

# DEAR TEACHERS, STUDENTS, OLD BOYS AND WELL-WISHERS

I am happy to get in touch with you all through this leaflet which, in brief carries all the events and affairs took place at St. Patrick's during the academic year 2021. The College reopened for the new academic year on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2021. We hoped that there would be no disruptions due to Covid-19. However, all the activities came to a halt on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021. The College was kept shut for more than six months. Even though the College was closed for classroom activities, the teachers and students engaged in their teaching and learning via zoom and Microsoft Teams. Thanks to our teachers and especially to our old Patricians for their timely generosity to equip the College with necessary computer facilities and smart rooms to conduct the online classes successfully. We reopened the College again on 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2021 and it was really a happy moment to see our children back to school in their uniform with smiles on their faces and the beautiful green and gold school bags on their shoulders.

Christmas is a time of hope which brings happiness and joy into our lives. The whole world is struggling to survive due to the pandemic. We have lost a few who are dear to us and many who are known to us. Our hope for the future was shaken but not completely shattered. Christmas is a time to strengthen our shaken hope once again by looking at the peaceful smile on the face of the infant Jesus.

Thank you so much for all your support throughout this year. We gratefully remember all our generous donors who support various scholarship programs. Our sincere thanks to all who happily render their physical, financial, material and moral support to our college. May God bless your good work. Happy Christmas and New Year.

## OUR RECTOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



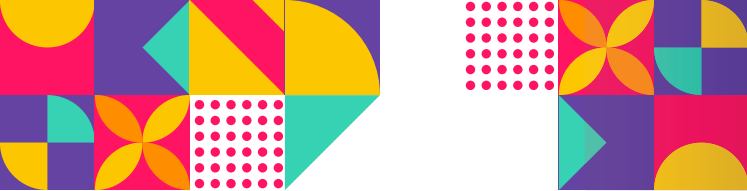
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# SANT PATRICK'S COLLEGE



## Christmas

SPECIAL RELEASE



## The Rector's Day 2021

The Patrician Family celebrated the Rector's Day on 15th Feb. 2021 when Fr. Rector celebrated his 46th Birthday. Fr. Rector offered a thanksgiving mass with the staff and students. May God bless our Rector.

## St. Patrick's Day 2021

St. Patrick's Day celebrations were held on a minor scale this year. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the Festive Masses were offered in four different sections of the College (including the Cathedral) on 17th March 2021. A very few retired teachers and old boys attended the mass in the Chapel. Students were in their school uniform as classes were conducted after the mass. During the interval, students enjoyed refreshments with their respective class teachers in their classrooms.

## Installation of New Prefects

The installation of the new Board of Prefects for the year 2021/2022 took place during the morning assembly at the College. 35 students were elected by voting of the staff and students and installed as the College Prefects by Fr. Rector. The Deputy Head Prefects are Mas V. Aijn Desno and K. Vinus and the Head Prefect is Mas A. Arnold. We wish them good luck in their new responsibilities.



## Christmas Carols

Christmas Carols due to covid-19 restrictions were held in all the sections of the College on 21st and 22nd Dec. 2021

## Siramadhana to Prevent Dengue

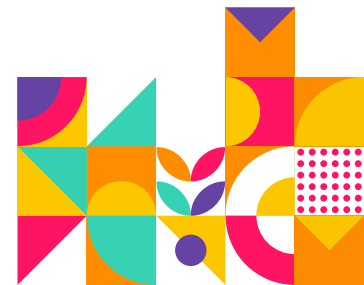
The Dengue Prevention week was observed from 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> December. A special Siramadhana was organised during the week in the College compound by the Dengue Prevention Committee. Thanks to all the students and teachers who made it successful.

## Primary Section Prefects installation

Selected students from the Primary Section were appointed as Prefects by Fr. Rector during the morning assembly on January 25, 2021. Mas. S. Ashen was appointed as the Head Prefect and Mas.T.N. Teron as the Deputy Head Prefect. Wish you all the best.

## Interview for Grade 1 Admission

The interview for the Grade 1 - Admission for the academic year 2022 took place on 6th Nov. 2021 at the College. The Patrician Community wishes good luck to all its new kids.





## Global Patricians Forum

A new chapter was written in the history of St. Patrick's with the establishment of the Global Patricians Forum which would unite representatives of the old boys alumni around the globe to address the needs of the College in a more efficient way. The Forum was inaugurated by the manager of the College, Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin B. Gnanapragasam after the St. Patrick's Day Festive Mass which was specially offered for the staff and the global Patricians via online (Zoom) on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021 in the College Chapel.

## Annual Requiem Mass

The Annual Requiem Mass organised by the Jaffna OBA for the deceased members of the Patrician Family and the Holy Family Convent (past Rectors, Principals, staff, old boys and girls, workers and well-wishers) was offered at the College Chapel on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 5.00 p.m. A limited number of staff and students from both schools participated in the mass and prayed for the repose of the departed souls. The participants were given refreshments after the mass. Sincere thanks to all the Committee Members of the Jaffna Patrician OBA for organising the event beautifully.



## The Visit of German Ambassador to St. Patrick's

Hon. Holger Seubert, the German Ambassador for Sri Lanka visited the College on 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021. St. Patrick's has been teaching the German language to the students for the last eight years. The language project has so far been successful and the students are very enthusiastic in learning German. The ambassador had a meeting with the German language learners and enjoyed the events performed by the students both in German and Tamil. It is also noted that the Director and Coordinator of Goethe institute (German Institute) Colombo visited our College on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021.

## Tree Planting Events

Students of the Primary Section participated in a Tree Planting Event on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021. They planted trees around the primary compound.

Another Tree Planting Event was held at the College by the members of the Rotaract Club of Jaffna Peninsula on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021. They presented and planted some trees along with the student members of our College Interact Club.

## Release of Technology Review

Our teacher Mr. J. Michael, for the benefit of his students released a Technology Review on 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2021. It was a very useful book for both the teachers and students. We congratulate and appreciate the hard work of our dear teacher.

## St. Patrick's mourns the loss of our dear teachers

The Patrician Family was deeply shocked to hear the untimely death of our dear teacher Mr. V. Balaruban in a tragic train accident. The accident occurred near the Punkankulam railway station in the morning of 7th Feb. 2021. His remains was brought to the College in the evening to pay our last respect and on the following day our teachers and students attended the cremation ceremony.

13th June 2021 brought us a shocking news of the demise of our beloved retired teacher Mrs. John Ariyathas (Mallika Miss). She was infected by Covid-19 and admitted in the general hospital. Her condition became very critical and was shifted to the ICU where she passed away in the early morning (13th June 2021). Mallika Miss was a very dedicated teacher rendering her valuable service to the students and the College for 34 long years.

Mr. K. Anandarajah (Velmaran Sir) who taught at St. Patrick's College for many years left us on 18th Nov. 2021. He has nurtured many hundreds of students as an excellent Tamil teacher. His remains was brought to the College on 23rd Nov. and the staff and students offered him their prayers and grateful tribute.

Prof. K. Nageswaran, a former Tamil teacher (from 1994 to 1996) of our College passed away on 14th Dec. 2021. He was born in Nainativu and lived in Colombo. He was a retired professor of the University of Sabaragamuwa.

The Patrician family is ever grateful to our beloved teachers and cherishes their loving memories. May their souls rest in eternal happiness.



### OUR GRATITUDE

We extend our sincere thanks to all the teachers, students, individual old boys, old-boys' associations, well-wishers and friends for their support, help, monetary & material donations for the development of the college. May God bless you all.

## Congratulations!!

Mas. L. Abishline got the 1st Place in the Regional Comic Competition 2020 in A1 Level (German Language).

G. C. E. O/L and A/L Results 2020:

The Patrician Family is much pleased to congratulate our students who are very successful in their public exams in the midst of many obstacles due to the pandemic. We sincerely thank and congratulate all the teachers who worked hard for our students' success.

Mas. A. Desvin was one of the two cricket players selected from the Jaffna district for the 21-day Residential Training Camp for the Sri Lanka youth Cricketers organized by Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC). The training camp took place at the Pallekelle International Cricket Stadium.

Mas. Rajasekaran Kanindran won the Gold Medal in the Premier Information Technology Competition conducted by the Yarl IT Club. He was awarded the Gold Medal for the Best Innovative Product, "Customised Jeep" in the Provincial Level at the Season 10 of Yarl Geek Challenge – Junior.

Mas J. Lude Dishan won the 3rd place in the National Karate Virtual Kata Championship 2021 under 14/15 Years Male Kata.



# SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND MOTIVATIONAL TALKS

TIME	TOPIC	TARGET GROUP	CONDUCTED/DELIVERED BY...
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Exploring Motivation and Leadership – a talk via Zoom	The College Prefects	Mr. Raymond Santiago from Canada (Former President of Canada OBA)
10 <sup>th</sup> July	A Seminar on Physics via Zoom	Maths and Bio Streams students (2021)	Dr. T. Pathmathas, Head of the Physics Department, University of Jaffna (Old Patrician – 1992)
17 <sup>th</sup> July	A Seminar on Chemistry via Zoom	same as above	Mr. S. Thillainathan from Colombo (Former Teacher of St. Patrick's)
13 <sup>th</sup> Sep. – 21 <sup>st</sup> Sep.	Capacity Development Workshop via Zoom	Primary Teachers of SPC and J/Holy Family Convent	Dr. T. Mukunthan, Mr. Anton Dias and others (organized by SPC 1992 batch)
25 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	Use of Multimedia in Teaching – a workshop via Zoom	Teachers from Gr 6 to 13	Mr. Anton Dias from Colombo (Old Patrician -1992)
28 <sup>th</sup> Sep., 1 <sup>st</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	A Study Camps via Zoom for preparing the A/L students for the forthcoming final exams.	All Advanced Level Students of SPC	Dr. M. Pathmarajah from London (Former President of U.K. O.B.A.)
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	A motivational talk in Mathews Hall	All Advanced Level Students of SPC	Major General H. Luxman David from Canada (Former President of OBA, Colombo)
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	A Seminar to Promote Jaffna Healthy City	Representatives of old boys and parents	Organised by SPC Health Committee and Sponsored by WHO
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	"Open Educational Resources to empower teachers"	Maths and Science Teachers	Prof. J. C. N. Rajendra, Department of Physics, Open University, Sri Lanka (Old Patrician)
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Tips for preparing for and writing the exams in more effective ways.	A/L Students (2022 and 2023)	Prof. J. C. N. Rajendra
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	"Train the Trainer" workshop to teach important skills to respond in emergencies and help save lives	The American Corner Jaffna volunteers & SPC Students	U.S. Embassy coordinated with Sri Lanka Life Saving



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