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<u>Annual Report – Academic Year 2020-21</u>

"MAY BE THERE IS A ROAD AHEAD OF IT,

MAY BE THERE IS A NEW WORLD DOWN THE ROAD

WALKING FORTH IS THE ONLY PLIGHT

BECAUSE WE DIDN'T COME THIS FAR TO COME THIS FAR ONLY"

This report is comprised of the achievements made during the year gone by and at the same time set the path for greater accomplishments in the years to come. This Annual Report enumerates the labour of love and all the activities of

Georgian Public School during the academic year 2020-21.

The Academic year 2020-21 has been a year with a difference as the pandemic was sudden and it changed the whole scenario of education. It was indeed a rough path of trials and successes. The year got over with children not entering the gates of the schools and where the schools went to them virtually. Never in our dreams we thought such a situation would be in front of us.

With an optimistic look we took up the challenge as an opportunity and made learning possible for all our students. Virtual classrooms became the new normal and technology became our savior and partner and teachers became the true Covid warriors by providing uninterrupted learning.

This is our 16th year and we are proud and honored to say that we have etched a visible path of success and trodden a long way towards our vision of contributing global citizens who can change this world.

I am privileged to be the Principal of this dream abode of education and to present this annual report of the glorious saga of achievements of GPS during the year 2020-21. On June 5th, the bugle for the eventful academic year 2020-21 was sounded for the 269 students, 25 teaching staff and 12 non teaching staff. Today as I present this report the student population has blossomed to 271 from Grade I to Grade X. With God Almighty's blessing guidance and support from the church we have been motivated to do our best for every Georgian Child.

The school started its Online Classes for the students of Grade IX and X in the month of April and continued in May too with a short break in between. During the month of May, the management and staff were proactive and made extensive plans and trainings to make virtual learning to be the best. It was not an easy task to convince and equip the parents to this big change that happened in the learning platform. In spite of all the hurdles we opened online school for

all the students on June 5th, 2020. Google Meet, Google Classrooms and YouTube videos and recorded videos sent through Whatsapp were used to make learning effective and possible.

Overall Results

Very soon we got the positive news that our fifth batch of Grade X students who appeared for the CBSE Board Exams scored 100% pass like the other four batches.

During the academic year 2019-20, 18 students appeared for the CBSE examination.11 students scored First class and 7 students with second class. Aryananda Ashok was the topper of the school.

To empower our academic staff we had a professional development we had continuous online training programmes on NEP, Blended Learing, Art Integration, CBE etc conducted by COE, Diksha, Sahodaya and also in house training programmes by the school. It has been a year of continuous new learning for the school teachers and they really equipped themselves to unlearn and relearn to suit to the new virtual learning platform.

Close to the heels of the school opening we had our virtual Investiture Ceremony where Angelina Sara Eapen and Joshan M Cherian were vested with the posts of School President and Prime Minister along with other 14 leaders.

Objectives for the academic year 2020-21

To deliver curriculum efficiently with the help of online platform

• The objective relates to the mission of providing quality education in a facilitative, challenging and positive environment. This objective is an ongoing process as due to uncertain situations like pandemics the students were to be tutored individually at their homes. So to deliver curriculum effectively the teachers were trained. The school believes that each child is unique and grooming them is very essential. The so the platform of Google Meet, Google Classrooms, Georgian LMS and various tools were introduced to teachers to deliver the teaching effectively

To train teachers in online evaluation process

• The objective is related to the mission of providing quality education in a facilitative and challenging environment. During the pandemics the online platform was the only accessible platform to deliver the curriculum so assessment of the same was also an important aspect. The teachers were

acquainted with the various assessment tools to be used effectively to complement the teaching learning process.

To equip the stakeholders with online teaching virtual platform

• The objective relates to mission of providing quality education in a facilitative, challenging and positive environment. During pandemics the responsibility of the school to take care of the holistic development of the children with the help of parents increased .To meet this challenge the school trained all the stakeholders and equipped them with this platform to use it effectively to meet the teaching learning process, assessment process and timely communication for improvements.

To integrate Art with education

• The objective relates to mission of providing quality education in a facilitative, challenging and positive environment .The curriculum is designed by integrating art. The appreciation and the way art is a way of expression is taught to the students.

Academics:

GPS being a pace setting institution we implemented new programs in teaching and learning. The new Art Integrated Learning recommended by CBSE was introduced. Assessments which included unit tests, periodic tests and half yearly/annual exams were conducted on the online mode using various tools. In February the school was partially opened for Grade 10 until mid March. A Pre Board exam was conducted during this period and revisions done to prepare the students for the board exams.

Health and Physical Education continued in the online mode with Yoga, Zumba, Dance and other physical activities in association with Kerala Olympic Association. As the CBSE recommends life skills and personality development was given more focus and various online workshops and contests were held for the students so that they get a wide rostrum to improve their skills and talents. The initiative of the school that was started in the school 2 years back of NEWS TIME was continued in the online mode and Children's edition of Times of India was sent to them for reading. This improved the reading habits of our children and kept them updated.

GPS caters to all students and special care is given to children with learning disabilities. Remedial classes were also conducted by teachers. Grade IX and X students are given extra support in learning by peer learning, workshops, presentations and past paper practice.

Celebration of National and International Days

Life is a celebration and Georgians are known for imbibing this virtue in their lives. So every important day is of national and international relevance is celebrated at GPS. World Environment Day, Yoga Day, Reading Week, Independence Day, Teachers Day, Kerala Piravi, World Toilet Day, UN DAY, International Friendship Day and Children's Day were some that gave global perspective to our students. Assemblies on themes were organised by each class and videos of it were shared on our You tube Channel.

World Environmental Day

Students celebrated the World Environmental Day on June 8th by planting fruit trees as this year we had **MY FRUIT TREE CHALLENGE** and also making some recycled craft. Children were made aware of NOT WASTING FOOD and also had **Recycled Recipe Contest**. A special WED Assembly was also conducted.

Reading Day Celebration

Reading day, commemorating P.N.Paniker was observed through a virtual assembly on 19th June. **FACE A BOOK CHALLENGE** was given to the students where they had to read a book and talk about it. Reading Quiz also was conducted online.

International Yoga Day

A special assembly was held on 21st June and children shared Yoga videos done by them in their classes. The special Yoga Workshop by KOA was also attended by the senior students and teachers.

Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day:

Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day were observed through virtual programmes on August 6 and 9. Talks promoting peace, digital posters were designed by the students of STD IX and X.

Independence Day:

We celebrated the Independence Day through various colorful programmes. Principal and staff hoisted the flag at 9am on 15th August. There were no students to attend this. But online functions were there with variety programmes by children.

Onam Celebration:

Onam celebration was colorful through it was conducted in a virtual platform. The virtual celebration was organized by the students of class VII, VIII and IX.

National Teachers Day:

September 5th, National Teachers Day was celebrated in our school with a variety of virtual programmes. It was a surprise tribute by the students of Grade X. They honoured each teacher on the virtual platform and the theme was CLASSIC BLUE COVID WARRIORS. They even presented a humoristic video on the online trials and errors of the teachers.

<u>Fit India Freedom Run:</u>

Our students took part vigorously in the central Govt. programme- Fit India Freedom Run from September 30th to Oct 2nd.

Rashtiya Ekta Diwas:

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas(National integrity Day) was observed by the students. All the students took the pledge of National Unity and Integrity

Kerala Piravi:

Kerala Piravi celebration was celebrated in our school with colorful programmes virtually. Children in Tradition dress performed various programmes on the virtual platform.

Children's Day:

Teachers gave a surprise to the students by performing various programmes for the children on the theme **YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE**. This was a very emotional moment for the teachers and students as they realized how much they missed their presence.

Christmas Celebrations:

Christmas was a celebration of 25 days with the Advent Calendar where children did a Christmas Tree ornaments with recycled items. The purpose was to use only handmade Christmas decorations this year. We had a colorful virtual Christmas Celebration, children from all classes, participated in the program vigorously. The celebrations became jovial and colorful with different programs like Crib making, Tree ornament making, Santa Clause Fancy dress, Cards, carols etc.

Workshops

We at GPS believe in giving a wider exposure to our parents and students by taking them beyond the class rooms. With this in mind many talks and workshops are held for both students and parents online. Mrs Shibi Anand had class on parenting and online guidance for the parents. Online talks on Becoming Self Oriented Learners and 21st Century Skills were held for the students.

EK BHARATH SHRESTA BHARATH PROGRAMME

The EBSB programme introduced by CBSE to promote unity and understanding of other cultures was welcomed with open arms by Georgians. As our paired state was Himachal Pradesh, children were asked to do research and present projects on it. The art forms and culture of HP was included in the curriculum and learning process. Dance, Pahadi songs, costumes, art works and other cultural programmes of HP were presented as videos by the students of all classes and uploaded in the school's YT Channel.

GPS Health Programme:

Health is an important aspect and our children are given tips and encouraged to live a healthy lifestyles. As part of this every Friday is marked as 'Fruity Friday'. where everyone eats a fruit. But the most popular of our health programme in 'Eat Given Campaign 'Where children grow their own micro greens at home and make salads and eat with their family. Hand washing procedures and other Covid protocols to be followed were taught on a regular basis.

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The School Management Committee is constituted as per CBSE affiliation by laws. The following were the committee members. Rev. Fr. A.V.Varghese, Mrs. Libi Elizabeth Mukesh, Mrs. Nini Abraham, Mr. Franklin Mathew, Mrs. Liza Korulla, Mrs. Vimala Joseph, Mr. Ratheesh Kumar L, Mrs. Lizzy George, Prof. Kurian Kunju, Mrs. Merina Aruja, Mr. Johnson P. Thomas, Mr. Sherry M. Paret, Mr. Rony P. Joseph, Mr. Akhil Mathew Philip, Mrs. Sinnu Thomas, Mrs. Manu George

SMC meetings were conducted virtually through Google Meet and the committee monitored the smooth functioning of the school .SMC gave all mental and emotional support throughout academic year.

Parent Teacher Association

The school's PTA plays a significant role in building effective cooperation and partnership between home and school. Periodic meetings are held to facilitate effective interaction. A PTA General Body Meeting was held in June and Mr Ratheesh Kumar L was elected as the PTA President along with other class representatives. Open Houses were held after periodically to interact with teachers and get a feedback. Whatsapp is used effectively by forming class groups and sharing students achievements, programmes, homeworks, notes for absentees and also children's art and craft works.

We hope to move forward with our priorities, innovation in our educational programmes, intellectual ambitions and globalization in education. In the end I would like to quote an extract from "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" written by Robert Frost to express our way forward. This is on behalf of entire Georgian family.

"The woods are lovely, dark and deep

But we have promises to keep

And miles to go before we sleep

And miles to go before we sleep".

Thank you!