

**ST. GREGORIOS INDIAN ORTHODOX MAHA EDAVAKA SUNDAY SCHOOL- KUWAIT  
TALENTS SCAN 2013 (NOTICE 003/2013 Dated 30 May 2013)**

Dear Parents,

The annual SS Talent Scan Events will be held in two Groups on two different days. Group A : KG, Infants and Sub-Junior Events on Friday, 15-Nov-2013 at United Indian School Abbasiya. Group B : Juniors, Intermediate and Seniors Events on Friday, 29-Nov-2013 at United Indian School Abbasiya. Essay Competition will be held on Thursday, 21-Nov-2013 at NECK. All other items will be conducted in a single day as mentioned above. Maximum no. of Events a student can participate will be **four Single participant events** and **one Group Song event** for all classes. However a student cannot participate for both Malayalam and English Single Song. Only one can be selected from single songs. If you wish your child to participate in any of the events, please complete the attached form and return it to the Sunday School on or before 10<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2013.

Sunday School Parents Committee held on 16-May had decided to separate ACADEMIC & TALENT SCAN Performance and Rewards System. ACADEMIC Performance to include Examinations, Attendance for English Holy Qurbana and Attendance to SS Classes. It is decided to alter the REWARDS System as follows:

**TROPHIES** only eight:- Overall Student Champion of the Year – Head Masters Trophy.

Runner-up Student Champion – Trophy sponsored by Very. Rev. Elias Thomas Memorial Educational Society. Topper of each of the Six Groups - Ever Rolling Trophies sponsored in memory of Late Very Rev. Zachariah Karuvelil Cor-Episcopa. **BOOKS** for Intermediates and Seniors. **GIFTS / PRESENTATIONS** for KG, Infants, Sub-Juniors and Juniors.

Prizes to be distributed only on a single day, which is the SS Anniversary Day. Sunday School Anniversary 2013 is scheduled for Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2014, at Indian Central School Abbasiya from 3pm to 9:30pm. Points System, distribution of points for Examination, Class Attendance, Attendance for English Holy Qurbana, Group Events, Single Participant Events, Points, Criteria and Categorisation of Rewards will be reviewed, finalized by the Sunday School Parents Committee and communicated after the Summer Vacations. Judges for the competitions, considering nominations from the Prayer Group Secretaries, will be appointed by the Vicar. Last date to suggest judges' names: 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2013.

**Verses - Oral: References are required.** Verses oral is open to KG and Infants only. Verses are to be studied from the Verses book only. **Verses must be clear, legible and every verse must be clearly distinguishable to the judges with a clear stop in between verses; verses will be tape recorded for re-verification.** If the verses are not legible to the judges, the student will not get any marks. Duration: 3 minutes. Verses cannot be condensed, modified or taken from another version of the bible than what is given in the verses book.

**Verses - Writing:** Verses from the Verses Book only. References are required; Duration: 30 minutes. Special answer papers will be provided from Sunday School. Writing on any other paper will disqualify. Illegible handwriting by children to gain speed will not be accepted! Verses cannot be modified, condensed or taken from another version of the bible and should match exactly to the verses provided in the Verses Book. Verses must be numbered and sufficient space must be left between verses.

**Story Telling:** In English or Malayalam; Biblical story only; Duration: 5 minutes. Prompting by parents (action, guidance etc.) are not allowed. Total 10 points (Introduction 2, Style of Delivery 2, Content 4, Conclusion & Moral 2). Story Telling for KG, Infants and Sub-Juniors will be divided into Groups of 50 participants and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> positions will be awarded for each Group.

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<b>General Knowledge:</b>	Juniors	: The book of St. Luke
	Intermediate	: The book of St. Luke + Our Church
	Seniors	: The book of St. Luke + Our Church + Church History
	Duration	: 45 minutes

Top six GK answer sheets evaluated by SS Teachers / Judges will be revalidated and winners decided by Vicars.

**Subjects for Essay & Elocution Competitions**

<b>Juniors</b> (class 5,6)	1	Jesus' love for children
	2	Kindness
	3	The Laborers in the Vineyard (Matt.20:1-16)
<b>Intermediate</b> (class 7,8)	1	"Seek, you shall find."
	2	"Blessed are the Peacemakers"
	3	How to study the Bible.
<b>Seniors</b> (class 9,10,11)	1	The importance of Bible in the Orthodox worship and Liturgy
	2	Church's duty for social justice, based on the verse "Let justice roll on like a river." Amos 5:24.
	3	Catholicate Ratna Deepam – LL HG Geevarghese Mar Philexinos.

**Subjects for Group Song Competitions**

**KG**

1. Oliveenthal thalakaleduthooshana 4 Stanzas
2. Unnikalarthu nadhan shudhan 4 stanzas
3. Gardhabhavahanane nal 5 stanzas

**INFANTS**

1. O mariyame njan
2. Vismaya sahitham 3 stanzas
3. Modam bhoo swargangal 4 stanzas

**SUB-JUNIORS**

1. Aa samayam dayaneeyam 3 stanzas
2. Jathikale modippin
3. Deva mashihha manavare samrakshippan 3 stanza

**JUNIORS**

1. Mashihha rajavam nadhan 4 stanzas
2. Yajikkendum samayamitha 4 stanzas
3. Seeyone mashihaye krooshichole 3 stanzas

**INTERMEDIATE**

1. Rakshakanura cheythan en mai 4 stanzas
2. Dhanye mathave
3. Aaralavoo varnippan bethalahemil

**SENIORS**

1. Anthima pesaha sandye bhagyam
2. Indiyil ninnengine yerusalem 4 stanzas
3. Agnimayanmar aare nokki 4 stanzas

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**Coloring:** Picture will be provided; coloring with pencils only (crayons, paints, felt-pens etc will not be allowed); Duration: 30 minutes; Participants should bring their coloring materials.

**Single Song:** A student can only participate in either Malayalam or English song; Any Christian song in Malayalam or English is allowed; No musical instruments are allowed; Duration: 4 minutes. Can refer to songs in book or paper. Prompting by parents (action, guidance etc.) will result in disqualification. Total 10 points (Rhythm 3, Tune 3, Clarity & Correctness of words 4).

**Group Song:** Minimum 4 and Maximum 7 students in a group; 3 songs are provided for each age group and they may select any one of them for presentation. No other songs are allowed. Group Leader should write the registration number and name of his/her team members on the back of his/her enrollment form. Duration: 5 minutes, can refer to songs in book or paper; should not exceed the number of lines given; must finish within time, but not repeat lines unnecessarily to fill the time. Prompting by parents (action, guidance etc.) will result in disqualification. Total 10 points - Rhythm 3, Tune 3, Clarity & Correctness of words 4. No instruments will be allowed.

**Verses - Quick Find:** Find the called verse from the Holy Bible quickly; first round by class, winners of class round participate in finals; Duration: 30 minutes

**Essay:** Three subjects are included in this notice; one will be announced 5 minutes before the event. Writing paper will be provided; writing on any other paper will disqualify. Duration: 30 minutes. Total 20 points. (Introduction 2, depth of subject knowledge 8, biblical references 4, presentation & language 4, conclusion 2). Top six essays evaluated by SS Teachers / Judges will be revalidated and winners decided by Vicars. **Essay Competition will be held on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November from 5:30 pm at the NECK.**

**Elocution:** Three subjects are included in this notice; one will be announced 5 minutes before individual turn for speech; Duration: 3 minutes; Referring to notes or reading from written paper will result in disqualification. Subject selected for Essay will not be included for Elocution. Total 20 points (Introduction 2, Depth of Subject Knowledge 8, Biblical references 4, Presentation & Language 4, conclusion 2). Presentation & Language consists of statements, action, accent etc. Prompting by parents (action, guidance etc.) not allowed.

**Extempore Speech:** Subject will be decided by the judges and given 10 minutes before individual turn for speech; Duration: 3 mts. Referring to notes and preparing speech during the 10 minutes is allowed. However these notes cannot be used during speech which will result in disqualification. Total 20 points (Introduction 2, Depth of Subject Knowledge 8, Biblical References 4, Presentation & Language 4, Conclusion 2)

**Notes:** Minimum three participants or groups are required for each event in each category. In case of insufficient participants for any event, that event will be cancelled.

Withdrawing from events at the last moment without valid justification will result in forfeiting all points earned.

In case you need any clarifications, please contact your child's class teacher or the Sunday School Secretary Mr. Cizil Mathews Chacko (Tel: 25660684, Mobile: 94099006, eMail: [cizilmathews@yahoo.com](mailto:cizilmathews@yahoo.com)) or the Head Master.

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