

Dear Parents,

Greetings to all of you!

Here's hoping and praying that you all are in good and sound health and spirit. I am sure that you are imparting your duties towards your family and all around you in a responsible manner.

The Covid - 19 (Coronavirus) has been devastating globally. It has had a major impact on social and economic issues leading to a huge setback. The educational institutions have also had their share of setbacks.

Schooling provides essential learning and when schools close, children and youth are deprived of opportunities for growth and development. These changes have certainly caused a degree of inconvenience but they have also prompted new examples of educational innovation. Most schools are finding stop-gap solutions to continue teaching but the quality of learning is heavily dependent on the level and quality of digital access. Many are relying on lessons and assignments via whatsapp or email.

Our school decided to continue to impart knowledge through the video online classes for its myriad advantages. The videos are prepared by the teacher's right from Std 2 to 10 catering to the need of the pupils. The teachers are using PPT presentations, paper cuttings, green and white boards and trying to communicate in the best possible way that is available to them in this situation of acute crisis.

Std 2 to 5 teachers are providing all the answers of the lesson taught in the videos so that it enhances cent percent learning outcome to all the pupils.

Std 9 and 10 pupils are aided with MCQ tests (Multiple Choice Questions) per week of the syllabus covered in the videos to facilitate the video online classes. This has been highly appreciated by parents and pupils who eagerly await the tests.

Another significant merit of this video online class is that the pupils have an access to these videos at their convenience. They can view, comprehend and copy the notes given in these videos in their preferable time.

In case of any doubts, we have a comment box below the videos where the teachers are clearing them immediately. However, if there are any bigger clarifications required, it can be noted by the pupils and asked to the respective subject teachers once the normal classes are resumed.

All these above mentioned points led us to prefer video online classes to zoom or other such mediums.

This was made possible by the SkoolERP team who has played a key role in reaching out to the pupils at this crucial hour.

I appreciate the sincere efforts made by the team of dedicated teachers who have become learners themselves to impart knowledge through this novel technology. They have been battling with issues like unstable network problems and working at all unearthly hours so that the pupils do not suffer at any given time.

I would like to end with a note to all the parents. During this unprecedented period of lockdown, I request all of you to kindly monitor your ward's academic progress. It is advisable if you give a few hours of your time from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to guide, motivate and supervise their learning. A time table can be charted with subjects and timing per week to render maximum learning benefits to your ward. The MCQ tests must definitely be monitored by the parents to ensure good and useful outcomes.

This aspect of spending quality time with your ward is priceless and if well utilised can give a wholistic benefit in the long run.

Thus, in these difficult times, acceptance of our situation and working within the realms of what we have will maximise our productivity. I take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your unstinted support and cooperation. I pray for the safety of the entire St. Thomas family and hoping that we can see each other soon.

Thank you one and all.

Rev. Siby Abraham Mathew

Principal