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The News

SATHYA SAI SCHOOL OF TORONTO-CANADA



Nurturing Tomorrow's Leaders: A Fresh Start at Sathya Sai School

Introduction

As the sun rises on a new academic year, the Sathya Sai School family opens its arms wide to welcome back students with a renewed sense of purpose, energy, and enthusiasm. With a legacy deeply rooted in values, holistic education, and nurturing young minds, Sathya Sai School is poised to embark on another transformative journey with its dedicated students.

A Warm Embrace

The first day back at Sathya Sai School is always a special occasion, marked by a warm and heartfelt welcome for both returning students, staff and newcomers. The school's ethos emphasizes creating a nurturing environment where every child feels valued, respected, and cherished. This welcoming atmosphere helps ease any first-day jitters and sets the tone for an enriching and fulfilling year ahead.

Fostering Growth and Learning

At Sathya Sai School, education extends far beyond textbooks and classrooms. The curriculum is designed to nurture not only academic excellence but also the holistic development of each student. Through

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a blend of innovative teaching methods, experiential learning, and character-building activities, students are encouraged to explore their passions, cultivate critical thinking skills, and develop a strong sense of social responsibility.

Empowering Students through Values

Central to the ethos of Sathya Sai School are the enduring values of truth, right conduct, peace, love, and non-violence. These values form the bedrock of the school's educational philosophy, imparting essential life skills that extend far beyond the confines of the classroom. Students are guided to apply these principles in their daily lives, fostering empathy, integrity, and a sense of purpose in all their endeavors.

A Community of Support

The Sathya Sai School community, comprising dedicated educators, supportive parents, and eager students, operates as a tight-knit family. The collaborative effort between teachers, parents, and the wider community ensures that each student receives the personalized attention and encouragement they need to flourish. This sense of unity and shared purpose creates a powerful foundation for the school's mission of nurturing compassionate, responsible global citizens.

Embracing Diversity

Sathya Sai School celebrates diversity and recognizes that each student brings a unique set of talents, experiences, and perspectives to the community. This inclusive environment fosters a sense of belonging and encourages students to

appreciate and learn from one another. By embracing diversity, the school not only enriches the sense of belonging and encourages students to appreciate and learn from one another. By embracing diversity, the school not only enriches the learning experience but also prepares students for a world that values tolerance, understanding, and acceptance.

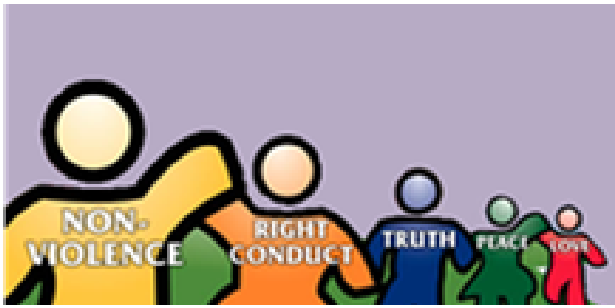
Looking Ahead

As the new academic year unfolds, the Sathya Sai School community is filled with anticipation and excitement for the boundless opportunities and growth that lie ahead. With a steadfast commitment to holistic education, values-based learning, and a nurturing environment, Sathya Sai School stands poised to guide its students toward a future filled with purpose, compassion, and success.

Conclusion

Welcoming students back to Sathya Sai School is not just a ritual; it is a reaffirmation of the school's unwavering dedication to nurturing young minds and shaping responsible global citizens. With open hearts and a steadfast commitment to excellence, the school community eagerly looks forward to the adventures, challenges, and triumphs that the new academic year will undoubtedly bring. Together, students, parents, and educators embark on this journey with hope, optimism, and the shared belief that, at Sathya Sai School, every day is an opportunity for growth, learning, and making a positive impact on the world.





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Dear Parents and Well-wishers of Sathya Sai School,

Welcome to the School year 2023-2024 for in-person learning for all students and teachers. The Junior Kindergarten students had a staggered entry for the first four days of the school year. This year marks the 24th anniversary of the school.

We bade farewell to Mrs. Prabha Gupta who served the school from 2005-2023 voluntarily for eighteen years. We wish her all the best on her spiritual journey as she continues to spread human values along her path and will relocate to Ottawa.

We have a few members added to our staff list. Our new staff members are Ms. Ingrid Morin-Strom as the Junior Kindergarten teacher, Ms. Samia Touka as the Grade One Homeroom teacher, Ms. Jessica Zappulla as the Grade Six Homeroom teacher and Mr. Jeyakumar as our IT person. The Board of Directors and the Sathya Sai School Staff members welcome all our new staff members on board and wish them all the success in their new positions at the school. All parents had an opportunity to meet our returning as well as new educators during the Curricula week. Trusting you all enjoyed this year's in-person Curriculum week held from September 11th to September 14th, 2023. Thank you for your participation. We look forward to your active participation in other upcoming school events.

Please ensure your child(ren) come to school on time and if they are absent, kindly notify the teacher and the school of the reason for their absence. Please follow safety directions as outlined by the Parent Patrol Team to ensure the safety of all parking lot users.

Please take a note of the upcoming events:

September 22, 2023 - Professional Development Day - (No school for students)

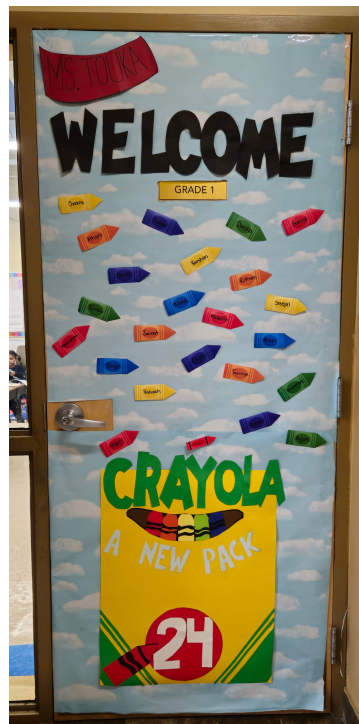
September 27, 2023 - Terry Fox Run Event

September 29, 2023 - Orange T-shirt Day (Students and staff members wear orange clothing to mark the day).

Sincerely,
Revathi Chennabathni



Welcoming doors of Sathya Sai School



Here are just a few of the wonderfully adorned doors that extended a warm welcome to students at the start of this new school year. A special thanks to all the teachers for creating such an inviting atmosphere with these beautifully decorated entrances.





Farewell to Mrs. Gupta: A Legacy of Dedication and Care



Left to Right: Ms. Recht, Mr. Gupta, Mrs. Gupta, Dr. Revathi, Mrs. Yogeswaran, and Mrs. Mohandas

After 18 years of dedicated service, Mrs. Gupta bid farewell to Sathya Sai School, leaving behind a legacy of care and commitment that will be remembered for years to come. The school community came together to celebrate her invaluable contributions with a heartwarming performance featuring singing and dancing, a fitting tribute to a beloved figure.

Throughout her tenure at Sathya Sai School, Mrs. Gupta assumed several crucial roles, each carried out with precision and a genuine concern for the students. One of her primary responsibilities was overseeing the school's uniforms. With meticulous attention to detail, Mrs. Gupta ensured that each student was properly outfitted, instilling a sense of pride and unity among the student body. Her dedication to this task was emblematic of her larger mission: to create an environment where every student felt a sense of belonging.

In addition to her role in uniform management, Mrs. Gupta was the linchpin in organizing school trips. Her efficient handling of logistics, including booking buses and coordinating schedules, allowed students to embark on enriching experiences with confidence and excitement. Mrs. Gupta's knack for planning and her ability to anticipate the needs of both students and staff ensured that every trip was a seamless and memorable event.

The departure of Mrs. Gupta leaves an indelible mark on Sathya Sai School. Her contributions extended beyond her official duties; she was a pillar of support, a source of guidance, and a friend to many. Her warmth and kindness touched the lives of countless students and colleagues, leaving them with cherished memories and valuable lessons.

As Mrs. Gupta moves on to her new adventure in Ottawa, the school community is left with a mix of emotions. While they bid farewell to a beloved figure, they also celebrate the impact she had on the lives of so many. Her legacy will continue to inspire generations of students and educators, reminding them of the importance of care, diligence, and dedication in their roles.

The Sathya Sai School extends its deepest gratitude to Mrs. Gupta for her unwavering commitment and wishes her the very best in her new endeavors. Ottawa gains not only an exceptional individual but a shining example of what true dedication and compassion can achieve. Mrs. Gupta's departure is a reminder that while chapters may close, the lessons and memories forged within these walls will forever remain a part of the school's rich tapestry.



Celebrating Indigenous History Month: Honoring Culture, Resilience, and Contributions

Understanding the Importance:

Indigenous History Month serves as a crucial reminder of the need for reconciliation, education, and acknowledgment of the historical and ongoing struggles faced by Indigenous peoples. It provides a platform to celebrate their resilience, strength, and the invaluable contributions they have made to our society.

Cultural Diversity:

Canada is home to a multitude of Indigenous cultures, each with its unique languages, art forms, ceremonies, and belief systems. This diversity is something to be celebrated and respected, as it enriches our collective heritage.

How Parents Can Get Involved:

1. **Read Together:** Explore books by Indigenous authors that reflect their experiences and perspectives.
2. **Visit Cultural Centers:** Plan a visit to local Indigenous cultural centers or museums to learn more about their history and traditions.
3. **Attend Virtual Events:** Participate in online events and webinars organized by Indigenous communities or organizations.
4. **Support Indigenous Businesses:** Purchase crafts, art, and products made by Indigenous artisans and entrepreneurs.
5. **Share Knowledge:** Encourage your children to research and present about Indigenous cultures and their significance in Canadian history.