

## **Parents Meeting – Class XA & B**

Venue: FerrandoNivas

Date: 12-09-2020

Time: 8.30 am & 10.00

A short notice was sent to the parents of classes XA & XB on September 09, 2020 informing them of a meeting to be held on 12 September to which they were invited to participate. Due to the prevalence of Covid19, the venue of the meeting was set in accordance with guidelines given by the government. To limit the number, the meeting was held in two sessions. In the first meeting scheduled for 8.30 am the parents of class XA students were met. 27 out of 33 parents attended the meeting. Two parents had given prior information about their inability to attend the meeting due to illness. The second meeting was held at 10.00am for the parents of XB students. In this meeting, 28 out of 34 parents were present. The details of the discussions held are recorded in the register meant for the purpose.

Both the meetings began with a prayer by Sr. Tessy Joseph, the Principal invoking God's presence and blessing. She drew the attention of the parents to the fact of their children being God's creation, beautiful and precious, entrusted to the parents to be brought up responsibly with care and good example. Their sons and daughters in turn would become their joy and consolation. This mutual exchange is to begin and end at the feet of God in whom each one believes. She requested the parents to place their children at the feet of their God for his blessing. Sr. Tessy ended her prayer asking Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life to help to go ahead tirelessly seeking the good of the students given to her care.

She then welcomed the parents very warmly and began on a joyful note placing the following agenda before them:

1. Voluntary Classes
2. Mode of Examination
3. PTA representative
4. Study Leave

**Voluntary Classes:** In the light of the circular issued on September 08, 2020 by the Government of India Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Directorate General of Health Services on the partial reopening of Schools for the students of classes IX to XII on a voluntary basis, for taking guidance from their teachers, the parents of Class X were called to give an awareness of the circular. The circular was explained in English by Sr. Tessy Joseph and translated into Bengali by Mrs. Golapi Charaborty. She explained that the school has neither the power to conduct normal classes nor to compel the students to attend classes. However, at the request of the students and only with the consent of the parents the teachers could give voluntary classes to the students. The parents were happy with the proposal and gave in writing their readiness to let their children avail the help. Hence, they were asked to consult their children and let the principal know for what subjects they need coaching. The written intimation of the same is to reach the school office by 14 September. Once that is done, time schedule would be prepared accordingly.

Each class is to have students ranging from 5-12 depending on the requests. Parents were assured of the safety of their wards once they are in the school. It was also made clear that the parents were to bring their children to the school and take them back on time. No public transport should be made use by the students because of the greater risk involved. Parents were asked to fix the time for the class according to their convenience as the teachers are ready to adjust accordingly.

After discussion time was fixed for 9.00 am to 2.00 pm. Every child would get classes three days a week.

**Mode of Examination:** Sr. Tessy welcomed suggestions from parents for the conduct of examination which would suit the students. It was made clear that on line examinations are mostly of MCQ and short answers. But the students appearing for the board exam need more practice and speed. So Parents opined that it would be better to conduct the exams in the school on hard copy for 80 marks in the pattern of board exams. The parents also decided a gap of two days between each exam. Sr. Tessy made it clear to the parents that Corona and the irregularities caused by this pandemic is not an excuse for the students to score less as their future would depend very much on their score. Unless they score minimum 50% of marks the school would not promote them for board exams. It was decided that the first exam would be conducted in the first week of October and the Second in the last week of December. After the second Exam there would be a combined meeting of the parents, students and teachers to decide whether the children would need a third exam. Sr. Tessy made it clear to the parents that the school is ready to give any number of exams to help the

students do well to gear towards a bright future. Repeated exams would be conducted on weaker subjects until the students are able to score 50%. All were pleased with these suggestions.

**Study Leave:** By the second week of December the entire syllabus would be covered and all the students are expected to clear all their doubts within that time. Pre-Board examination would be conducted in the last week of December and the result would be declared in the first week of January. Students will be given sufficient explanation and remark for improvement. Parents should accompany their children to get the result. In case of poor performance repeated tests would be conducted on weak subjects till they get above 50% in the written test. Parents expressed their readiness to co-operate with this idea.

**PTA Representative:** Sr. Tessy believes in and invited collaborative style of functioning especially in the context of education. Management, parents and teachers should think and work in the same mind for the good and growth of the children. In view of the effective collaboration of these three bodies, she proposed the formation of PTA where the representatives of parents together with the management and representatives of teachers would meet together to discuss the various school related issues. Choice was left to the parents to select their representatives. She said that the duties and responsibilities of the PTA would be explained to the members once the PTA is formed. After giving the guidelines the parents were left free to discuss and elect their representatives. Accordingly, in their first meeting, Shri. Samir Pal father of Arpan Pal was elected from XA. His contact number 6376972248 / 7628905698 was given to the parents for any contact.

Once again Sr. Tessy assured the parents that the genuine need of each child would be met by the management at all times. As Mothers' representative Smt. Bulti Das mother of Ankit Das of XB was selected. Ms. Golapi translated during both the meetings. Sri. Samir Pal thanked the group and assured his wholehearted support for the good of the school. At the end of both meetings Sr. Tessy thanked the parents for accepting the invitation to attend the meeting and their wholehearted participation and reassured them of the full cooperation of the management to give their best to the students. Everyone went back home contented and hopeful.

