

# SAINT FRANCIS HOME PATHANKOT

## ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Saint Francis Home Pathankot was opened on January 3, 2022 after the Christmas vacation. However, the re-emergence of Covid-19 compelled the government total closure of all the educational institutions in Punjab. We were constrained to send back our students to their homes due to Covid-19. It was surprising to note that the senior students were reluctant to return home after the prolonged closure of the school due to Covid-19. The school remained closed till Feb 9, 2022. On February 10, 2022 the school re-opened with all the precautions prescribed by the Govt & Health authorities. It is to be noted that the individual recording of their companions' body temperature and maintaining the record become a very exciting undertaking for our senior students.

A number of students from educational training institutes preparing to be professional teachers visited Saint Francis Home and interacted with our students and staff.

One of the most famous Olympic Hockey Player of India Mr. Charles Cornelius visited Saint Francis Home with his friend Mr. PC Sharma & interacted with our senior students of Saint Francis Home. They were really impressed with interacting with an Olympian Hockey player.

The dental department of district hospital came to instruct our students how to maintain oral hygiene and health of their teeth.

The staff went for an outing to Coral Restaurant and had a nice gathering which ended with a sumptuous lunch.

Saint Francis Home is happy to place on record that the hearing impaired students did well in their public examinations conducted by the Punjab School Education Board. It is heartening to note that most of them have gone to pursue their higher studies. Let us wish them a successful future in life.

Rev. Fr. Mathew Palachuvatil was appointed as Associate Director to help Saint Francis Home in its expanding rehabilitation work and administration.

Three day seminar & training was conducted for the Childline staff of Punjab state working for the children in distress.

School closed for summer vacation on May 30, 2022 to July 1, 2022

All the students, staff & helpers were vaccinated against Covid-19.

Saint Francis Home Foundation Day was celebrated on August 6, 2022. The children enjoyed the quiet in-house celebration.



Saint Francis Home celebrated Independence day on August 15, 2022. Children participated in the programs with full gusto.



Saint Francis Home honoured its teachers by celebrating the teacher's day on September 5, 2022. Our special children went out of their way to honour their teachers and ended with a lunch.

Saint Francis HI School & staff observed the World Sign Language Day on September 23 and it given coverage by the local TV station.

The world Deaf day was celebrated by the students on September 25, 2022. They danced, they staged their cultural skills, and profusely thanked their parents, school management & their teachers for providing them an opportunity to study in order to fulfil their desire to achieve their full potential.



The Chief Judicial Magistrate of Pathankot visited Saint Francis Home to have a first -hand experience of the functioning of a special school & rehabilitation centre.

The Local Police visited the children and distributed sweets & other gifts.



Before closing for Diwali holiday on 24.10.2022, the students undertook the sale of Diwali candles which they made themselves the school vocational centre. It was an enriching experience for them.

The deaf students of SFH were invited by the Cathedral Church at Jalandhar to perform a welcome dance for the thousands of pilgrims gathered for the Marian feast. It was a classical Indian dance by the deaf students.



The Children's Day, November 14, 2022 was observed as the Annual Sports Day for the HI & Intellectually challenged children. The winners were awarded medals and trophies.







SFH students participated at the State Level Special Olympics & won many medals & trophies for the various events and won Runners-up Trophy of Punjab Special Olympic Meet 2022. ru



The world disability day was observed on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022. The special children presented a number of cultural items which was enjoyed and entertained their parents & their well-wishers.





The year 2022 came to an end for SFH Pathankot on December 22, 2022 when children went home for their Christmas vacation.

By the grace of God, the year 2022 was a graceful year for our children with disabilities.

Number of Students as on December 22, 2022

MR School = 77

HI School= 78

Hostel = 65

Total Staff = 56



Hostel Students

