

ORTHODOX SYRIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF THE EAST



OUTSIDE KERALA REGION

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To, The Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Directors, Vicars, Headmasters/Headmistresses and Teachers

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord!

Sunday School is the back bone of all other spiritual organisations. Hence we need to re-define and envision Sunday School for better tomorrow of the church and society at large. The able cooperation of all the office bearers at all levels of Sunday school is earnestly solicited to carry on with this mission in our region. All are kindly requested to follow this circular to clearly understand the changes for the smooth functioning of Sunday school activities.

➤ **SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY CELEBRATION 2018**

As per the decision of the executive meeting held in Delhi on 7th February 2018, the Sunday school day will be celebrated on the **last Sunday of the September**.

This year, the Sunday school day will be on **30th September 2018** in India, The Gulf region will observe the day on **Friday, 28th September 2018**. Programs, like flag hoisting, special prayer, and programs by Sunday school students, shall be held on that day. The children shall be given an opportunity for special participation in the Holy Qurbana (like Bible reading, sermons, choir, etc.) All efforts are to be made for the success of the cover collection. Envelopes for the same will be sent in the month of September. Those who have not sent last year's contribution should kindly send it at the earliest.

➤ Save a Year (SAY) exam will be conducted for Classes X and XII on 13th and 15th April 2018 in Gulf zone and India respectively

➤ **2018 Annual Examination**

Month	2018 Annual Examination	Dates in India	Dates in the Gulf
December	Annual Examination for X and XII	02.12.2018	07.12.2018
	Annual Examination for Nursery to Class IX and Class XI	09.12.2018	07.12.2018

Month	2018 Annual Examination	Date
January	Far East region	14.01.2019

- ❖ The sealed question paper for the final examination of classes X and XII will be sent from OKR Office to the headmaster/headmistress of the Sunday school centre, so that it can be received in person by the concerned HM. If the examination is held at Diocese, Zonal or District Level, the question papers will be sent to the Diocese/Zonal/District officials, who reside near to the place of the examination centre. The question paper should be opened only just before the commencement of the examination in front of the Vicar (if possible – for Unit Level), Teachers and students.
- ❖ Question papers for all classes for half yearly and final examination (except for Classes X and XII) will be sent from respective dioceses.
- ❖ Percentage division of Marks for Annual examination for classes Jesus Kids (KG) to Class III are as follows
 - 40% for half yearly examination
 - 50% for final examination
 - 10% for attendance
- ❖ Percentage division of Marks for Annual examination for classes IV to IX and XI are as follows
 - 40% for half yearly examination
 - 10% for project work; deadline 15th October
 - 40% for final examination
 - 10% for attendance

➤ **Criteria for Class XII Registration**

- ❖ ‘Regular’ Students’ teaching practice is compulsory and it can be done during regular classes or during OVBS.
- ❖ For regular and private candidates appearing for class XII, orientation program is compulsory.
- ❖ ‘Private’ Students
 - A student can write Class XII examination as a ‘Private’ student, 3 years after passing Class X, even if, they have not studied Class XI
 - Instead of teaching practice, these candidates can do the specified project.
 - Such ‘Private’ students will have questions from class XI and XII text books for the examination.

Attendance

- ❖ 60% attendance in Sunday school classes is necessary for participation in any competition

➤ **Age Calculation**

Age Calculation for the academic year 2018 will be calculated as on 1st January 2018.

Age for categories as per DOB is given below;

- ❖ Sub junior: 1st January 2011 onwards
- ❖ Junior: 1st January 2008 to 31st December 2010
- ❖ Intermediate: 1st January 2005 to 31st December 2007
- ❖ Seniors: 1st January 2002 to 31st December 2004
- ❖ Secondary: 1st January 1999 to 31st December 2001

With warm regards

In His Mission



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