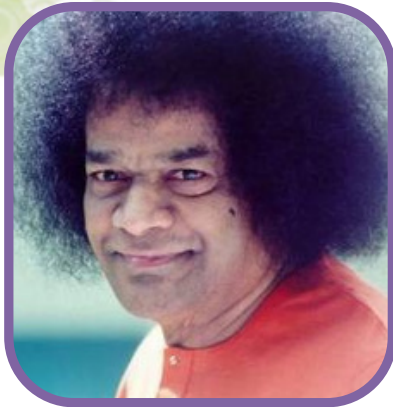




Sathya Sai School

Toronto, Canada

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You have it in your power to make your days on Earth a path of flowers, instead of a path of thorns.

~Sathya Sai Baba



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From the Principal's Desk

Revathi Chennabathni

November 11, 2022

Dear Parents and Well-wishers of Sathya Sai School,

The Sathya Sai School has resumed its 100% in-class student participation. Therefore, it is imperative to practice health and hygiene measures to safeguard students' physical health and wellness both at home and at school. As trilateral partners, I wish to thank you for your contribution to the health and wellness of our school community in the true spirit of triple partnership. For instance, following the school guidelines by keeping child(ren) home in case of any cold symptoms as well as strongly recommending masks to them is commendable.

In September of this school year, The Curricula nights, The Terry Fox Run, Sports day, and Truth and Reconciliation events were held meaningfully and in person. All events went seamlessly well, especially the Sports Day with enthusiastic parent participation with staff and students in the true sense of tripartite partnership was exemplary. In October, the in-person Parent-Teacher Interviews gave an opportunity for parents to connect with their class teacher. This Fall, the Halloween Parade witnessed more homemade, recycled costumes, bringing the message of eco-friendliness through reducing, reusing, and recycling. Individual Picture Day went seamlessly and the Picture Re-take Day is scheduled for December 1, 2022. Please keep any/ all appointments to after-school hours on December 1, 2022. The Anti-Bullying Magic Show held this school year was well appreciated by students and the staff for instilling a profound yet subtle message of bullying and its effect on the social-emotional aspect on child(ren).

The annual Food Drive at the school which commenced on October 3, 2022, and ended on October 31, 2022, witnessed the generous contribution of parents to a noble cause. The North York Harvest Food Bank truck picked up the food items on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Thank you for donating 600 pounds of non-perishable food items to the less fortunate individuals in our society.

This a gentle reminder to be respectful to the Parent Patrol Team, who are volunteering their time in the morning and afternoon for the safety of all students. The school drop-off and pick-up times are either lengthened or staggered to suit the smooth transition of the traffic in the parking lot. Let us all do our part in making the school environment safe, caring and compassionate.

Sincerely,
Revathi Chennabathni



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Upcoming Events

Food Drive
October 3 - 31

Thanksgiving Weekend
October 8-10

Progressive Report Marking Day
October 14

Diwali Celebrations
October 24

Halloween
October 31



Growing Garland Welcomes 22nd Year



Photo credit: FVW

Welcome to all the new and returning students, teachers, parents, volunteers and well-wishers to Sathya Sai School's 22nd school year. After a couple of turbulent years dealing with COVID, we look forward to having a safe and healthy 2022-23 year with in-school learning for everyone. We trust it will be a year full of learning and personal growth for students and members of the school community. The year was greeted with a growing garland on September 5, 2022, a sign of the Founder Sri Sathya Sai Baba's love, when the garland placed on this picture, during special prayers, grew for several days. This was a reminder that love is the basis for the human values and for our school.



First Day of School



Many of the younger students have never had the experience of a regular school year or one without wearing a mask. If we all do our part, we will be able to keep our students, teachers, staff, and volunteers healthy.

This year we've had a few changes to our school roster while others have stayed in the same spot. Starting with our youngest students, Ms. Gabiana will teach JK with the help of Ms. Pandit as the ECE.



No matter how old we are or how many times we have done it before the first day back to school can often bring butterflies to our stomachs. It can be a mixed bag of emotions from excitement to fear, but usually, when we get settled into a new year all those anxious moments are soon forgotten when we see our friends again and start to make new ones. We often discover that everyone is feeling exactly the way we are.

With fingers crossed, we look forward to a full year of in-person learning and hope that even though COVID may not be completely over it will be under control and once again the students can be kids and enjoy their learning experience.



Photo credit: FVM

Ms. Ramjiawan returns to the SK classroom along with Mrs. Jeyaganesha as the ECE. Mrs. Sharanigan is returning from her maternity leave and will teach Grade One. New to Grade Two but not to the school is Mr. Hau. Mrs. Mohan will return to teach Grade Three along with Ms. Vora in Grade Four. Ms. Menon will be in the Grade Five classroom and Ms. Cassiere will move to Grade Six. Mrs. Sharma and Ms. Mavinkurve will take on new roles in Grade Seven & Eight respectively. This year Mr. Nankivell will lead the Health & Phy. Ed classes and Ms. Ameri, a new teacher to the school, will be the music teacher. Ms. Spaley will return as the Yoga/Dance teacher and Mr. Kpodjie as the French teacher.



First Day of School



Above: New students along with returning students are ready for the new year ahead.

Right: The Grade One's are all ready for a new year.



Photo credit: FW



Terry Fox Run

This Year's Theme: I'm Not a Quitter.

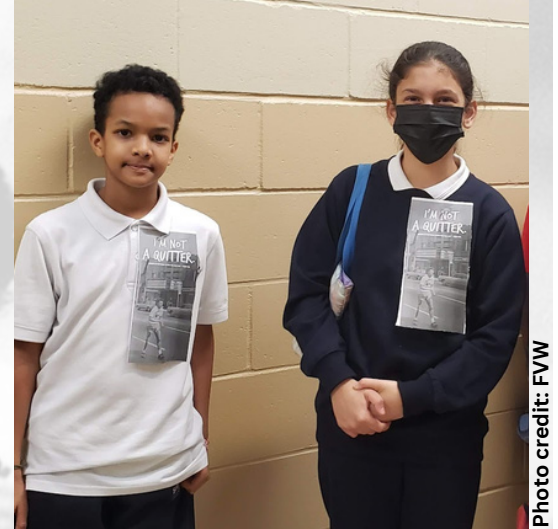


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The yearly Terry Fox Run was held on Wednesday, September 28, 2022. The students watched a video and answered trivia questions about Terry Fox before starting the run.

The students were excited to complete as many rounds as they could. The older students completed their run at the nearby Ellesmere Community Centre while the younger ones ran and walked the course that was set-up for them on the school grounds.

Once completed they were all warmed up to begin the activities for Sports Day. The rain and drizzle did not deter their spirits.



Photo credit: Dev Taneja

Grade Five students proudly wear their I'm not a quitter badges.



Terry Fox Run

We would like to thank everyone who donated to the Terry Fox Foundation.



"I want to set an example that will never be forgotten"
Terry Fox



Photo credit: Dev Taneja



Sports Day

Sports Day was huge success despite the weather. The competitive spirit was alive and well. Everyone did their best to win for their Value House.

With the Terry Fox Run in the morning and

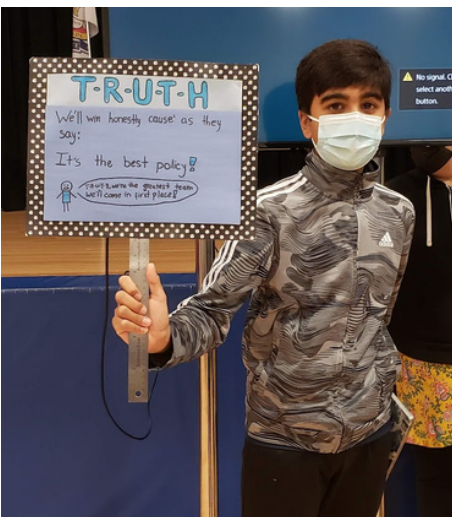
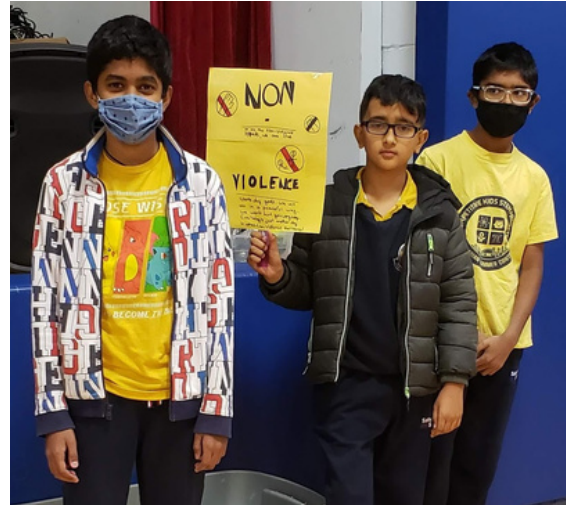
Sports Day in the afternoon the students had a full day of activities with a pizza lunch in between.

Please click [here](#) to see the slideshow.



Sports Day

The Five Value Groups



Students from each of the value groups made a sign and cheer for their group.

Red - Love

Green - Peace

Yellow - Non-violence

Orange - Right Conduct

Blue - Truth

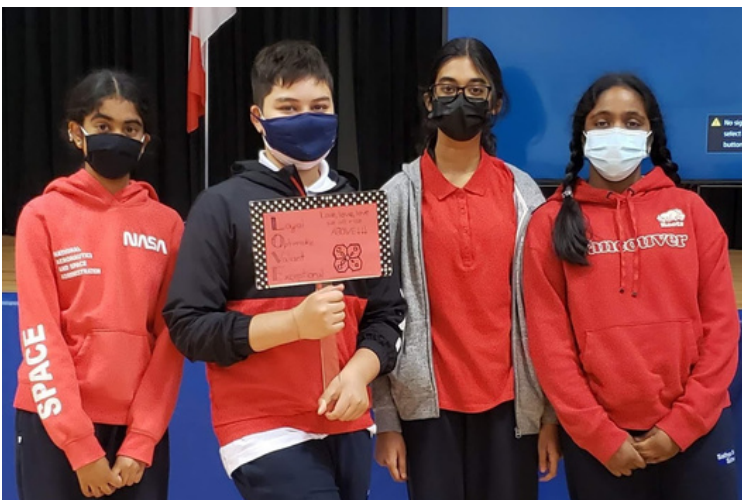


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Sports Day

Everyone had a great day competing and doing to their best but at the end of the day there can only be one winner. For the Junior Students the winner was Truth - blue team.

For the older immediate students the winner for this year's Sports Day was Non-Violence, the yellow team. Whether on the winning teams or not they all had a fun filled day.



Above: Truth (blue team) was the winner for the primary grades.

Right: Non-violence (yellow team) was the winner for the intermediate grades.



Photo credit: FVW



Orange Shirt Day

Every Child Matters

The **Grade Two** class coloured their own paper t-shirts to pay tribute to all the children that were impacted by the residential school. Below is a small of sample of the shirts that were coloured.



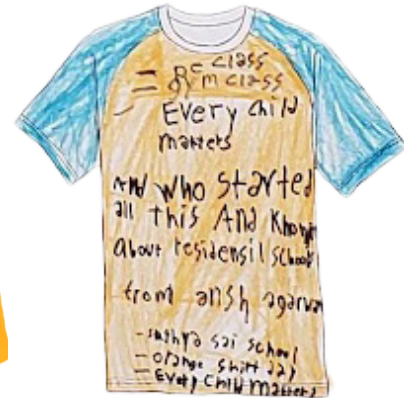
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Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of “Every Child Matters”. The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

To learn more go to:

[https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-](https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-day-truth-reconciliation.html)

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Orange Shirt Day

Grade Two

Students proudly display the paper t-shirts they had coloured earlier that morning.



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Grade Six

Students of all grades were encouraged to wear orange t-shirt to honour the children who have been effected by Canada's Residential Schools.

Grade One

"Every Child Matters" regardless of age.



Raising the Indigenous Flag



On September 30, 2022 in honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Sathya Sai School raised the Indigenous and Canadian flags and lowered them both to half staff until sunset that evening. Students from each of the winning value groups from the previous day's Sports Day were invited to participate in the raising and lowering of the two flags.



Raising the Canadian Flag



Picture on the left: Ms. Menon, Ms. Sharma, and Mr. Pooran raised the Indigenous flag.



Picture on the right: Mr. Wong, Mr. Nankivell, and Ms. Vora raise the Canadian flag.

Below: The two winning teams from Sports Day along with staff and volunteers.



In the News



Photo credit: FVW

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers. Those that have already volunteered this year and to those that will volunteer throughout the rest of the year. Whether you are a new parent or a returning one we want to thank you for your service to the school. It is because of your service that helps to make all our events possible.

In September, we put out the call for volunteers and we were delighted with the number of parents who stepped up. If there was an award for the number of volunteers a school has then Sathya Sai School would certainly be at the front of the pack.

If you would like to sign up as a volunteer at the school it is not too late. For those living in Toronto you will need a form and

letter signed by Dr. Revathi. Please contact the office with your request.

For those living outside the Toronto area you will only need a volunteer letter signed by Dr. Revathi or you can go online to your local police services department.

For those applying in the Toronto area it takes 4-6 weeks to receive your VSC in the mail. Outside the Toronto areas it is much faster and online is often only one to two days wait at best.

Please be aware that your VSC is only valid for three years so if you are coming close to the expiry date you may want to plan accordingly if there is a particular volunteer event you are planning on attending.



In the News



Photo credit: FVW

Congratulations to this years 2022-23 Student Council made up of students from Grade 7 and 8.



Photo credit: Dev Taneja

Ten-Year Award

Congratulations to **Mr. Parti Kandavel**, who was honoured with a 10 year service award. Mr. Kandavel, the Grade Six teacher is currently on paternity leave and will be returning to the school in January of 2023. He was presented his award by Mr. Sanjeevan Sivanesan one of the school's directors, during the Grade Eight Graduation in the spring.

Yours truly,
Ms. Faith Van Wart, Admin. Asst.
Dr. Revathi, Principal

