



CARMEL CONVENT SR. SEC. SCHOOL, GWALIOR

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

Dear Stakeholders,

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2023-2024 Annual Report. We, at Carmel Gwalior took up the theme- “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam”- “One Earth, One Family, One Future” for the Session 2023-2024. In a world that is increasingly divided and polarized, the philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam provides a roadmap for creating a better future, where all individuals are valued, respected, and treated with dignity.

Seeking collaboration:

The academic session began with an Orientation Program which was conducted for the parents to help them decipher the School’s policies, curriculum, pedagogy and protocols in accordance with the rules governed by the CBSE.

Hearty Welcome:

The Principal and the staff extended a warm welcome to the students to the new academic session 2023-2024, with new opportunities to grow, learn, and excel.

A special assembly was conducted by the students of Std. XII A. The assembly began with seeking the blessings of the supreme Power, the Almighty. An act was presented encapsulating the values and ethics for the students to follow. The students were guided to respect their principal, teachers, and seniors and to always be courteous towards everyone everywhere.

The Panel of Executives:

To guide the events of the forth coming year, the office bearers for 2023-2024 were sworn into their responsibilities. The school cabinet was awarded badges and sashets by our Manager Rev. Sr. Ancy and the Principal. Sports Captain administered the oath. The ceremony concluded with an inspirational

speech by the Principal - emphasising the principles of good leadership and inspiring the in-charges to perform with enthusiasm and dedication.

Morning Assembly:

Morning assembly is paramount for collective interaction in a formal setting. It is the time when scholars and mentors come together to start the day-creating a positive reflective ethos and promoting value-based education, Students of each class took turn to present assembly based on a theme identified for a day. To name a few: World Health Day, Earth Day, World Intellectual Property Day, World Chocolate Day, World Population Day, Paper Bag Day, Kargil Vijay Diwas, World Biofuel Day, World Humanitarian Day, World Fashion Day, Women's Equality Day, Hindi Diwas, Sanskrit Diwas. Every day after the lunch break, a brief prayer session is held for the students' and mentors' spiritual wellbeing.

Medley of Activities:

The benefits of experiential learning can never be overlooked. The school has a wide range of Clubs, promoting learning by combining recreational and educational factors. Representing interdisciplinary approaches to learning, the carefully selected activities of the clubs, focus on the entire gamut of development of learners in cohesive manner.

#Within the Precincts -

*Class-wise Activities - For the primary section (Class I to V), activities were conducted class-wise, to ensure cent percent participation and maximum learning. Beat the heat (salad Arrangement), Let's create-using Origami, English and Hindi Poem Recitation, Fancy Dress (Indian Freedom Fighters), Story Telling with Hand Puppets, Jewellery Designing for Raksha Bandhan, Maths Genius, Role Play (celestial Bodies/Elements of Nature), Paint your Dream House and Photo scavenger Hunt.

*Inter-House Competitions- For the middle, secondary and senior secondary sections, house wise competitions created a platform where multifold learning experiences were garnered to support learning in all the directions.

Building a Bird House, Puppet show, Rangoli (Spirit of India), Patriotic Group Singing, Mime (Conservation of Natural Resources), Folk Art Painting, Raksha Bandhan Thali, Doha Gayan, Debate, Maths Model Making, Model UN, Make and Sell, Sales Viz and News Reading.

#This session observed the participation of students in Martial Arts, Skating, Volleyball, Basketball, Cricket, Handball, Vocal and Instrumental Music, under the canopy of the Hobby club.

Beyond The Portals:

* Inspire Awards (Manak)– Smart pill holder water bottle, designed by Astha Jain of 10 B was selected for state-level exhibition. She was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 25,000/ and a certificate.

* Debate Competition at AMI Shishu Mandir securing 1st Position

* Cadence- A Transcendental Journey at Gwalior Glory High School (a non-competitive event)

* Daimiraaz -Documentary Film Making Competition at Gwalior Glory High School. A medal of encouragement was awarded with a certificate of appreciation to the participants.

* ‘School Song’ Group Singing Competition at Central Academy securing 2nd position.

* MP Tourism Quiz at ITM bagging the silver medal and free travel bouncers (trip for 2 days)

* Carol Singing competition, conducted by ICYM commission Gwalior, at St. John Vianney Bhawan, taking up the 1st position

* The Gwalior Idea Contest, under the flagship of ABV-IIITM and VIGYAN BHARTI.

* The International Olympiad and Spell Bee, organized by Hummingbird Education Limited, I for General Knowledge, ARO, Spell Bee, and English Olympiad.

* The International Hindi Olympiad.

* SOF National Olympiad

*CBSE Activities- Aryabhata Ganit Challenge, Story Writing Competition for the Budding Authors.

* Awareness drive on World Soil Day, organised by Rajmata Vijaya Raje Scindia Krishi Vishwavidyalaya

Widening the Exposure:

For students: Using the interactive format, workshops help the learners to explore topics ranging from personal enrichment, life transition to gain practical skills

"Talk Show" on oral hygiene by Dr. Surbhi Jain (B.D.S.) a distinguished Dentist and former student of Carmel, Gwalior.

Book Fair in association with 'Macmillan', provided an opportunity to browse a wide variety of books at a time was a wonderful experience for the staff, students and parents.

Summer camp witnessed the enthusiastic participation of students in a wide spectrum of activities- Yoga, Tug of War, Skating, Water Games, Dumbbells, Laziam, Trampoline, Fun Games, Rain dance and a few others.

Pariksha Pe Charcha, specifically tailored for students- fostering a culture of resilience and confidence in the face of academic challenges.

"Focus on Future – 21st Century Skills for Dream Career" was the topic for Career Counselling workshop for the students.

Anti-Drug Campaign by Shiyaz K.M, IPS to aware students about different ways of addiction, how to tackle their peer group if they are into addiction, seeking proper mental health if needed.

Basic problems and stress of Adolescent years and the New Normal Ways to Tackle them by Rev. Sr. Dorette, Educational Counsellor, Northern Province.

Motivational session conducted by Rev. Fr. (Dr) Sajith Cyriac.

Striving for excellence and maintaining good standards not only in academics but also in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities by Rev. Sr. Ann Jose, Provincial, Northern Province.

For teachers: The school facilitates the participation of teaching faculty in a wide range of workshops/seminars/in-service training programs to enhance the knowledge of their subject and keep them at par with changing paradigm in Education. To name a few-

New tools of teaching by Rev. Sr. Grace Rose, General Educational Counsellor.

Rejuvenating session by Rev. Fr. Joseph Chipson.

Teaching as a Vocation- a session by Rev. Fr. (Dr) Sajith Cyriac.

Macmillan Education organised a session for primary teachers.

Tata Class edge session by Mr. Anish Arya.

#Capacity Building Programs, both online and offline, conducted by experts from CBSE.

"I know Virus to be destroyed and learning to Continue" by Rev. Sr. Dorette, Educational Counsellor, Northern Province.

#Working as an efficient team, every goal can be achieved by Rev. Sr. Ann Jose, Provincial, Northern Province.

Innovation mission workshop on the ATL marathon 2023-24 held at Central Academy for Teacher Coordinators

#The school took up the initiative to get some of the teachers trained for counselling. This would help the students with various mental health concerns such as stress, grief, anxiety and other issues that derail their mental and emotional health.

Cultural and Traditional Anecdotes:

#Carmel Day: The feast of our lady of Mount Carmel, the patroness of our school, was observed with great devotion. It began with the lighting of lamp by our manager, Rev Sr. Ancy, the Principal, the Vice Principal, and the co-ordinators. This was followed by the solemn prayer service and a prayer song. Later a speech was delivered highlighting the history of the Carmelite Order. The principal also conveyed a short message depicting the virtues of Divine Mother, which must be imbibed by all to lead a virtuous life. At the

end students wished the gathering A Happy Feast Day through a blessing song.

77th Independence Day: This day dawned to the patriotic ambience within the school premises. The chief guest Mrs. Vimla William along with the Principal, the Vice Principal, and the coordinators hoisted the flag with much adoration.

#Onam: Onam, the most cultural significant heritage of Kerala, was celebrated in the school premises with immense vigour. The students made a beautiful Pookalam (floral rangoli). Students performed scripted dramas and dances, adding a colourful and cultural touch to the event. This successful celebration showcased the unity and festive spirit among students and teachers, embracing the essence of Onam.

#Teachers' Day: A warm welcome was given by the students to Rev. Sisters and Teachers. Students expressed their gratitude towards their teachers by delivering short speeches. Students also performed dances and recited poems to make the day special.

#Ganesh Chaturthi: The Eco club celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi in an environmentally conscious way, crafting eco-friendly Ganesha idols. This initiative showcased the importance of sustainability and reverence for nature, while fostering a sense of responsibility and eco-awareness among students

Diwali: The program depicted the scene of Lord Ram's arrival in Ayodhya and a beautiful tableau of Ram Darbar .

#Christmas: The theme "the transformation in Yuletide" gave a message of God's eternal love. The Children showcased this beautiful message through dance, drama, Carols, etc. Rev. Fr Simon Raj was the chief guest for the program which commenced with a prayer invoking God's blessings. A play was staged by the kids which brought out the meaning of Christmas. The carols extended the warmth and festivity to the atmosphere.

#Republic Day: The 75th Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in Carmel Convent Sr. Sec. School, Gwalior. A plethora of activities such as Skating Act, March Past, Dance performances, and patriotic poems were organised to infuse the spirit of unity, brotherhood and patriotism among the students. Scholarships were also presented to the students. The chief guest for the day was Miss Shivani Singh, the School Topper in Class 12 CBSE Board Examination from Humanities Stream, 2022-2023 Batch.

#Mother Foundress Day: The message "Do freely the good you can do, without ever losing the peace and joy of heart", was very fondly remembered. Hymn to Mother Foundress, Prayers, and Short Skit depicting her virtuous character and her role in 'Empowering Women', were beautifully exhibited by the students.

Farewell to Class XII students: Class XI students bid farewell to their seniors.

Women's Day: Variety of games were organised for the staff. It was coupled as appraisal day for the staff.

#Closing ceremony: For the session 2023-2024, the members of the school parliament handed over portfolios to the Principal.

The Annual Function- Evita'23:

It embraced the theme "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam," emphasizing the idea that the world is one big family. The event celebrated diversity, unity, and global interconnectedness through a series of captivating performances and presentations. The programme started with the lighting of the lamp by the Honourable chief guest Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Thykkattil, Bishop of Gwalior and Guest of Honour Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Kaithathara, Bishop Emeritus of Gwalior. The cultural programme commenced with a mesmerizing dance portraying the rich tapestry of cultures around the globe. Students showcased traditional attire, music, and dance from different countries, highlighting the beauty of unity in diversity. The vibrant performances illustrated how,

despite our differences, we are all part of the same global family followed by a poignant play illustrating the consequences of human activities on the environment. It depicted the impact of deforestation, pollution, and climate change, urging the audience to reflect on their role in Earth's well-being.

Sportsbuzz:

#To spread awareness and involve more students in games and sports, Interhouse Volleyball and Basketball tournaments were organized .

Our students brought laurels to the school in the sports Arena.

*Rashi Chauhan of class X, won the Silver Medal in Khelo M.P Boxing Championship. She was awarded a cash prize of Rs 21000. She picked up a Gold Medal at State Level Boxing Championship and is selected for the Nationals.

*Manvika Singh of class XII has been selected to represent State Handball team at National Level.

*Tejeshvi Tomar of Class XI, Niyati Jain of Class IX and Jhalak Pachori of class VIII are selected in Khelo M.P- Youth and Games Tournament to represent the State Basketball team.

Our school teams participated in various sports at inter-school, district, state and national level: * Inter-School Roller Skating Championship.

* Inter-School Volleyball and Basketball Championship.

*District Level Volleyball and Basketball Championship.

* District Karate Championship under the categories- Kumata and Kata.

*CBSE - West Zone Handball Tournament.

Inter School March Past and Mass Display Competition was organized by LNIPE Gwalior. Our students won 1st position in March Past and 2nd position in the Mass Display and the overall championship was ours’.

Benevolent Hand:

The school never misses an opportunity to extend a helping hand to serve the society.

#Labours' Day Celebration: A program was organised by the USM team and the Social Studies department to honour the auxiliary staff of our school. The program was hosted by our School Head Girl Priyanshi Sharma and Vic Head Girl Diya Roy Chowdhury. A melodious song and a beautiful dance was put. A token of appreciation for their tireless support was also presented. Auxiliary staff were addressed by our principal Rev. Sr. Ramya. On behalf of the auxiliary staff, Ms. Pushpa presented a gesture of thankfulness for the honour they received.

Joy of Sharing: On the eve of Christmas, students truly celebrated the joy of sharing and donating food grains. The USM team under the guidance of the Late Father Alengaden, spread smiles among less privileged. They organized a charity distribution for Brick Kiln workers at Piproli. They distributed grocery products not only to the workers but also to all our auxiliary staff members.

Excellence Recognized:

#Teacher's appreciation award 2023 was awarded to Mrs. Vandana Indwar and Ms Josepha by Gwalior Chambal Christian Association (GCCA)

#Gurukul Dream Foundation presented the Gyanarth Education Award to Mrs. Mamta Agrawal

Trips and Excursions:

Educational trips and excursions are undertaken annually to cater students' enthusiasm towards school life. These trips inculcate a spirit of team work and self-reliance.

Students had a fun-filled day on their trip to Dolfon Water Park, Agra. Later they also visited Chandigarh, Dharamsala, Macledoganj and Wagah Border.

The School Management organized a picnic for the teachers at Shubhim Resort in Gwalior, on the eve of Teachers' Day.

The Annual Report showcases the achievements and glories of our school, undoubtedly. Many milestones have been achieved and many still have to be

reached. We at Carmel, Gwalior, will continue our unceasing efforts to mould the young minds into well balanced personalities with confidence and zeal befitting the standards of this portal of education. We work as a team to maintain and enhance the glorious tradition of this great institution. I wish to conclude with a prayer to God, thanking Him for his benevolence and grace; seeking His continued blessings and guidance to make our tomorrow more rewarding and fulfilling.

Thank you everyone.

God Bless you

Principal