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Vanakkam Parents,

Thank for joining our Town-Hall Meeting Last night. We hope the information provided was valuable in aiding your children's learning and prepare for the up-coming events. As mentioned, we are now in the mid-year point in the current school year. Since September 2023, our students have had the opportunity to participate in Navarathiri Vizhla, Spelling Competition, Halloween Festivities, Maarveer Naal (Tamil Remembrance Day), Christmas/Holiday Activities, Speech Competition, Tamil Talent Exam Award Ceremony and Tamil Heritage Month Projects and Presentations and Exhibition. It has been power packed and eventual half-year of learning Tamil with SITPI ACADEMY.

SITPI takes pride in providing such opportunities to our students to learn our beautiful language and heritage and pass it on to the next generation. Thank you for your support in helping us in our past events and we look forward to seeing you in all our future events.



As we look forward to exciting events awaiting this year, here are some highlights and important upcoming updates.

HIGHLIGHTS OF SEPT 2023 - JANUARY 2024 EVENTS & IMPLEMENTATIONS:

SAT/SUN In-person Classes:

We kindly request the students and Parents' cooperation in maintaining the classroom and hallways;

1. Please supervise your young children while waiting in the hallways during drop-in or pick up.
2. Students are reminded not to touch/disturb the supplies/materials in the classrooms.
3. Saturday Classes & Gym Assembly Drop off/Pick up Coordination - Saturday 9am/9:30am class students are to be picked up by their

parents in GYM at 11:30am; 11am students are to arrive to their respective classes and drop off their backpacks and their teacher or Sitpi volunteer will escort them to the GYM for the assembly. Pick up time is 12:30pm for Level 1 & 1:20pm for Level 4,5 & 6 Students from their classrooms.

PADIMURAI TAMIL SONG/STORY COMPETITION - LEVEL 1/2/3

March 02, 2024- Timeslots have been assigned to all our students. You should have received the emails with your own timeslots. Should you have any conflicts with the time, please reach out to the Padimurai Tamil Office at +1 (416) 843-9514. Students are to perform one or two songs OR a story of their choice, that students have been preparing for a while in their classes.

MID-TERM REPORT CARDS

On January 31st, 2024, Mid-term report cards have been released on Schoolcues. Please reach out to us should you have any difficulties viewing the report cards. The Final Report Cards will be released at the end of June, with remarks from teachers.

PHOTO DAY

Date and Time- March 23rd and 24th, 2024 & Retake on April 06th, 2024

We placed an order for the uniforms in India and the shipment has been significantly delayed due to sea robbery and major flood. Its expected to arrive by next week. Tentatively we have scheduled the photo day on March 23rd and 24th and retake on April 06th.

YEARBOOKS

Student creation for the Yearbook 2024- We will be placing a bin every Saturday, starting the week after march break (March 16th). Students are to create a drawing or writing of their choice (in TAMIL) on LETTER SIZE Paper and drop them off in the bin and they will be featured in the YEARBOOK. The final creation should not be in pencil (kindly use a marker to outline writing and let it be colorful)

SITPI'S 4TH ANNUAL AANDU VIZHA/ANNUAL SHOW

SITPI's 4th Annual Show is coming up on May 05th, 2024 - 4PM. Tamil is Iyal Isai Nnaadagam. Our Aandu vizha is a great doorway for them to learn history, break out of their stage fears, increase confidence, and also the student's delivering the dialogues in Tamil and memorizing and acting will all improve their fluency in their language, TAMIL.

We would like to ensure that Aandu Vizha rehearsals & participation in performances will not conflict with their Tamil language learning in class. Class time will only be cut by 15 minutes the most during rehearsals, nothing else. All their curriculum will be completed according to plan.

1. **Annual Show Location TBD** - We had initially reserved Mary Ward, but due to some changes in the school board policy, that venue is no longer available. We have put in a request for another school and will have the invites out once the venue is confirmed hopefully by next week.
2. There will be 2 **school-wide dramas** (Velu Nachiyar & Pasuvini Kathai), O Canada and Tamil Thai Valthu, a Yoga performance and Class performances. You can choose your children's interested options in the ANNUAL SHOW GOOGLE FORM.
3. **AUDITIONS for school-wide drama (2 of them) on March 02nd 10AM-11AM.** There will be an audition for the dramas and we have sent out the partial script for students to practice and audition for any role in the drama. The scripts are posted in the Google Classroom. Students can select any characters lines and perform. **All auditioning students from all classes including weekdays are expected to come on March 02nd at 10am.** Once the cast is finalized, we will send out rehearsal schedules for school-wide performances and class performances.
4. **Rehearsals will be on Saturdays from 10:45am to 11:45am,** and we will send out the rehearsal schedules for each performances. *Level 1-3 students will practice in classes as its part of their learning. Drama cast may be required to attend additional days during the week for practice. Closer to the annual show, we may have additional days of practice for all students (the last two weeks). There will be a MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSAL FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS on May 04th. May 05th the ACTUAL ANNUAL SHOW.*
5. We do require student volunteers and parent volunteers for the annual show - kindly complete that information on the Annual Show GOOGLE FORM.
6. We do require some sponsorship. There was a small charge that was part of registration towards the annual show but that won't be sufficient to all our Aanduvizha cost. Among parents, if there is any sponsorship opportunity, if you or know anyone who may be interested in becoming a sponsor, please let us know in the GOOGLE FORM.
7. **We have sent out an ONLINE GOOGLE FORM that will include all these details and you can complete them accordingly and submit before the due date, FRIDAY MARCH 01, 2024.**

<https://forms.gle/NGccog14XNHcT1A6>

WORLD TAMIL TEACHERS CONFERENCE

This will be HISTORICAL EVENT of the year for all Tamils in Canada and Guests from all over the world. There are some notable special guests who will be in attendance including the Canadian Prime Minister(potentially), all politicians, Education Ministers, University Scholars, and Professors from Canada and Other Countries.

It's a great opportunity to create a network, share your ideas, and feedback, to learn about the Tamil instruction methods, to understand the importance of your children learning Tamil in a proper method, and the need to prioritize TAMIL over any other extracurricular activities and to essentially take TAMIL TO THE NEXT GENERATIONS.

REGISTER HERE: [LINK TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE](#)

- **Date: June 1st, 2nd & 3rd - 9am-9pm**
- **[Location: University of Toronto Scarborough Campus]**
- **Day time event - Only applicable to registered Applicants - It includes workshops and seminar Cost is \$190 (to cover 3 meals per day/3 days) & International Applicants - Accommodation and Meals will be provided**
- **Evening event on June 01, 02, 03rd (Free) - Applicable to ALL - It includes cultural shows and performances**
- **Golden opportunity** for the Evening Event- 75 students will be selected to receive coaching from the music director James Vasanthan and will get to perform at the Tamil Teachers World Conference during the evening events all 3 days. There is a cost associated with

the coaching lessons. Students will be required to pay \$300 upon registration as spots will be secured on a first come first serve basis. They will be screened and selected based on their voice and potential. If they do not get selected, the \$300 will be reimbursed. Once selected, it is the student's responsibility to commit to attending all rehearsals and the final performance. **Please take advantage of this great opportunity, especially if your child has an interest in singing! Interested parents please fill out the following form.** <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdr2gsLbeso1OueGMtB0aXm-tzUvLg9u1Rpod3cEyshvqYqNQ/viewform>

- **Volunteers** - Highschool Students or About to attend high school in Sept 2024 can become Volunteers during these 3 days. They will get their volunteer hours - they will even receive certificates signed off by the federal or provincial government acknowledging their volunteer hours.+

YEAR-END PADIMURAI TAMIL TALENT EXAM:

IN-PERSON STUDENTS - June 16th,2024; Location & Time TBA

VIRTUAL STUDENTS (Out of Province/Country Only) - June 19th, 2024; Time & Login Details TBA

The Last Day of SITPI ACADEMY's Tamil Classes

June 22nd, 2024 is the final day of classes.

SUMMER MEET 2024/ VEYILODU VILAIYAADU 2024

Tentatively scheduled for July 28th, 2024, Venue TBA.

We are scouting for a location to hold our 3rd Annual Summer Meet/ Veyilodu Vilaiyaadu. We welcome any recommendation from our SITPI COMMUNITY. We need a location that has bleachers and tracks. If you know of a place that meets our criteria, please let us know.

SITPI GIVES BACK TO EELAM

As all of you know, Sitpi has been a great supporter of many causes in Eelam. By collaborating with Nesakarangal, We have helped start-up many life-changing projects back home. There are many projects that are in the works currently and we have been prioritizing those with great needs first. We have received many private messages from parents who are interested in contributing. There is a WhatsApp group that is dedicated to these projects where the status of the projects are constantly updated. if you are interested in helping those projects, we can add you to the group, you can be part of the movement that is bettering the lives of people struggling in Eelam. We have attached Kindly reach out to Sinthu at 647-209-7449 to be added to the WhatsApp group for contributing towards these projects.

Please see attached link for the list of projects that needs to be addressed. Add your details to the excel sheet for the projects you want to contribute too. You can e-transfer the amount to sitpigivesback@gmail.com.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17vk2x-bgrRpbelt0keXbul5Ldx5e43C7ADqBSIfdhtw/edit?usp=sharing>

Thank you for your continued support to Sitpi Academy.

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Regards,

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