

THE ALPHONSITES

The Newsletter from St. Alphonsus Academy



Rev. Dr. John Mathew C.Ss.R

Manager & Correspondent
St. Alphonsus Academy

Dear Readers,

It gives me immense joy to present this edition of our Academy Newsletter, which captures the vibrant and meaningful journey of our institution from October 2025 to January 2026. This period has been a season of celebration, gratitude, and achievement, reflecting the rich cultural heritage and the extraordinary talents of our students.

The months were filled with the joyful celebration of Christmas, reminding us of hope, peace, and the spirit of giving. We also celebrated the harvest festivals, which instilled in our students a deep appreciation for gratitude, tradition, and the blessings of God. These celebrations not only strengthened our cultural values but also fostered unity and belonging within our Academy family.

Education is not merely the acquisition of certificates but the formation of minds and character. As Nelson Mandela wisely said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." In this spirit, our English medium students proudly exhibited their knowledge, creativity, and scientific temper through a well-organized Science Exhibition. It was inspiring to witness young minds exploring, discovering, and presenting innovative ideas with confidence.

Another significant milestone during this period was the graduation ceremonies of our High School and Pre-University students. Graduation is not the end but the beginning of greater responsibilities and opportunities. It is a moment of pride for students, parents, and teachers alike, marking the fruit of years of dedication, discipline, and perseverance.

I thank God Almighty for His tremendous blessings upon our Academy. His guidance has been our strength in every endeavor. I also express my sincere appreciation to my administrative team and staff members who worked tirelessly and wholeheartedly to make each event meaningful and successful. Their commitment and teamwork are the pillars of our progress.

I extend my special thanks to Mr. Samuel for his dedicated effort in bringing out this Newsletter on time and documenting the life and achievements of our Academy so beautifully.

Let us continue to strive for excellence, remembering that "The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you." May our Academy remain a place where knowledge is nurtured, talents are celebrated, and values are strengthened.

With prayers and best wishes,

Dr. John Mathew C.Ss.R
St. Alphonsus Academy

TAMIL MEDIUM



R. MANJULA

Head Mistress, Tamil Medium

PONGAL FESTIVAL 2025-26 : HARVEST FESTIVAL

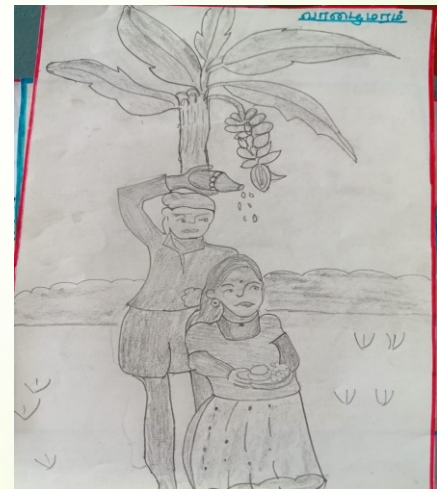
Pongal is a Vibrant four-day Tamil Harvest Festival Celebrated in Mid-January to honor the Sun God, Nature, Cattle for a bountiful harvest. Key Traditions include boiling fresh Rice with Milk and Jaggery Until it overflows symbolizing Prosperity and decorating homes with Kolams.

Working Models, and static display. These exhibition often feature topics like Environmental Sustainability, Technology and Physics, Fostering Critical Thinking teamwork and Communication skills. Also, Projects and experiments to promote Curiosity, Creativity and practical learning, Projects often include.

SCIENCE EXHIBITION :

Science is a great blessing to mankind, The World into which Science came was a World of Ignorance, suffering and hardship. Science has come to relieve us of suffering to remove our ignorance and to lighten our tool, Science is a Faithful servant of man. Transformed our daily life, providing us with necessities and luxuries, So we cannot ignore the tools & importance of Science in the modern world.

Science exhibition is an educational event where students show case Scientific Model



ENGLISH MEDIUM



Sr. Sagaya Mary .S
Head Mistress English Medium

A Science Exhibition was organised by the students from grade - 1 to grade - 7. The event was held in the 1st floor classes with great enthusiasm and excitement. It provided a platform for young minds to explore, experiment and express their ideas.

The judges of the event were Sr Jayamalini (PU), Mrs. Edgna Lopex (PU) and Shashikala (TM).

Students of grade 1 and 2 displayed models - The parts of the plants, the Solar System, Healthy and Unhealthy food etc. Their charts and working models attracted everyone's attention.

Grade 3, 4 and 5 displayed projects on types of houses, states of matter, water and environmental projects for display.

Grade 6 and 7 - More advanced models such as electric circuits, renewable and non renewable sources, working models like Volcano and water filters.

The exhibition was a great success it helped students to gain confidence and improved communication skills and understand scientific concepts in a practical way.

The Science exhibition truly reflected the creativity, talent and teamwork of the students of St. Alphonsus Academy. It was an inspiring and educational experience for everyone.



SAVE FOREST

Save forests, Save the future.

Forests are life - Protect them.

Grow trees, grow life.

Protect forests, preserve nature's balance,

Deforestation destroys life - stop it now.

Forests are treasures, not resources to waste.



SAVE WATER :

Water is important for us. We need water to live. There is no life without water. Water helps plants to grow. We depend on water. Water is precious resource. We should not waste water. We must Save Water.



HEALTHY FOODS :

Healthy foods are rich in nutrients, such as Vitamins, Minerals, Fibres, Proteins, Fats and Healthy Carbohydrates.

JUNK FOODS :

Generally low in nutrients, High in processed Sugar, Fats, Calories, that can cause many dangerous Health issues. Avoid eating junk food, as it harms our Health.

Motivational Article Failures: The Real Stepping Stones to Success

Thomas Edison once said, "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." Every great invention, discovery, or achievement in history carries a hidden story of failures behind it.

In school, we often feel discouraged when we don't get the marks we expect, when we lose a match, or when things don't go our way. But think about it: if Sachin Tendulkar had given up after getting out for a duck, or if scientists had stopped after the first rocket failed to launch, would the world ever have seen greatness?

Failures are not the end of the road—they are simply lessons that guide us toward success. Each mistake whispers, "Try again, but this time, a little differently.

So, instead of fearing failure, we should welcome it. Because every time we fall, we rise stronger, smarter, and more determined. Remember, the brightest stars shine only after the darkest nights

Creative / Fun Article

The Secret Life of a Pencil Box

Shh... don't tell anyone, but your pencil box has a secret life!

The moment you zip it shut and leave for class, the pencil box comes alive. The pencil stands tall like a leader, the eraser acts like the "problem solver," and the ruler always insists on keeping things straight. The sharpener? Oh, it's the dentist of the group, always ready to give the pencil a painful haircut!

Sometimes, the pen boasts, "I'm the most important—you can't even sign a report card without me!" The pencil laughs and says, "At least I can erase my mistakes. You can't!" Soon, the eraser jumps in and says, "Without me, neither of you would survive!" And guess what? By the time you return, they all quickly go back to being silent and innocent, waiting for you to open them again.

So, the next time you open your pencil box, remember—it may be hiding a world of tiny quarrels, friendships, and teamwork, just like us humans.

A Day Without the Internet

Imagine waking up one fine morning and discovering that the internet has simply... vanished! No WhatsApp messages, no YouTube videos, no online classes, no memes, and no scrolling through reels. Sounds impossible, right?

At first, there would be panic. Students might cheer because there are no online assignments, while teachers might breathe a sigh of relief from constant notifications. Parents, however, would be worried—"How do we pay bills? How do we check the news?"

But as the hours pass, something magical would happen. We would step outside more. Children would start playing cricket or badminton in the streets. Families would sit together at the dining table and actually talk. Friends would meet face-to-face instead of in video calls. Our notebooks would become more valuable than laptops.

Of course, life without the internet is not easy—our studies, communication, and work all depend on it. But this imaginary day teaches us one important lesson: while technology connects us to the world, real joy often comes from connecting with people around us.

So, maybe, once in a while, we should "switch off the Wi-Fi" and "switch on real life." Who knows? We might just rediscover the fun we've been missing!



HIGH SCHOOL



Sr. Udaya Bharathi
Head Mistress

Blessing of the Crib

Date: 11 December 2025

The Christmas celebrations began on a serene and prayerful note with the Blessing of the Crib ceremony. The occasion was graced by Rev. Fr. Gerald Solomon CSSR, with Rev. Fr. John Mathew CSSR, Manager and Correspondent, presiding over the event.

The crib was thoughtfully designed around the theme "Creation Welcomes the Saviour." It beautifully portrayed God's magnificent creation rejoicing at the birth of Christ. The display included a vibrant village setting, a peaceful forest scene, a flowing waterfall, and a charming Christmas village, each symbolizing harmony and life.

Special emphasis was given to God's creation of life, represented through figures of animals and birds, reflecting the beauty and diversity of nature. The presence of the first humans, Adam and Eve, highlighted the beginning of humanity and the divine plan of salvation, culminating in the birth of Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

The programme featured soulful dance performances by students of Classes 1, 4, and 5, who expressed the joy of Christ's birth through graceful movements. A melodious Carol Singing session, thoughtfully organized by Mrs. Christina Mark, filled the atmosphere with cheer and joy; adding depth and meaning to the celebration, students of 4th and 7th standards enacted a skit that beautifully conveyed the message of love, humility, and hope associated with Christmas.

The event was conducted in a deeply prayerful ambience, reflecting the true essence of the season. Students participated with great enthusiasm and reverence, making the ceremony spiritually enriching and memorable.

Celebration of Christmas

Date: 20 December 2025

The school witnessed a vibrant and joyous Christmas Celebration, filled with music, dance, and festive spirit. The occasion was honoured by the presence of Dr. Gerard Abreo and family as the Guest of Honour, whose presence added warmth and grace to the celebration.

The programme began with a cordial welcome by Mrs. Monica, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the Guest of Honour. A meaningful prayer session led by Mrs. Shoba and team set a reverent tone for the celebration. The welcome address delivered by Mrs. Asha highlighted the significance of Christmas as a festival of love, peace, and sharing. One of the highlights of the programme was a special violin performance by three of Dr. Gerard Abreo's talented children, who beautifully showcased a marvellous blend of Christmas carols. Their melodious performance was thoroughly enjoyed by both staff and students and received warm appreciation from the audience.

The celebration continued with a touching Nativity Play coordinated by Mrs. Rohana, which vividly depicted the birth of Christ and conveyed the message of hope and salvation. This was followed by a harmonious choir performance led by Mrs. Christina, adding a devotional atmosphere to the programme.

Colourful and energetic dance performances by students of Classes 1 to 4, coordinated by Mrs. Babitha and Mrs. Sagaya Mary, along with a lively folk dance by students of the 5th and 7th standards, coordinated by Mrs. Anusuya K and Mrs. Velanganni Mary, added great vibrancy to the celebration. A spirited high school dance coordinated by Mr. Arun Xavier further enhanced the festive mood. The Kindergarten dance, coordinated by Mrs. Shyla Mathew, was well appreciated for its innocence and charm.

The audiences were inspired by the address delivered by Dr. Gerard Abreo, followed by a meaningful message from Rev. Fr. John Mathew CSSR, Manager and Correspondent. The programme concluded with prize distribution and a heartfelt vote of thanks by Mrs. Shashikala. The Christmas celebration was a grand success, made possible through the collective efforts and wholehearted contribution of the staff and students. The programme beautifully reflected unity, cultural values, and the true spirit of Christmas, leaving lasting memories for all who were present.



JAN - 2026

26-01-2026, Republic Day

May the spirit of our constitution guide us towards truth, unit, and progress.

Chief Guest - Rev. Fr. Dr. John Mathew.

25-01-2026 - Voters day

National Voters day is Celebrated annually in India on 25 January to mark the foundation day of Election Commission of India. It established by the Government of India in order to encourage more young voters to take part in the political process, and first celebrated 25 January 2011.

The theme of National voters Day 2026 is "My India, My Vote", with a tagline of citizen at the Heart of Indian Democracy.

14-01-2026.

Makar Sankranti :

Makar Sankranti, also referred to as uttarayana Makara or simply Sankranti, is a Hindu Observance and a mid winter harvest festival in India and Nepal. It is typically celebrated on 14 January annually, this occasion marks the transition of the sun from the Zodiac of sagittarius to capricorn.

LIFE

Life is a bumpy ride,
Which you can't avoid,
It has twists and turns,
Verily it churns,
It entails trials and tribulations,
It takes you to the unexpected destinations,
It rewards abundantly,
If you voyage passionately,
when it throws the gauntlet,
Pick it up and wear as an armlet,
Let your story be starry,
And your persona flowery,
Come what may, just blossom,
Life will place you in its warm blossom,
Don't seek the divine intervention,
Living life to the fullest is the real salvation.

Sunitha Mary B.



PU COLLEGE

Annual Sports Day – Special Report St. Alphonsus College Reporter Opening



Sr. A.G. Jeyamalini
M.Sc.B Ed.
Principal



Mrs. Irene Mary .K
M.A.B.Ed
Vice Principal

"Good evening! Reporting from the vibrant campus of St. Alphonsus College, where the Annual Sports Day was celebrated on November 21st with great enthusiasm and competitive spirit." The college ground came alive with energy as students, faculty, and parents gathered to witness a spectacular display of athletic talent and teamwork.

Inaugural Ceremony

The event began with a grand March Past by the four houses – Red, Blue, Green, and Yellow. Their discipline and coordination set a perfect tone for the day.

The Chief Guest, M. P. Srinivas, inspired the gathering with his motivating words and officially declared the Sports Meet open. "The Guest of Honour, Dr. John Mathew, appreciated the efforts of the students and emphasized the importance of physical fitness and sportsmanship." The sports oath was administered, reminding participants to compete with fairness and integrity."

Track Events Highlights

The track events kept everyone on the edge of their seats:

100 meters sprint

200 meters race

400 meters race

4 × 100 meters relay

The relay competition between Red, Blue, Green, and Yellow houses was one of the most thrilling moments of the day, with each team displaying remarkable speed and coordination.

Special Attraction – Parents' Race

A special highlight of the event was the Parents 100 meters running race. The cheering crowd and joyful participation made it a memorable and heartwarming moment for everyone present.

Prize Distribution Ceremony

The day concluded with a grand prize distribution ceremony. Winners were awarded medals and trophies amidst loud applause. The overall house championship added excitement and pride to the celebration."

Reporter Closing

In conclusion, the Annual Sports Day at St. Alphonsus College on November 21st was not just about competition, but about unity, determination, and excellence. "This is St. Alphonsus College reporting from the campus grounds. Back to the studio."

GRADUATION DAY REPORT (2025–2026)

"With hope in our hearts and knowledge in our hands, we step forward to create a brighter tomorrow."

Graduation Day for the academic year 2025–2026 was celebrated with great joy and pride on 2nd February 2026 at St. Alphonsus PU College. The programme commenced at 2:00 PM and concluded at 5:00 PM, leaving behind beautiful memories filled with gratitude, emotion, and hope for the future.

The event was coordinated by Ms. Stella and Ms. Rithika, who carefully organized the programme to reflect the theme "Hope of Tomorrow" a reminder that every ending marks a new beginning.

The programme began with a warm introduction, followed by a solemn prayer service led by Ms. Edgna, Mr. Jagdish, and Mrs. Adeeba, invoking God's blessings upon the graduates as they prepared to embark on a new journey.

The ceremonial lighting of the lamp symbolized knowledge, wisdom, and enlightenment. The 1st PUC girls presented a graceful welcome dance. Our respected Principal then delivered the welcome address, inspiring students with words of encouragement and guidance.

The Annual Report of the academic year was presented, highlighting the achievements and milestones of the institution. Vishalini of II CEBA and James of II HEBA shared their heartfelt experiences, reflecting on the memories, challenges, and growth they experienced during their time in the college. A parent representative also expressed gratitude and appreciation on behalf of the current batch.

The celebration continued with a melodious musical performance by the II HEBA boys, which was warmly appreciated by the audience.

One of the most awaited moments of the day was the distribution of awards. Students were recognized for their talents and excellence in various categories including discipline, voluntary service, academics, regular attendance, spirit of resilience, best art, and best outgoing students. The common graduation awards were also presented, honoring the achievements of the graduating batch.

The Chief Guest Mr. Elvis Joseph addressed the gathering with motivating words, encouraging students to pursue their dreams with confidence and integrity. This was followed by an inspiring speech by the Manager and correspondent Rev. Dr. Fr. John Mathew of St. Alphonsus.

A touching memories video was screened, bringing smiles, laughter, and even tears, as students relived their cherished moments in the college. The programme concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by our Vice Principal Mrs. Irene Mary. Refreshments were then served to all students.

On this special occasion, we express our sincere gratitude to the Management for their constant support in making this event a grand success. We extend our special thanks to our Manager and correspondent Rev. Dr. John Mathew, our Principal, Sr. Jeyamalani, our Vice Principal, Mrs. Irene Mary, and the Vice Principal of the Evening Degree College, Mrs. Shylaja, for their unwavering dedication and encouragement.

We also thank our colleagues for their wholehearted cooperation and support in organizing the event. A special note of gratitude goes to our beloved ex-students who generously sponsored the decorations, chairs, and music system, making the celebration even more memorable and meaningful.

Graduation Day 2025–2026 was not just a ceremony, but a celebration of dreams, hard work, friendships, and growth. As we bid farewell to our students, we do so with pride and hope — believing that they will carry forward the values of St. Alphonsus PU College and shine brightly wherever they go.

With hope in our hearts and gratitude in our words, we cherish this beautiful milestone and look forward to the success stories yet to be written.

Ms. Stella and Ms. Rithika, Event coordinator

INTER-CLASS CULTURAL FEAST – A TRIBUTE TO St. GERARD MAJELLA

Our institution proudly organized an Inter-Class Cultural Feast to celebrate the 300th birth anniversary of St. Gerard Majella, a visionary whose remarkable contributions have laid a strong foundation for our institution's growth and values. This grand celebration was not only a tribute to his legacy but also a vibrant platform to showcase the immense talents of our students.

The event was thoughtfully designed to reflect the spirit of creativity, unity, and youthful enthusiasm. A wide range of both onstage and offstage competitions were conducted, encouraging participation for students. Onstage events included music, dance, drama, and fashion show, while offstage competitions such as poster-making, essay writing, rangoli, cooking without fire and best out of waste added depth and diversity to the celebration.

The response from students was overwhelming. Many enthusiastic participants showcased their talents with confidence and dedication, making the event lively and memorable. Esteemed judges were invited to evaluate the performances with fairness and expertise. The best performers were recognized and awarded prizes, celebrating their hard work and excellence.

We sincerely thank our respected Manager Rev. Dr. John Mathew for his constant guidance, encouragement, and unwavering support. His cooperation enabled us to organize the event smoothly and arrange thoughtful and meaningful gifts for the participants and winners. His vision and leadership truly made this celebration a grand success.

On a personal note, I feel deeply honored and grateful to have been given the opportunity to serve as the coordinator for this significant event. It was a wonderful learning experience and a proud moment in my journey as a faculty member. I extend my heartfelt thanks to every staff member, participant, and well-wisher who contributed to making this Inter-Class Cultural Feast a resounding success.

Together, we not only celebrated a historic milestone but also strengthened the spirit of unity, creativity, and gratitude within our campus.

Priya Jaiswal

C.Sc. Lecturer
PU Department



EVENING DEGREE COLLEGE



Rev. Dr. John Mathew, C.Ss.R

Principal

St. Alphonsus Evening Degree college



Kumari Mary Shylaja .R

M.Com, MBA, M.Phil

Vice Principal



Teaching at St. Alphonsus Degree Evening College has been an immensely gratifying odyssey for me, Assistant Professor Baldwin A, from the English Department. The institution's vibrant academic milieu and the students' palpable enthusiasm render each class a delight to instruct. What truly distinguishes this experience is the management's steadfast support—they exhibit a genuine commitment to staff well-being and professional development, maintaining an open-door policy and extending assistance at every juncture. This nurturing atmosphere

empowers me to employ innovative pedagogical strategies, including gamified learning and creative methodologies, thereby animating lessons and fostering engagement. The collaborative esprit de corps among faculty, coupled with the management's dedication to excellence, cultivates an environment where both educators and students flourish. I am profoundly grateful to be part of this dynamic community and anticipate many more inspiring years here.

Baldwin A

Assistant Professor

Department of English



St. Alphonsus Degree Evening College has been a wonderful place for my teaching journey. As Assistant Professor Hemanth Kumar, I have had the privilege of teaching Commerce here, and the experience has been truly rewarding. The students are enthusiastic, curious, and eager to learn, which makes every lecture lively and engaging. The management is extremely supportive, always encouraging staff to innovate and grow professionally. Their open-door policy and willingness to help create a warm, collaborative environment. Teaching Commerce at this institution has allowed me to share knowledge, inspire young minds, and develop my own skills as an educator. I feel proud to be part of such a dynamic and nurturing community.

Mr. Hemanth Kumar

Assistant Professor
Department of Commerce



I am Aftab, a proud student of II Semester B.Com at St. Alphonsus Academy. Our college is not merely an institution of learning but a vibrant space where knowledge, values, and creativity grow together. The guidance of our dedicated faculty, combined with diverse academic and co-curricular opportunities, helps us discover our true potential. St. Alphonsus Academy encourages discipline, innovation, and social responsibility, shaping us into confident individuals ready to face future challenges. I feel honoured to be part of this esteemed institution and grateful for the experiences that continue to inspire my academic and personal journey.

Mohamed Aftab

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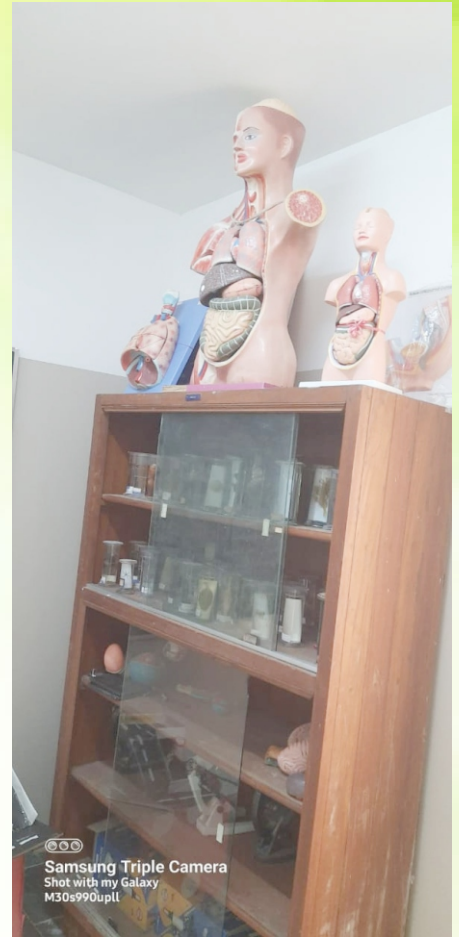


I am Rogini, a student of II Semester B.Com at St. Alphonsus Academy, where learning goes beyond textbooks and classrooms. The college provides a nurturing environment that inspires academic excellence, creativity, and personal growth. With the constant support of experienced faculty and well-structured programmes, we are encouraged to think critically and act responsibly. The vibrant campus life, enriched with cultural, academic, and social activities, helps us build confidence and leadership skills. I feel privileged to be part of St. Alphonsus Academy, an institution that shapes our dreams and prepares us for a meaningful future.

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KARNATAKA RAJYOTHSAVA CELEBRATION



ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET - 2025



21st NOVEMBER 2025, ANNUAL SPORTS DAY



Editorial :

A Season of Excellence

The third issue of **ALPHONSITE** arrives at a time of remarkable energy and enthusiasm. Within these pages, you will find a record of programs rich in quality and, more importantly, rich in the spirit of holistic development.

This publication would not be possible without the support and encouragement of **Rev. Dr. John Mathew**, whose guidance remains our cornerstone. I also extend my sincere thanks to the Heads of the Academy for their steadfast cooperation in coordinating our magazine.

Finally, we celebrate our teachers and students. From the festive magic of the Christmas program to our daily academic pursuits, your enthusiasm is what makes ALPHONSITE truly special. Enjoy this celebration of our collective achievements.

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