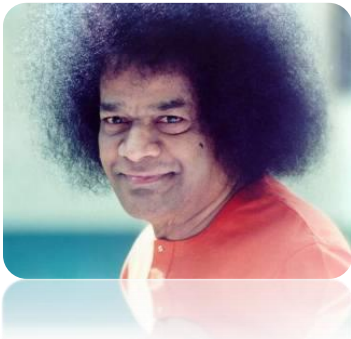




Sathya Sai School

Toronto, Canada

Parent Information Letter # 5 | Jan 31, 2022



“Nourish love in your hearts. Love will drive away all bad thoughts. It will promote the spirit of forgiveness.”

~Sathya Sai Baba

School Reopens

JAN 31

1st Report Cards

FEB 10

P.D. Day (No School)

FEB 11

Parent-Teacher Interviews

FEB 11

Family Day Holiday

FEB 21

Admissions Interviews

FEB 26

P.D. Day (No School)

FEB 28

Math Champion 03



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Tamil Heritage Month 12



*From the Principal's Desk**Revathi Chennabathni*

Best Wishes for a Happy and a Healthy New Year 2022 to you and your families.

Our return to hybrid learning format as of January 31, 2022 was met with much enthusiasm from students and staff. The Daily Health Check form has been reconfigured to follow the TPH screening tool. Covid safety measures continue to be implemented in the school by all staff members. We appreciate parents' cooperation in monitoring your child(ren)'s health, for theirs and everyone's safety.

School-wide virtual Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Friday, February 11, 2022. Please arrive on time to the interview slot you have selected. Best wishes for successful Parent-Teacher Interviews.

Admissions interviews for JK - Grade 2 parents will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2022; Admission tests for Grade 3 to Grade 8 students will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2022 respectively. Please note this year applications for JK to Grade 2 will be selected by lottery.

In case of inclement weather, outsourced school vehicles will not ply and chances are the school will opt for online teaching under such conditions. Your child(ren)'s class teacher will notify you accordingly via telephone call or class blog. Note that in case of siblings, only the oldest child will be notified. In case of a "snow day", all students and teachers will have online teaching only for that day; it is not a holiday.

Kindly abide by the Sathya Sai School Parent Patrol Team's instructions for a smooth and SAFE flow of traffic during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. The Parent Patrol Team, over the years has established a systematic drop-off in the morning and pick-up in the afternoon. Thank you for your cooperation to ensure the safety of all users.

Sincerely,
Revathi Chennabathni

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Upcoming Events**Hybrid Learning Restarts: Jan 31**

Both In-school and Online classes.

1st Report Cards Sent Home: Feb 10

By hard copy and soft copy for JK - Grade 8.

P.D. Day: Feb 11

No classes for students.

Parent-Teacher Interviews: Feb 11

Virtual interviews for all parents (by appointment)

Family Day Holiday: Feb 21

No School.

Admissions Interviews: Feb 26

JK-Grade 2: virtual interviews (by appointment)

P.D. Day: Feb 28

No School.



School Reopens January 31, 2022

Students and staff members were very happy to see one another in person, when the Sathya Sai School building reopened its doors on Monday, January 31, 2022. The joy of teaching and of learning was felt by both teachers and students as they worked together through the day.

We are very grateful to the Sathya Sai School's Board of Directors, the Building Management Team, the IT team, Parent Council and Volunteers for working long hours to keep the school safe for the students and staff members.

Many safety measures have been put into place during the school's virtual classes in the month of January. These include:

- Daily health screening tool
- Triple layer masks and PPEs
- Cleaning hands throughout the day
- Cohorting of classes and social distancing
- Adjustments to classroom desks and rooms to ensure distancing
- Medical Room
- Ventilation and Air Quality Assessments
- Medical grade thermometers in each classroom
- Daily cleaning and onsite custodian cleaning of all high traffic areas including washrooms and doors
- Deep cleaning and fogging of school regularly
- School-wide programs have been moved online, such as the Year-End Concert and Public Speaking.
- Contact sports and use of gym equipment are on hold; in Music, no singing or wind instruments.
- Mental health backdrop for all class curricula.

Student Growth and Achievement continues despite challenges

Email received by Dr. Revathi January 7, 2022

Dear Sathya Sai School

Greetings from the International Maths Olympiad Challenge!

We write to you today to discuss the wonderful achievement of your student **Veer Saini**. Our 2021 Olympiad concluded in December last month with participation from thousands of students globally. The competition was intense but Veer performed very well. He scored 95.73%ile and was awarded the title of International Maths Olympiad Champion. Congratulations to Veer. We would also like to congratulate and thank mentors like you who have given constant support to your students. It's only with your guidance that these students achieve such accomplishments.

We have attached Veer's certificate. Good luck to your students for future Olympiads.

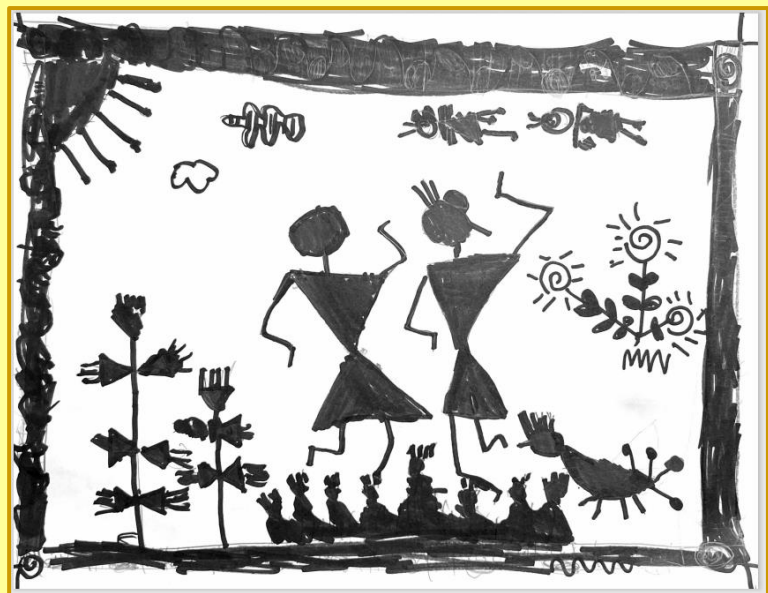
Regards,
Erin Anderson
Director: Global Programs
International Maths Olympiad Challenge
Orlando, Florida



Tribal Art

By Mrs. Chandni Gadhavi, Grade 2 Teacher

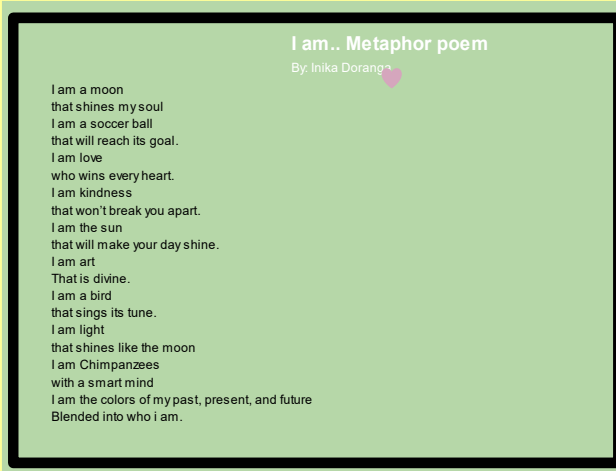
In Social Studies, the grade 2 students were learning the Unit: "Global Communities" and one week was about the countries from Asia. The students learned about Warli Painting, which is a form of tribal art mostly created by the tribal people from the North Sahyadri Range in Maharashtra, India. Below are two sample drawings by Amartya and Ishaan.



Poetic Student Musings

By Mrs. Seema Sharma, Grade 5 Teacher

Students in grade 5 integrated language and computers to create these Google presentations, each created by a different student. In computer classes, students learned how to use Google Slides features such as adding a background, borders, sending these borders behind text, altering font style, size, and colour, and so on. They are learning about figures of speech in language class. They just learned what metaphor is and used it in a poem about comparing themselves to abstract things, ideas or concepts.



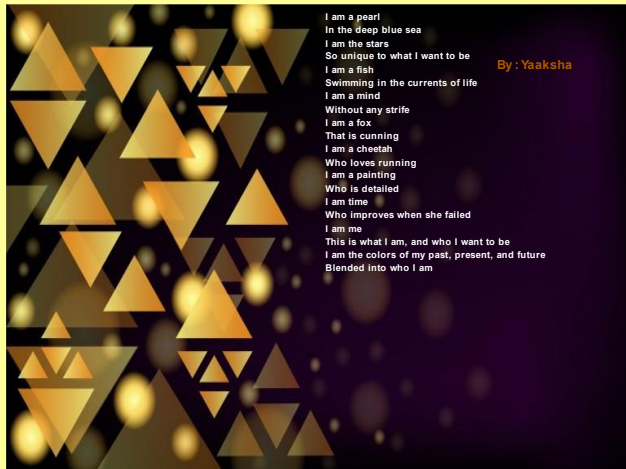
By: Inika

I am a moon
that shines my soul
I am a soccer ball
that will reach its goal.
I am love
who wins every heart
I am kindness
that won't break you apart.
I am the sun
that will make your day shine
I am art
That is divine.
I am a bird
that sings its tune
I am light
that shines like the moon.
I am Chimpanzees
with a smart mind
I am the colors of my past, present, and future
Blended into who i am.



By: Simranne

I am a flower
Which always grows
I am a night light
Who helps as it glows
I am A Free spirit
Who doesn't know limits
I am a lion
Who rules as a Rion (king)
I am a snowflake
Which can easily break
I am a monkey
Always trying to be funny
I am a lemonade
Cool when it's freshly made
I am a devil
As it gets onto another mad level
I am an angel
Who is always faithful
I am the colors of my present, past, and future
Blended into who I am



By: Yaaksha

I am a pearl
In the deep blue sea
I am the stars
So unique to what I want to be
I am a fish
Swimming in the currents of life
I am a mind
Without any strife
I am a fox
That is cunning
I am a cheetah
Who loves running
I am a painting
Who is detailed
I am time
Who improves when she failed
I am me
This is what I am, and who I want to be
I am the colors of my past, present, and future
Blended into who I am



By: Shreya

I am a star
Doing wonders with a spark
I am a light
Guiding in the dark
I am a rock
Which has stories to tell
I am a computer
Always trying to excel
I am a dog
Not wanting to say farewell
I am art
Trying to deliver my point of reference
I am a painting
Who is detailed
I am time
Who improves when she failed
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By: Anushka

**I am a book
 who has lots of education.
 I am a sponge
 that soaks up information.
 I am a glue
 who sticks to the topic.
 I am a candle
 that gives warmth,
 I am an eraser
 that fixes my mistakes.
 I am milkshakes
 That is sweeter than a cake.
 I am a dove
 Who spreads love
 I am a boat
 Guided by the stars above.
 I am a calendar
 that is organized.
 To summarize, I am the colors of the
 past, present, and future
 Blended into who I am.**

I am the sun
 that is always positive and shines bright
 I am a candle
 that defeats dark with light
 I am a pencil
 that writes down creative thoughts
 I am a fruit
 that will never rot
 I am a river
 that has a river current quite powerful
 I am a painting
 that is colorful
 I am a rock
 that is hard to break
 I am a turtle
 that won't wait
 I am a snowflake
 that is light and delicate
 I am the colors of my past, present, and future
 Blended into the colors of who I am



By: Gayatri



I am a hero
I stand up for what's right.
I am a candle
I spread love and light.

I am a bird
that always soars high
I am a mighty eagle
my potential flies high through the sky

I am a lion
strong and bold.
I am a wise panda
smart but not old.

I am a sparkling star
in the dark sky.
I am devotion
but nowhere near a bad guy

I am a Sathya Sai School Student
who follows the five human values
I am proud to be who I am
Now who are you?

I am ... metaphor poem by:
Aaran

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Now who are you?

I am an angel
helping everyone each and every way.

I am a monkey
Never feeling gray.

I am a book
full of stories.

I am a camera
full of memories.

I am a tickle
That makes everyone giggle from the bottom of the belly.

I am a computer
full of answers.

I am a lotus
blooming every day.

I am a treasure chest.
full of surprises.

I am a loving fairy
sprinkling all with love and joy.

I am the colours of my past, present and future
blended into who I am.

I am...metaphor poem
Sathya

By: Sathya

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I am ... Metaphor poem by Viswaa

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that plays 24/7
I am a HYPER CAR
that is very fast
I am a LION
that is very ferocious
I am a WATER TANK
that chugs every day
I am a ROAD
that takes me to my dreams and goals
I am a SNOOZER
that never wakes up
I am a HEATER
that is very warm
I am a MELOMANIAC
that loves music a lot
I am a SCORPION
that is very defensive
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I Am A Poem Made By Dipsa

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POWERFUL INDEED
I AM A SUN
SMILING WITH NO GREED
I AM A COMPUTER
HELPING OTHERS IN NEED
I AM A TREE
THAT GIVES A GOOD DEED
I AM A LADDER
SOMETIMES BUT NOT ALWAYS MEAN
I AM AN ERASER
CORRECTING MY MISTAKES
I AM A BLANKET
KEEPING OTHER SAFE
I AM CRAYONS
DIFFERENT COLOURS FOR MY FEELINGS
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I am poem... by: Aadavan

I am a spaceship
that can float through dreams.
I am a river
and my mind branches into multiple streams.
I am a robot
That makes life easy.
I am the wind
that makes you feel breezy.
I am a knife
with sharp thoughts.
I am a book
full of different plots.
I am a link chain
that keeps my friends hooked.
I am a rock
who's heart can't be chipped.
I am a kindergarten art piece
messy but sweet.
I am a race car
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I am the colours of my past present and future blended into who I am!!!

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I am a bird,
I fly across the sky .
I am a plane,
That goes super super high.
I am a sun,
that shines bright thoughts .
I am a water wheel,
My brain spins to find ideas
throughout.
I am honey
Because my nature is sweet .
I am a hummingbird,
always ready for a treat .
I am a coconut,
hard on the outside but soft in
the inside.
I am a wave,
Goes with the flow and ride the
tide.
I am a story,
full of memories from childhood.
I am the colours of the
rainbow blended into who I am.

By: Sharun

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Metaphor Poem

I am a tree
that grows to its goals.
I am a rocketship
Flying past the limit of the sky.
I am a berry bush
with lots to share.
I am a turtle
hiding in my shell.
I am an engine
that keeps on running and trying.
I am a cloud
at the limit of the sky and proud.
I am a breeze of wind
gentle and kind.
I am a fox
cunning and clever.
I am a basketball
who reaches their goals.
I am a torch
there to brighten up the day.
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future
blended into who I am.

By: Cavin

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By: Ahan

I am a piece of chocolate
always sweet
I am a backpack
which holds all my thoughts and dreams as special.
I am a cloud
Blowing love with the wind.
I am a flower
Colourful and bright.
I am a rainbow
That shoots across the sky.
I am a color Pencil
Which gives colors to my thoughts.
I am a stick
who is skinny and tall
I am the colors
of my past, present, and future blended into who I am.

I am... metaphor poem By Ahan Singh

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Tamil Heritage Month

This year's Tamil Heritage Month theme is "Our histories. Our legacies. Our homelands."

Toronto has the largest population of Tamil people outside of South and Southeast Asia, with many of the Sathya Sai School students and staff members identifying as Tamil. The Grade 5 students have put up a good effort to bring awareness about Tamil culture.

Greeting - Vanakkam



This is the common way of greeting where by joining both palms together and hold the hand at the heart and say "VANAKKAM".

Welcoming People

- ▶ Nirai-kudam (full pot) is used when Tamils have their celebrations. Each part of it has a significant meaning behind it:
- ▶ Coconut represents the human head
- ▶ 5 Mango leaves represents the 5 senses
- ▶ Pot with water – represents water in the human body
- ▶ Rice represents the earth
- ▶ Lamps – cures ignorance



What Is the oldest living language that is still used today ?

There are many old languages but the oldest one that is still used today is Tamil.

Tamil is used by over 77 million people around the world.

Tamil is thought to have been born before 500 BC, as Tamil-Brahmin inscriptions from 500 BC have been found on Adichanallur, an archaeological site in Tamil Nadu.

The language Tamil originated from Peninsular India but is now used in many countries today such as India, Sri Lanka, Singapore, South Africa, Malaysia, Mauritius and more!



TAMIL NADU

Adichanallur

Thoothukudi



References: <http://www.bbc.co.uk>

Aaran

Why Was the Ancient Tamil Community Separated?

Sharwin



Why was the ancient tamil community separated? The ancient tamil community was separated because of the effect of the "Civil War". Many Tamilians Moved to countrys like, United Kingdome, America, Canada, and some went to india. It led to 800,000 tamalians leaving.



The damages caused of the civil war was hard to repair, because of some parts of sri lanka being poor. They immigrated to other countries for new and better opportunities. But some people stayed, mostly the people who can afford the effect of the civil war.



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Some well-known Tamil figures who have created history:



Shivam Handa-

Who is Sundararajan Pichai?

When was he born? And Where?



Sundararajan Pichai is the current CEO of google and is in fact Tamil! He has led projects like gmail, google drive and google chrome it's self!

He was born June 10 1972 in Madurai India!

Tamil heritage month by Simranne Riyat

A.R Rahman questions, facts, answers

A.R Rahman is a world singer, musician, and music producer. He is Tamil and has won two oscar awards, two grammys, A gold globe, and 32 flimfare awards.

Question: How did A.R Rahman start his career?

Answer: A.R Rahman started a recording and music studio in his backyard which later became famous and a high-tech studio.

Did you know? When he was at the age of nine he accidentally played a song on his dad's piano and started his interest in music.

Fun fact on A.R Rahman: The Airtel music add made by A.R was the most streamed and popular ringtone for 2005-2009!



Who is Srinivasa Ramanujan?

One of the most famous Tamil mathematician in Sri Lanka is Srinivasa Ramanujan. Do you like Pie? Not the food, but the mathematical Pi! Because Srinivasa Ramanujan is a Tamil mathematician of the 20th century, independently compiled 3900 equations on number theory, infinite series, theta functions, partition formula.



Srinivasa Ramanujan

<https://www.indiatimes.com/trending/social-relevance/facts-about-mathematician-srinivasa-ramanujan-530239.html?picid=2053177>

Did you Know?

- ❖ Did you know that Srinivasa Ramanujan was married to a 9yr old girl?
- ❖ Did you know that he was called Pi man?
- ❖ Did you know that he never had any friends at school?
- ❖ Did you know that he never go a degree



Srinivasa's school which later got named after him by the principal of the school.

By: Soumyaa Sriushanthan

Who is the Tamil physicist Nobel Prize for Physics for his work on the structure and evolution of stars?

Well, His name is Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar and he was born in 1910 in Lahore, which at the time was in British India. Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar was one of the foremost astrophysicists of the twentieth century. Chandra proved that there was an upper limit to the mass of a white dwarf. This limit, known as the Chandra limit, showed that stars more massive than the Sun would explode or form black holes as they died. Chandra also developed theories on star atmospheres, black holes, the illumination of the sunlit sky, star structures and star mass.

DID YOU KNOW!!!

Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar was one of the first scientists to couple the study of physics with the study of astronomy.

REFERENCES [Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar \(nasa.gov\)](#)
[Who was S Chandrasekhar? | Who Is News The Indian Express](#)
[Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar - Biography, Facts and Pictures \(famousScientists.org\)](#)

BY: ABHINAV KATHE



What is Bharatanatyam ?

By Sharun

Bharatanatyam is an oldest dance that can be performed by both boys and girls. It was created by Natya Shastra in between the 1500 BC . it was initiated in the Hindu temples of Tamil Nadu and eventually flourished in South India. Located about 75 km from Chennai in Tamilnadu state of southern India, Kanchipuram is a temple town renowned for **its majestic temple architecture and Silk sarees**. Of the 108 holy temples of the Hindu god Vishnu (DivyaDesams), 14 are located in Kanchipuram.



Did you know that Bharatanatyam is one of the oldest dances.

References

<https://www.culturalindia.net/indian-dance/classical/bharatnatyam.html>



KOLLY WOOD BY SHIRIRAAM

Fun fact

There is Hollywood, there is Bollywood, and there is Kollywood

Tamil cinema, also known as Kollywood, is the Indian filmmaking industry of Tamil-language motion pictures. It is based in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, in the Kodambakkam neighbourhood, leading to the industry's nickname Kollywood, the word being a portmanteau of Kodambakkam and Hollywood.



What is Kollywood?

Tamil-language film industry, based at Kodambakkam in South India.

This is the link i used for information:

https://www.google.com/search?q=what+is+kollywood&gs_ivs=1#tts=0



Founder Chancellor Sri Sathya Sai Baba to Students

Self Is Lovelessness—Love Is Selflessness

When love is tainted by selfishness, it cannot illumine at all. Self is lovelessness; love is selflessness. Self gets and forgets; love gives and forgives.

Love can never entertain the idea of revenge, for it sees all others as oneself. When the tongue is hurt by the teeth, do you seek vengeance against the teeth? No, for they both belong to you and are integral parts of your body. So, too, when some other person insults you or inflicts pain, allow wisdom to have mastery over you.

Discover the truth, and do not rush to conclusions, always keeping love as your guide.

Of course, it is a difficult task, but not beyond the capacity of man. A task that can be finished without struggle and sustained effort is not something to be proud of. It is the difficult task that provides the challenge and brings forth the best and highest in man. Embark upon this task with ardor and faith; that will be sweeter. Once victory is achieved, the rest will be added unto you.

- *Sathya Sai Speaks, Volume 13, Chapter 30.*



Human Value for Jan/Feb

LOVE

LOVE

Friendship

Forgiveness

Sharing

Kindness

To forgive is the highest, most beautiful form of love. In return, you will receive untold peace and happiness.

~ ROBERT MULLER





Multi-Faith Festivals around the world

Feb 1

Chinese New Year (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)



Feb 3

Setsebun (Shinto)



Feb 5

Vasant Panchami (Hindu)



Feb 14

St. Valentine's Day (Christian)



Feb 15

Nirvana Day (Buddhist)



Feb 27

Mi'raj al-Nabiy (Islamic)



Feb 28

Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)



Mar 1

Nineteen Day Fast (Baha'i)



Mar 2

Ash Wednesday (Christian)



Uniform Note

Due to health and safety concerns, as well as shortages in supply chains worldwide, the Sathya Sai School uniform has been temporarily modified and the order form has been emailed to parents.

Important Dates: February 2022

- Jan 31 In-class & Online learning restarts
- Feb 10 1st Report Cards sent home
- Feb 11 P.D. Day (*No School for Students*)
- Feb 11 Virtual Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Feb 21 Family Day Holiday (*No School*)
- Feb 26 Admissions Interviews JK-Gr2
- Feb 28 P.D. Day (*No School*)
- Mar 5 Admission Placement Tests Gr3-8

*Yours truly,
Ms. Recht, Office Admin.
Dr. Revathi, Principal*

