

# St. Mary's Drone



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**St.** Mary's School, Bijnor is an Unaided Christian Minority Institution established by the Catholic Diocese of Bijnor in July 1972; meant primarily for the Christians but is open to all irrespective of religion, caste or creed. The school is affiliated to the Council for the Indian School Certificate.

The aim of the school is to train the students for an all around balanced growth of their intellectual, spiritual, mental, physical, cultural, social and moral aspects that they may be fully equipped citizens as to fulfil the future demands of our country in particular and the human society in general. The motto of the school is WISDOM, DEVOTION, SERVICE.





# FROM THE CHAIR

**Father Dr. Mathew John**  
Manager

**Dear  
Parents and  
Well-wishers,**

It gives me immense joy to introduce to our beloved parents and well-wishers the biannual bulletin of St. Mary's School, Bijnor christened as **St. Mary's Drone**. We are planning to release it twice in a year, one in each semester. The purpose of St. Mary's Drone is to carry a brief report of the various activities and programmes of the school to the parents. This medium, I deem will facilitate to know more about school celebrations, activities and various competitions conducted periodically. In this busy world this biannual bulletin will help our parents to be a part of this institution sitting at home. In the first issue of the St. Mary's Drone, you find a brief report of the various activities conducted in the first semester of the 48th Academic Year, 2019-20. I acknowledge with humility, the short comings and limitations that you may find in this first attempt. You are welcome to improve our maiden venture by way of your valuable and positive suggestions. Let us be united together so that we may walk from darkness to light. May God bless you all.



# FROM THE DESK

**Dear Parents and St. Marians,**

I feel blessed with the noble opportunity of shaping the souls of children around me with positive human values. As a Principal, my primary focus is student learning. All students must be prepared to be successful in the 21<sup>st</sup> century careers – many of which do not exist yet. Today, the role of school is not only to impart academic excellence but also to motivate the students to become lifelong learners, critical thinkers and useful citizens of an ever-changing global society.

It gives me immense pleasure in bringing out the first volume of the St. Mary's Drone through which we give you a brief report of the various activities and programmes conducted periodically. I hope you will be happy to know it. I congratulate the Editorial Board for their sincere hard work and co-operation in bringing out the St. Mary's Drone.

Individually and collectively let us work to serve the cause of education for the betterment of the coming generation so that they live in a world where "knowledge is free and head is held high; where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls." This exactly is our wish and dream.

On this happy occasion I would congratulate and convey my best wishes to all the teachers, students, parents and everyone associated with us and hope that St. Mary's School would continue with its amazing work for years to come and drive the country forward.



**Sr. Rincy FCC**  
Principal



# Editorial

Dear Parents, Students & Well-wishers of  
St. Mary's School, Bijnor

## *Greetings*

"An idea can change your life" says an advertisement. In fact it's a true & powerful statement if applied in life. Our school biannual bulletin **St. Mary's Drone** is the handiwork of creative and innovative idea given to us by our manager Rev. Fr. Mathew John. The ability of our management to think differently, generate new ideas and spark creativity for taking our school to greater heights of glory. After Facebook and WhatsApp groups we are pleased to present biannual bulletin. St. Mary's Drone is another window to the activities of the students. Enjoy every moment you have because in life there aren't rewinds only flashbacks. For you we have worked hard to bring up an exhilarating flashback of the inception of the school achievement during the session 2019-20.

Our students have reached the greater heights as inspired by the motto "Wisdom Devotion Service" and have illumined the name of the Alma Mater. The aim of our St. Mary's Institute always has been to bring out the best in the students and make them better citizens.

In the next release we will be having a wide range of poetry, riddles, paintings & some informative and inspirational articles.

Happy reading.

Mrs. Alpna Singh  
Chief Editor

## *Editorial Board*



**Mrs. Alpna Singh**



**Mrs. Neetu Khanna**



**Mr. Aditya Khanna**



**Mrs. Anjali Chauhan**



**Mrs. Dina Bhatia**



**Mrs. Farida Abbasi**





## ONSET OF SESSION 2019-20

Setting the tone for a vibrant academic session, the first day of the new session witnessed an explosive start. The school campus was once again set abuzz on 15 March 2019 with the commencement of the 48th Academic Year. Dr. Chandra Mohan Jain, the Principal of Vardhaman College, Bijnor was the chief guest of the inaugural function of the new Academic Year. During the inaugural ceremony, the chief guest released the Handbook for the academic year 2019-20.



## INITIATION CEREMONY



The Initiation Ceremony of Holy Angels' Kindergarten was held on 01 April 2019.

The ceremony commenced with the lamp lighting followed by the prayer service and blessings to the Tiny Tots. Mr. Sujeet Kumar IAS, the District Magistrate of Bijnor was the chief guest of the ceremony.





# COGNIZANCES PROGRAM



A pre-election voter awareness campaign was conducted by St Mary's School from 22 March to 6 April 2019. The motive of this campaign was just to make people aware of the importance of their participation in electoral process.

School celebrated election awareness week by organizing essay writing competition, painting competition, debate competitions and a grand morning rally in which about 1200 students went around the city with full energy.

## INSPIRATIONAL MOVIE

*"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness for theirs is the kingdom of heaven".*

Jesus fulfilling prophecy is one of the most important and repetitive themes, serving to justify the belief that He is the Messiah and the Son of God. A movie on the life sketch of Jesus Christ was shown to the students from classes VII to XII.





## INVESTITURE CEREMONY

*“Leaders are not born but are made by their experiences in life”.*

On 12 April 2019 the newly appointed School Council took the oath to take the name of school to the zenith and abide by the rules of the school.



## EYE CAMP

The Health Camp with the aim to conduct eye screening of all the children in the school was done successfully with the help of volunteers and Doctors. St. Mary's School organized free Eye Camp on 21 July 2019. Approximately 450 students were screened by doctors.





## ORDINATION DAY

*"A Saint is the holy person who is known for his heroic sanctity"*

St. Mary's School is blessed enough to have such a person in the form of its Manager. On 16 April 2019 St. Mary's School celebrated the 21<sup>st</sup> Ordination Day of Rev. Fr. Mathew John, the manager of St. Mary's School.

A beautiful program was organised by the children to felicitate Father and also to express their gratitude and appreciation for all that he does for them.



## TRIBUTE TO WORKERS



St. Mary's School acknowledged the contributions of the workforce of the school by celebrating the International Workers Day with full zeal and enthusiasm on 01 May 2019.

The function started with a special assembly conducted by the students. Management also felicitated them for their commendable services.





Excellence in academics is the hallmark of any good institution and class XII and X result of the school proves without any doubt that our students have made us proud. Class XII and X students brought laurel to their parents, teachers and school. We are fortunate to be the Diocese Topper in ISC Commerce stream and Science stream as well as ICSE.

A total of 110 students appeared for the ISC exam 2019.

Stuti Khanna (ISC Commerce stream) 98%  
 Kavisha Sharma (ISC Science stream) 97.5%

A total of 206 students appeared for ICSE exam 2019.

Drashti Singh (ICSE ) 98.8% our District topper



Our ISC and ICSE toppers 2019 were honoured in a very special way. On 15 May 2019, A.S Tour and Travels, Bijnor sponsored free gift package to Jim Corbett National Park for our topper students along with their parents.



# BID ADIEU



An emotional farewell was organized by St. Mary's School to Sr. Gilsy, Vice-Principal of St. Mary's School and Sr. Gincitta, the Principal of Holy Angels' Kindergarten. On 15 May 2019 the premises of St. Mary's School was filled with the outpouring of praise and gratitude for both of them, but even words and action could not encapsulate the success and positive change they brought to the school in the last few years of their service.



*We wish them all the best for their future.*

*They will always be remembered with love and reverence.*

W E L C O M E



The month of July was a joyful occasion when St. Mary's Family welcomed its Vice-principal Sr. Prasana and the new Principal of Holy Angels' Kindergarten, Sr. Santhwana. A small beautiful programme was presented by the children to show their love and gratitude.





# HONOURABLE MOMENTS

Most of the students' informative years, happen within the four corners of the school. With the brand new academic session already rolling out, it had been the perfect time for the school to make the most out of the new opportunities. Here is a glimpse of such grabbed opportunities which will turn to be a milestone in our students' life journey.



Around 300 students of our school participated in Hindi competition conducted by Mahatma Gandhi Hindi Prachar Sanstha, Pune. We are proud to report that 84 of our students have been awarded gold medals by this organization.



Our student, Sarthak Singh, of class IX secured II position in the Fatherson Annual Talent Hunt examination conducted by Fatherson School, Chandpur on 25 March 2019. He was awarded a shield along with the certificate and cash prize of ₹ 5000.



A National level Quiz Program was conducted by CBCI in Agra on 30 April 2019. 289 students participated and four students qualified for the regional level in the same under the guidance of Mr. Aditya Khanna. They received a cash prize of ₹ 1500 each.

## SENIOR GROUP

**Anirudh Singh**

**Vanshika Singh**

## JUNIOR GROUP

**Sayan Hussain Mirza**

**Pranshu Agarwal**

9-D **(I Position)**

9-C **(II Position)**

6-C **(I Position)**

7-E **(II Position)**



## FEATHER IN CAP



Scholarship for Higher Education (SHE) is a scholarship program implemented by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. It is a scholarship scheme that comes under 'INSPIRE Scholarship' program of DST. Under SHE each selected candidate receives ₹ 80,000 annually for pursuing any subject of Natural or Basic Sciences. We are proud to announce that Vansh Goel of class XII was selected for the same.

Vivek College of Science and Technology organized a Talent Hunt Competition in which around 9650 students participated. Vansh Goel of class XII secured 1<sup>st</sup> position and was awarded a cash prize of ₹ 51,000 by Mr. Sanjeev Tyagi IPS, Police Superintendent of Bijnor.



Vihan Agarwal, of class VI participated in National Science Olympiad. He was awarded a medal of distinction and a cash prize of ₹ 1000.



Shubh Gaur, student of Class II got First position in District Level Skating Competition and was felicitated by Father Manager.



International Company Secretaries Olympiad exam is initiated by SOF to make the process of learning interesting and interactive. It is a matter of pride and honour for us to present the list of winners of ICSO.

Sanjeevani Khanna	Class XII	Zonal Topper
Stuti Khanna	Class XII	Gold Medal
Ansh Bhatnagar	Class XI	Gold Medal
Sara Zaki	Class XII	Gold Medal



Swimming Club, Bijnor conducted a swimming competition on 07 July 2019 at Nehru Stadium, Bijnor. More than 100 students participated. Four of our students brought laurel to the school by winning in 50 mtr free style competition and received the certificates.

Ojas Khanna	Class V	I Position
Kanya Malik	Class VIII	I Position
Navya Rana	Class VIII	II Position
Ekanshi Khanna	Class VIII	III Position





Traffic Police Department organized an awareness programme on 'Save Girl Child' and 'Traffic Rules'. Following the same schedule on 17 July 2019 St. Mary's School conducted an essay writing competition and poster making competition on the topic "Traffic Rules and Save Girl Child".

Our students have been awarded by Mr. Sanjeev Tyagi, Superintendent of Police, Bijnor for their commendable posters and essays.

Our students participated in Shri Ram Chandra Mission United Nations Informal Center for India & Bhutan and the Heart fullness Education Trust- Heart fullness Essay Winning Event -2018.



**Our three essays were selected in the category of state level.**

**Sanjeevni Khanna, Aahna Vashisth & Muskaan Khanna**

**Our teachers were awarded the appreciation certificates.**

**Mrs. Alpna Singh & Mrs. Kusumlata**



# INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Various Inter-house competitions of cultural and sports were held. The competitions were a fusion of talents, imagination, creativity and alertness whether it was a melodious solo song, dance competitions, instrumental, art activities, creative writing or debate, the activities helped to bring out the uniqueness of each individual. The students of both junior and senior wings set the fire on the stage by their powerful performances for winning the title. The students of all the four houses were at their best. Spontaneity and confidence were the hallmark of the competition the students left everyone awestruck as they presented their talents immaculately and effortlessly. They all were applauded for their superb performances. Winners will be awarded at the end of this academic session during the Prize Distribution Ceremony.





# INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS







## ST. ALPHONSA'S DAY

The feast of St. Alphonsa, the first woman saint of India, was celebrated with a solemn prayer service on 27 July 2019. On this occasion a beautiful heart touching skit by our students highlighted the deep faith and simple life of Saint Alphonsa who was canonized by the Catholic Church in 2008.



## Women Empowerment

Girls Safety Campaign has been initiated by Our Chief Minister Mr. Yogi Adityanath . We were fortunate enough to be the part of this campaign as girls of classes X, XI & XII were given some safety tips by Police Department on 30 July 2019.







## FESTAL GREETINGS

On 10 August 2019, Kindergarten family came together to wish Principal, Rev. Sr. Santhwana FCC on her Feast Day. Each class of Kindergarten did their best to make this day a special one.

## FUN DAY

One day outing for classes I to VI to Fantasy World Water park, Meerut on 10 August 2019. Nine buses with students and teachers headed for fantasy world. They all came back with a big smile on their faces indicating they had a great fun.



## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

73rd Independence day on 15 August 2019 was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor. Rev Fr. Mathew John, the manager hosted the National Flag in a ceremonial way. The cultural programme at school commenced with all singing "sare jahan se achcha". The spirit of freedom and nationalism was well exhibited through a spectrum of patriotic dances, songs and skits. On the eve of Independence Day our school participated in the cultural programme organized by Rotary Club, Bijnor. Our student mesmerized everyone with their beautiful patriotic dance .They were awarded a shield and certificates by Rotary Club, Bijnor.





# BADMINTON TOURNAMENT FOR GIRLS

St. Mary's School feels privileged and proud to host the first Inter-School Badminton Tournament 2019 on 19 August 2019. 86 girls from 12 schools from the Diocese of Bijnor participated in this tournament. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Sanjeev Tyagi IPS, Superintendent of Police.

Mr. Sanjay Kumar DSP, Head Quarter of Lucknow graced the occasion as our chief guest for concluding ceremony at 08. 15 pm. Carmel School, Chamba won the Championship trophy in Senior Category. St. Thomas School, Pauri won the Championship trophy in Junior Category. St. Mary's School, Bijnor bagged second position in Junior Category and second and third position in Senior Category. The winners were awarded by the chief guest. At last the first Inter-School Badminton Tournament was declared closed by the chief guest.



## Senior Group Girls

Vidhi Rathi (2nd Position)	X-A
Kritika Singh (3rd Position)	IX-D
Anany Arya	XII-C
Ojasvi Khanna	IX-B

## Junior Group Girls

Second Position	
Manya Rana	VI
Kriti Chaudhary	V

## INTER - HOUSE QUIZ COMPETITIONS

Learning was brought to life with many quiz competitions during the session. Subject like Science and Social Science were made more interesting by the quiz conducted under the expert guidance of teacher. These were truly a learning experience for both the audience and the participant.



## TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

On 05 September 2019 students of St. Mary's expressed their love and gratitude and proved that they got kindled with the illuminating lights of their teachers and conducted a beautiful program followed by the delicious lunch for the staff.



## PATRONESS DAY

We honour Mother Mary, the Mother of Jesus, our school Patroness as she is a model of faithfulness to the word of God and is considered the greatest disciple of Jesus. Her important role as a protective Mother and the first Teacher of Jesus is a wonderful example for all. This year we celebrated Patroness day along with the teacher day on 05 September 2019.

## NEW BISHOP FOR THE DIOCESE

Hearty congratulations and prayerful greetings to Rev. Fr. Vincent Nellaiparambil, the newly appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Bijnor and the President of the Education Society of the Diocese of Bijnor. He was the manager of St. Mary's School from the year 2006 to 2009. He will take charge of his office on 01 November 2019.





**UPCOMING**



# EVENTS

## October 2019

- Fr. Peter Memorial Cricket Tournament (14 to 16 October)
- Inter-School Sports Meet (21 to 23 October)
- Alumni Meet (28 October)

## November 2019

- Episcopal ordination of Rev. Fr. Vincent Nellaiparambil at Kotdwar (01 November)
- Fr. Cassius Inter School Basket Ball Tournament (04-05 November)
- Science Exhibition (23 November)

## WhatsApp Group & Facebook

We have created WhatsApp groups to be connected with parents in the beginning of this academic year. There are separate groups for each class. Short messages, photos and videos of important programme are communicated to parents through the modern social media of WhatsApp and Facebook. Our official Facebook ID is

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarys.bijnor.9>. We request all our parents to be connected with us in WhatsApp & Facebook.



### Lofty Parent Portal

Lofty Parent Portal helps to bridge the communication gap between the home and school. Parents are able to get a meaningful data about their child's progress.



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