

ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL, BATHINDA



PRISM

Volume 206

An insight into activities organised from July to September 2024
(Secondary and Senior Secondary Wing)

Imparting education as per
National Curriculum Framework

First school in the city to adopt
Holistic Progress Card



Admissions are Open for
Nursery and LKG
Session 2025-26

Upcoming Events:
Solaris
Annual Function

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Parents

I am pleased to share with you our latest e-newsletter, which highlights the diverse activities and programs that have supported our students' learning and personal growth over the past few months. These experiences are a reflection of our ongoing commitment to providing a holistic education that not only drives academic success but also nurtures character development and prepares our students for the fullness of life.

As Nelson Mandela wisely said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Through these activities, our students are gaining valuable skills, building confidence, and learning to collaborate and lead. These experiences empower them to face future challenges with resilience and optimism, equipping them to thrive in an ever-changing world.

A special thanks to Mrs Meesha for her dedication and hard work in compiling all these activities and bringing this e-newsletter to life. Her efforts have truly helped to capture the essence of our school community.

We hope you enjoy reading about the wonderful achievements and moments that have shaped our students' journey.

Warm regards
Sr Ophelia Lobo
Principal

VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents

We at our school, are committed to fostering a transformative educational experience that goes beyond academics. Our focus is on holistic development, nurturing each student's potential by blending intellectual, emotional, and social growth. Through innovative teaching methods, project-based learning, and a supportive environment, we aim to equip students with critical thinking, creativity, and empathy. This approach empowers them to thrive in an ever-changing world, preparing them not just for exams but for life. Together, we can cultivate a community of lifelong learners who are confident, compassionate, and future-ready.

Warm regards

Sr Navina Pinto

Vice Principal

EDITOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Readers

Welcome to the latest edition of Prism! This issue highlights events that celebrate creativity, resilience, and innovation.

The management team, staff and students of St Joseph's Convent School, Bathinda take pride in the maxim 'If it's worth doing, it's worth doing well'.

Each Josephite, whether a toddler or a teen, celebrates academics, curricular and co- curricular activities administered at school. Four walls of the classroom are turned into a room for exploration, where the teacher ignites inquisitiveness among the taught. It is a place where rote learning is attenuated. It is a journey one takes to grow holistically, become critical thinkers and embrace 21st century skills.

This edition of Prism is a testament to the dedication and consistency shown by the students from July to September 2024. Irrespective of challenges, Josephites have once again proven themselves to be undefeatable.

I thank honourable Principal, Sr Ophilia for being the guiding light in preparing this edition of Prism. Your encouragement and support have made a significant impact on my journey, and I'm truly grateful to you.

I hope this vibrant newsletter amazes you with the activities and upgradations incorporated in the school.

Meesha Gupta
Editor and Designer

In loving memories of ...

Sr Rosalie



Sr Rosalie was one of the pioneers of Bethany in the North. She served the Province in capacities such as Superior of the Communities, Provincial Councillor and Principal of several schools. Her extensive proficiency and leadership skills were witnessed at St Joseph's Convent School, Bathinda when she deployed her expertise as the Principal from 1975-1981.

Sister was blessed with resourcefulness. She had vast experience in the field of education which she shared with others generously. In the last few years of her life, she continued to guide the young members of the Province with love and dedication.

***“You will forever shine brightly in our hearts
and guide us from above.”***

Dear Sisters

WELCOME TO ST JOSEPH'S



Revered School Management



**Cordial welcome to
Sr Elsie Vas, Primary Headmistress**



**Heartfelt greetings to Sr Nalini,
Incharge of Social Service**



**Gracious greetings to
Sr Preetiwanti Bodra, Office Incharge**



**Warm welcome to Sr Ranjita to
the portals of St Joseph's**



**Golden words by
Principal Sr Ophilia**

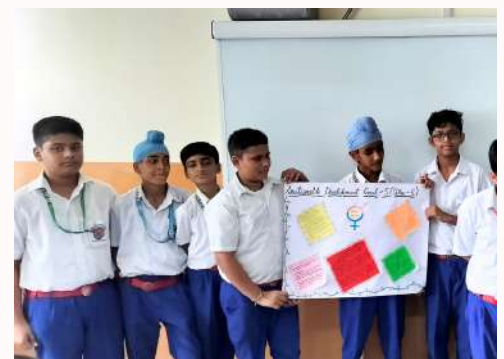
Faculty of St Joseph's cordially welcomes you. Your expertise and passion for education will surely make a difference to the institution.

TALENT TANGENT

Wallpaper Project

Students of classes VII-C and VII-E engaged in **Wallpaper Project centered on SDGs**. After an introductory discussion on the goals, students were divided into groups. Each group created a chart representing one of the SDGs. Using research, illustrations, and real-life examples, the students depicted challenges and solutions related to their assigned goal and presented their research. The activity built a collaborative environment that enhanced interpersonal skills of the students, which are essential in both academic and professional settings.

Experiential Learning
Developing 21st Century Skills
Decision Making Skills
Critical Thinking Skills





Film Appreciation Club

Film Appreciation Club, a new club for students interested in films and the craft of Cinema.

It is a place where they learn about skill set required to observe, write about and finally make films. This begins a dialogue where students comprehend the **meaning and the importance of cinema** in shaping the world we live in. Along with understanding and learning to write creative and meaningful stories for themselves and generations to come.



ART EXHIBITION




The campus of St Joseph's experienced the **magic of artistry** come alive in this integrated event on the day of **Parent Teacher Meeting**. The parents witnessed harmony of dance, music, and drama merging into a spectacular display of artistic expression. The rhythmic beats guided the feet, the melodies soothed the soul, and the theatrical performances transported everyone to a world of imagination.



**DANCE
DRAMA
MUSIC**





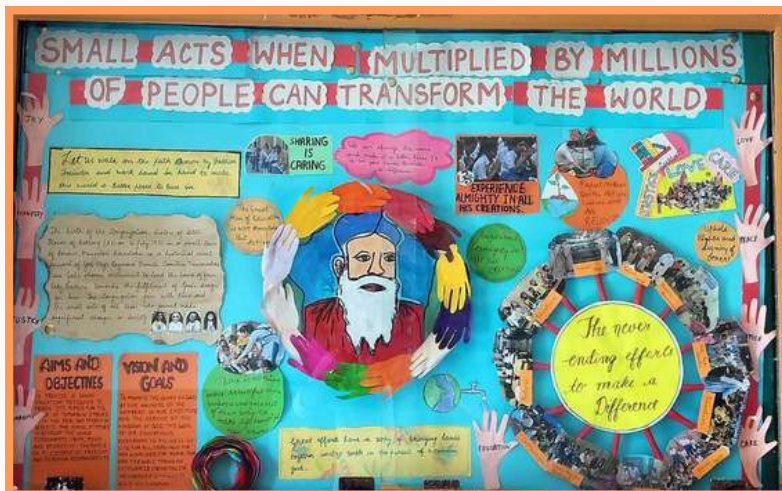
BATTLE BETWEEN *Four Houses*

COMPETITIONS

Bulletin Board

Foundation Day

Interhouse competition inspired innovative displays highlighting the institution's history, values, and achievements. Colorful images and captions adorned the boards, depicting Father Founder's vision, milestones, and students accomplishments. The competition fostered teamwork and creativity.



Independence Day



"Our flag is more than just cloth and ink. It is a universally recognized symbol that stands for liberty and freedom."

Interhouse competition fostered camaraderie and creativity among students. Perspective and talent of the young minds came caught the spotlight through the competition.



Debate

An engaging inter-house debate competition for Junior Houses (Classes VI-VII) and Senior Houses (Classes VIII-X) was centered around the thought-provoking topic, "The Development of AI will Help Humanity." The event was judged by eminent personalities. The event saw enthusiastic participation from all houses, with each team presenting well-researched arguments and demonstrating commendable oratory skills. The competition not only showcased the students' debating prowess but also encouraged a deeper understanding of the significant impact of AI on society.

For the motion

**The Development of
AI will Help
Humanity**

Against the motion

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Judges
(Left-Right): Mrs Neha
Kotiyal and
Mrs Raman Sidhu



Judges
(Left-Right): Mrs Malti
Gupta and
Mrs Shuchita Grover

Monologue Competition

Interhouse monologue competition was held for **senior house** students on the topic '**Life of a Freedom Fighter**'. Students showcased their talent, hardwork, dedication and passion through their enactment. All the performances were full of emotions, intensity and authenticity, that helped connect with our freedom fighters. The judges for the event, Mrs Harvinder Kaur and Mrs Parul Gupta, appreciated the participants and announced the winners.

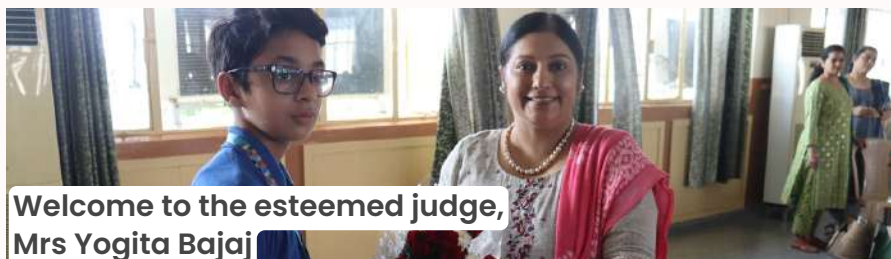


Warm welcome to the distinguished judges.
Left to Right: Mrs Harvinder Kaur and Mrs Parul Gupta



Street Play

Students of **Junior and Senior houses** portrayed inspiring stories of **India's freedom struggle**, bringing to life the bravery, sacrifice, and patriotism of our revolutionaries. Through powerful performances, the students conveyed important values such as courage, unity and the importance of standing up for justice. The competition was a tribute to our national heroes and a reminder of the lessons they taught us, leaving a lasting impact on the spectators.



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BATTLE AMONG *Classes*



Poster Making

Students of **classes VI-IX** participated in Poster Making Competition. Brimming with ideas, they started the contest with zeal and enthusiasm, pouring colours, views and thoughts on canvas. Through their depiction, they expressed that together we can create a **supportive community** where everyone can thrive.

Theme for the competition

Classes VI-VII: Social Media Safety

Classes VIII- IX: Mental Health Awareness



Fancy Dress



Mrs Tania along with students welcoming revered judges.
Left to Right: Mrs Bela Gupta and Mrs Roopal Sachdeva



Fancy Dress competition for **classes VI and VII** based on the theme "**How Technology Has Made Our Living Smart**" welcomed creativity and innovation at its zenith. Students were dressed as smart devices, AI assistants, and futuristic gadgets; highlighted how technology has transformed lives of humans. The event not only displayed the students' artistic talents but also their understanding of the profound impact technology has on the world today. The judges were wonderstruck with assiduous preparations made by the school.



Winners of the competition with the judges.



INTER SCHOOL

Speech

COMPETITION

"Words do two major things: they provide food for the mind and create light for understanding and awareness."

**St Joseph's Convent School
launched its first
Inter School Competition on
17 August 2024.**

**Showcase of skills by
10 CBSE affiliated
schools.**

**Three categories
Primary- Classes IV and V
Middle- Classes VI and VII
Senior- Classes VIII, IX and X**

Theme: Speeches given by freedom fighters

The competition commenced with an inspiring opening address by Sister Grace Maria, the Manager of the school. The participants delivered compelling speeches, showcasing their talent and eloquence. The competition for all three categories was evaluated by distinguished panel of judges. Worthy Principal, Sister Ophilia Lobo addressed the gathering, commending the students' efforts and the high standard of competition. The event was expertly coordinated by Mrs Satwant Kaur Maan and Mrs Ashu Garg. The day concluded with the presentation of mementos to the judges and prize distribution to the winners.

**Best School Award:
RBDV School, Bathinda**



SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

Foundation Day

Foundation Day of Bethany Congregation is the testament of power of faith, love and service that has united us and guided us through the years. The **Chief Guest, Fr Ivo Dias**, the Parish Priest, along with Sr Grace Maria, Sr Ophilia and all the sisters presided over the function to commemorate the glorious achievements of the Bethany Congregation. This day celebrates the vision and dedication of Father Founder and the commitment to provide quality education to generations of students. The institution strives to achieve the vision and goal while adhering to the core values of the Congregation. Students of **class IX** left everyone in awe with their ingenuity.



Warm welcome to Chief Guest, Fr Ivo Dias



103
years
of
service



Student enacting as Founder of Bethany Congregation, Fr RFC Mascarenhas

Flag Hoisting Ceremony

Tricolour: A vibrant symbol of unity, freedom, and pride.

The theme for this year's Independence Day celebrations is 'Viksit Bharat', which translates to 'Developed India'. This theme aligns with the Indian government's vision to transform the nation into a developed country by 2047, the centenary of Independence. The school celebrated this event with pride, gratitude and remembrance.



TEACHERS' DAY



Teachers' Day was celebrated with gusto and ardour. Students expressed gratitude to their teachers through heartfelt speeches and cultural programmes. Representatives from all the classes honoured their teachers with planters. Principal Sr Ophilia, delivered a special speech on this day, appreciating efforts and dedication of teachers towards their duties.



The school choir weaving tapestry of sound.



Sr Ophilia presenting Lucky Teacher Award to Mrs Ashu Garg



Expression of gratitude by Mrs Ranju Arora on behalf of staff members

INDUSTRIAL VISIT

Destination Kapurthala

Students of **class VIII** embarked on educational journey to Kapurthala. The keen learners explored the **Rail Coach Factory and Pushpa Gujral Science City** with zeal. Children were guided to various manufacturing units of rail coach. They dived into the ocean of knowledge at Science City. They envisaged 3D theatre, flight simulator and laser show. It is said that every day we grow little more and a trip to such prodigious places brought a quantum jump in the stride of the learners.



TEACHERS' UPSKILLING

Capacity Building Programme



The capacity building programme for teachers aimed to enhance their professional skills and knowledge, enabling them to deliver high-quality education and foster a supportive learning environment. Through the workshop, teachers gained expertise in curriculum design, pedagogy, assessment, as well as strategies for inclusive education, technology integration, and student-centered learning.



JOSEPHITE IN THE HEADLINES!

पंजाब स्कूल गेम्स में अंडर-14 शतरंज प्रतियोगिता में ऐशनी दुसेजा ने स्वर्ण पदक जीतकर जिले का नाम रोशन किया



बठिंडा, 3 सितम्बर (वीरपाल सिंह): पंजाब स्कूल के 68वें स्कूल गेम्स में बठिंडा की प्रतिभाशाली लड़की कर्नल सचिन दुसेजा की बेटी ऐशनी दुसेजा ने अंडर-14 शतरंज प्रतियोगिता में पहला स्थान हासिल कर स्वर्ण पदक जीता। जिले के सेंट जोसेफ स्कूल की इस बेटी ने अपने माता-पिता और स्कूल का नाम रोशन किया है। ऐशनी दुसेजा के पिता ने जानकारी देते हुए बताया कि ऐशनी ने अपने रूप में 67वें पंजाब स्कूल गेम्स की शतरंज प्रतियोगिता में रजत पदक जीतकर 7000 रुपये की पुरस्कार राशि जीती थी। अपने बेहतरीन प्रदर्शन से उन्होंने नेशनल स्कूल स्पोर्ट्स प्रतियोगिता के लिए अपनी जगह बनाई। ऐशनी द्वारा की जा रही कड़ी मेहनत ने शतरंज के खेल में काफी आगे जाकर राष्ट्रीय स्तर की प्रतियोगिताओं में देश का नाम रोशन करने की छान ली है।

Aishani Duseja nailed the first position in Chess Under 14 category at 68th School Games. She was rewarded with a cash prize of ₹ 7000 and applauded with a gold medal.

WE ARE
PROUD
OF YOU!

पंजाब स्टेट महिला चेस चैंपियनशिप में ऐशनी दुसेजा ने मारी बाजी

भास्कर न्यूज | बठिंडा

पंजाब स्टेट चेस एसोसिएशन की ओर से दो दिवसीय चैंपियनशिप 11 व 12 मई को मोहाली में करवाई गई। चेस चैंपियनशिप के अंडर 7, अंडर 11 व अंडर 13 कैटेगरी में बठिंडा के सेंट जोसेफ स्कूल की लड़कियों ने भाग लेकर प्रदेश स्तरीय चैंपियनशिप में जीत हासिल की। चैंपियनशिप के अंडर 7 वर्ग में तनिका गर्ग ने पहला, अंडर 11 में ऐशनी दुसेजा ने 5 अंक हासिल करके पहला स्थान

हासिल किया। बेहतरीन प्रदर्शन करने पर ऐशनी की काबलियत को एसोसिएशन के प्रबंधकों ने खूब सराहा। सेंट जोसेफ कॉन्वेंट स्कूल में पढ़ने वाली आर्मी कैंट निवासी ऐशनी दुसेजा (पुत्री कर्नल सचिन दुसेजा) का नेशनल स्कूल चैंपियनशिप के लिए चयन हुआ। अंडर 13 वर्ग में बठिंडा की अर्शिया गोयल ने तीसरा स्थान हासिल किया। अर्शिया गोयल ने 2023 की खेड़ा वतन पंजाब दिया में बेहतर प्रदर्शन करके मेडल जीते।

Aishani Duseja sealed the first position in Chess Under-11 category. She gleamed with gold medal on this achievement. She is further preparing for National School Championship.

LAUDABLE LANDMARKS

"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful."

Checkmate !



Aishani Duseja secured the first position in Under 11 State Chess Championship.



Aishani Duseja bagged the fifth position at Punjab State Chess Championship (Under-11 Girls). She also received a medal and a certificate.



Aishani Duseja achieved the second position in Under 16 State Chess Tournament.



Aishani Duseja received Award of Excellence Certificate and a Medal in Chess at AWWA Celebration.

Sports Mania



Evan Singla received participation certificate at Ride on World Bicycle Day.



Mantaj Sidhu nailed Gold and Silver Medal in 10m Air Rifle, 177 peep sight.



Mantaj Sidhu won Gold Medal in U 17 10m Peep Sight Air Rifle Competition and Shahvaris Singh Sidhu won Gold Medal in U 17 10m Open Sight Air Rifle Competition.



Our students participated in 10th Cadet Kyorugi and Poomse Taekwondo Championship 2024. Gauransh Shukla won Gold Medal, Ruhaniat won Gold Medal, Aarav Mittal won Silver Medal, Milanjot won Bronze Medal and Guntaj Singh won Bronze Medal.



Dhurvansh Deep Singh Dhillon won 3 Gold medals and 1 Bronze Medal in Under 17 Sabre and Under 17 Foil.

Sports Mania



Ekamnoor won Gold Medal in Open Shooting Championship.



Vansh won the Winner's Trophy at Under 12 Cricket tournament.



Under 12 (Boys) cricket team won Runners Up Trophy at Cricket Kids Tournament.



Girls Netball team won silver medal in Under 14 Netball game (District Level).



Our students participated in Under 11 Cricket Tournament and bagged the first position.



Girls Netball team won silver medal in Under 17 Netball game (District Level).

Sports and Others



Handball team of Girls bagged the second position in District Level Competition (Under 17, Handball).



Our students brought laurels to the school by winning District Gold Medal (Game-Taekwondo) in 68th Punjab Inter District School Games.



Our students participated in International Speaker Competition 2024. Uday Mittal was declared National level Winner.



Palak Goyal won Gold Medal in Under 19 Powerlifting Competition (District Level).



Aseesdeep Kaur received an appreciation medal and a trophy at Teej Celebration Event.

MUN Medalists



Niharika Swain was appreciated with verbal mention at Kalinga International MUN.



Students of our school participated in Valour MUN. Veronica achieved Special Mention, Shivani secured Honourable Mention and Tanveer got Verbal Mention.



Kanwarpratap Singh, Aksh Singhal and Vaanya bagged the third position at BVC Conclave held at Chandigarh.



Many Special Mention Awards and Commendation Awards were won by our students who were amongst 280 delegates from 15 schools in Kaimera MUN, held at Patiala.



Ashveen Kaur was facilitated with Award of Appreciation as Rapporteur and Karvi Jindal with Award of appreciation as an OC member in Kaimera MUN, held at Patiala.



Unik Bindal (7-F) received a Certificate of Participation in Cascade MUN and Synace MUN.

MUN Medalists



Budding delegates of our school performed with poise confidence and a deep understanding of International affairs and brought laurels to their alma mater. School is incredibly proud of MUN Champions for their achievement at St Xavier's School, Bathinda.



Josephites brought immense pride to the school by excelling in the recent MUN Conference held at St Xavier's School, Bathinda. Heartfelt congratulations to the entire team of 52 delegates.



Our Students participated in MUN, DPS Bathinda. They brought laurels to the school by winning the Best School Delegation Award, Best Journalist, Best Delegate and Special Mention.



Our students participated in MUN held at DPS Bathinda and won the Best School Delegation Award.



Gurleen Kaur and Kanwar Pratap Singh Chahal received participation certificates at St John's All India Debate.

Marvellous Mentorship



Mrs Shelja Singla, the SOF Coordinator of the school has been adjudged as the 'Best District Teacher' for her contribution to the cause of education, leadership and academic initiatives for 2023-24. In recognition of her allegiance, the Science Olympiad Foundation has awarded her with a trophy, a Citation and a cash prize.



Distinguished educators, **Mrs Teena and Mrs Shelja Singla**, the ITO Coordinators of the school have been acclaimed as the 'The Best Teacher' for their excellent contribution towards the students' progress and initiatives for the academic success in the session 2023-24. Indian Talent Olympiad Organization has awarded both of them with a citation, a letter of appreciation and a personalized journal.



Miss Honhaar Sidhu participated and presented research paper titled 'The Effect of Social Media and Identity Crisis' in the International Seminar on "Research for Sustainable Future- Multidisciplinary Approach" organised by Global Bridge College, Wolaita, Ethiopia. Her work is published in peer reviewed journal 'Poonam Shodh Rachna' in Volume 3 Issue VIII August 2024.



We are proud to announce that our faculty member, **Mrs Ashu Garg**, has been included in the anthology "Contemporary South Asian Women Poetry." This prestigious collection features accomplished poets. Her poems titled 'Time's Temperament' and 'Absolved' have an imprint of her beautiful penmanship.

Olympiad Result



Students of our school transformed the sublime dream into a reality with their astounding academic performance at State Level ITO exams.

Aavishi Singh- State rank three in Drawing. Awarded with a State Level certificate and scholarship of Rs 1200.

Harnaad Singh- State rank six in Drawing. Awarded with a scholarship of Rs 700.

Onish Goyal- State rank four in Mathematics and was accorded with a scholarship of Rs 1000.

Medal of excellence awarded to Dhruvin Bansal in Mathematics, Ranajay Sandhu in English, Tanvee Arora in Drawing, Moulik Garg in Mathematics, Kanika Garg in Science and Neev Bansal in Science.



It is said that Victory is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardor and diligence. These words are truly reflected in the spectacular performance shown by the students in Indian Talent Olympiads. Our school feels gratified to have 24 winners in Mathematics, 16 merit holders in Science, 12 meritorious pupils in English, 8 class toppers in Drawing, 3 winners in General Knowledge and one in Social Science Olympiad.