conducted by the UP Police in the Academy on 4th of March. The key speaker of this programme was Mrs Sarita, SHO Women Police Station, Saharanpur. In her elaborate address she urged all the girls and women to not bear any exploitation at home, school, workplace and to make use of the police helpline numbers : 112,1090 in case of any emergency. The special talk was co-ordinated by S.I. Gulab Tiwari, Incharge of Chandan Nagar and S.I. Vipin Singh, Incharge of Sadar Police Station.

A special programme was organised on International Women's Day on 10th of March under the direction and guidance of the Principal, Rev. Sr. Augustine Mary for the Lady teachers of the Academy. The entire programme was conducted by the gents teachers. They presented the various stages and emotions connected to women during their course of life through songs. The phases of women's life were sung by Sir Hemant Sharma, Sir Lalit, Sir Anuj Sharma and Sir Athar Umar Siddiqui. The Principal, Rev. Sr. Augustine Mary, Primary Incharge, Rev. Sr. Geeta and all the lady teachers were honoured with special crowns to express special regard to their selfless service.

A special felicitation function was organised by the Rotary Club, Midtown, Saharanpur on 22nd of March to honour the efforts of the Marian Family towards the organising of the Mega Blood Donation Camp on 30th November 2019 in collaboration with the Rotary Club and C.E. Foundation at the Academy.

The delegates of the Rotary Club who graced the festivity included the Rt. President Sushil Kumar, Rt. Ex- President Shiv Arora, Rt. Ex – President Prem Goyal, Rt. President Elect Rajiv Dhariya, Rt. Ex- Astd. Governor Baljeet Chawla and Co- Chairman, Dr. Rt. Harmanpreet Singh. It is noteworthy that a special trophy was given away to Rev. Sr. Principal and the 'Nation Builders Award' was given away to Sir Arvind Kumar, Ma'am Naina Masih and Ma'am Pavneet for motivating and bringing the maximum number of adults to donate the blood on the stated day. The Gold, Silver and Bronze medals were also given away to the concerned class teachers on the basis of the number of donors motivated and called for blood donation by the students of their class. A special trophy was also given away to Sir Arvind Kumar for his special efforts towards motivating and bringing maximum donors to the camp. In his address, Rt. Baljeet Chawla praised the efforts of the former Principal, Fr. L. Tharsis towards organising the Mega Blood Donation Camp with great success that made history in the city Saharanpur. Rev. Sr. Principal not only thanked the team of Rotary Club and the entire Marian family for their noble efforts but also invoked special blessings of the Almighty Lord for them and all those who are committed to the service of mankind.

It is note worthy that during this entire Academic Session, Rev. Sr. Principal continuously motivated and encouraged the entire staff to not only update and orient themselves with the subjective, art integrated and various skill enhancing online trainings and workshops conducted by DIKSHA and CBSE Dehradun but also conducted regular online meetings to boost their inner spirit to happily work towards the building of the future leaders with great passion, unbridled enthusiasm and unending care.