



From the Principal's desk

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

“Commitment, confidence, creativity, conviction and courage are weapons to face any challenge or uncertainty.

Dr. Jyothi Reddy



Dear Parent
Namaste!

Wishing and hoping that each one of you are safe and healthy in your homes. Indeed, an eventful start to the academic year 2020-21. It is gratifying that amongst all the chaos and unprecedented turn of events, the TSUS family stood strong with its feet set firmly grounded. A Proactive approach to every aspect of student safety and uninterrupted learning has been our steadfast endeavour. Right from the time that we shut school on 5 & 6 March 2020, while other schools were still functioning and Hyderabad was still unimpacted, our farsightedness has held us in good stead.

Our Management with a vision and commitment to excellence, a resilient leadership team, the unrelenting admin & PR team, motivated educators, and beyond a doubt, a trusting and supportive parent body that has stood by us in all our decisions and actions. This is the foundation of any successful organisation. Being in the driver's seat of this roller-coaster ride is an experience in itself for me.

What I miss the most is the direct connect with my Shriites. Zoom has taken over my life in this lockdown period and helped me keep in touch with everyone else. The management and Shri educators along with senior leadership team are contributing in various ways to support people in this time of need leaving our cameras behind. I am able to look at life from a different perspective. It is rewarding to explore new ideas as an educator to make education

more meaningful. Being blessed with more ME TIME, I am confident that I am abreast with the changing times. I am investing time in revisiting a lot of pending tasks of my interest which were being postponed all these days in the order of priority. I am taking this time to rejuvenate myself and take the academic year forward with new hope and fresh energy.

Testing times like these are a testimony to the honest commitment. The one that I take pride in, is the exams that students of grade V - VII wrote from home. The result analysis, done by us is indicative of utmost integrity with which students have attempted the exams, and there is no hype in the results. Thank you parents for your understanding and support. It is reassuring for me and my confidence has doubled knowing that the core values of the school are successfully being integrated in the lives of our Shriites.

Enough and more has been spoken about COVID-19 and all the measures that we need to take. I am sure, all members Shri Family are being responsible citizens and abiding by the rules of the lockdown. Being a hardcore optimist and an educator at heart, I would like to look at the bright side of the lockdown and the learning that it brings along. My observations of these times have been -- uninterrupted family time, learning to live within limited means, lesser dependency on domestic help, cleaner environment, catching up on hobbies, bonding with long lost friends and also building newer skills. I hope our activity sheet shared on 01 April along with introductory mail titled "One day at a time "is helping you to get engaged daily.

Children look up to the adults around them as role models; we urge you to model the behaviour that you want them to emulate. You can help your child find a balance between screen use and other activities by setting some rules. This is a time to have greater engagement in terms of conversations, sharing experiences, bonding with the extended family using technology to support this. Do have conversations about how they're doing, what they miss about school, what they miss about having contact with their friends. Do share your feelings and perspective so that children feel connected.

I would also like to foretell something of great significance. Going forward, in the given scenario of an extended lockdown children may exhibit difficult behaviour and seek attention in unpleasant ways. Experts suggest that this behaviour is a psychological impact of absence of social interaction with friends and peers, prolonged monotony and sudden change of circumstances. I urge

you to handle them with patience. Feel free to reach out to us for support. We are always here in times like this to assist students and parents cope. We are planning to create a help desk called "Shri Saathi" to help you reach out to us in any inevitable situation of inability to handle difficult behaviour of children. The details will be shared in a week's time.

Unprecedented times call for renewed energies and divergent efforts. It is with the belief to stay ahead of times and be future ready, while we await government orders on the next step, Shri educators are going through extensive professional development, training and workshops. We are also ready with our action plan to be able to conduct student interactive classes online, if the need arises in future. One has learnt that come what may, life does not stop, so with a progressive approach to life one must move on. As a leader I am 100% confident, the purpose of education is being met. Besides not being physically present in school, I am sure all the learning outcomes pertaining to the grade levels will be achieved effectively. So, it leaves me immensely satisfied to know that at the end of this lockdown period our Shriites will

- become self-directed learners
- able to achieve the learning outcome of that grade or topic
- be more independently engaged
- develop more skills than in a regular class
- be able to face uncertainty in future life
- transition smoothly into college
- develop critical thinking and higher order thinking skills
- be able to handle technology in a fair way rather than misuse
- More than anything they will learn how to appreciate their blessings in life and respect teachers and parents for many comforts they are getting.

I am confident that our Shriites are taking the current scenario in the right spirit. I would like to authenticate my belief with an evidence. A poem from our Shriite, which was a part of their social science online module assignment.

A Light in the Dark

This pandemic called corona,
has been a huge blow to this world.
The lives of millions is at stake,
who could perish without a cure.
Amongst the talk of lockdowns,

and something called social distancing,
There is a glimmer of hope lying around,
starting with humans and nature balancing.

Mother Earth is benefitting,
with all the humans staying inside.
She is recovering from her agonizing past,
and her beauty doesn't have to hide.

The pollution around is decreasing,
and the sky is given back to the birds.
Nature is smiling for the first time in years,
her relief is beyond a description in words.

While we stay at home, and stay safe,
we should look at aspects of life that shine.
Because we can always find a light in the dark,
just like we can always a star in the night...

-Shriya Sinha, 8B

Going that extra mile as always, we at TSUS have also shared an array of engaging resources that will keep our students busy till the time they come back to school in June.

- Virtual Learning - The Kruger National Park in South Africa
- Torrins online Music classes
- Sports Village PE classes
- Fitbee fitness App
- Mindspark Math activities
- The Wandering Raven - Writing skills program
- Scholastic Writing Awards(SWA) by Scholastic India
- SFA Online Chess Tournament
- LogIQids - a special summer assignment

An email with more details and links will be sent in an exclusive email.

Apart from these, we will be sharing some interesting academic related task sheets /activities created by our teachers over the weekend under the banner -

'UNLOCK YOUR MIND & SOUL DURING LOCK DOWN '.

Team TSUS has been working tirelessly to ensure our students' learning is not hampered and that they are engaged qualitatively at home during this lock down.

Thank you parents for an overwhelming response to the online Parent Orientation as well as the online lesson modules that we shared for the 9 working days of April. My whole-hearted thanks to all parents who are sharing pictures and videos of Shriites in action at home. I am very excited daily to see the submissions of Art Challenge. I am also very proud of Shriites who are engaged meaningfully exploring their hidden talents. It is evident that parents are finding great ways to engage students apart from the resources being provided by us. I salute your spirit.

I would like to end my newsletter with another early bird submission of the online assignment. It is rightly said, our children are the only hope for our future, so let us nurture them right.

Covid 19- A Break Through the Clouds

It's raining corona!

Those big, abhorrent clouds

Growling at us from the sky

Even the the most formidable countries

In midst of tsunamis

Waiting for the storm to dry

Ever cloud has a silver lining

I'm sure you've heard that one before

So, let us look up not down

Get rid of the frowns

And keep hopes for a sunny day

Let us applaud our warriors

Who are battling the thunder

To bring an umbrella over our heads

Let's take pride in our unity

Take a stand for our harmony

And forge a path ahead

I urge you to

To stay intact

And fight to break the chain

After all,

We cannot have a rainbow

Without a little rain!

Vanshika Goel - Grade 8B

The poems penned by our Shriites reveal their mature thoughts and a positive approach towards the current scenario strengthening my conviction. We as adults can learn so much from these beautiful souls. Let us embrace life with all its twists and turns with the confidence and faith to overcome them.

**I AM NOT AFRAID OF STORMS, FOR I AM
LEARNING HOW TO SAIL MY SHIP.**

Louisa May Alcott

