



From the Principal's desk

26 April 2021

*Wishing you all a happy
& safe Summer Vacation.*

*" The essence of being
human is to uplift
another's spirit even
when you are fighting
your own battles "*

-Rtn. Dr. Jyothi Reddy



Dear Shri Parents,
Namaste!

When something is important enough, you do it even if the odds are not in your favour. - Elon Musk.

It is with this thought that I would like to begin my newsletter. Much has been said about the year gone by, and when one was hopeful of returning to normalcy, we face another wave of uncertainty. As they say, numbers have now turned into names, and the pandemic's impact has entered our homes - yours and ours alike. The pandemic has spared no one. More than 20 of our academic and admin staff members, some students, parents their families; most members of the leadership team including me tested Covid positive.

Having said that we, the Shri family, have emerged triumphant despite all odds as always. The month of April was a small milestone, yet a challenging one and we sailed through it despite the setbacks. Sheer determination to provide uninterrupted learning to students has been the driving force and the motivation for all of us at TSUS.

It gives me a great sense of satisfaction to share that we left no stone unturned to optimize all resources and execute the transactions planned for the month of April 2021. Teachers worked untiringly to plan and execute qualitative activities and learning engagements for students.

The dynamic month of April began with welcome assemblies in different segments hosted by teachers to bring in the new academic year. We also witnessed the launch of the Parent magazine which was a cherished moment indeed.

We kick-started the 5th year of operations by releasing a special video. I thank you all for being an integral part of this immensely rewarding journey.

Here are the highlights of the month of April -

- ASSET diagnostic tests for all students have been successfully conducted in grades III - IX.

We proudly launched the STEAM LAB, in collaboration with our knowledge partners - STEAM Academy.

The incubator programme by Metamorphosis has also been successfully launched.

- Exclusive 'Savour the Flavour' sessions were conducted in grades VI-IX to facilitate choice-making in Performing Arts.

- Book Week was celebrated in grade III - V with well-designed activities to cultivate a love for reading.

- An awareness drive was conducted across grades on the occasion of 'Health Day' to educate students with the importance of a healthy lifestyle especially in the prevailing times.

- Dr.Ambedkar Jayanti was brought in by sharing the history of how our constitution was written. Children discussed and reflected upon their rights and duties as citizens of India.

- Two thought-provoking sessions were hosted for students and it was our privilege to have Dr.A.P.Jayaraman, Nuclear Scientist BARC & President - STEAM Academy address our students. Ms. Namrata Mankad enlightened the students about e-waste management in her session.

- The 'Earth Day' special assembly was thought-provoking. Shriites put together an array of thought provoking ideas on the importance of living sustainably and contributing for the environment.
- Students of Grade IX represented TSUS, Hyderabad at the career fair conducted by SEL. They interviewed the guest speakers and moderated some sessions too.
- Informative and festive Ugadi celebrations were held in the elementary segment .
- Class parties were also organised to bid goodbye before the summer break to our young Shriites in the elementary segment.
- An e-book has been compiled with a collection of inspiring stories written in Telugu by students of Grade VII. Students intend to put it up for sale and raise funds under the banner of 'Shri Dayitv' - school's community service programme.

Every calendared curricular and co-curricular event and activity has been planned and executed flawlessly despite being short on staff. I am grateful to the entire team and the parent body who have stretched themselves despite being unwell and tending to the needs of their family members affected by covid.

Students have been a pillar of strength throughout and have lived up to the values of the school. They have been sensitive to their teachers and peers who have joined them this year. They have imbibed the never-give-up spirit and exhibited the same during events , ensuring the expected outcomes were delivered despite challenges. I take pride in my students who are shaping into empathetic, self-motivated individuals.

I am happy to share their achievements -

1. Sukrit Awasthi of Grade IV secured **Zonal rank 5** in the Hindi Olympiad.
2. Giridhar of Grade III secured **distinction** and has qualified for **level 4** in English Olympiad.

3. Parnika Mirthivada of Grade VII has been working as the city editor - Hyderabad for the TBS Chronicle. A magazine by students for the students.

4. Nithya Srimayi of Grade VII authored a poem titled - 'Life is a beautiful stream of dreams' which also was published in the TBS Chronicle magazine.

Teachers have added feathers to their hats as well.

1. Senior School Head Ms.Usha Ramaswamy was a part of a panel discussion on handling exam stress. She shared the stage with 2 doctors from KIMS hospital (one of them being a Shri parent, Dr. Preethi Sharma).

2. Ms.Madhavi Sylesh, HOD of the Visual Arts department brought glory to the school by winning the 'COAE Global Awards for Virtual Learning & Planning 2021 - Teachers' Transformation Tech-Journey'.

3. Ms. Meghana Kuthe from the science department received accolades for her exemplary poems on science concepts. The idea was welcomed and will be taken to all SEL partner schools.

4. Ms. Sharmila Kuncha represented TSUS, Hyderabad at a national level forum hosted by Dr. Senthil Kumaran, Chief Confluencer - The Learner's Confluence. She shared her path-breaking teaching strategies of language teaching.

Special Assemblies, events and important achievements are updated regularly and I am sure you are abreast with all the happenings of the school across segments by frequently visiting the school's Facebook page.

Moving on, in the pursuit of excellence and to help teachers sharpen the saw, training sessions are scheduled till the end of April and again before the school reopens in the month of June. Teachers who have joined us in this academic year, will go through exclusive training sessions, handheld and groomed into the Shri Way.

I would like to acknowledge and appreciate the consistent efforts by the leadership team and coordinators who tried their best to provide substitutions despite being highly short on staff.

I thank Shri Parents who were patient and understanding even when we faced technical glitches or had to cancel classes in some cases. I sincerely thank those parents who came back to us with feedback on few areas and assure you that we shall monitor and take necessary action.

In a few sections where teachers have been unwell, 1 or 2 academic transactions may not have been covered. Please be rest assured that these will be taken up and covered in the month of June.

As children step into the summer break, I request all of to engage them constructively, have qualitative conversations and spend time doing things together. The team has put together engaging tasks that would keep children happily occupied during the summer break. A Month-long 'Healthy Habit' checklist is being shared with you. This is to ensure that children get the necessary daily dose of healthy food and physical activity. They are going to be confined to homes given the surge in Covid cases; therefore, it is even more important at this time for us to take this aspect seriously and follow a healthy routine.

I would like to conclude by thanking you for your continued faith in our efforts and believing that we shall strive to provide a learning experience of the highest standards for every Shriite.

I wish you all a happy and healthy summer break. Do stay home, stay safe and take care of yourselves.

Regards,

Jyothi Reddy

