

St John's Campus, Neerpair

News Letter - April 2014

Public Examination:



As the academic year coming to an end, the students are very busy in preparing themselves to appear in the final exam for the past couple of month. In the previous letter we informed you about 12th standard students' Government public exam. They wrote well and happily ended their academic year. Immediately after their exam 10th standard students have appeared for their public examination on 26th of March and finished on 3rd of April. Also for other classes the final exam has started and it got over on 16th of April.

School Pupil Leaders Election:

Every year at the end of academic year, the school pupil leaders (one from boys and one from girls) will be selected by the students, the teachers and the correspondent for the coming academic year. They are the in charges of conducting school prayer services daily and other programmes conducted in the school. So for the coming academic year new leaders were selected. They are Mr. Vijay from 12-A section and Ms. Kirthika from 12-B (Kirthika is a student of St John's home). Hope they discharge their duties and responsibilities properly and we wish them for their office.

"WE" Core Committee Meeting:



All the core committee meets together once in two months or whenever the necessity comes. For this month the core committee of 'WE' group has decided to meet together with Fr. Suresh and Nandhini Akka to plan for the future activities. Also the WE group wishes all the members those who are going to appear for the university examination. Wish you all the best for your exams.

Political Awareness Camp:

Now in India the ruling political party's term is about to end and the Election commissioner of India has announced the parliamentary election date in India. So in order to select a good government by the people Fr. Suresh (as we all know him well as good social reformer) has decided to conduct camps to bring awareness among the people to select a good government who will work for the prosperity of our nation. So he conducted political awareness camp for teachers of Dr. R. Arulappa higher secondary school, St. Joseph Matriculation School and CRDS staff. The camp insisted on various points like how should be a leader, what are the criteria to select a good leader and good government etc. In short the camp was very useful for those who have attended the camp.

Belgium friends' Visit:

In the month of March we had the visit of our Damian friends from Belgium. Mr. John Pierre Wallens with his friends visited our boarding and school. During their visit on 9th of March we had the blessings of our new chapel. Bishop of Chingleput and Bishop Emeritus of Liege one of the visitors' of Belgium team have celebrated the Holy Mass. The same day the newly shifted water purification plant was also blessed



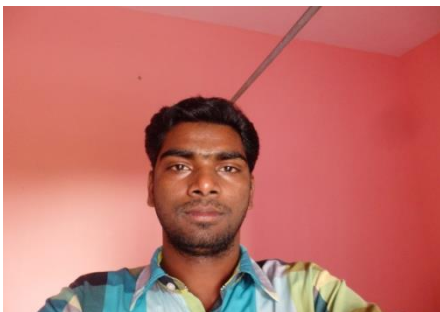
Friends of Damian, Belgium



Again in the month of April we had 14 friends from Belgium. Eleven students and three teachers and they have come over here to have an exchange programme with our boarding children on the topic "Health and Hygienic". They stayed here for two weeks and they were guided by Fr. Suresh. As a practical part of their exchange they constructed toilets for the Children's Home.

SUCCESS STORY:

Dear friends,



I am Parthiban, hail from a poor Dalit (untouchables) family under below poverty line from the village named North Cheyyur. Until 2006 there was no electricity in my home. So I have to study with the help of kerosene lamp. After completing my 10th standard with good percentage of marks I joined in Dr. R. Arulappa higher secondary school. I could get the admission only in the school but not in our hostel since I was a non - Christian. Then I approached Fr. Suresh and he gave the admission in the hostel too. I completed my studies here with top rank. After my school studies my mother asked me to say good bye to studies as she was not in a position to help for my higher

studies. But Fr. Suresh and Nandhini Akka encouraged me a lot to go for higher studies and they also promised me to help financially. With their encouragement and guidance I did my under graduation, post graduation and Master of philosophy in Mathematics at one of the leading colleges in India (Loyola college). In each graduate studies I was the top of the college scoring more than 90% of marks (awarded with the University Gold Medal). Then I wished to study Ph. D Though I had enough and more marks the professor who is from high caste (Brahmin) did not accept me and he was not ready to be a guide for me since I am a Dalit. So he conducted me a very difficult test out the usual procedures in order to disqualify me by way of finding some wrong in me. But I took this as a challenge I did well in all the examinations and interviews, as a result he was forced to accept me by the elite panel (The elite panel consist of scientists who interviewed me third time). In the beginning I had to face lot of difficulties from my superiors since I am a Dalit but Fr. Suresh and Nandhini Akka motivated me as a result I could do well in studies. So far I have published 12 research papers on various topics out of which 5 research papers were published in international journal and three had been published in international conferences, two are in national journal and one in national conference. Dears I could do all these with the help of you, Fr. Suresh and Nandhini Akka through your support to them. I thank you all for your love and big support.

Thanking you

Fr John Suresh, Ms Nandhini Krishnan & Editorial Team