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## Principal's Message

Dear Reader,

The role of a school extends beyond academic excellence; it is to motivate and empower students to become lifelong learners, critical thinkers, and productive members of an ever-changing global society. St. Joseph's School provides a blend of scholastic and co-scholastic activities that help shape every individual into a self-reliant and independent citizen. I am reminded of the words of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, an alumnus of a Jesuit College. While addressing engineering students, he posed the question, "What is knowledge?" He defined knowledge as the **sum of creativity, righteousness, and courage.**

First, we must strive to be creative in our endeavours. Our school endeavours to unveil the innate potentials of students through various activities and programs. Second, Dr. Kalam explained righteousness as having beauty in character, which brings harmony to the home, order to the nation, and ultimately peace to the world. The starting point of peace begins in the heart. With this principle in mind, St. Joseph's consistently focuses on character formation, creating individuals who are 'persons for others.' The third aspect Dr. Kalam emphasized was courage: the courage to think differently, to invent, to discover the impossible, to combat problems, and to succeed. We need courage in all spheres of life. Our school aims to build resilient and courageous students who can march forward with conviction.

I always tell my students that it's better to be unique than the best, because being the best makes you number one, but being unique makes you the only one. We all have unique capacities; it is crucial to discover them and realize our inner potential. Life is a race, and your competitor is yourself. I would like to conclude with a story that illustrates the necessity of seizing opportunities and enduring hardships to achieve success.

Once, an artist—a sculptor—was searching for a stone to create a deity for a temple. Suddenly, he spotted the perfect stone. As he approached, the stone implored, "Please don't make me into an idol." The artist reassured, "Your life will change; people will revere you once you become an idol." The stone protested, "I can't endure the chiselling." Regretfully, the artist moved on. Later, he found another stone, which he skilfully transformed into a revered idol.

The idol was placed within the temple, where people came to offer flowers and prayers. Eventually, a stone was needed to break coconuts as offerings. The very stone that had refused the artist's chisel was chosen. It was now just a stone in front of the temple, bearing the blows meant to crack open coconuts—an ignoble fate it had chosen for itself.

Warm regards,

**Rev. Fr Rohan D' Almeida SJ**  
Principal

## PARENT ORIENTATION PROGRAM

**"Family is the first school for young children, and parents are powerful models"- Alice Sterling Honig.**

On June 3, 2023, in SJIHS Auditorium , there were two parent orientation sessions. Sessions 1 and 2 took place from 8:30 am to 10 am and 11 am to 12:30 pm, respectively, for classes LKG to Class 5 . Ms. Jennifer Bernard the coordinator for the primary introduced the recently appointed Vice-principal and warmly welcomed her with a sapling.

Father Principal the speaker for the day discussed the Ignatian approach to education and how it might be used to create a society that is inclusive. He also mentioned all the coordinators at the school, highlighting the support and assistance rendered by them to the students in achieving their academic goals and provide them with direction in their daily activities. Further, he outlined the school's vision statement- "Fide et Labore" The Latin phrase means "Faith and Work." This shapes the school's current attitude. The school's administration is dedicated to instill in its students a strong work ethic combined with belief in God, one's ability to succeed, and belief in other people. A mention was also made of values, moral principles, and 21st-century talents.

Ms. Juanita, the school's physical education coordinator, led a brief exercise. Then, she went on to discuss the school's policies in detail, stressing how crucial it is for the youngsters to abide by these guidelines. She asserted that the school uniform should be clean and well-kept, the ID cards be worn regularly, and the 'clubs' activities be carried out faithfully.

Fr. Rohan proceeded with the discussion of the school's fee payment policy and the value of contemporary parenting with parents' children. He invited the parents to join the Parent-Teacher Association and be enthused about the diverse events that take place at the school. With this, the session was wrapped.



## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

On 5th June 2023, St Joseph's School organized a special assembly to celebrate 'World Environment Day'. Our Principal Fr Rohan D'Almeida, Vice Principal Sr. Sheena, Chief Guest Ms. Kusuma (the Deputy Director of Horticulture, Lalbagh Botanical Garden), Committee members of the event, Coordinators along with the faculty members and students, participated in the assembly with exuberance.

The assembly was meant to disseminate awareness amongst students about the need to 'Wean oneself off disposable plastics as a step to preserve our environment. Besides the younger generation needs to be conscientize about the need to plant more trees to purify the air and make the earth green. The MC welcomed the dignitaries with eco-friendly badges, followed by prayer and planting the saplings. Narissa of class 10 highlighted the significance of the day and Sheetal of class 9 recited the pledge. Jerome and team demonstrated how we can compost waste naturally at home with a magic brick. This was followed by a dance performance on environmental awareness. The Chief guest and the Principal addressed the gathering and urged the students to plant more trees and protect our environment from pollution. The assembly was concluded with a vote of thanks and the dignitaries placing their thumb prints on the globe as a symbolic representation of their commitment to preserving nature.



## INVESTITURE CEREMONY

Our school had the Investiture Ceremony this year on the 9th of June, 2023. The school ground was filled with excitement as the newly elected student council took charge of their duties with great enthusiasm. The Rector of our Institution Rev Father Joseph D'Souza, our Principal Rev Father Rohan D'Almeida, Finance officer Rev Father John Lang Bosco and Vice Principal Sister Sheena Joseph, presided over the ceremony along with the students, staff and parents. Overall, it was a solemn and happy occasion and we wish our Students Council members all the very best for this academic year.



## ANNUAL PRIZE DAY

"All our dreams can come true; if we have the courage to pursue them." - Walt Disney St Joseph's School celebrated the Annual Prize Day on 17th June 2023, Saturday at 9 am in SJIPS auditorium. Major Pradeep Shoury Arya, IRS, Commissioner of Income Tax, Bengaluru, was the Chief Guest for this special occasion. He was the Alumni of St Joseph's Arts and Science College' - Bangalore. He has been decorated with SHAURYA CHAKRA, by the Honorable President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, during the Republic Day celebration, 2018. This was in recognition of the valour and gallant action of leading a team of Special Forces into Operations across the Line of Control (LoC) and Neutralizing Terrorists. Withal, he has received the National Award, 2013 by the Honorable Ex-President of India -Shri Pranab Mukherjee, for the Best Electoral Practices, instituted by the Election Commission of India in Effectively controlling large quantity of Cash during Elections in Karnataka and the North-Eastern State of Nagaland.

Ms. Sherly Wilfred introduced the Chief Guest and he was felicitated by all the dignitaries. Major Pradeep Shoury Arya delivered a motivational speech by saying, "Never give up in life till you succeed." He also said that dreams should not be confined to a single dream but we should have multiple dreams. Parents of the prize winners were among the esteemed guests. The program started with the school anthem followed by the prayer service and prayer dance. The program was inaugurated by lighting of the lamp in the traditional way by Major Pradeep Shoury Arya along with the Rector of St Joseph's Indian Institutions, Fr Joseph D'Souza, Principal Fr Rohan D' Almeida, Vice Principal Sr. Sheena Joseph and other guest symbolizing the quest for knowledge. The Annual report was presented creatively on the screen, in the form of a 'news Broadcast', highlighting the Achievements of Josephites, by our school's Sahodaya Broadcast. Mime on 'the need for discipline in the students' life' by Class 9 students was the attraction of the day. The Principal's Address to the Student Council focused on the 7 qualities to be followed to become a successful person.



## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

*"Yoga is the gateway to happiness and the secret to a healthy mind."*

Yoga Day was celebrated in our school on 21st June 2023. We conducted mass yoga for classes 6, 7 & 8. Our students participated enthusiastically. The students of classes 9 and 10 performed Partner Yoga, wherein two people support each other in poses in a way that enhances posture and builds trust and communication.

Yoga is a practice known to link the body, mind and soul. Embracing this rich cultural practice, we at St Joseph's School put strenuous efforts into the holistic development of our students. The students performed an array of various 'asanas' and mudras that enhance the capability of the mind, body and soul. It has been an age-old tradition at St Joseph's School to perform asanas on International Yoga Day to stay in touch with our roots. These displays inspired numerous students to pursue a path of spiritual awakening. We at St Joseph's School encourage everyone to partake in such activities and displays. We're proud to have 200 students performing various asanas thus exhibiting their prowess in Yoga. Overall the students enjoyed performing these 'asanas' that aided them to preserve their physical, mental and spiritual wellness.



## FUN 'N' FROLIC DAY - "Care for our Mother Earth"

The pre-primary team of St Joseph School organized the Fun and Frolic day on June 27th, 2023. The theme was "Care for our Mother Earth".

Students came to school in different colourful outfits. The colour code for the teachers was Green or Blue. The quadrangle was aptly decorated with colourful class boards having pictures related to Mother Earth and the care for Mother Earth. There were four corners with four different activities - Crepe Paper collage, Sponge painting activity on the outline earth, Segregation waste with different buckets (Dry waste, Wet waste, E-waste and Bio Medical waste), Leaf sticking on tree chart, Chalk Activity, Bubbles and an awesome Photo corner. It was a gratifying sight to see the tiny tots explore and learn through fun and play.



## RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC STUDENTS

The Piccardo hall was all set to accommodate around 100 catholic students of St. Joseph's CBSE from grade 8 TO 12, on 3rd July for their annual retreat -2023-24. The theme displayed on the backdrop '~Beyond the Horizon™ - Seeing God,'s Hidden Hand in Everything' Spoke it all. As indicated by the theme the session was meant to enhance 'The SQ- Spiritual Quotient' in the students. The 'SQ' plays an important role in a students life. It is higher than EQ-Emotional Quotient, and IQ - 'Intellectual Quotient'. SQ manifests in one's ability to see beyond what seems to be, to realize that amidst the confusions of life God's hand is there and He designs everything for our Good. Seeing Beyond the Horizon can also mean knowing our roots, that we don't belong to this world but look for a world that is to come.

As per the protocol the resource persons Fathers James and Anil D'Coasta were introduced and felicitated with sapling. Post this Lighting of the lamp and a small prayer led by one of the teachers set the wheel in motion. There were number of talks given by the Resource persons on topics like - 'Benevolence and magnitude of God, 'Worth of life' Sense of sin and need of Forgiveness as a means to for 'Healthier relationships and healing', Confessions along with adoration in the chapel ended the first part of the session.

Post lunch the students were occupied with spiritual activity - Prayer of abandonment and listing of their hurt feelings and grudges in a sheet of paper. These sheets would be offered to the Lord during the Eucharistic celebration (offertory) and would be drowned in a bucket of water symbolizing the fact that God's mercy is like an ocean which dissolves all our hurts and guilt. The day came to an end with the Eucharistic celebration with the theme 'A Grateful heart for a fruitful life' It was indeed a meaningful conclusion as it was a thanks giving Mass remembering all the good things that the Lord has done for us.



## REMEMBRANCE OF FR STAN SWAMY SJ



The Jesuit value embodies a spirit of giving and providing service to those in need and standing with the poor and marginalized. To nurture this feeling of service, a special assembly was held on 5th July, 2023 on the theme 'Dream of A Caged Bird' in honour of Fr. Stan Swamy SJ, a Jesuit priest, social activist, and human rights advocate who spent majority of his life fighting for the rights of India's Tribals and

Adivasis. The Chief Guest for the day was Mr. John Deva Raj who was privileged to work with Fr Stan in the field of social work. He is a well-known sculptor, painter, architect, filmmaker, art director, singer, photographer, and noble human being working to promote peace. The Principal, Rev. Fr. Rohan D'Almeida encouraged the students to stand for justice and peace by imbibing the values of honesty, courage, and sincerity following Fr. Stan's life's journey. The school choir dedicated a song, "This Little Guiding Light of Stan" and activities like essay writing, debate, role play and extempore were conducted across the classes to instill the values followed by Fr Stan.

"Our value system is important and we need to work as a community rather than as individuals in a capitalistic society", says Rushil, a student of class 12 B. "India's culture is deep rooted within the tribes of India as we can see in their interdependence and their connect to nature which was one of the causes Fr. Stan stood with the Adivasis", says Veeksha, a student of class 11B.

## AIKYAM

AIKYAM -Inter-Religious Prayer Service for fostering Unity and Understanding was organized on 10th July 2023, 9 am, at SJIPS auditorium. Students of grade 6 to 9, 11 and 12 were gathered to engage in prayer and reflection. AIKYAM represents oneness, unity, harmony. It was meant to bring together students from diverse faith, traditions, and foster mutual respect dialogue, and cooperation. Its objective was to emphasize the common values shared by various religions. The Prayer service began with the lighting of the lamp that was headed by Father Principal Rohan D'Almeida and other dignitaries. We were delighted to have the presence of Mr Muralidhar Koteswar the CEO of 'Uplad'- a career Guidance Platform and 'Simplitrain', a platform to empower the learners as the chief guest. One of the event highlights was the inclusive participation. The prayer service was attended by participants from various religious communities, including Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and others. Readings from the Scriptures of different religions reflecting the diverse fabric of society students accompanied with the melodious religious hymns was the soul - enriching moment of the Prayer service, this was followed by the multifaith Prayers- The event comprised of a series of prayers, each representing a different faith and tradition. Religious leaders from different communities led these prayers. This diverse array of prayers aimed to foster appreciation, understanding, and unity among the attendees.

To further enhance the cultural exchange and appreciation, the students enacted a dance drama with the theme 'No religion is higher than humanity' which was much appreciated by all. It showcased the diverse cultural tapestry of humanity which is the supreme religion. For the betterment of society the attendees were encouraged to actively engage in community service projects that transcended religious boundaries.





## INDUSTRIAL VISIT

The Dairy Day story began in 2002 when industry veterans having 20-25 years of experience in the Ice Cream Industry decided to quit their MNC jobs and nurture a brand with their passion. They saw a market opportunity which no one else did. They believed that flavours had feelings and that taste buds can party. Thus began the Dairy Day journey in a modest 2000 square foot factory. But fueled by the founder's passion and expertise, Dairy Day quickly evolved to become one of the leading brands in India. Dairy Day is currently present across South India, Maharashtra and Odisha.

The company has state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities in Karnataka, spread over 2 lakh square feet and having a production capacity of 2 lakh litres per day.

A visit to this Dairy Day was organized by the team of eSTORES GLOBAL for the students of St Joseph's School. The visit was led by Mr. Huzaifa, accompanied by two faculty Members. The students, along with the faculty and eSTORES team arrived at the factory at 10:30. On arrival, we were welcomed by the factory Coordinator who introduced the company to the students. The factory tour began at 10:30 am prior to which the Coordinator briefed about Dairy Day, its history and its complete business overview. The students initially proceeded to see the mixing unit then to the chemistry lab to understand the testing process finally to the filling section where the entire process of packaging of the ice creams takes place. We were also shown the process of discarding the defective ice creams. The students were taken to the canteen area and were given freshly made ice creams to taste.



## POSITIVE PARENTING SESSION

On 15th July 2023, St Joseph's School (CBSE) organized a session for the parents of LKG to Class 5. Positive parenting session is a session which gives inputs and suggestions to the parents for helping them to become better at understanding their ward and help them positively develop as good human beings.

"The golden rule of parenting is to do unto your child as you wish your parents had done unto you" - Louis Heart The session began by Ms. Ashita welcoming the gathering and invoking God's blessings on the resource person and the parents to gain more insight on the topics being discussed.

Ms. Suman introduced the resource person, Mr Muralidhar Koteswar, the CEO of Uplad and SimpliTrain, Chief Advisor at Pod. Ai, Director of Connecting the Dots, and Founding Secretary of the Advanced Computing Society of India. Mr. Muralidhar said that children are born with honesty, commitment, and questioning skills but they become adulterated as they grow to be adults. He stressed the need to let our children be comfortable. He also gave the 3 F's for the parents to positively inculcate discipline "Firm, Fair and Fun".



## INIGO CUP

St. Joseph's School hosted the Inigo Cup for the very first time on the SJII campus. The competition was conducted between all the units of St Joseph's Indian Institutions, that is St Joseph's School, St Joseph's Indian Primary School, St Joseph's Indian High School, St Joseph's Community College and St Joseph's Indian Pre-University College. The categories which participated were Primary, High school and Senior Secondary. All the students from each unit were thrilled and played exceptionally well. The event began with a small inaugural ceremony, where all the heads of each unit were present. The Rector Rev Fr Joseph D'Souza declared the meet open and our Principal Rev Fr. Rohan D'Almeida hoisted the school flag. The games began with a lot of enthusiasm. Referees from St Joseph's University officiated all the matches. The games were well-appreciated and all the students surprised the audience with their skillful performance.



## FUN 'N' FROLIC DAY - "Animal World"

The Pre Primary team of St Joseph's School had the Fun and Frolic - Bagless Day with the theme 'Animal World' and remembered St Ignatius of Loyola on the occasion of his imminent feast. Children spoke about the topic of animals in their various habitats and dressed up as different animals. Father Principal, Rohan D'Almeida spoke a few words about St Ignatius and encouraged students to protect animals.



## CELEBRATION OF ST IGNATIUS FEAST

St Joseph's School observed the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola through a novena by the teachers and students. The Ignatian Week encompassed a series of competitions: Colouring, Fancy dress, Collage, Painting / Sketching, Puppetry, Poster making, Photography for Students and Parents, Short film and Quiz. The grandeur of the feast was demonstrated through excitement, participation and enthusiasm. During the Ignatian week, students of all the classes took an active part in the activities. For the very first time, the 'Inigo Cup', -the Inter Unit Sports Competition was held on the SJII campus. All the competitions instilled and nurtured the core values of St Ignatius, the founder of the Society of Jesus.

A special assembly to commemorate the contributions of St Ignatius was conducted by grade 8 D in collaboration with the rest of the classes. Prizes for the winners of 'Ignatian Week competitions' were distributed during the assembly.



## ST IGNATIUS FEAST MASS

The common celebration for the feast was organized on 30th July in SJIPS new auditorium. It started with the Liturgical Celebration at 9 am for the catholic staff, students and their families.

The staff gathering for a common celebration at 11 am, with the CBSE unit playing the major role in hosting the event, including the 'Students choir' and 'Prayer dance for the Eucharistic celebration' and in charge of conducting games for the staff, which is made the celebration more euphoric. The celebration was concluded with a fellowship meal.



## HEALING THE INNER CHILD PROGRAMME

Healing the Inner Child "Realize, Release & Rejuvenate to attain your Authentic Self" The session commenced with the welcome address by student Nirvikar Kshatree and invocation seeking God's blessing upon the resource person and the gathering conducted by Amber Dass. The students of Sri Sri Ravishankar Vidya Mandir (SSRVM), Bangalore also participated in the session. Ms. Jayashree Raj G S- the resource person for the day was felicitated by the coordinator Ms. Nirmala. Ms. Jayashree, Counsellor and Psychotherapist, who serves as the Director of 'Integrate Myself', an online platform for Wellness of Psyche. International Member of American Psychological Association, Specialized in Positive Psychology & inner child healer, individual family & group therapist, counselor and psychotherapy trainer and a diligent researcher.

Ms. Jayashree started the session with "Today you are going to win back the purity, creativity, resilience and that contagious hearty smile and laughter that you had in your childhood." Healing the Inner Child, a psycho-therapeutic approach, through body movement therapy, was intended to set free our students, from the bond of their pain, fear and anger that bound their unconscious memory, It had a productive effect on the students. It made the teachers empathize with their students and understand the emotional trauma they have undergone. They also experienced the essence of self-love and understood the dynamics of unhealthy attractions and attachments among students. It was a life-turning moment for all our students and the teachers present.



## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF RECTOR FR JOSEPH D'SOUZA SJ

The staff of all the units of St. Joseph's Indian Institution (SJII) came together on 4th Aug 2023 to greet Rector Fr. Joseph D'Souza SJ on his birthday at the SJIPS auditorium. The celebration began with a sumptuous lunch. The afternoon was a colourful medley of prayers, poetry, music and dance. The MCs for the afternoon, welcomed the gathering.

A meaningful and soul-elevating prayer service was conducted by the SJII fraternity. Prayers were sent up seeking blessings on the celebrant Fr. Joseph D'souza SJ. The profound prayer included symbolic offerings of salt, plants and pearls symbolizing the influential presence of the celebrant amidst us. In his message Fr. Joseph D'souza, spoke of his love for teaching, and his energetic demeanour having its source in his interaction with the children. His words with it's depth combined with his wit inspired the audience.



## EDUCATION MINISTER'S VISIT

It was a moment of pride for St Joseph's School as Shri Madhu Bangarappa, the Honorable Minister for School Education and Literacy, visited the school today. Being a Josephite himself, Shri Madhu Bangarappa interacted with the students and staff. Honourable Minister shared his memories as a student of this great institution. It was a day to cherish for the students, to witness an alumnus visiting his alma mater after assuming a government office.



## JOLLY JOEYS (BAGLESS DAY) - " My Country, My Pride"

Patriotism is a feeling of attachment and commitment to one's country. With the intent to inculcate patriotism in students and to celebrate the patriotism within us the theme 'My Country, My Pride' was selected for Jolly Joey's. The day started with a mesmerizing welcome dance, prayer and followed by a wonderful inauguration. To awaken the spirit of patriotism, students spoke about the significance of the day. They were dressed up as the National Symbols and Freedom Fighters of India, and the audience excitedly cheered and reminisced about the National Heroes. Father Principal, Rohan D' Almeida shared his phenomenal insights of the day.

'Jolly Joeys' added more joy to the celebration with games, singing, dancing, painting and colouring. The little Josephites went home glad with an insignia of the National Flag and were delighted to hear the tales of freedom.



## INDEPENDENCE DAY

This August 15th, our school celebrated Independence Day on a large scale with all the Units of St Joseph's Indian Institutions. Our team came together on the previous day to keep ready for this auspicious day and the school grounds resonated with the feeling of patriotism.

The program began with the hosting of our National flag by the Chief guest Major General George N, in the presence of all the dignitaries and the heads of all the units. March Past with eleven troupes from all the units of SJII marching to the beat of our school band and the SJIHS band stole the show. The MCs Nirvikar and Vivek of our school took over the program as various units performed dances, patriotic songs, and drills, while our school put up a skit which brought out the Significance of the day.

The celebration came an ended with the breakfast, followed by Mass in the chapel.



## SEMINAR ON DESIGN

A workshop on designing was conducted by Designers Academy for class 11 and 12 on 19th August, 2023 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in the Boardroom.

Grade 12 B welcomed the speaker Mr. Stanly Raj and his team Mr. Suhas, Mr. Sandheep & Mr. Benjamin. The objective of the workshop was to enlighten the students on what is designing and how to apply for admission to design school.

Mr Stanly started the session by drawing on his personal experiences about how designing is a passion-based field. PPT presentation was used to give more information about the workshop agenda. The speaker used daily life examples of how designing can be used as problem-solving. Designing can be categorized as fashion designing, industrial designing and visual communication designing. Interactive activities made the session livelier and gave the opportunity for students to see designs all around them. Information about design schools in India and the procedure to apply for it was explained to the students.

Students gave positive feedback about the session. They found the session to be very informative and enjoyed the activities conducted. Few of the students did not know about designing and Design schools in India and the session has helped them gain information.



## STUDENTS VISIT TO INSTITUTE OF WOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

An educational visit to the Institute of Wood Science and Technology was organized for Class 11 and 12 biology students on 21st August, 2023. The target of the visit was to provide students with practical insights into Wood processing, Timber technology, Tissue culture, Molecular Biology and its applications. The visit aimed to enhance their understanding of wood as a renewable resource and its importance in various industries. The Institute of Wood Science and Technology is located in Bengaluru a place dedicated to research and education in the field of wood science. It serves as a hub for students, researchers, and professionals interested in understanding the properties, processing, and applications of wood.

The visit began with a comprehensive tour of the tissue culture laboratory, molecular biology, pathology laboratory and the museum. Students were introduced to the various equipment used for tissue culture, wood testing, including moisture content analysis, density measurements, and strength testing. They were able to witness and gain first-hand information on the intricate processes involved in wood research. A discussion on the sustainable aspects of wood was held, emphasizing its renewability and low carbon footprint compared to other construction materials. Students were encouraged to consider the environmental implications of their future career choices.

Various wood applications were showcased in a video, ranging from traditional carpentry to advanced uses in construction, furniture manufacturing, and even renewable energy generation. This segment allowed students to appreciate the versatility of wood. The visit concluded with an engaging Q & A session where students had the opportunity to ask questions about wood science, careers in the field, and sustainability practices.

The visit received positive feedback from both students and faculty. Participants expressed an interest in wood science and its potential applications. Several students indicated their intention to explore careers in wood-related industries, including forestry, architecture, and sustainable construction. It effectively achieved its objectives by introducing students to the fascinating world of wood science and encouraging them to consider the sustainable and innovative applications of wood in various industries.



## SCIPLORE - The Annual Science Exhibition

"Everything can be turned into science or a romance if our endeavors is for the benefit of humanity, love, taking the place of greed as a motive." - Mahatma Gandhi

St Joseph's School organized Sciplore 2023, the Science Exhibition, on the theme Innovation in Science & Technology on 26th August 2023. Sciplore has always been a distinctive platform to showcase and kindle the scientific temperament of our students.

The chief guest for the day was Dr. Vijay Chandru (Advisor) Health Care, AI and Robotics Tech Park, IISC. Dr. Vijay emphasized the necessity for the students to have love for humanity and the rest can be turned into science as they are in an advanced scientific World. The event was presided by our Rector Rev Fr Joseph D'Souza. Our Principal Rev. Fr Rohan D'Almeida addressed the gathering, inviting all to cultivate a scientific temperament.

Innovative models and samples like horticulture and a miniature of Chandrayan-3 as a tribute to ISRO were displayed at the entrance of our school. Students across classes 4 to 12 presented many static and working models as exhibits. A panel of judges evaluated the students based on their creativity and presentation.

Some of the highlights of the event were, 'The Darkroom', where the visitors had the experience of being in space, the show about India's journey to the Moon and its recent successful mission Chandrayan-3 and a digital planetarium which presented a show called 'Back to the Moon'. The event was well appreciated by everyone.





## ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET

Our School celebrated its Annual Sports Day on September 2, 2023, which was a highly anticipated event in our school. The former Indian cricketer and the Arjuna awardee Mr. Syed Mujtaba Hussain Kirmani, was the chief guest who emphasized the importance of sportsmanship, teamwork.

The Sports Meet opened with a March Past by all four Houses (Ruby, Sapphire, Emerald, and Citrine) of the school and the torch relay, which formally ended with the lighting of the Olympic flame. The Provincial speaking on the occasion emphasized the importance of having 'a desire', 'a dream', and 'a vision'.

The Sports Day featured a variety of exciting events like drill, Karate, Yoga, and Taekwondo display. Athletics including (100-meters, 200-meters, 400 meters), track, field and team events were held. Furthermore, there were novelty races for boys and girls. Inter Jesuit Competitions and Games for parents, added an element of fun and entertainment for both participants and spectators.



## TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

Teacher's Day was celebrated with zeal and zest on September 5, 2023. The students of classes 9th grade to 12th grade took over the duties of the teacher's day. A special assembly was held, followed by prayer, a tribute to the great teacher Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, cultural programme and games. The Principal, Rev Fr Rohan D'Almeida urged students to maintain the bequest of respecting teachers and lauded the entire staff for their exemplary contribution to the school's phenomenal success. As a token of appreciation certificates were given to the teachers. Subsequently, a common celebration was held in the SJIPS auditorium. The most awaited moment was the entertainment organized by Swahaa an Indian-based percussion band. Ms. Sangeetha Ravindranath rocked the show with her mesmerizing songs. The teachers dancing to the tune delivered the most captivating performance. What an energy!

A grand lunch was a part of the celebration. Thus, the entire celebration paved a new hope for teachers to rejoice in their journey as a teacher.



## HINDI DIWAS

St. Joseph's School, CBSE celebrated Hindi Diwas with great fervor on September 14, 2023, where students from classes 6 through 9 and 11 gathered to pay tribute and mark the importance of the nation's most widely spoken language.

In this unique assembly, Ms. Sarita, a well-known Hindi lecturer from St. Joseph's Indian PU College in Bangalore, participated as the major guest. She cited the Hindi language as a representation of the diversity and togetherness of our nation. She finally ended her remarks with a piece of Hindi poetry.



## UJJWALA- THE OUTREACH PROGRAMME - Visit to Government School

The students of Class 11 B were in service at the SR Nagar Government School on September 22, 2023. They reached out by doing the smallest act of kindness which is worth more than the grandest intention, of interacting with the students and educating them about health and sanitation. In addition to that, the session focused on eradicating the stigma associated with it. The students of both schools were left with incredible experience.



## GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents Day was held on September 23, 2023, in a thought-provoking and heart-warming manner. Ms. Phyllis Farias, an educational consultant and counsellor was the chief guest who graced the occasion with her insights, emphasizing family values and the role of education in nurturing future generations. The day's festivities commenced with the melodious rendition of the school anthem, filling the air with patriotism and pride followed by a heartfelt prayer and warm welcome. The little kindergarteners stole the show with their performances. The musical performance by the grandchild Glenden Godric and his grandfather Deva Sagayam mesmerized the audience followed by a retro dance by our pre-primary teachers. A delightful colouring activity along with games was conducted to strengthen the bond between generations. In closing, the grandparents expressed immense happiness and gratitude for organizing such a beautiful event.



## POSITIVE PARENTING SESSION - Awareness on Cyber Security & Cyber Crime

A workshop for parents of classes 6 to 8 was held on September 30, 2023. The session focused on cyber crime and cyber security in order to assist parents in knowing about their children and to accompany them on their journey. Mr. Muralidhar Koteshwar, an engineer, Chief advisor at Pod. Ai, Director of Connecting the Dots and the Founding Secretary of the Advanced Computing Society of India was the chief guest who accentuated the need to build good relationships and to enforce parental restrictions regarding the use of devices. The parents were extremely delighted with the session which was highly educational and useful.



# STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS



Garde Children's Cup Inter & School Fencing championship. Gabriel Elisha of class 7 and Elroi Elisha of class 5 has participated in the 3rd En - Garde Children's Cup Inter & school Fencing championship.



CBSE South Zone - II Taekwondo Championship 2023 - 2024 **BT Nakul** of class 12 B won the Bronze



Under 16 Football Team won the **Gopalan International School Soccer Tournament.**



Cyber peace, NCERT and ministry of education conducted eRaksha competition in 2022. **Bhushan V S** of class 12 'A' participated in the self created videos category and won First Place.



KIOC league **Rishit Negi** of class 11 has participated in the KIOC league and has been awarded for scoring 59 runs off 51 balls and taking 5 wickets, he was also awarded as man of the match.

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Join Botics and Amar Jyothi public school, KR Puram, Bangalore conducted INTER SCHOOL ROBOTICS competition ROBO ZEST ON 2nd September 2023. Our school students participated and won prize in different categories.



U-17 Javelin throw **Tanmaya Prasad** of Class 11th secured Silver and qualified for Nationals



**Parshva D Shah** of Class 10 'B' U - 17 100m Bronze medal in Athletic Meet



**Chaithanya R Manjunath** class 8 'D' U-14 100m Silver Medal and qualified for Nationals.



**Parshva D Shah** of Class 10 'B' U-17 200m Silver Medal and qualified for Nationals.



**Chaithanya R Manjunath** of Class 8 'D' Silver Medal in 200m U - 14 and qualified for nationals.



## VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



*“The future of a nation can be seen through the eyes of its children” -  
Jawaharlal Nehru*

The Newsletter ‘Josephite Chronicle’ communicates not only thoughts but also highlights the various activities and their success during the academic year.

Education is a foundation for a better future. At St Joseph’s we work hard to applaud our students’ various talents and capacities in a creative manner and celebrate their success with great pride.

I believe in the words of Dr. John G Hibben “ Education is the ability to meet life’s situation” Here we empower our students to face the challenges of life through a vision recorded through core qualities of compassion, faith, sharing and service thus to become responsible persons contributing positively to society having the Motto ‘Fide et Labore’: Faith and Toil.

Students are engaged in meaningful learning by improving their creative ideas using technology and personal skills, self-confidence and character building upholding high standards with their positive spirits.

I am certain every student here is motivated and guided by the dedicated management and teachers to achieve their maximum potential by offering the best possibilities through Education.

With an ever-growing world of competition and fast-changing values of society, Josephites channelize their abilities in multifaceted ways to bring laurels through their success not only in academics but also in various co-curricular activities. At this juncture, I wish the very best to all Josephites.

May God Bless Us All.

**Sr Sheena Joseph DW**  
Vice Principal

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