## ST. BENEDICT'S SCHOOL, BENGALURU – 560074 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023 -2024

Reach high, for stars that lie hidden in your soul.

Dream deep, for every dream that leads to the goal.

We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit to see the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.

It is the changes that we all go through our lives, that constantly improves us, and with these words portraying the thought of annual report in the most dazzling way possible.

In St. Benedict's we believe that every individual has a lot of potential, and that potential can help accomplish wonders. That is why; it is fair enough to say that we thus believe that the future of the world starts here, where we start to strive. St. Benedict's CBSE School with its roots from 2006 has crossed milestones of success every year. The session of 2023-24 was a great year, and I consider it a moment of pride to highlight to you all the achievements and developments that the school, staff and students have embraced.

Our Vision, "success inspires success" determines directions of effort and in prioritizing deployment of resources at our disposal, providing 360-degree education to our students through best academic facilities and in churning out citizens who are inspiring leaders with a humane touch.

Excellence in academics is the hallmark of a good institution and the class X results of the school prove without an iota of doubt that our students have made us proud over the years

Competition is not only among the fellow students in academics but on the field also, our students extend their boundaries and emerge as victors among other students of India. We have Ms. Shaili Singh of class 10, as the star of the Indian Athletics with her new world record in long jump U-16, U- 18, she has sealed her place in the 2020 World Junior Athletics championship, SBA is proud of her and we pray that she would be representing us in Olympics. We have Sir Rihan of class IX, a Gold medallist in Reliance meet for 400m and 200m run, a Gold medallist in CBSE cluster meet for 400m and 200m run, he made a new record of 49.51secs in 400m run in CBSE national level meet in Chhattisgarh. SBA is proud to have these personals as our students and we wish them all the best for their future. We have winners at National level participation in extracurricular activities like Kung Fu and Karate too, SBA is proud to groom victors to our nation.

"Teachers are also learners", staying updated is the key to success in any field, especially, in education. Our teachers constantly strive to stay updated by attending workshops & various training programmes conducted by CBSE to enhance their skills. At the very outset of the academic year we had the orientation programme for our staff lead by personals from Christ University. Our director Rev. Fr. Jerome OSB enhances the liveliness of all his staff by participating in the happiness of the staff and by orienting the whole family of SBA as we travelled to Madikeri and neighbourhoods.

Our academic year 2023-24 began vibrantly with the commencement of Classes for students of class X from 15<sup>th</sup> May with motivational and blissful speech fathers by our fathers of SBA.

At SBA, we strive to make our students successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens. As part of their grooming process, the students take active participation in both curricular and cocurricular activities. The curricular activities for students of grade 6 to 10 are framed as per the directives of the CBSE and implemented in reality to the grass root level, with 3 Periodic assessments, 1 Annual exam for grades 6 to 8 and 3 mock exams for grades 9 & 10. We train grades 9 & 10 with mock papers for their annual appearance. Students are exposed to work on multidisciplinary projects, hands on activity for lab, minds on activity for seminars and share to grow by supervised, peer teaching, motivational value education classes. As discipline and spiritual growth play a major role in the life of students, we conduct catechism classes for catholic students every Friday, and Eucharistic celebration the first Friday of every month, as students participate in readings and choir. To evaluate ones improvement students are assisted to keep up their portfolio live and glowing. With included competitive curiosity students grow, as Competitive exams are one way to give the students an exposure. Our students strive to obtain various achievements at different levels, starting from school and spanning many steps through Taramandala exams, Science Olympiads, Siri Kannada and other competitive exams.

Assemblies are an essential part of schools, for they not only promote a sense of collective belonging to the school but they also educate the students in various ways. To add a new flavour to the daily assemblies,

themes are given to corresponding sections of the school, along with the celebration of the importance of the day.

In a conducive and encouraging environment, the students are mentored to participate in a variety of intra and interschool activities & competitions. It enables the students to grow in confidence, knowledge & enhance their holistic development.

Co-curricular activities like extempore, debate, pencil sketching, cooking without fire, origami, face painting, elocution, spell bee and many more are outlined and implemented on a regular basis and students are awarded with certificates.

We had conducted Orchestra for the Ben rockers, Dance competition for the Ben beaters and Speech competition for the Ben Speakers in which our students participated and won awards. To develop the physique and strengthen the body, mind and soul we have karate, kung fu, yoga and music on a regular basis, in which students are drawn for competitions and emerge as winners. We are proud to have our senior and junior wing of NCC cadets to serve the nation, along with our greenhorn troop of Scouts & guides who are trained on regular basis.

To ensure that our students are equipped to face any challenge and build self-confidence, we have focused on few Student Enrichment programmes along with various events and celebrations with a lot of reverence, vigour and fun.

The academic year began with a shower of blessings, as the entire SBA family along with the holy Benedictine fathers of the School managing committee gathered for the Eucharistic celebration on  $02^{nd}$  June 2023. The environment day was celebrated on  $5^{th}$  June 2023, making our surrounding evergreen with awareness to our community. Investiture ceremony - instilling captains to lead, was on  $19^{th}$  June 2023. Yoga day was commemorated on  $21^{st}$  June 2023 to strengthen awareness among students.

We had a grandiose commemoration of our patron saint, St. Benedict on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023, the celebration of the same on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in Asirvanam monastery. We had Independence Day celebration on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023, National Sports day celebration on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

We celebrated Teacher's day on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023, we celebrated Hindi Diwas on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

The 150<sup>th birth</sup> anniversary of Gandhi was observed on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 along with the Anchepalya community, implementing clean India movement with our NCC cadets, Scouts & guides, students and parents. As part of curriculum our students visited the Agricultural University, Hebbal and experienced the showcase of Krishimela on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas was commemorated on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 lead by the NCC cadets.

Kannada Rajyotsava was celebrated on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 with great joy and vigour. Children's day was celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 with sports and competitions, as part of the celebration children's trip to Talakadu was organized on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

On 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023, the glorious birth of Christ was celebrated with a live crib and sharing of gifts and joy with our friends from Government school Anchepalya.

As we enjoy gazing at the stars, today we stand here on threshold to enjoy our annual day celebration with all our honoured guests and sweet students. We will step forward to honour our graduates, our students of grade 10 on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023, with the Graduation day celebration. We commence with annual examinations for grade 10 tentatively from 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023, exams for grade 9 to commence from 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023, after which portions for class which be commenced.

Keeping in mind the holistic development of our students, we have always worked towards giving them ample opportunity to inculcate all the life skills needed to be successful in today's world. With this I seek God's blessings for each one of us, to keep accomplishing new heights of success.

As I draw to the end of my report, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Fr. Jerome OSB, Director of SBA for his constant guidance and support at every step of the way.

I end my report with these famous lines "Arriving at one goal is the starting point to another." To conclude, this year, we all took more collective step towards our vision, and while one-step was taken, many more are to go, and it is certainly achievable.













































































