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St. Karen's Secondary School



Our Newsletter is a kaleidoscopic amalgamation of the literary and creative talents of the students.

It mirrors our hope and aspirations and gives us an opportunity to have mind blogging sessions to learn, to explore and excel in teamwork.

Newsletter 2021 is an inaugural issue which will provide each student of SKSS ample opportunities to excel their inherent and dynamic personality traits through various genres of writing.

We acknowledge the benevolent support of our Principal Ma'am who has made this issue of the Newsletter possible.

We wish that with each passing year our endeavour will achieve more perfection.

Labour Reaps Reward

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Director's Message

I'M IMMENSELY PLEASED TO KNOW THAT St. Karen's Secondary School is publishing it's very first NEWSLETTER. And that also in spite of being overwhelmed presently by the pandemic covid-19. This itself, speaks of the grit, the enthusiasm and the determination to face issues with fortitude and the deep interest in the students in general.

I congratulate the Principal Ms. Marykutty for taking the initiative and the other members of the staff and the student body who constitute the editorial board who in the face of the prevailing circumstances are zealously striving to break new ground through this Newsletter.

There is no doubt that the Newsletter will act as an important medium of establishing a line of communication, enthuse in the students the desire to give expression to their feelings of encouragement to the fellow-students, and even ignite their latent penmanship.

It is rightly said, that in all human affairs there are EFFORTS, and there are RESULTS. The strength of the effort is the measure of the result. So, I do hope that the students will use the Newsletter as an opportunity that will stand them in good stead.

So, my dear students cherish your visions, cherish your ideals, and cherish the music that stirs your heart, the beauty that forms in your mind, the loveliness that drapes your thoughts. Give Vent to

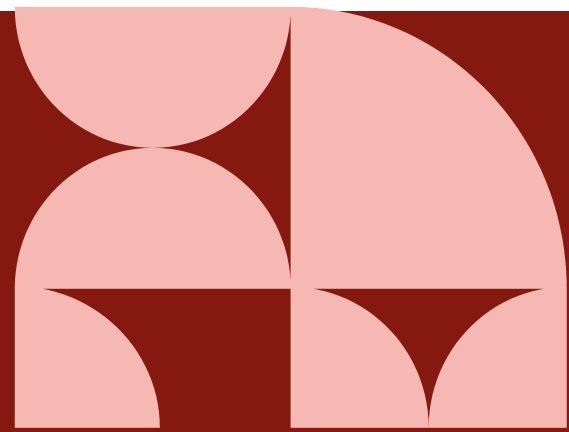


them in the Newsletter. If at all you remain true to these, then your world will at last be built in confidence in yourself and the joy in contributing to the happiness of others when they most needed it. Go Forth, proving to your friends and colleagues that through the pen you can be a source of inspiration, and encouragement to fellow Karenites.

Explore new ideas in your Mind-Positive ideas! Ideas that can change your mind-set and the mind-set of your fellow Karenites as well. GOOD IDEAS DON'T JUST HAPPEN. They depend on people who are open to making them happen. Let your Newsletter be a HAPPENING that will be cherished by the Karenites, empowering them with new horizons, in thoughts, words and deeds!!

Affectionately,

D.P. Galstaun
Director.





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Depicting
St. Katherine



Rudra Singh 3D



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On 29th April of each year our school celebrates its Feast Day. Feast Day is a special occasion on which we remember the patron saint of our school Saint Katherine of Siena. To honour the great saint who dedicated her life with the spirit of sacrifice, love, devotion and care for children, we celebrate this day as St. Karen's Day.

Every year on this day we celebrate it like a festival.

Holy mass, special assembly, competitions and a lot of fun activities are arranged to elevate the importance of this day. Since two years, the world is facing a massive pandemic and we are in a difficult situation, but with the help of online platforms we are able to cope with all these problems. So, with the same spirit of joy and enthusiasm we celebrated the feast day even this year. Although the experience of online celebration was quite different, but it was a lot of fun and it became memorable as our teachers and students all celebrated it with the same excitement. With the help of online platforms like Zoom and E-care, online activities were held. Students put forth many activities like singing, poetry recitation, speech and PowerPoint presentation through which they grew in different aspects of their life and learnt many new things, with which many realised their true capabilities.



To conclude I would say that with sheer generosity and true determination we can overcome any obstacle in our lives.

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Mother Earth Day

HISTORY OF EARTH DAY

Every single human being on this planet expresses their gratitude towards our mother Earth by celebrating Earth Day on 22nd of April every year, but do we know how all of this started? Most of us will answer to this question as “no”. Let us all get some knowledge about it. So, starting from the beginning ‘What is Earth day and its importance?’

Earth day is an international event celebrated around the world to pledge support for environmental protection. It is dedicated to the bountiful Mother Nature and with each passing year, as the world battles a climate crisis, it is gaining significance.

Another question arises that how we started celebrating earth day?

In 1969, a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, Gaylord Nelson came up with one of most powerful ideas of his time: EARTH DAY. Inspired by the teachings dealing with the Vietnam War, Earth Day was an instant success, drawing 20 million participants the first year (1970).

With this we saw that the main reason for celebrating Earth Day was related to environmental protection and respecting nature. Keeping current new normal in mind I don't think that we have respected nature enough and the consequences we are facing is known by all. We all should pledge that whatever happened in the past happened because of our mistakes and learning from them will help all of us and not repeating them will lead us in a way better formation of world.

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Online Classes: An eye-opener

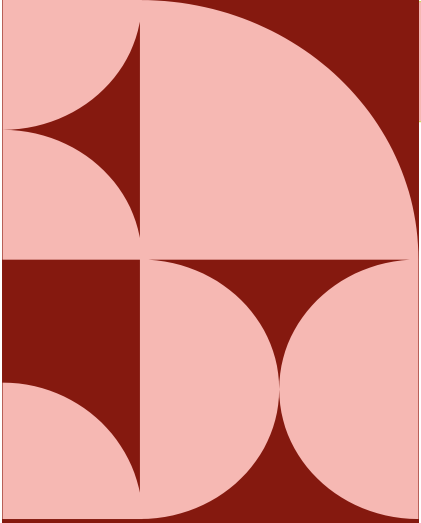
The year 2020 brought with it an unexpected devastating pandemic that had never been seen in decades. The outbreak disrupted multiple aspects of human life, education being one of prime importance. Institutions found themselves crippled under the pressure of preventing a hiatus in learning. Online classes emerged as saviours of the education system.

The digitalization of classrooms led to mushrooming of online applications and software to ensure access of millions of students to educational resources and classroom teaching. Efforts are being made both by Government and non-government organisations to support our education system to make a smooth transition to the virtual world. The major benefit of online teaching is that it provides for a convenient, safe and time effective alternative to conventional classroom teaching. This type of learning environment has the potential to increase the learning potential of the students. Our School has moved into online teaching very smoothly in this pandemic. Students can interact with teachers seamlessly through various platforms like Zoom and Microsoft teams in a convenient manner.

Transition to online teaching has in no manner affected the quality of classroom interactions. In fact, as students we have emerged more strongly convinced of our teachers' dedication towards our well-being. They arrange extra classes as per students' convenience. They are always there to solve doubts via any medium even during holidays. Even during times of personal distress, they are doing their best to tend to the needs of their students. Our teachers have been a constant source of inspiration for us. In addition to helping us continue our studies, online classes have played a vital role in opening our eyes towards the vast potential of digital teaching and in realising the sincere commitment of our teachers towards our brighter future.

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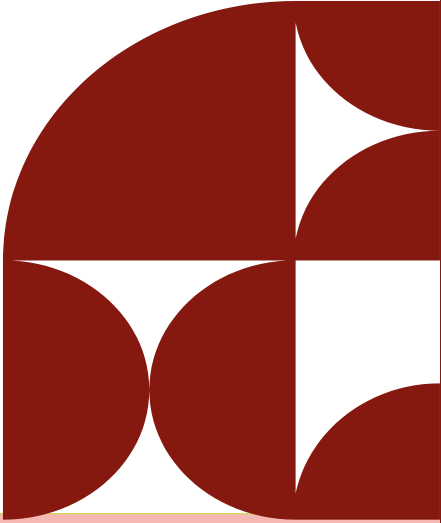


The broadening bandwidth of Education: Online Classes

It has been over a year since the coronavirus took the world by surprise and disrupted all our lives. It has taken a toll on various fields and education was not spared either. The pandemic posed a unique challenge to the existing student-teacher relationship built within the physical space of a classroom. Necessity compelled institutions to adopt measures to mitigate the impact of the coronavirus on learning. For countries like India, which are heavily reliant on conventional methods of classroom teaching, the pandemic provided a much-needed impetus for digitalization and innovation. Online classes emerged as a silver lining, providing students the opportunity to learn without any break, from the safety of their home. In addition to transforming the nature of classroom interactions, online teaching provided students with much required time to channel their productivity towards extra-curricular pursuits as well. With the world changing rapidly, online classes gave us a first-hand experience of our future work environment. However, despite the advantages, we are all aware of the distractions that we come across online, that is why it is imperative that we stay focused and use this time and development to our benefit.

By: Samuel M Watson

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