



VIRGINAMMAL LEARNING FORUM
DMI GROUP OF SCHOOLS - CHENNAI REGION 1

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CHENNAI REGION - 1



Ever upward and still higher...



FROM THE FOUNDER FATHER'S DESK

Rev . Fr. J. E. Arul Raj

**"The Whole WORLD is our Mission.
Any COUNTRY and CULTURE is our Missionary field".**

Rev . Fr. J. E. Arul Raj

To the DFT Group of Schools

"Prayer is an inner necessity of the soul."

At DFT Group of Schools, education is more than academics — it is a divine mission to nurture the soul, enlighten the mind, and empower the heart.

Rooted in Immanuel Spirituality, we uphold four core values:

- Faith in God that strengthens us in all circumstances,
- Generosity to the poor in all their forms,
- Humble commitment to becoming fully human and fully alive,
- Dedication to building God's Kingdom through science and technology.

These values yield eight spiritual fruits we strive to cultivate in our community:

Freedom, Self-realization, Discovery, Communion, Interdependence, Creativity, Stoicism, and Prosperity.

Every child is a precious gift. Our purpose is to help them grow into compassionate, capable individuals — fully human and fully alive — **our guiding motto.**

Our Vision

To achieve academic excellence and lifelong learning, with holistic development at the core.

Our Mission

To pursue this vision with unwavering effort, leveraging strong infrastructure, dedicated resources, and a committed faculty team.

Let us journey forward in faith and purpose, raising learners who lead with wisdom, integrity, and service to the world.

**FROM THE CORRESPONDENT'S
DESK** Sr. N. Sasikala DMI

A good leader is a shepherd who keeps the flock together.

Rev . Fr. J. E. Arul
Raj

Dear heads of the institution,

Greetings!

Education is a sacred journey — one that transforms young minds, shapes strong character, and instills values that last a lifetime. At DFT, we believe in nurturing each child not just academically, but emotionally, spiritually, and socially.

Rooted in the spirit of Immanuel Spirituality, our foundation rests on:

- Deep faith in God,
- Compassion toward the needy,
- Humility in growth, and
- The responsible use of science and technology for the common good.

Our motto, “Fully Human and Fully Alive,” reflects our unwavering commitment to shaping well-rounded individuals — learners who think deeply, act justly, and live purposefully.

We aim to provide an environment where excellence is not only encouraged but expected. With dedicated faculty, quality infrastructure, and a child-centered approach, we strive to bring out the best in every student.

Let us continue to walk hand in hand — educators, parents, and students — to build a community that values learning, leads with integrity, and lives with compassion.

With warm regards,

Sr.N.Sasikala DMI
Correspondent,
DMI Group of Schools - Chennai Region 1



We Thank



REV. FR. J. E. ARUL RAJ

**Founder
Father**



REV. SR. S. LALITHA

**Superior
General**



REV. SR. S. GNANA SELVAM

Managing Trustee



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We are delighted to present our school magazine, celebrating the creativity, talent, and spirit of Chennai Region 1 Schools. **Happy reading!**

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DMI GROUP OF SCHOOLS - CHENNAI REGION 1

S.NO	NAME OF THE SCHOOL	STUDENT STRENGTH (2024-2025)	STUDENT STRENGTH (2025-2026)	STAFF STRENGTH
1	POONAMALLEE	3374	3293	185
2	SRIPERUMBUDUR	428	416	80
3	PAMMAL	946	756	69
4	POLIVAKKAM	875	837	99
5	JVK	1953	2127	133
TOTAL		7576	7429	566

ST.JOSEPH MAT. HR. SEC SCHOOL, POONAMALLEE

MOMENTS OF CHEER



Suppose Christmas was celebrated on 13.12.2025, the day was marked with great joy and reverence, as the campus was beautifully decorated, special prayers and carol singing were organized, students actively participated in cultural programs, and the true spirit of Christmas—love, peace, sharing, and unity—was meaningfully celebrated by all.

OTHER ACTIVITY



A Computer Science practical session was conducted for the students of Std. VI as part of their academic activities.



The Grammar Capsule Test was conducted for students from Std. I to VIII

Safety Day was observed for students of Std. I and II with the aim of creating awareness about personal safety and safe habits



OTHER ACTIVITY



A Computer Science practical session was conducted for the students of Std. V as part of their academic activities.

A Computer Science practical session was conducted for the students of Std. I as part of their academic activities.



ROBOTICS



TALLY



AI CLASSES

SEMINARS / WORKSHOP / MEETINGS



St. Joseph Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Poonamallee, the Principal addressed the students of Std. XI and XII on 05.12.2025 regarding their preparation for the Half-Yearly Examination.



A counselling session was conducted for the students of Classes VI B and VII D on the topic “Draw Yourself”, facilitated by Mrs. Anila Arjun.

SEMINARS / WORKSHOP / MEETINGS



The Vice Principal of the Primary section met with the fee defaulters, class-wise, and motivated them to clear their outstanding fees.

A Middle School Leaders meeting was conducted by the Principal to discuss student leadership roles, responsibilities, and upcoming school activities.



A counselling session on Self-Respect was conducted to guide students on understanding their worth and building confidence.



SEMINARS / WORKSHOP / MEETINGS



St. Joseph Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Poonamallee, the Principal addressed the girls of Classes XI and XII on Adolescent Girls' Awareness and Emotional Wellness.



A motivational talk on Personal Hygiene was conducted for the girls of Classes IX and X to encourage healthy habits and self-care.



Standard XI students from our school participated in the Online STEM Quiz conducted by Saveetha Engineering College .

ST. JOSEPH RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, SRIPERUMBUDUR



Regular school assemblies were held on Mondays and Fridays, focusing on motivation, weekly updates, and celebrating student achievements. These assemblies encouraged student participation, teamwork, and a sense of community, contributing to a positive school environment.



Little stars shone bright at our Primary Christmas bash! Kids decked the halls with crafts, belted out carols, and danced around the Christmas tree. Santa's surprise visit made it a day to remember.



On 10th Dec, we had conducted orientation for the 10th and 12th grade students by Dr.Pooja on the "Exam preparation".



On 18.12.2025 "Tiny hands, big magic! Santa's handprints left footprints of joy , gifts spread smiles , and kindergarten wonderland twinkled . Christmas cuteness overload ".



On 19.12.2025 "Tiny tots twinkled with joy! KG kids danced with Santa , and sang sweet carols . Giggles filled the air as they unwrapped smiles and spread Christmas magic ".



"Christmas magic descended! Students sparkled in festive vibes, carols echoed joy, and Santa dropped smiles galore. The school turned into a wonderland where love & cheer reigned ".

SCIENCE ACTIVITY



Students crushed cans with air , made marshmallow 'space food' expand and explored pressure's hidden forces. Hands-on experiments made learning pressure a blast.

CHEMISTRY LAB



Higher Secondary students concocted reactions , decoded molecular mysteries , and played with pH puzzles

PHYSICS LAB



Higher Secondary students tinkered with circuits dissected waves , and probed the universe's secrets

COMPUTER LAB



Higher Secondary students hacked problems , crafted algorithms , and brought ideas to life .

ISPARK LAB



Ispark ignited digital dreams! Students coded adventures , designed digital masterpieces , and explored tech frontiers .

PTM



III – PTM from KG to Grade XII. "Progress meets pride! Parents & teachers joined hands to celebrate achievements, mapped growth paths , and nurtured student dreams

ECA



"Stars shone bright in ECA galaxy! Students grooved to classical rhythms , busted moves in western dance , kicked up fun in karate , and jammed to music . Creativity, beats, and energy collided – pure magic".



On 13.12.2025 visited Marco Home at Ottanthangal to celebrate Christmas "Spreading smiles, creating bonds! Students brought joy to hearts of young children, shared laughter with the children, and the life of children in home. The orphanage visit turned into a beautiful chain of giving and caring".



An educational tour to Hyderabad featuring **Golconda Fort** and **Wonderla** and **local sightseeing** offers a rich blend of history, architecture, and modern entertainment, with students exploring Qutb Shahi history, engineering marvels at the fort, followed by thrilling rides and games at Wonderla, providing a comprehensive learning experience.



"Breathe easy, act now! Students from Class 4-12 marched for cleaner air , Sriperumbudur Sub- Inspector Mr Tamil Selvan waved the flag and started this program on '**Save Our Environment**' banners , and voiced eco-pledges and covered 5.5 Km. The rally sparked green awareness in every step ".

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

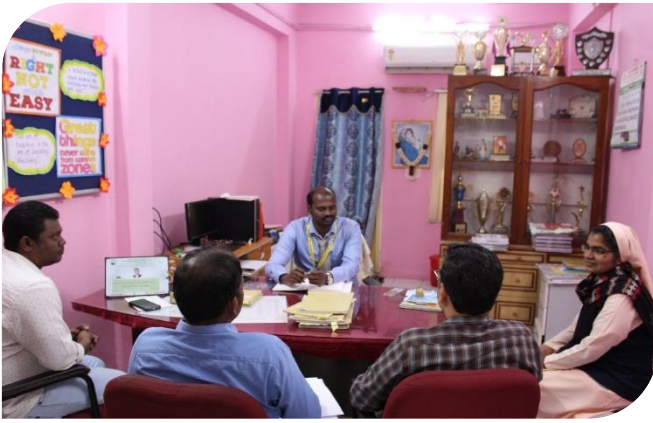


On 08.12.2025 distribute the certificate for children's day drawing competition. "Stars aligned, pride soared! Students shone bright with trophies, accolades, and heartiest applause. The school celebrated milestones & ignited future wins"



MEETINGS

"Leaders sync, plans ignite! Coordinators aligned visions , sparked collaborations , and fueled school synergy . The meeting turned strategies into student success stories ".



"Faith & learning unite! Fathers connected with educators , nurtured students' growth , and blessed the school journey. A powerful blend of values and vision "



Double the cheer, double the bond! Parents & teachers synced progress, kids dazzled in Christmas sparkle and smiles lit up the day. A festive PTM where learning met laughter.



"Faith filled the halls! Students & staff united in prayer, hearts connected in devotion, and blessings flowed. The school Mass wadded spirit & togetherness "



"Double the cheer at Loyola! Founders' legacy shone bright , Christmas magic wrapped dreams , and tech dreams met festive vibes . Palanchur campus lit up with pride & joy "



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH FOUNDER FATHER AND CHAIRMAN AT DFT BY THE STUDENTS ON 22ND DEC 2025.

ADMISSION PROMOTION ACTIVITES



Admission committee meeting on 14.12.2025. "Pathways to promise! Parents explored possibilities, educators shared visions, and futures took shape. The meeting bridged dreams & school synergy.



Regular house visit and canvassing is ongoing



On 17th December we had planned to issue the new admission form. As on this month we have issued 8 application form and one filled in application received. 60 enquiries as on now for the new academic year.

OTHER ACTIVITY



The Grammar Capsule exam was conducted for the Middle Section on 04.12.2025.



The Spell Bee competition was held on with great enthusiasm, to enhance their spelling skills and vocabulary



A comprehensive fractions activity was conducted for the Grade 3 students on 05.12.2025.



Grade 1 Maths Activity: Measurement with real objects on 05.12.2025.



Finger print activity and raindrop making were done by the Pre-KG students on 05.12.2025.

SEMINARS / WORKSHOP / MEETINGS



Department meeting was conducted with the staffs on 23.12.2025.



A DEO meeting on the Tamil Learning Act for Grades I to X was conducted for CBSE school principals at Pavans Rajaji CBSE School, Keelpakam on 10.12.2025.



Coordinators meetings were conducted in the evening every Monday.

MOMENTS OF CHEER



The Christmas Day Programme was held on 20.12.2025, featuring prayers, cultural performances, and festive activities. Students and staff participated actively, celebrating joyfully and in a disciplined manner.



Rev. Founder Father's Day along with Christmas day was celebrated on 21.12.2025, with students and staff participating in various commemorative and festive activities.

MOMENTS OF CHEER



Rev. Founder Father's Day was celebrated, and the choir students visited DFT and sang songs on 22.12.2025.



On 18.12.2025, the Campus Superior, along with students and staff, visited an orphanage and donated essential provisions, reflecting the school's commitment to compassion and social responsibility

SPECIAL PROGRAM ORGANIZED



A medical camp was conducted on our campus on 06.12.2025, which included: Eye, Dental and General Check-up for students, staffs and parents.



A mass was conducted on the first Friday (05.12.2025) of the month.

ECA



ECA classes conducted on every Friday giving students the chance to explore their passions beyond academics.

RISING STARS



VV Sports Academy conducted a competition in which our students participated and won medals and certificates on 08.12.2025



A Guinness World Record in Silambam was achieved at Trichy on 09.12.2025, in which Syed Mohammed Azim of Grade III actively participated, showcasing his exceptional skill and discipline.

The "Honourable Teacher Awards" were presented by St. Joseph University to Mrs. Deepa, Mrs. Caroline Latha, and Mrs. Vasantha on 13.12.2025.

TALENT QUEST

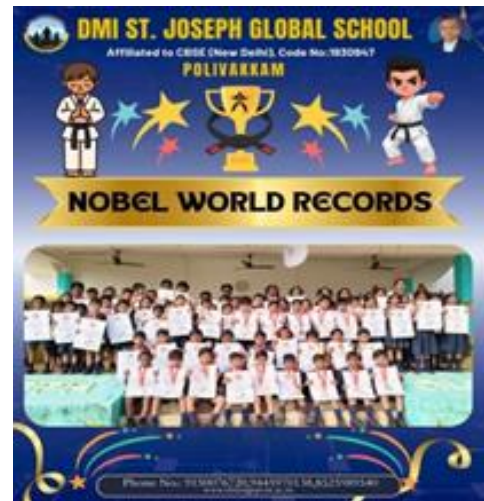


The Christmas Day competitions and activities were successfully conducted by our students.

SPECIAL INITIATIVES



On 20.12.2025, we visited a Children's Home and an Old Age Home. Our children offered charity to the homes and spent time with the children and the elderly people.



Our school students participated in the Karate Nobel World Records event, and we awarded them certificates and medals on 19.12.2025



A phonetic orientation program for parents was conducted by the Principal on 20.12.2025. Parents participated actively in this program.



Every week, we recognize and encourage our students by awarding appreciation certificates to those who have shown outstanding performance in both academic and non-academic activities

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS



Our school students from Grades 3 to 5 participated in the Abacus Level I assessment exam, and the selected students were awarded certificates on 18.12.2025

MOMENTS OF CHEER



On 21.12.2025, we went to Palanchur for the Founder's Day celebration along with the staff. Our staff presented carol songs on the occasion of Founder's Day



On 22.12.2025, we went to DFT and wished our Father along with our students by singing carol songs on the occasion of Christmas celebrations

MOMENTS OF CHEER



On 23.12.2025, we celebrated the Christmas celebration. Rev. Fr. Jeacob Albert, V.F., Thiruvallur Vicariate, was the Chief Guest.

OTHER ACTIVITY



Our Grade VI students participated in Culture and tradition Coconut shell art making activities on 20.12.2025.



Our Grade III TO V students participated in HAPPY AND SAD fun drawing activities on 20.12.2025.



Our Grade I students participated in “SAVE OUR EARTH” colouring activities on 20.12.2025.



Our Grade I and II students participated in subject EVS “All about Air” activities on 20.12.2025. Students learned different methods through activities using balloons and paper.

OTHER ACTIVITY



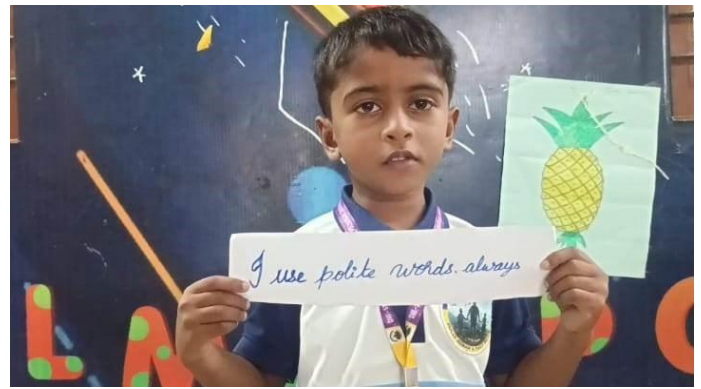
LEAF DAY activities were conducted in the UKG classes today.



Snow man colouring activities were conducted in the UKG classes on 19.12.2025



Leaf parenting activities were conducted in the LKG classes on 19.12.2025



The KG section and Grade II classes conducted activities based on Classroom Rules and **All about Air** on 16.12.2025.

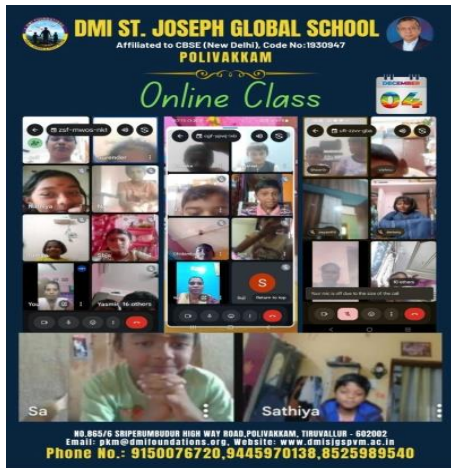


A Science activity on Saturated Solutions was conducted for Grade 3 students



The India's premier platform for Olympiads and Scholarship Exams was conducted for our students on 10.12.2025

OTHER ACTIVITY



On 04.12.2025, due to a rain holiday, our teachers conducted online classes for all grades

On 05.12.2025, we conducted the Grammar Capsule Exam for our students

Our students participated in the **VOLKS Spelling Bee competition**. The next-level examination was conducted for the students on 15.12.2025



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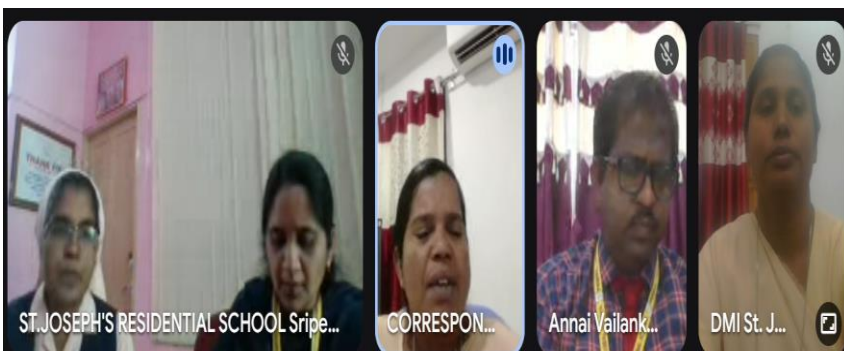
OTHER ACTIVITY



On 15.12.2025 a meeting was conducted by the Principal and the Campus Superior for the drivers and aunties regarding bus cleanliness discipline with students while travelling, and proper maintenance of the school buses.



We celebrated our society feast day on 08.12.2025



Principal & Campus Superior attended a meeting organized by our Correspondent, Rev. Sr. Sasikala, regarding admissions, teacher retention, student-related matters, fee increment, and fee collection on 09.12.2025

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



OTHER ACTIVITY



JVK has embarked on its vibrant journey towards the much-anticipated Annual Day celebration, scheduled for January, ushering in weeks brimming with creativity, discipline.

Grammar Capsule II was conducted on 5th December for students of Grades 3 to 8, aimed at strengthening grammatical accuracy among learners.



Olympiad Examinations were conducted from 11th to 13th Dec in English, General Knowledge, Mathematics, and Science, to showcase their academic skills. The examinations were conducted in a well-structured and disciplined environment, ensuring that learners could focus effectively on the assessment process.



Organised a Parent-Teacher Meeting on working days during the evening, ensuring optimal convenience for parents with demanding professional schedules.



In a focused effort to reinforce academic preparedness and boost confidence among board-appearing students we have successfully conducted Revision Examinations 4 and 5 for Class X and Class XII students. These structured assessments were thoughtfully planned to provide learners with ample practice, self- evaluation, and strategic refinement ahead of the forthcoming board examinations.



Periodic Assessment-II was conducted for KG students from 1st to 10th December, marking an important milestone in the early learning journey of its young learners. The assessment was thoughtfully designed to evaluate foundational skills in a child-friendly and stress-free environment.

The 10th and 12th standard board-appearing students successfully completed their Artificial Intelligence (AI) assessment on 6th and 13th December, marking a crucial academic milestone in their examination trajectory.



MOMENTS OF CHEER



Gloria 2025 was celebrated with great joy and festive spirit on the JVK campus on 20th December, bringing the entire school community together to rejoice in the true essence of the Christmas season. The event was honoured by the esteemed presence of the Chief Guests of the day.

MOMENTS OF CHEER



The Palanchur Campus of St. Joseph University resonated with faith, gratitude, and festive joy on 21st December, as Founder's Day, Christmas, and Ordination Day were celebrated together in a grand and meaningful manner. The occasion marked the 71st birthday of the revered Founder Father, making the event truly special.

MOMENTS OF CHEER



On 23rd December, a visit was made to DFT, during which Christmas wishes were respectfully conveyed to our Founder Father and the DFT Heads. The interaction reflected the spirit of gratitude, unity, and festive joy, strengthening institutional bonds and reinforcing shared values during the Christmas season.



On 27th December, a Christmas game session was conducted with all staff members. The activity promoted fellowship, joy, and team spirit, and was enthusiastically participated in by everyone, contributing to a cheerful and positive festive atmosphere.



ADMISSION AND INTERACTION PROCESS 2026–2027



The admission and interaction process for the forthcoming academic year 2026–2027 was successfully conducted on 13th December, signifying a pivotal milestone in the institution's academic calendar and reaffirming its structured approach to student induction.

PEDAGOGICAL EXCELLENCE



In a moment of profound pride for Joseph Vidhya Kshetra, its distinguished educators were felicitated on 13th December by St. Joseph University in acknowledgment of their exemplary pedagogical acumen and unwavering commitment to academic excellence.

CORRESPONDENT WORK DONE

- Routine office and administrative work carried out smoothly across all campuses.
- Daily operational reports updated regularly to ensure accuracy.
- Reviewed new admissions, fee dues (2024–25), fee collections (2025–26), and TC applications.
- Ensured campus cleanliness through regular monitoring of housekeeping staff.
- Attended Staff Meeting at JVK on 01.12.2025 and finalized the Annual Day theme.
- Prepared and submitted weekly, monthly, and annual reports of Chennai Region I to DFT.
- Conducted meetings with campus superiors and principals on admissions, teacher training, retention, and academic preparedness.
- Reviewed refund requests (Pammal campus) and forwarded the same to DFT.
- Submitted library book requirements for St. Joseph Residential School, Sriperumbudur.
- Reviewed non-teaching staff profiles of Sriperumbudur and submitted to DFT.
- Reviewed and finalized December budgets; initiated January budget preparation.
- Consolidated and submitted sportswear and KG uniform due lists and availability details.
- Visited Hindu Arakattalai Office (Secretariat) and Development Office for official submissions.
- Submitted book and notebook requirements for St. Joseph Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Poonamallee (2025–26).
- Updated student strength and section details as per Director's Google Form.
- Reviewed November salary list, attendance, and prepared November newsletter.
- Visited Polivakkam and Pammal campuses to address infrastructure and student welfare matters.
- Commenced admissions for 2026–27 at JVK, Poonamallee: 210 applications received, 170 entrance exams conducted, 12 admissions confirmed.
- Attended DFT meetings and online reviews on academic documentation and notebook finalization.
- Issued communications to campuses emphasizing timely fee collection and zero dues.
- Reviewed special class timetables for half-yearly holidays.
- Attended Founder's Day, Rev. Founder Father's Day, Christmas, Chrish, Gloria 2025, and other institutional and charitable programs.
- Reviewed painting works at St. Joseph Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Poonamallee.
- Prepared and presented five-year strategic plans for the schools.
- Sent communications to campus superiors regarding upcoming academic and administrative activities.

OFFICIAL VISITS



I visited the St. Joseph Global School , Pammal on 19.12.2025, warmly interacted with the students, and delivered an inspiring and motivational address, encouraging them to strive for excellence.

I Visited DMI. St. Joseph Global School, Polivakkam Regarding the ongoing highway work, the shifting of the transformer and EB lines, and the fixing of the water cooler in the school.



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AND PLEASE DON'T FORGET

IT IS GOD ALONE WHO CAN HELP YOU TO REALISE THESE TWELVE THINGS IN YOUR DAY TO DAY LIFE. SO, PLEASE REMEMBER HIM BEFORE EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING ELSE.

- Faith – Trusting God in every step.
- Hope – Believing in better days ahead.
- Love – Showing kindness and compassion.
- Patience – Staying calm through challenges.
- Discipline – Living with self-control.
- Gratitude – Being thankful for blessings.
- Humility – Staying grounded and simple.
- Forgiveness – Letting go of anger and hurt.
- Wisdom – Seeking truth and understanding.
- Service – Helping others selflessly.
- Courage – Facing struggles with strength.
- Peace – Living with inner calm and harmony.



- Faith makes all things possible; love makes all things easy.
- Discipline is the bridge between goals and achievement.
- Gratitude turns what we have into enough.
- True strength lies in forgiveness, not revenge.
- Humility is the crown of wisdom.
- Hope is the light that guides us through darkness.
- Courage is fear that has said its prayers.
- Service to others is the rent we pay for living on earth.
- Peace begins with a smile and grows with kindness.
- With God at the center, everything falls into place.

Thank You

With deep gratitude and heartfelt appreciation, we extend our sincere thanks to Almighty God, our Founder Rev. Fr. J. E. Arul Raj, Managing Trustee Rev. Sr. S. Lalitha, Superior General Rev. Sr. S. Gnana Selvam, Director Administration Rev. Sr. Sandiya, our esteemed Directors, Campus Superiors, devoted teachers, and all our ever-supportive staff members.

Your vision, wisdom, and steadfast commitment have been the guiding light of our institutions. The leadership of our Founder Father, Director Administration, and Directors, along with the constant encouragement from our DFT Heads, continues to inspire us to pursue excellence in every sphere.

We express our sincere appreciation to our teachers, whose passion for teaching and tireless efforts shape young minds with knowledge, values, and creativity. We are equally grateful to our support staff, whose silent yet significant contributions ensure the smooth functioning of every endeavor with care and dedication.

Together, you form the strong foundation upon which our institutions stand tall. Every success we celebrate today is a reflection of your collective spirit, unity, and selfless service. Your presence and active participation in all our missions strengthen our journey and motivate us to move forward with renewed enthusiasm and purpose.

On behalf of Chennai Region 1, we humbly thank each one of you for your invaluable contributions, sacrifices, and unwavering dedication. May your continued support and blessings guide us toward greater achievements and enduring excellence in the years to come.

Best regards,



Correspondent