

# St Lawrence High School, Kolkata

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## THE PRESENT

*St Lawrence High School* is an English medium school for *men-to-be*, offering West Bengal Board examinations – Madhyamik Pariksha under West Bengal Board of Secondary Education (WBBSE) and Uchho Madhyamik Pariksha under West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education (WBCHSE). It caters to students from classes 1-12. Various small and noteworthy steps have taken the school to a level of development acknowledged by the State of West Bengal and was awarded one of the **best schools of south Kolkata** in 2013.

## INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

### *The Portals of St. Lawrence High School...*

As we enter the Portals of St. Lawrence what is most striking to the eye is the new facelift of the School under the protective care of St. Lawrence whose statue has been installed at the entrance to welcome the students at the start of the day.

#### ➡ *The School entrance*



#### ➡ *Installation of statues at several locations across the campus*

In view of a creating a holistic and serene environment for study and development a number of statues have been installed at several locations in the campus to instill in the minds of the students and teachers a sense of sanctity and brotherhood so that they grow up to be persons for and with others and to make learning a joyful experience.



A symbol of love and care



A symbol of brotherhood

- ➔ *Lush Green School playgrounds laid with new grass and lined with seasonal flowerbeds including installation of LED lamps across the sprawling campus*

The Principal Fr. Sebastian James, SJ has worked untirelessly in the last few months to give the students a pollution free environment with two lush green playgrounds that are the heart and lungs of St. Lawrence School. The playgrounds instill a fresh breath of life into the staff and students of the school. It is just amazing to have such green fields in the heart of the city of Kolkata.



- ➔ *Staffroom renovated and relocated from the second floor to the ground floor*

The Staffroom has been renovated and relocated to the first floor with state of the art interiors for the benefits of the teachers to create a positive work environment and also to enhance discipline standards of the school.



➔ *Construction of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Apple Lab for Students and Research Lab for Teachers*

In view of the advancement of technology, the Principal of the School Fr. Sebastian James, SJ thought it wise to give the students and staff a hands-on-experience on the latest hardware and software. This includes development of new student apple computer labs, an apple lab for teachers, an astro-physics lab for research. All of this has been done to bridge the latest platforms of information and Technology with education so that students use electronic gadgets for productive and effective study, which would in turn assist them to perform par excellence in their examinations and tests. ***It would also make learning a more interactive and joyful experience which would be also very beneficial for students at large, especially for the average and less fortunate children in the classroom***



➔ ***Revamping and Face lift of the Library - Fr. Lazarus Library***

A School is a temple of learning where study resources should be easily available and accessible. With this in mind St. Lawrence High School has embarked upon the novel idea of revamping the School Library for the benefits of the students where they would be able to access a sea of resources in terms of books, encyclopedias and e-content. A digital photocopier and printer has also been installed for digitalization of the School library to make e-books available online to all students is also on the cards.



➔ ***Renovation of the stage Britto Stoa***

The Britto Stoa stage of St. Lawrence High School has been renovated and given a new facelift for the benefit of teachers and students who can now perform stage performances, have school assemblies and programmes on this new platform. The Stoa has been renovated with a modern outlook and design. Parent Teacher meetings and Prize Distribution Ceremonies are also held here.



Elocution Contest being held at the renovated Britto Stoa



Students performing at the renovated Britto Stoa

➤ *Revamping of the Chemistry Lab -Fr. Gerard Beckers SJ Chemistry Lab*



➤ *Revamping of the Biology Lab -Fr. Eugene Lafont SJ Biology Lab*



➔ *Revamping of the Physics Lab - Fr. Lawrence Rodrigues SJ Physics Lab*



➔ *Renovation of Wavreil Hall*

Wavreil Hall at St. Lawrence High School has been renovated with modern interiors and is fully air-conditioned to facilitate Teacher Orientation & training programmes and Staff meetings. The teachers and students can now enjoy having their meetings in the renovated Wavreil Hall with ultra modern facilities.



## TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT

### ➔ *Installation of ERP School Management Software, generation of Computerized report Cards and Computerized Time Table*

Digitalization and Centralization are the keywords of today in terms of Data Management platforms. The school has taken a pain staking initiative of digitalizing student and staff records of the entire school into a centralized software platform. Now student and staff data is available at the click of a button. The school has given the staff and students a computer generated time table, which is very scientific and saves a good amount of time and energy. A scientific time table is the backbone of staff and student performance. This has been successfully done on account of the innovative and experienced approach of the management authorities of the school.

### ➔ *Development of the School Website and e-messaging system*

Effective Communication is the 'buzz' of the day in view of the value of time when it comes to accessing information. The new school website [www.stlawencehighschool.edu.in](http://www.stlawencehighschool.edu.in) keeps parents, students and staff informed on all recent happenings in the school with regard to academics, school events and activities. Parents are also informed via SMS on meeting dates, unscheduled holidays, events, activities etc. Development of several apps for the school for the benefit of the staff and students is also in the pipeline.

### ➔ *Smart Classrooms*

Smart Classrooms have been installed in the classrooms of classes 1-7. The content of the digital classrooms are mapped to the school books and syllabus of the school on a yearly basis. Several lessons and chapters have been animated to enhance learning standards and performance levels. ***The smart classrooms have been very beneficial for the slow learners, average and less fortunate students in the classroom.***

### ➔ *Installation of Network Printers, Scanners and Photocopiers*

The school has taken the initiative to install high end centralized digital colour photocopiers, network printer and scanner for the benefit of the administration staff, teachers and students. Print, scan and photocopy output on these machines is of high quality and happens at great speed. This in turn saves valuable time and enhances productivity of work to create a positive work environment. Staff, teachers and students can now avail of facilities of printing, scanning and photocopying in the school premises, instead of searching for the same outside.

### ➔ *Installation of CC TV and surveillance*

Security is a priority for an institution. St. Lawrence High School has understood this priority and has installed high definition cameras in the entire campus for the benefit of students and parents. All areas in the school campus are under CCTV surveillance as per government norms.

## STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES WITH CHINA

St. Lawrence High School convenes Student Exchange Programmes with China and USA where two groups of students of St. Lawrence High School based on merit and accompanied by teachers visit China and USA separately to learn and experience new environments and cultures. Similarly students from these two countries also visit St. Lawrence High School once a year. This is a great learning experience for students of both countries.



## STAFF ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES AND WORKSHOPS

- STAFF ORIENTATION PROGRAMME CONDUCTED BY MS. SHUBHIKA SINGH



## COUNSELLING SESSIONS FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS



# AT A GLANCE.....

## *Facilities for students*

- Green play grounds lined with trees and flower beds
- E-learning platforms and Smart Class rooms
- Newly Constructed Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Apple Computer Labs for Students – Mac OS
- Apple Research Lab for Teachers – Mac OS
- Fr. Siluvai Francis SJ E-lab for Students – Windows OS
- Fr. Verstraten Computer Lab for Students - Windows
- Fr. Lawrence Rodrigues SJ Physics Lab
- Fr. Gerard Beckers SJ Chemistry Lab
- Fr. Eugene Lafont SJ Biology Lab
- Geography Lab
- Games Room
- Revamped Library
- Fr. Wavreil Hall (Auditorium for lectures and performances)
- Extracurricular activities: debate, extempore, drama, elocution, music, school choir, fest etc
- Games and athletics: football/cricket/hockey/badminton/basket ball
- Indoor games: table tennis, caroms, chess
- Annual sports
- Student Exchange Programmes with China and USA
- Special educational guidance
- Academic medals/prizes, merit-cum-scholarships namely Certificate of Honour, Merit, Good Conduct, 100% attendance, application prize
- Counselling sessions by Ms. Shubhika Singh for Students and Parents

## *Facilities for teachers*

- Renovated Staff Room
- Apple labs for academic research related to school curriculum
- Apple Seminars on e-learning
- Internet facilities
- Games equipment in the staffroom
- Orientation Programmes

## *Aims and future vision*

- Online and Offline educational services to the teachers, students, parents with the help of latest software and technology
- *Special* attention to the weaker and slow learners
- Inspire back benchers to be the front runners and torch bearers in the future
- Instill sense of value in shaping the character of a child
- Further upliftment of the less privileged sections of society irrespective of caste-creed-social status
- Special efforts to promote unity in diversity with Multi cultural & Multi Religious Celebrations
- Instill a sense of justice
- Create a sense of commitment for service to the less fortunate
- Interactive Parent teacher meetings and orientation programmes

## ADMISSION FORMALITIES

**Admission: class 1:** Application invited in the month of August for class 1; age - 5+ yrs

**Admission: class 11:** After the Madhyamik Pariksha results – in case of any vacancy some seats are allowed to students other than those of St Lawrence High School in the Commerce, Arts and Science Streams. Admission forms are available at the School Office or can be downloaded from the school website at [www.stlawrencehighschool.edu.in](http://www.stlawrencehighschool.edu.in).

## TIMES GONE BY

**1810** started as an elementary school, attached to the Church of Our Lady of Dolours at Baithakkhana, Sealdah

**1855** came to be known as *St John Chrysostom's School*

**1902** sent up students for the Lower Primary Examination

**1913** onwards boys were trained for the Junior Cambridge Course with English as the medium of instruction

**1920** recognized as a High School by the University of Calcutta

**1922** sent up the first batch of students for the Matriculation Examination

**1930's** it was a boarding and a day school

**1937** shifted from Baithakkhana (Bow Bazar) to Ballygunge Circular Road and rechristened ***St Lawrence High School***

**1953** January, a new Jesuit residence came up

**1958** upgraded to class 11 Higher Secondary; introduced NCC Air wing; erected a new block for Primary Section

**1976** adopted the 10+2 pattern of education; opened Higher Secondary Department recognized by the West Bengal Council for Higher Secondary Education with Science and Commerce streams

**1980** opened a Bengali stream in Commerce and a Bengali section from class I to 10 in the Primary and Secondary sections

**1981** relocated the Boarding section and the school chapel to a new complex

**1984** inaugurated the school library-cum-reading room known as *Rabindra Granthagar*

**1986** started computer facilities for students

**2014** inaugurated *Wavreil Hall* for conferences and meetings.

**2015** St Lawrence High School opened doors and joined hands with St Xavier's College Commerce Section (evening) under the aegis of Fr. Sebastain James, SJ and Fr. Felix Raj, SJ.

**2015** Renovated and relocated the Teachers' Staff Room

**2015** Renovated the Britto Stoa stage

**2015** Reconstruction of new student and teacher Computer labs

**2015** Revamping of the LKibrary

**2015** entire campus under CCTV surveillance

**2015** lush green fields for students and members of the teaching staff

**2016** Construction of new Physics, Chemistry and Biology Lab

**2017** Construction of new Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Apple Lab for students

**2017** Revamping of the Physics, Biology and Chemistry Lab for students

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