

Dear Parents

Greetings and Best wishes from St. Mary's.

Soon, we are going to enter the most awaited festive season of the year and there are chances of a festival fuelled surge in corona virus infection cases . In such situation, health is paramount and it becomes our moral duty to make sure that we ourselves and our children are safe during this health crisis as well as celebrate the festivals in their true spirit.

Festive season of Diwali, Chhat Puja, Guru Parv etc. is marked by heavy use of fire crackers which release toxic pollutants like sulphur dioxide, carbon monoxide and many others which pollute the air and cause serious ailments like asthma, bronchitis , hypertension and cardiovascular problems. The air and noise pollution caused by the fire crackers also affect the lives of animals, birds and other living beings on the earth. The ailing and the old persons are all the more prone to catch different allergies & diseases caused by pollution. During the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring better Ambient Air Quality is essential since respiratory ailment is one of the major symptoms in COVID patients and bursting of fire crackers can deteriorate Ambient Air Quality.

We , at St. Mary's, are deeply concerned of our students' well being and urge all of you to stay safe in this festive season. Keeping in mind the ill effects of burning of fire crackers , I urge all of you to celebrate the festivals like Diwali, Chhat Puja. Guru Parv etc. by lighting of candles and earthen lamps and keeping the environment neat and clean. Students should **'Say No to Fire Crackers'** . **We urge you to celebrate a DIYA DIWALI...** Please remember, a little laxity on our part can worsen the situation whereas a little prudence can save us from any disastrous situation. Choice has to be Ours!

Wishing all of you a happy, prosperous and safe festive season ahead!

Regards

Principal