

# **ST. JOSEPH OF CLUNY HR. SEC. SCHOOL, PUDUCHERRY**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2023 – 2024**

**“Education is for improving the lives of others.” – Marian Wright Edelman**

**St. Joseph of Cluny H.S.S., Lawspet, Puducherry** managed and run by the Congregation of Sisters of St Joseph of Cluny, was established in the year 1946 according to the Principles of its Foundress Bl. Anne Marie Javouhey. Cluny, Puducherry is one of the premiere Educational institutions in the Union Territory.

Rev. Sr. Lorraine Pinto is our Provincial and Rev. Sr. Rosily, our Principal.

### **Aims and Objectives**

True to the vision of blessed Anne Marie Javouhey and the will of God, we aim at inculcating a sound Christian and human formation, for the total development of the whole person, making the student a well-integrated person, spiritually, socially, intellectually, morally and culturally, well equipped and ready to collaborate with others in the building up of a just world social order.

### **Goals**

The Cluny Student will be formed according to the ideals - a woman of strong faith in God, one who is aware of social unjust realities, an agent of social change, one who is prepared for family life and responsible parenthood, patriotic, respecting others without distinction of caste, creed, language and economic status.

### **Vision**

Education consists in showing persons how “to be more’ and not only to ‘have more’. They should become better not only for themselves, but also with and for others”. Our Vision is the same as the Vision of Jesus Christ, the Teacher of LIFE, who came, that all may have life and have it in abundance. The mission of Jesus Christ is to restore the integrity of God’s original creation, both human and material and thus to build the kingdom of God on earth.

### **Mission**

Our mission in Education is therefore to provide:

- An education for the marginalized sections in society that frees them from social conditioning, an education that helps the young enter the sacred space of the human person thereby making them aware of the inalienable human rights of every individual.
- An Education that instills in them the values of transparency and accountability, an education which gives priority to witnessing and developing Gospel values, an education which encourages leadership and spirit of service and hard work, an education which transforms young minds to become men and women of character.

### **Staff**

The strength of our Staff is **148 teachers** and **36 workers**.

### **Strength**

The strength of our students is around **4700 students** from **Montessori I to Std. XII**.

## Library

The Library occupies a place of pride in the list of our infrastructure and stands as an asset to both the teachers and pupils. There are more than 21,496 books in Hr. Sec., 5134 books in Primary and 921 books in Montessori to cater the psychological, intellectual and aesthetic needs and provide information on current events.

## Laboratories

The school has a well-equipped, spacious and renovated Physics Lab, Chemistry Lab, Botany Lab, Zoology Lab and Computer Lab with modern laboratory equipment which help students in their experiments and to enhance their learning by aiding the understanding of theoretical concepts which are taught in classrooms.

**In a nutshell we present before you our activities for the year 2023-2024.**

## Achievements

**Results - Hr. Sec. (Std. XII & XI) and SSLC results 2023 - 2024**

### Hr. Sec. (Std. XII)

#### SCHOOL TOPPERS

1	SHRREYAMADHANRAJ	:	597 / 600	(School First)
2	SRIVIDYAD	:	592 / 600	(School Second)
3	ASVATA S	:	589 / 600	(School Third)

#### No. of Student who have scored 100 /100

French	:	15
Mathematics	:	2
Physics	:	1
Computer Science	:	12
Commerce	:	6
Economics	:	3
Computer Application	:	6

### Hr. Sec. (Std. XI)

#### SCHOOL TOPPERS

1	POOJA M	:	595 / 600	(School First)
2	PRASHITA K	:	591 / 600	(School Second)
3	ADHINA V	:	589 / 600	(School Third)

#### No. of students who have scored 100 /100

French	:	20
Physics	:	1
Computer Science	:	11
Accountancy	:	4
Commerce	:	1
Computer Application	:	1
Business Maths	:	2

## SSLC RESULTS

### SCHOOL TOPPERS

1	PATRICIA MARY W	:	495 / 500	(School First)
2	SAJANA K	:	493 / 500	(School Second)
3	ANUSHRI KRISHNA M	:	492 / 500	(School Third)
4	SAMAYASHRI B	:	492 / 500	(School Third)

### No. of Student who have scored 100 /100

English	:	3
Mathematics	:	19
Science	:	11
Social Science	:	9

	Appeared	Passed	First Class	> 95%	> 90%	Result
<b>Hr. Sec. (XII)</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Hr. Sec. (XI)</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>SSLC</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Fee concession:

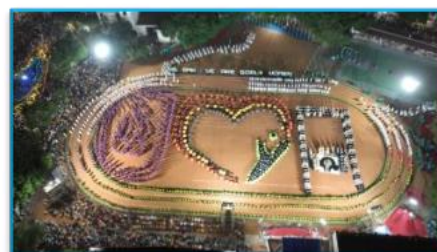
An amount of Rs.15,09,400/- was given as fee concession to 81 students for the academic year 2023-2024.

### The Fee generated from students is utilized for

- Maintenance and Renovation of the infra-structure of Montessori, Primary and Higher Secondary
- Installing the new and latest equipments for the Smart Class – Interactive Intelligent Panels, Laboratories, Clubs, Library, Sports and Games
- Remuneration for the teachers and essential staff
- Gifts for teachers and family on various occasions
- Awareness programmes and seminars for both teachers, students and parents
- Helping the students coming from BPL families
- Hospitality
- Conducting Board Examinations

### School Projects

**Sports Day** was celebrated at the Lawspet campus. Thiru. R. Kesavan, IAS, Secretary to Government was the Chief Guest and Thiru. Narra Chaitanya IPS, Senior Superintendent was the Guest of Honour. Retiring staff and Silver Jubilarians were felicitated.



Foundress Day Celebration was organised by the students of Std. XII. Dr. Vinodhini, our past student, to be selected for IAS, was the Chief Guest. Prayer and cultural programmes were conducted. Prizes were distributed to the winners in various competitions held in connection with the Foundress Day.



The school March Past contingent was adjudged the Best Contingent (Private Schools) at the Republic Day Parade and received the shield from the Governor. The Principal received the trophy given for 100% pass in the Std. XII Board Exam from the Governor on the same occasion.

The school won the Chief Minister's Rolling Trophy for the best March Past contingent (Private Schools) at the Independence Day Parade.



Sweets and stationery were distributed to the inmates of Sneha Illam on account of Diwali Celebrations.



Around 115 students from St. Anne's High School, Puducherry, were invited to the celebration and given gifts during Christmas Season.



Awareness Trip for Std. VIII to Mother Teresa Anbu Illam, Reddiarpalayam.

Children's Day was celebrated. Students were given gifts and treated to popcorn. The students of Std. VI to XII also participated in a Quiz conducted by Mr. Muthukumaran.

Prizes distributed for the Recitation, Debate and Elocution Competitions.

CISCE Board- Orientation for the parents of students from Montessori to Std. VII: Guest Speaker, Dr. N.K. Charles M.Sc., Ph.D., B.Ed., Principal of Visaka School, Tuticorin

Teachers attended a session on 'Evaluation Norms' given by Mr. Marimudhu and Mr. Sendhil.

CISCE Orientation cum Training: Teachers of all classes had a department wise training to acclimatize them to the new board.

### **Seminars and Awareness Programmes**

Senses Board Level 1 hands on test in IIP Board for Higher Secondary and Primary teachers was conducted.

Textbook Orientation Program was conducted for teachers by Macmillan Publishers.

Teachers attended a session on 'Experiential Learning' given by Ms. Jalpa Shah.

All the teachers attended a session on 'Counselling Skills' by Mrs. Mumtaz Begum.

The Provincial Rev. Sr. Lorraine gave a talk to the High School & Higher Secondary teachers on 'Child Psychology'.

A meeting with the auto drivers of our students was organised in order to create awareness regarding traffic rules and safety norms. Superintendent of Police Mr. Maran, Sub Inspectors Mr. Senthil Kumar and Mrs. Kirthi, Mr. Muthukumar, Police Inspector Traffic, Legal Expert, Mrs. Jansi attended and outlined the rules and regulations.

Students of Std. X, XI and XII attended a session on Goal Setting and Time Management by Rev. Fr. Ravi, SDB and Mr. Selvendiran.

Session on Health & Hygiene for the students of Std IX: Guest Speaker – Dr. Niraimathi, Health checkup - Dr. Sujintra, Gynecologist IGMC.

Value Education Day and Retreat for Catholic students were conducted. Rev. Sr. Paulina and Brother Ajin Joseph from Youth United for Christ conducted the retreat.

Students of Std. X, XI and XII attended a session on "Health and Dietary Habits" by Rtn. Dr. Leo Gounalane.

Classes IX and XII attended a session on Career Guidance and Counselling by Mr. Jalil M S, Chief Consultant and Director, Career Guru.

Session on Single Use Plastic Awareness: Guest Speaker - Dr. Nandhivarman, Pondicherry University.

Session on Adolescent Health & Hygiene for Std. VI to VIII: Guest Speaker – Dr. Nandhini Nair.

### **House System**

Every student from Std. VI upward is allotted one of the 4 Houses namely Shamrocks, Hollyhocks, Violets and Daisies. This gives a sense of identity and helps a student develop the finer points of loyalty, co-operation and team spirit.

### **Sports**

- State Level Badminton tournament
- Pondicherry State Carrom Ranking Tournament
- Pondicherry Open Shooting Championship
- Roll Ball State Championship
- Annual Rolling Trophy Mega Chess Tournament
- Puducherry State Tong II Moo Do Championship
- Pondicherry Roller Skating Championship
- Pondicherry State Boxing Championship
- Carrom Tournament
- Chess Tournament
- Zonal School Athletic Championship
- Puducherry District Junior Athletics Meet 2023-24
- State School Games Table Tennis Championship
- State Taekwondo Poomsae Championship
- Kyorugi Championship
- Zonal School Games Championship 2023-24
- State Taekwondo Championship 2023-24
- Junior National Carrom Championship 2023-24

### **Outstanding performance in Sports:**

Arul Little Joyce T of Std. IX participated in the Pondicherry Open Shooting Championship conducted by Pondicherry Olympian Academy and won the gold medal in Air Pistol-Women.

Harshika C of Std. XI participated in the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship held at Noida, Delhi, and secured the first place and was awarded a gold medal.



Kavinaya of Std. IX participated in the Pondicherry State Boxing Championship and secured the gold medal in the sub-junior 50 kg category.

Lohavarshini K of Std. X participated in Pencak Silat South Zone Tournament held at Jimmy George Stadium, Kerala, and secured the first place in junior category.

### **Science Projects**

Science Exhibition for Std. IX to XII was inaugurated by Mrs. Ragini, Former Deputy Commissioner of Labour Welfare. Students of Std. VI to VIII exhibited their projects in the Science Exhibition inaugurated by Mr. Arunagiri.M, Lecturer in Botany, Vallalar GGHSS. Students exhibited their projects and explained them to the other students and teachers.



Our students participated in the National Science Olympiad 2022–23 and won the gold medal.

Our teachers, Mrs. Sudha Gowri and Mrs. Sangeetha, took part in the 31st NCSC Guide Teachers Workshop conducted at DIET, Puducherry.

Keera P of Std. X under the guidance of Mrs. Sudha Gowri, Teacher, participated in the State Level Science Seminar and won the Third Prize.

Mrs. Saradha, our teacher, participated in a one day workshop for teachers conducted by DIET, Puducherry, 'Earthion 2023', to guide students in making innovative projects on sustainability, water, bio-diversity, waste management, etc.

Nandhana of Std. VI was selected for the National Level NCSC project having won the second place in the State Level.

India International Science Festival, Student Science Village, conducted by the Ministry of Science & Technology at Faridabad, Haryana from 17<sup>th</sup> to 20 Jan, 2024: Thamanna and Asvitha (Std IX) represented the school and received a Certificate of Participation.

### **Achievements in Co-curricular and Extra-curricular activities**

On the 9th International Yoga Day a yoga demonstration was done by 100 students in the school auditorium.



50 students participated in a mass yoga demonstration on the 29th International Yoga Festival conducted by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs at Gandhi Thidal.

28 students accompanied by Mrs. Bhavani, our teacher, took part in the interaction arranged with the President Dr. Draupadi Murmu during her visit to Puducherry. Our teacher Ms Dhanya compered the programme.

The School Band participated in the State Level Band competition held by the Department of Education and won the first prize. They bagged Second place in the South Zone Competition to be held at Thiruvananthapuram. The 25 member team, the band master Mr. Francis and Teacher in-charge Mrs. Mohana were felicitated by the Principal on their return.



Josefina Navya J of Std. IX participated in the Spell Bee International Language for Life Competition and secured the first place and in the Third National level she received a medal and distinction certificate. She went on to the International Level and received a medal and a certificate of achievement with distinction.

Shamantha S of Std. XII won the gold medal in the National Commerce Olympiad 2022-23.



Kalpita M of Std. XI participated in the second level of SOF English Olympiad 2023 and secured second rank in the Zonal Level and the 7th rank in the International Level. She was awarded a silver medal, certificate of merit and cash prize of Rs. 2500.

SOF English Olympiad 2023-2024 1st Level : Lokshana.S of Std. IX and Catherina Rose of Std. XII won Gold Medals of Distinction in Zonal Level. Many students won the gold medal of excellence in the same competition.

Eshantika L of Std VII participated in the Mind Wars Spell Bee competition and won the first prize in the City level and was the finalist in the South Zone Finals.

Spell Bee Contest - Srimathi.S, Eeshanthika.L and Josefina Navya won Saranya, Sumaiyah Sahana.B and Amirdhini won the II Place. Eeshanthika won the I Place in the City Level and reached the Final Round in the Cluster Level.

Our students participated in the Petit Seminaire Inter School Quiz Rolling Trophy 2023 and secured the following positions: Anne Theresa Fernandez Std. VIII and Eshantika Std. VII Second Prize (Middle School Category), Adhina.V and Pooja. M Std. XI Second Prize (Higher Secondary Category). Our school bagged the Petit Rolling Trophy for overall performance.



Adhina V and Pooja M of Std. XI participated in the St. Patrick Rolling Trophy Quiz Competition and won the second place in Competitive Exam Level for Higher Secondary. Anne Teresa Fernandez of Std. VIII and Eshantika of Std. VII won the first place in Junior category and bagged the Juniors Rolling Trophy.

Our students participated in the Inter School Science and Chemistry Quiz conducted by the Department of Chemistry, St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, and secured the following prizes: Adina and Pooja Std. XI - First Place. Arulisai and Madhumitha of Std. XI - Second Place.

Adhiina V and Pooja M of Std. XI and Devadharshini A of Std. X participated in the EUREKA-2023 Inter-School Science Quiz conducted by the CSIR Foundation, Taramani, Chennai and secured the second place.

St. Patrick Rolling Trophy Quiz Competition: Juniors Category - Anne Teresa Fernandez and Mousika of Std. VIII won the First Prize and cash award of Rs.2000 each. Super Senior Category - Pooja M and Arulisai A of Std. XI won the First Prize and cash award of Rs.3000 each.

State Level Election Quiz conducted by the Election Department, Puducherry on the occasion of Voters' Day 2024 : Arulisai A and Madhumathi V of Std. IX - II Runner Up & cash prize of Rs.2000.

Deep Musin, a New Gen Quiz by the Siol Quiz Club: Arulisai A and Pooja M won the Prize and cash award of Rs.4000.

Sri Mankula Vinayagar Engineering College Science Quiz: Madhumathi V and Arulisai A secured the III Place.

Petit Seminaire Rolling Trophy Inter-School Quiz Competition: Adhina V and Pooja M – II Place in Science Quiz, Anne Teresa Fernandez and Mousik – I Place in Junior Level. The school won the Rolling Trophy for Junior Category.

Sendoorigai of Std. XII and Haasini S of Std. IX participated in the Inter School Drawing Competition 2023 organised by the State Tobacco Control Cell (Government Chest Clinic) Puducherry on the topic 'Grow Food, Not Tobacco' and won the first and second prizes respectively.

The students of Std. VI to IX displayed 1220 drawings and 45 rangolies during the Art and Rangoli Exhibition held during the Parents-Teachers Meet.



School Level Drawing and Rangoli Competitions were held for the students of Std. VI to IX and prizes were given to the winners.



The school choir took part in the Blaze '23 Singing Competition and won the second place.

Students of Std. VI to IX exhibited their paintings and craft in the Art Exhibition organized on the occasion of the Parents - Teachers Meet.

20th National SIP Abacus Competition, at Hyderabad, Telangana: Akshaya.A of Std. VII 1st Runner Up. She also secured the II Place in the Regional SIP Abacus Brain Gym and Mental Arithmetic Competition.

34th Flower, Vegetable and Fruit Show conducted by Dept. of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare: Lakshmi Prabha, Vishmita, Hasini and Jelin Golda won II Prize in various categories. The school garden received a special prize.

Drawing Competition conducted by Rotary Club: Haasini S of Std. IX – I Prize and Deekshika of Std. VI – III Prize.

Srinivasa Ramanujam Academy of Mathematics conducted a preparatory examination for Std. X, XI & XII in which many students excelled. They were given certificates. The school received the 'Best Performer Award' for 2023-24 for Business Maths. The school received the 'Best Performer Award' for 2023-24 in the Std. X Ramanujam Maths Examination.



Poster Making Competition conducted by the Dept. of Physics, Pondicherry University : Hansika M of Std. VIII won the II Place.

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