



St. Joseph's High School
2017-2018



MAGICAL YEARS

The Josephite Festival



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**Saint Joseph
was a just man, a tireless
worker, the upright
guardian of those
entrusted to his care.
May he always guard,
protect and
enlighten families.**



A message from the Rector...

My dear Friends,

The Josephite Festival was a huge success once again! There was excitement in the air as students from various Institutes of learning competed with one another in a host of competitions in several fields of activity. It was indeed a pleasant sight to see so many youngsters on our campus giving themselves the time of their lives, as they exhibited their God given talents and expertise. We were indeed delighted to have you all in our midst and it sure was a tremendous sign of Hope for our youngsters.

Someone put it beautifully when he said: “Give a youngster a stage and music and he will surprise you with what he can turn out.” This Josephite Festival has definitely thrown up some “Superstars in the making.” The enthusiasm of the students and teachers, witnessed last year, was repeated this year too.

This festival is an occasion not only for youngsters to showcase their talents and expertise, but it is also an occasion to mingle with students from different schools on campus and gain a lot from this intermingling. In all that happens, the important thing is not the winning but the participation in the disciplines on offer. One can stretch oneself or put one’s best foot forward, which may not result in a medal. But that’s not the end of the road; there is always the next time. The important thing is the joy and fun of participation, and having moved on ahead in life.

We thank the Heads and teachers of the various participating schools for joining hands in this talent search venture and we wish all the participants the very best in the items they have selected. Let this be a learning experience for us all, participants and spectators.

Fr. Vivian D’Souza sdb
Manager





From the Principal's Desk.....

Culture plays an important role in the development of any nation. It represents a set of shared attitudes, values, goals and practices. Culture and creativity manifest themselves in almost all aspects of life. A country as diverse as India is symbolized by the plurality and richness of its culture.

India has one of the world's largest and most diverse heritage of songs, music, dance, theatre, folk traditions, performing arts, paintings and writings that are known, as the 'Intangible Cultural Heritage' of humanity. This extraordinary, rich culture must not only be preserved, it must also be enhanced.

The general focus among parents and children nowadays is academics. Many feel that all is well when children score high marks in exams. But this is not really true. For a truly all-round development of a child and for an increase in his/her happiness quotient, besides academics, it is important that the child also immerses himself in music, sports, arts and culture.

That is what *The Josephite Festival* is all about. This year, in November 2017, the Festival provided a platform for hundreds of school children from over 50 schools to take part in singing, drawing, drama, mono acting, quiz, debate, spell whiz, elocution and a host of other events. The Festival gave the children a chance to hone their talents, feel good competing with others and get acknowledged by winning attractive prizes and certificates.

The Josephite Festival is a labour of love. Our teachers and a group of dedicated parents have worked painstakingly for several months to put this mega event together. And what a wonderful job they did! I also want to thank our sponsors without whose help this event would not have seen the light of day.

Developing Art & Culture enhances society and helps people live nobler lives. It eradicates pettiness and violence and makes for a more humane and peaceful environment for living. *The Josephite Festival* makes this possible in a little way. We hope, over the years, this little venture, blossoms into a mighty festival wherein all the schools in Mumbai will participate, and make our world a better place to live in.

Fr. Godfrey D'sa sdb
Principal



Pearls of Wisdom from our Headmistress



Arts, Culture, Drama, Dance... is the ‘Hidden Language’ of the soul.

Great works of art become a common language through which we perceive and deal with our world. You don't need to have read Wordsworth's poems or seen Shakespeare's plays, much less studied them, to be part of the world in which they resonate. Insights about our existence - the human condition - formulated by artists, enter our lives through many different channels and often shape the processes through which we find meaning in our lives.

Creative expression is a great way to build self-confidence. Through creative expression students learn to comprehend our world better and are therefore better equipped to navigate the challenges they might be faced with upon graduating from secondary schooling. The ability to express creatively enables children to live more fully and meaningfully.

We at St. Joseph's High School believe this and hence organize *The Josephite Festival*.

After the success of the Centenary Josephite Festival in January 2017, we are eager to carry this forward for years to come. It's a joy to behold over a thousand children, from more than 50 schools from all over Mumbai, participating in the various competitions spread over three days in a cultural extravaganza.

My best wishes and heartfelt thanks to the parents, sponsors, teachers and students of our school for coming together as a harmonious group and creating this joyful fiesta.

Mrs. Sangita Bhattacharya,
Headmistress



Presenting the Year 2017 – 2018! Investiture Ceremony (6th July, 2017)



It takes tremendous courage to lead!
In every thought, word and deed!
To serve, in the hour of need!
Our little leaders dare to succeed!



Secondary Investiture Ceremony

Parliamentary System Leaders are exemplary role models!
 The department ministers work together, with strong wills!
 Together as one, overcoming challenges and obstacles!
 Always on duty, working wonders and bringing laurels!

Orientation Programme for Teachers (12th June, 2017)



St. Joseph's teachers teach from the heart!
Eagerly getting prepared right from the start!
Learning new skills and techniques to impart!
Aiming for children's higher thinking, more than just being smart!

Kindergarten School Activities



The typical early childhood is a variety of activities wrapped around a bundle of energetic, curious children. The planned activities are co-opted in the curriculum. They provide children an opportunity to think freely and explore their skills. The planned activities act as a spring board for learning and helps students make the important leap from what they know to what they need to know. Children participating in the Fun Zone activities enjoy themselves immensely. On returning from the Diwali vacation Children were surprised to enter their classroom and find a fully air – conditioned comfortable room awaiting them. Being aware that physically fit children possess greater volume of grey matter that enhances academic performance, the school has built a new play area for the children to improve their psychomotor skills.

- Mrs. Lorna Seldon

Class Assemblies (June – November 2017)



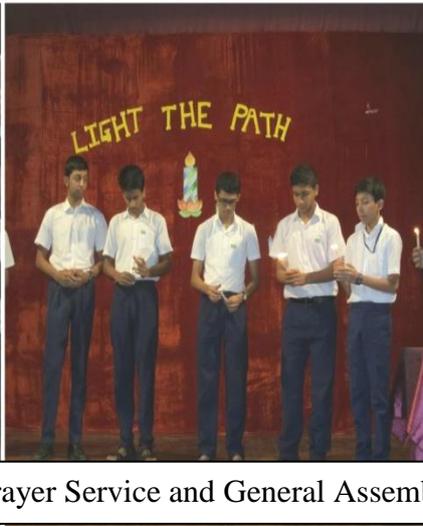
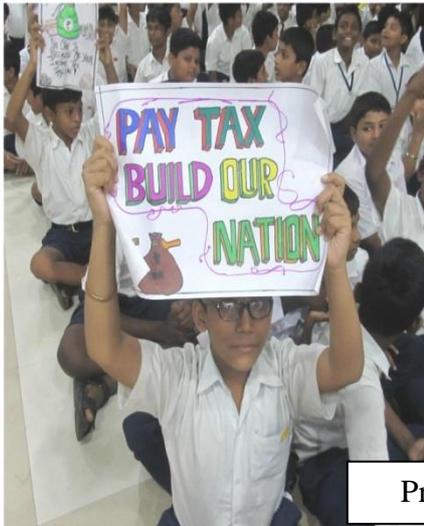
Primary Class Assemblies



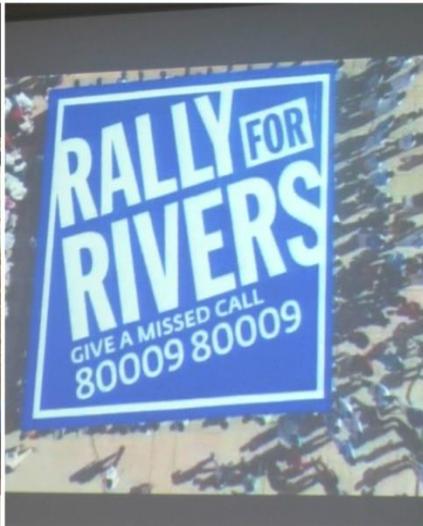


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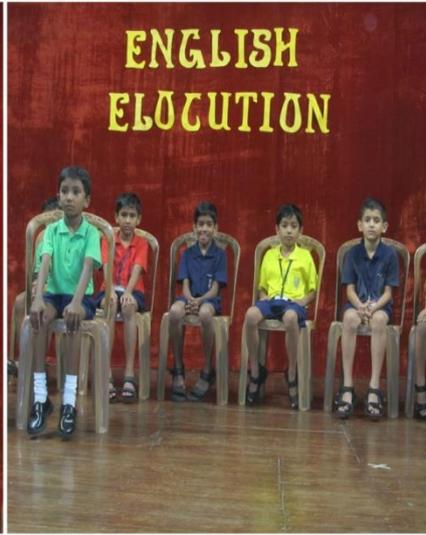


Prayer Service and General Assemblies



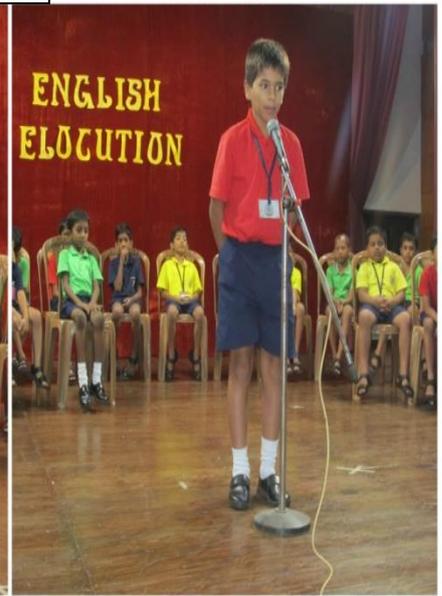
With creativity, innovation and imagination at its best!
Class assemblies are like a grand, extravagant fest!
It's fun watching students charged with the 'get idea' quest!
They amaze us with their talents with which they are blest!

Fun – Filled Friday Activities





Primary and Secondary Elocutions



All the world's a stage and we are all here to play our part!

'Thinking out of the box' moments...

Leadership Camp (12th August, 2017)



Honing leadership skills, relaxing and just chilling!
The special Leadership Camp was truly fulfilling!
The awesome workshops with joyful learning!
Made the outdoor camp interesting and thrilling!



**Mastermind Workshop for classes 5 – 9
23rd June, 2017**

True education begins with brain power!
When the mind blossoms like a flower!
Gaining mastery of the mind every hour!
Charging brain cells like a control tower!

Guidance Programme (19th August, 2017)



History, Geography, Math and Science
 Will never be the same, ever since
 These experts were specially called in,
 To magically transform the content within!

TAKING CARE OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Mrs. Sangita Bhattacharya

The Salesian Congregation founded by Don Bosco was formed not merely to take care of youth, its focus was always to work with marginalized youth – youngsters who find themselves in difficulty and need extra care and support to pull themselves out of their predicament and move ahead in life! In Schools too, we have many children who for no fault of their own, are unable to cope with the prescribed curriculum. They work hard, but in spite of their best efforts, they fail. The School System does little to help them when they do not fit in. These children in turn get discouraged, feel useless, give up on studies and end up becoming school dropouts.

St. Joseph's, Wadala, has developed an elaborate programme with the help of specialists to cater to children with special needs. The Management, through constant interaction with trained professionals and teachers has evolved a wholesome programme to benefit students, especially those having difficulties, so that they manage their academics in school as well as pick up skills that would help them later on in life.

Our special programme with children begins right from Junior KG. With the help of Occupational Therapists, once the children of the Junior K.G have settled down in the new academic year, they are assessed for Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD). Children found to be at risk are given occupational therapy. We have a specially equipped therapy room having the necessary equipment for various exercises the children need to do. The school has two Occupational Therapists giving treatment all through the year. This treatment continues in Sr. K.G and goes on also in the Primary until the children have stabilized. Occupational Therapy takes care of a number of basic dysfunctions in children which hamper learning – hyperactivity, imbalance, perceptual difficulties etc. During school hours, Occupational Therapy is given in groups. For children who are severe, one-on-one therapy is made available in school after school hours. In all 78 children from the Pre-Primary and Primary attend occupational therapy sessions.

In the Primary Section, to help children with Learning Difficulties, we have the SETSS Programme – Special Education Teacher Support Services. We have three trained full time Special Educators in School. Besides these, we also have the services of a professional who regularly oversees the work done by our Special Educators. In Std. I all the children are informally assessed for Learning Difficulties. The Special Educators draw up an IEP (Individual Educational Plan) for each child found to have difficulties. Regular Remedial Classes are held by the Special Educators during school hours to help these children learn in a different way and achieve the skills they lack in reading, writing and math. Presently from the Primary Section, we have 76 boys in the SETSS Programme.

For the boys in the Secondary Section (Stds. V, VI, VII and VIII) we have the Bridge Course. The Bridge Course is for children who are far below their level academically and are unable to cope with their studies. These children go to their respective classes in the Zero Period. The rest of the morning, six Special Teachers tutor four to five boys each in linguistic and logical skills. After the lunch break the boys are back again in their regular class. In the one month that this programme has been on, the boys have shown tremendous progress. Besides showing great progress academically, they have also become more self-confident and their self-esteem has risen. This is because of the special attention and encouragement they receive from their teachers who are determined to assist these children in moving forward. Presently there are 26 boys in the Bridge Course.

St. Joseph's also has two full time trained Counsellors. These counsellors, besides meeting children and parents on a regular basis, also conduct the Well-Being Programme in school for all students and parents of the Secondary Section. The Well-Being Programme is a graded programme in Emotional Development and students of each division have four sessions and parents have two sessions of 90 minutes each at different intervals through the year. The counsellors help children deal with difficult emotions, enable them to tackle problems like stress, bullying and peer pressure and take them through a process in making career choices for life. The counsellors also have

sessions with parents and help them understand the developmental stages their children are going through, the tasks they need to accomplish and how they should accompany their children in a healthy manner. The process of Career Guidance starts in Std. VIII where counsellors help students first to become aware of themselves and understand their likes and dislikes, then to comprehend the world of work and finally to match their interest, aptitude and personality with an appropriate career choice.

We believe we have a unique setup at St. Joseph's where we focus in a special way and cater to children in areas where they find it difficult to search their way forward in life. We also believe that a little support and a lot of love will go a long way in helping these children discover their God given talents and become a success in life. Don Bosco and his wonderful educative system are our inspiration and guide!



Important Days Celebrated

Independence Day Celebrations – Kindergarten, Primary and Secondary - 15th August



We are proud to be Indians
And live on this free land,
Independence Day is the best day
To honour our Motherland!

A Million Pledges

Around September of 2015 I received a call from a school friend of mine. I was speaking to him after many years. Pleasantries and life updation done, he quickly cut to the work at hand. Our school was turning 100 years old! And the current Principal Rev. Fr. Godfrey D'sa was trying to make the Centenary Year an epic one!

He informed me that there was scope for the Past Pupils to get involved for which a meeting was organized in school. I will save you the details, but suffice to say, for the purpose of this report; that the meeting turned into meetings and the movement grew as more and more Alumni joined were contacted and roped in.

For the fact driven, here are the brass tacks. Over 2200 Alumni were ultimately contacted by some touch point or the other. Many were spread across the country and abroad. But a quorum of regulars was formed which acted as a nucleus. It was decided to form an Alumni body and SJW Alumni Trust was born. 4 projects for the school were identified and implementation committees were formed who took to the enormous task of finishing things within a specified time frame.

Now, when so many people meet for a good cause, goodness overflows. Many of us felt that the school should embrace a big social cause that will last beyond the centenary year and help give back to the society and also make us live our school motto – Ad Majora Natus Sum. Latin for “We are born for greater things!”.

We discussed many, but settled for the noblest of all – Organ Pledging and Donation. The reasons were many.

Indians need 2, 50,000 Kidneys, About 80,000 Livers, 50000 Hearts, and 100000 Corneas every year and these are just the numbers we know. In India alone there are around 6000 people who die annually waiting for organ transplant. This means that every 17 minutes someone dies waiting for a transplant. And every 13 minutes someone new is added to the waiting list. Currently the number of donors, despite the full force of media and ministerial intervention in spreading awareness, were abysmally low. To cite an example, in the megapolis of Mumbai, there were less than 75 people who donated organs in 2016. Also, there was this unique rider attached to the cause, that even if you agreed to pledge your organs and donate them after you died, the organs could be harvested only if you passed away in a hospital and one could quickly extract them (in some cases the latency is less than 15 minutes). Or if you were brain dead and your family acceded to your pledge and carry out your wishes while you were technically still alive. IT was complex. And we as students of a convent took up the cause with twin objectives – Create as much noise to attract attention to the cause and spread awareness. Only if the funnel was full, there would be a trickle at the base. We pledged to touch at least a million people – a tangible goal. “A Million Pledges” was born.

We activated the machinery through a classmate in North Block and got accreditation from National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation which is the fulcrum of all organ transplant associations and bodies in India and reports to the DGCA under the Union Health Ministry. They spread the red carpet for us. The response was unbelievable. We were on the road and on a roll. We quickly made subject material, collected videos, articles, audio clips and other resources that would serve as our ammunition to convince people of all age groups, especially the young, on why they should embrace this cause and become ambassadors of AMP.

We spoke at PTA meetings within the school, at inter-school meet organised for all neighboring schools by our Principal Rev. Fr. Godfrey D'sa and at convention of the past pupils of Don Bosco in Kurla. The Alumni Central body agreed in principal to join the campaign and make this an India wide – Don Bosco movement. We undertook an orientation in school hall where all the stake

holders, right from current Teachers and past students and parents too were invited. This was done by the Zonal Transplant Co-Ordination Committee that is the executive arm of NOTTO in all parts of the country.

The awareness began thus. It was reinforced when we held a pledge drive for parents, relatives and family of the current and past school student of St. Joseph's Wadala and got an overwhelming response with over 1400 pledges collected. We were getting attention from the Capital. NDTV Fortis invited us to join their Organ Awareness walk at Mulund Fortis and with the help of school management, 2 bus loads of students from 8th to 10th Standards, Teachers, Principal, Past Pupils and relatives joined with full enthusiasm and walked the streets with placards eulogizing the benefits of pledging.

Very soon we were invited to the National Organ Donation Day celebration in delhi by NOTTO and A Million Pledges was honored by being named as one of the top 15 not for profit organization involved in this mission across the Country. We were a part of the Conclave that followed where all the top NGOs in this cause presented their works and exchanged views which will shape the direction this movement takes across the country. We took part as Team AMP in the Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon and created as much noise as possible. There was a fund raiser held in school grounds for this cause, which was a grand Dandiya night presented by Viju Shah the maestro musician. Over 1500 people grooved to his beats and helped collect funds for the cause.

The vindication came when we were invited by other colleges and Ganpatipandals to hold awareness talks for their students and devotees respectively. The response was amazing. To see people convert in front of our eyes was succor for the soul! The final activity by us was celebrating the cause with a presentation on work done, under the stars, on our school Grand Alumni re-union Day in company of Alumni and teachers and management – past and current! It was a ticker tape event and 100 ft banners were unfurled to create a unique selfie moment. We had arrived and were here to stay.

This year we hope to carry on the good work and make this cause a National Campaign joined by all Don Bosco Institutions. If all of us come together and create awareness in the right direction and speak the same language, we can start a movement that could save precious lives and meet the demand of healthy organs, which we no longer need after we are gone!

We are indeed born for greater things! Salute to the Alma Mater.



Pankaj Advani



Football – 1 Million Mission – 14th – 15th September, 2017



Cleanliness Pledge - 12th September, 2017



Abdul Kalam - Reading Day - 13th October, 2017

Days like these are important to observe
 To bring out the values we preserve.
 Teamspirit, cleanliness and love for reading
 Make school life fun and to life add meaning!

International School Award (ISA) (August – November, 2017)

Going beyond the text book!



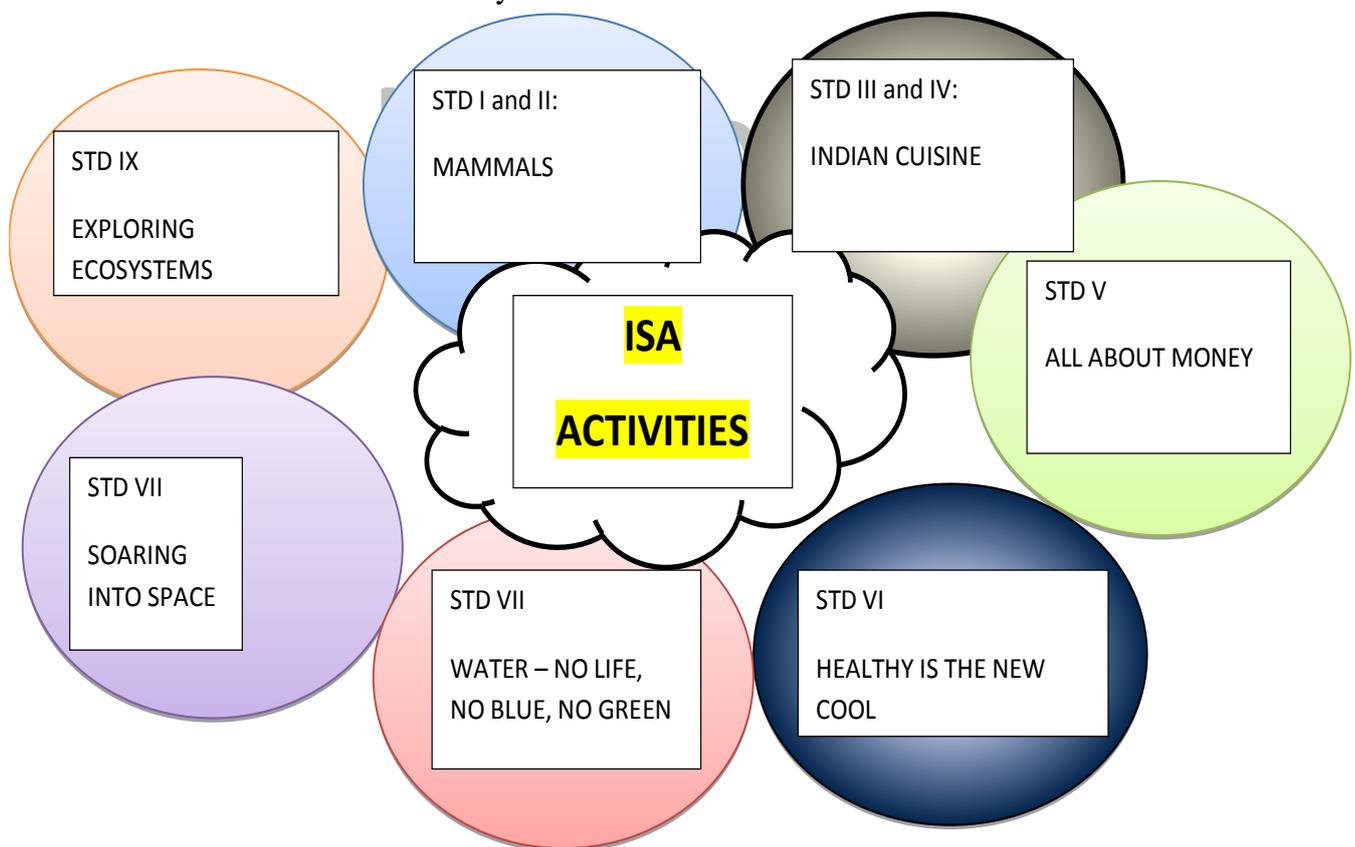
International School Award (ISA)

The British Council International Award is a benchmarking scheme that accredits schools for nurturing inter-cultural understanding and enhancing teaching learning process. We are proud to announce that the management of St Joseph High School has registered for ISA program .

The objectives of ISA are:

- Collaborative curriculum projects to engage with global issues.
- Provides opportunity that develops not only knowledge but also strong moral values, appreciation and respect for different religions and cultures.
- Provides scope for professional growth of teachers.
- Fosters team building, innovation and project management skills.
- Interaction with teachers of other countries helps in exchange of successful practices.
- Journey of learning to encourage students to develop an international dimension and ethos.

The various activities taken by us are



LEARNING OUTCOMES

STD I & II:

The students of std. I and II have prepared animal folder of various mammals, not only of India but also of Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Bhutan.

They prepared clay models of different mammals. The class assembly was based on mammals and their habitats. All these activities are shared with partner country.

STD III & IV:

As a part of this activity children prepared a scrapbook showing cuisine of India, China and Pakistan. Cooking competition was organized to develop skill and appreciate different cuisine. The class assembly depicted the variety cuisine prepared during the festivals in these countries.

STD V:

The students of STD V collected currency of India, Dubai and Singapore. Canteen day is organized with limited budget to develop a sense of responsibility in utilizing money.

STD VI:

The main objective of this activity is to make children aware of healthy food, food habits. 'Share a healthy meal day' gave students an opportunity to propagate the importance of balanced diet.

STD VII:

As part of this activity students participated in Versova beach cleaning initiation. Their creative thinking and skill was challenged by 'Ocean in bottle' activity. Students wrote poems and autobiography of oceans.

STD VIII:

Students compared the space research of India and Russia. Students prepared models of space crafts and displayed on open day.

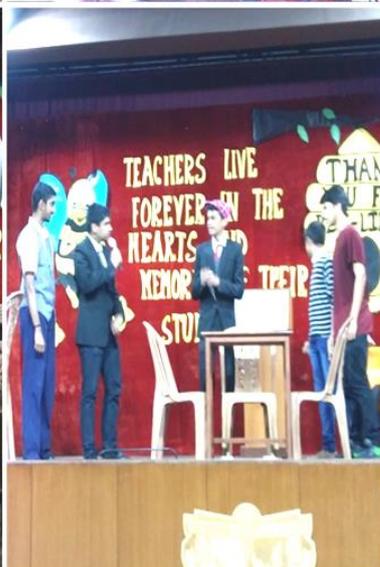
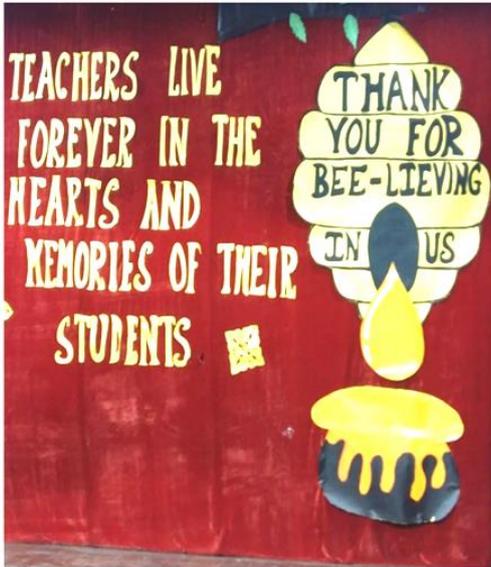
STD IX:

Students of Std. IX prepared scrap book showing different ecosystems of Sri Lanka, Russia, Australia and India. Based on the research conducted by students they designed diorama of various ecosystems. Students were taken to Taraporewala aquarium to appreciate the variety and adaptation in aquatic ecosystems. The 3D models of ecosystems was displayed on open day.

ISA enhances teaching and learning process by adding international dimension. It provides the opportunity to attain personal mastery and team spirit through collaborative learning. The program shapes children into global citizens.

B. Nagaprabha
ISA Coordinator
(Secondary Supervisor)

Teachers' Day (4th September, 2017)





A teachers' purpose is not to create students
 In their own image,
 But to develop students who can create their own image.

Sports Day (29th September, 2017)



Champions are made from something they have deep inside them -
A desire, a dream, a vision!

- Muhammed Ali.

Boxer

Josephite Basketball Premier League (6th Nov. – 14th Nov. 2017)



J.B.P.L. - Josephite Basketball Premier League was an Inter- School Basketball Tournament which had a total of 14 teams. In the Junior category there were 8 teams and in the Senior category there were 6 teams. The team that secured the first place in the Senior Category was Cleveland Cavaliers, the second place went to Chicago Bulls and the third place was awarded to the Golden State Warriors. The winners of the Junior Category were the Golden State Warriors who emerged triumphant securing the first place. Los Angeles Lakers bagged the second place and Los Angeles Clippers won the third place.

Children's Day (14th November, 2017)



*Children's
Day*

A child has a special way
Of adding joy to every day!

Provincial's Visit (20th November, 2017)



Thank you Fr. Godfrey D'souza our Provincial for your Gracious presence in our midst!

The Josephite Festival – The Perfect Place To Be!

To Witness Inter-School Interaction and Camaraderie!

The most awaited three-day festival at St. Joseph's High School, Wadala, sprang forth on 24th November and culminated on 26th November, 2017! The beautiful ambience of vibrant colourful lanterns, bright flamboyant balloons and long, brightly painted competition banners as a backdrop along the school wall put everyone in the festive mood! The large size rangoli on the playground, with a dance figure and the words 'The Josephite Festival' was particularly a sight to behold!

St. Joseph's opened its doors wide to welcome all the 2250 entries from 57 participating schools in its 101st Year just like it did in the Centenary Year! We were overwhelmed to usher in, all students who participated! The children eagerly stepped in and were warmly greeted by the organizing team! The enthusiastic students ranging from Category I, II, III and IV were all given handbands corresponding to the number of events they were participating. The varied competitions provided ample opportunities for the students to showcase their talents and master their skills! This fabulous interaction enhanced learning experiences and enabled the students to enrich their lives meaningfully!

The Josephite Festival is the perfect platform to tap the hidden potential of children and to foster mutual understanding among children from different schools. The Josephites brought laurels to the school by excelling in various competitions and securing the First Place. Our special performers were Master Atharva Dabholkar, an excellent harmonium player; Soham Parale, a fantastic tabla player; the synchronized, energetic folk dance troupe from Antonio DaSilva High School; Ms. Ruta Kambli, a beautiful and elegant classical dance teacher and performer; her student, Ira Chauhan, a graceful kathak dancer and our very own maestros Mr. Harikrishna, his wife Vidya and their son Chaitanya (St. Joseph's, Wadala) who created the perfect blend between music and song! This family trio left us spellbound and speechless with their music which has been kept alive over the past seven generations in the family!

Prize winners of various schools enthralled us with their outstanding performances as everyone watched them with rapt attention! The various competitions like Clay Modelling, Craft, Drawing, Colouring, Monoacting, Story Telling, Fancy Dress, Greeting Card, Vegetable Carving, Short Plays, Folk Dance, Indian Classical Dance, Indian Classical Music were some of the umpteen competitions which aimed at drawing out the best from every child! The students joyfully received participation certificates in the different events they participated. Every competition was well planned and organized! The judges selected the best and all the prize winners were felicitated on stage for their incredible performances! All this was possible with the combined efforts of Fr. Godfrey D'Sa (Principal), Tr. Sangita Bhattacharya (Headmistress), Mr. Harikrishna (Coordinator) and the special Core Committee appointed to organize the event along with the staff, volunteer parents and students who worked together as a team to make this dream come true! The portals of St. Joseph's will always be open to promote art, drama, music and dance, to make our world a better place to live in!



DAY 1



DAY 2





DAY 3



Greenline Team – Our Eco – friendly Champs!

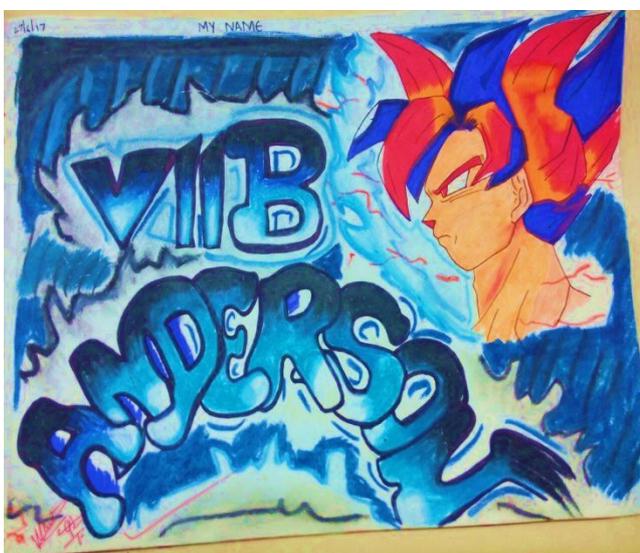
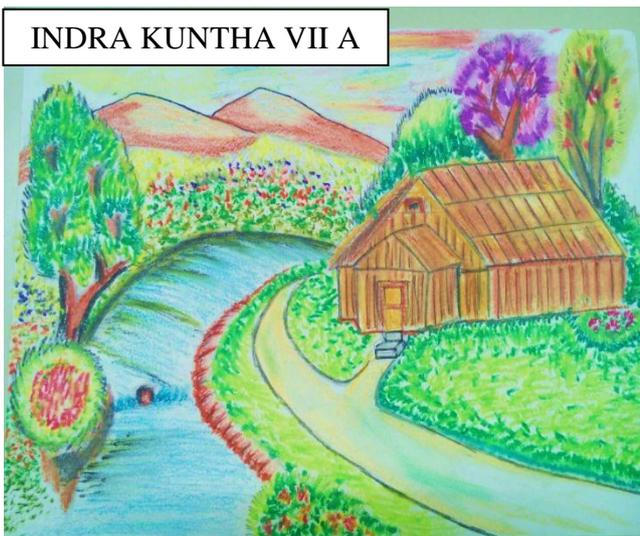


*Greenline
- Go
Trashless*



Go GREEN and keep our environment CLEAN.

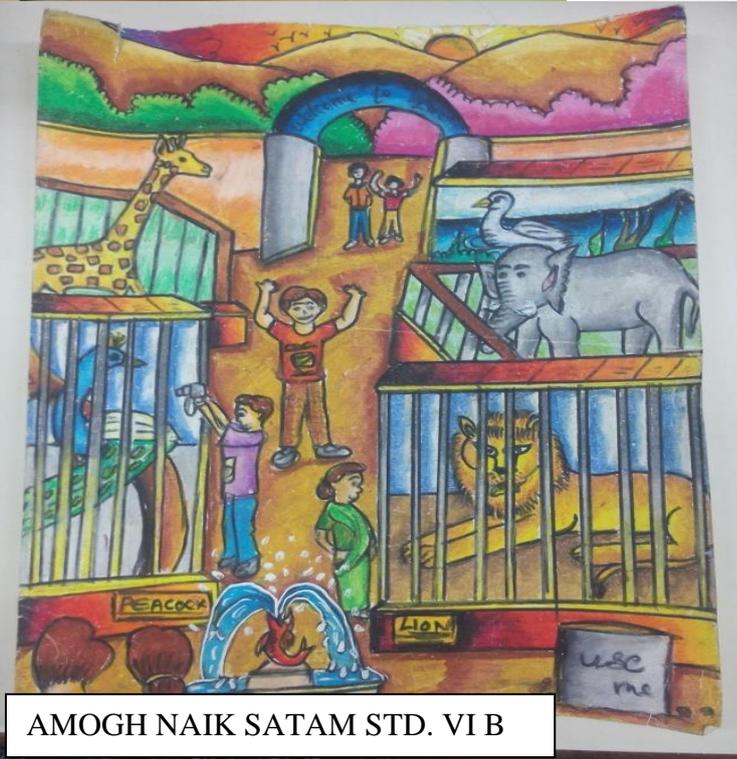
Art Work – Our Budding Artists!



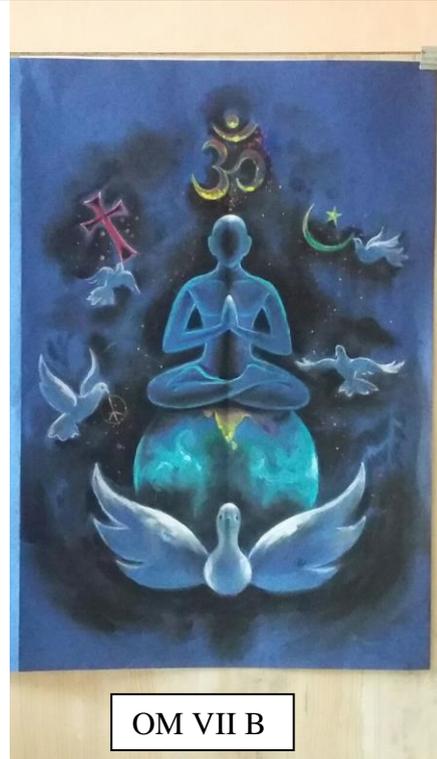
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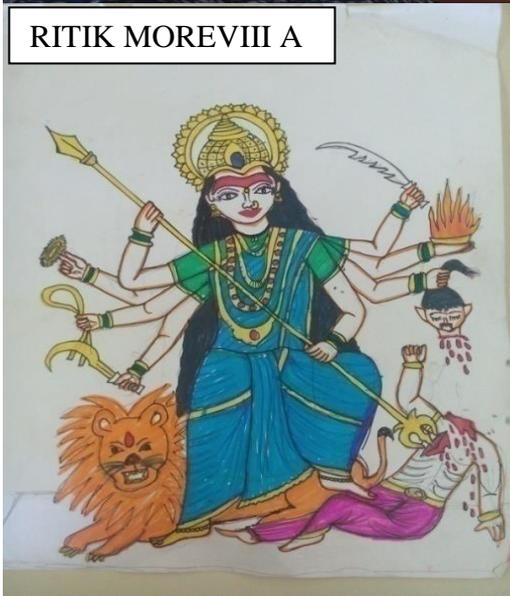


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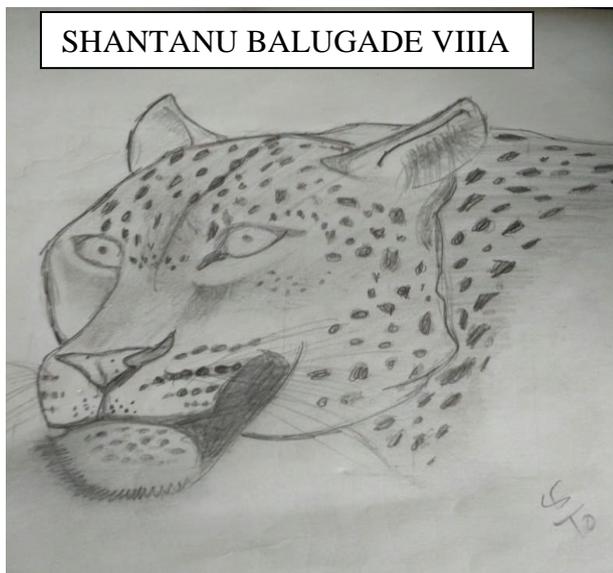


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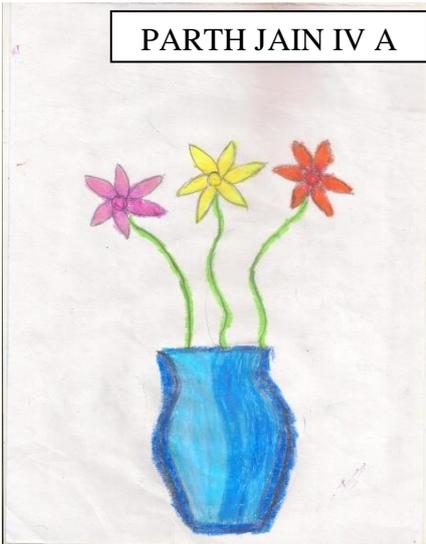
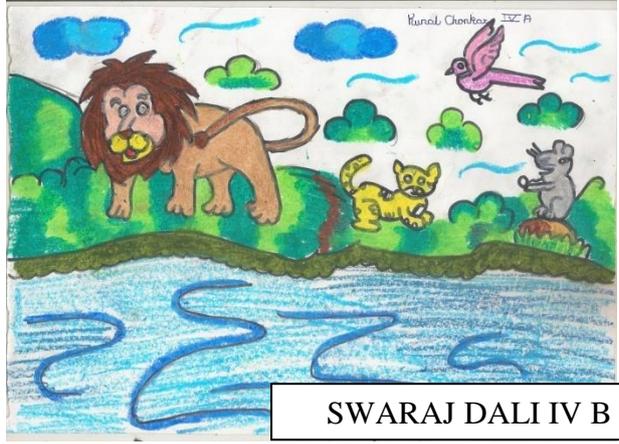


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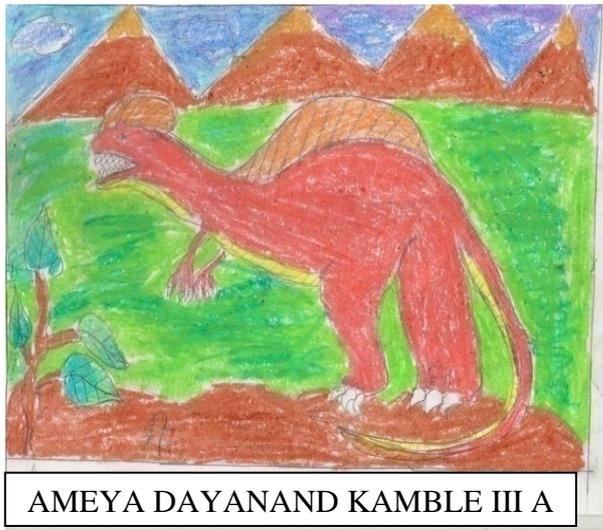




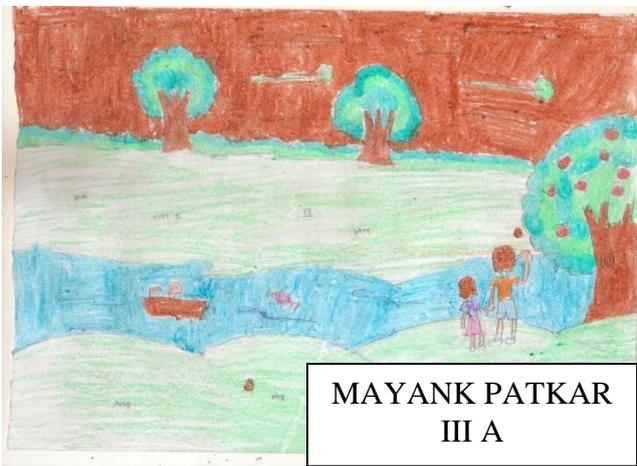
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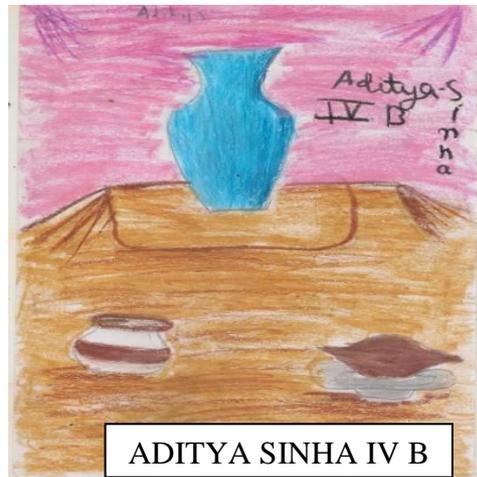
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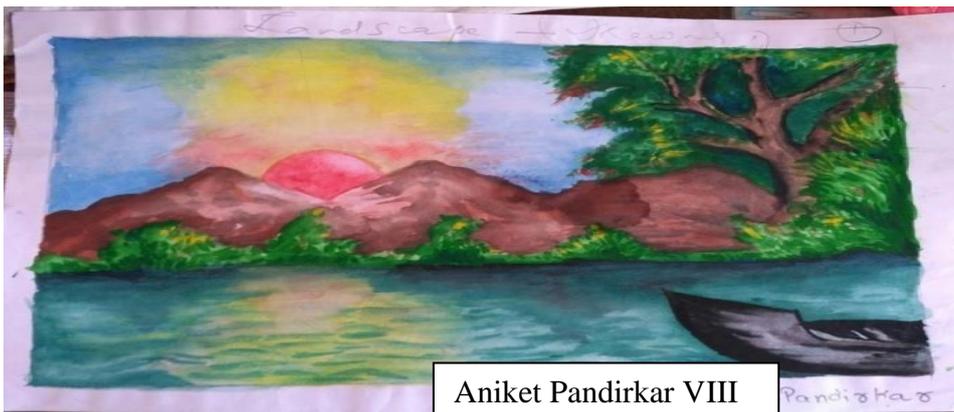
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Aniket Pandirkar VIII

Students' Corner

My School Life

School life is the best period of human life. It is a formative period for everyone. Every student should try to make the best use of school life because it never comes again. Every student should gain knowledge, discipline and punctuality from school. If a student becomes successful in his student career, he will be able to shine in any sphere of life. The key functions of my school are the School Annual Day, Sports Day, Teachers' Day, etc. These are celebrated in a grand manner providing a lot of opportunities for students' inborn talents and abilities. There are matches, tournaments, cultural shows, competitions, outings (field trips and tours), picnics, etc. which make school life lively, interesting and enjoyable! School is the nursery of life! We learn the basic values of life such as discipline, honesty, respect for elders, punctuality, etc. School life is the best life which is the most joyful and happiest life for all of us!!

- Master Aarnav Sawant (Std. IIIA)

Mayank's Autobiography

Born on 23rd Oct, 2008 was a boy to a middle class Gupta family in Mumbai. Being the only grandson to a family, I, Mayank Gupta was most loved and pampered.

I started going to school at the age of two and half years by joining a kindergarten. From thereon, until now I have been the teacher's favourite.

Taking part in several competitions and then winning them was always a great achievement.

The times when I was awarded with multiple prizes, my parents were proud of me and always supported me.

There have been series of ups and downs in my life. Once, when I was in the 1st standard I was ill for more than 15 days. Our family doctor suggested taking me to a different hospital for some tests. It was diagnosed to be kidney blockage and needed to be operated. Later, while performing the operations doctors realized that 20% of one of my kidneys was damaged. This incident is etched in my memory and for my parents this has been one of the toughest situations we have been through!

Ever since then, I have looked upon my parents with respect and lots of love. We have had some family trips to different places. When I visited my

native place with my parents, on the way to my home town, I remember visiting different places like the temple of "Sharda Devi" situated on Trikuta hill of Satra, Madhya Pradesh. I got a chance to experience a wonderful confluence of three rivers "Triveni", namely Ganges, Jamuna and Saraswati in Allahabad, where Saraswati is considered to be invisible. After visiting Triveni we headed to our hometown. This was my first trip to my hometown after I was born. I met my great-grand father for the first time! Everyone was excited to see me! People in the house were loving, caring and joyous. I had a chance to experience the village life for the first time. Those were the best days of my life!

I am a talented and studious boy of the class. I am the Headboy of the Primary Section. I remember one incident that happened with me during the days of being the Headboy. I scribbled something on my desk and was trying to erase it later on, but that was not getting erased. Hence, I used my saliva from the tip of the tongue to erase it due to which the tip of the tongue turned black in colour. There was one boy in class noticing me doing this and complained to teacher. The teacher then asked me to handover the tie without knowing the real reason. I handed over the tie to teacher. Later I was taken to the Headteacher to solve the matter. She asked me what had happened and I explained the entire situation. I was asked why I handed over my tie to teacher without saying anything, I replied stating, "She is my teacher. I need to respect and obey her, and so did not explain or question her as she did not question me for anything." I was then made to understand that I should have explained the situation to the class teacher first even if I was right or wrong.

I like to do multiple things. I like painting, craft, dancing, etc. I also like to play football. My dream in life is to become a football player. And I am taking steps towards it, similarly making sure that my studies are not affected.

So far my life has been moulded with lot of twists and turns, but that's the way life is supposed to be! My motto in life is to live, love and laugh. I thank my parents and God for the life they have given me!

- Master Mayank Gupta (Headboy of the Primary Section and student from Std. IVA)

Welcome To My World!

My name is Sharvil. I am an 8-year old boy. My birthday is on 23rd February, 2009. My father's name is Mahesh and mother's name is Madhura. I have a loving elder sister named Gaargi. I am studying in St. Joseph's High School, Wadala. I am in Std.III. The Principal of my school is Fr. Godfrey D'sa. My class teacher's name is Mamta Bale. Zenovian and Amariion are my best friends. We chat and play games during our school recess. In class, we gain information beyond the textbooks by discovering and exploring the world as we view interesting videos on the Smartboard. I enjoy learning as it enables me to expand my knowledge. My role model is my father. He teaches me how to study and gain confidence in all my tests. My favourite cricketer is Virat Kohli. He is always calm and plays well. My hobbies are drawing, making craft articles and watching cartoons on T.V. I thank God for all that He has given me! I am blessed to be a Josephite!

- Sharvil Mohite (Std. IIIB)

All About Me!

One of the most pleasant tasks is writing about me! There are many people living in this world with different personalities. It makes everyone different and unique from others. We can never see two persons with exactly the same personalities. It never changes and decides the quality of a person. I am sharing my life story. I am so special in this world and have a unique personality. Most people just call me Zeno. I am 7 years old, soon going to turn 8. I have a younger brother. We always keep fighting but also play together. I am the class monitor of Std. III B. I love eating fruits and relish different types of food. My favourite pass time is watching cartoons and playing cricket. My favourite hobby is dancing. I love going to school everyday. It helps me to gain knowledge and build my talents. All the teachers are very loving and kind. I have many friends and love spending time with them. I am a responsible child. I am happy that I have a school with a peaceful environment!

- Zenovian Jeff Velekalihill (Std. IIIB)

Nature – My friend

I like nature. I always feel nature is like my friend. Actually it is true that nature is our best friend because from nature we get pure air to breathe, water to drink, food to eat and land to stay. Thus, nature is our best friend which provides us with all

the resources to live here. We should take care of nature and fully enjoy it without disturbing its ecological balance. The world has become highly industrialised today. Every industry should invest in our environment. We live in a time when the environment is in danger. We need a healthy environment in order to survive. We need to protect the environment to maintain the ecosystem and to preserve the Earth for our children.

Pollution from factories and cars can cause damage to the environment. It makes the air dirty. Breathing this dirty air causes health problems, particularly for children and the elderly. Pollution not only increases spending on health care, but also decreases working ability. We need to control the amounts of pollution we produce in order to prevent health problems.

We also need to pay attention to the ecosystem. Plant life, animal life and people all depend on each other. An unhealthy environment disturbs this ecosystem. For example, changes in the environment might cause certain kinds of plants to die. If those plants are a source of food for a certain kind of animal, the animal will die too. If people use that animal as food source, there could be a big problem. To avoid these major problems, factories should pollute as little as possible and use natural resources rationally.

If we do not protect our environment it will continue to get worse and our children will suffer the consequences. The air and water will be dirtier, natural resources will become scarcer and more plants and animals will die. Our children won't have as much natural beauty to admire. Even worse, their well-being will be threatened.

Without clean air to breathe, a healthy ecosystem, and a secure future for our children, the human race will not survive. That is why protecting our environment is important. If we have a healthy environment not only the company but also workers, customers and the society at large will profit. In today's world people are destroying nature for their own benefit. This is causing harm to all living things. Now it is time to take care of nature seriously. If we do not take any steps towards nature conservation, we are endangering our future generations. We should understand its worth and value and try to maintain its natural beauty. Our nature provides us variety of beautiful flowers, attractive birds, animals, green plants, blue sky, running rivers, sea, forests, mountains and valleys and many more things. Our God has created nature beautifully for our healthy living. Nature is the most precious gift given by God to us to enjoy and not to harm.

- Swayam S. Jain, Std IV-B

My School

SCHOOL! When I was 3 I often asked my older friends, "How is school?" I used to get just one word from them, "BORING." So I had this in my mind, I thought that school would be the most boring place in the world. A place where I would only be studying and studying, a place where the only time I could have fun would be during the breaks and after school, a place where the teachers would just come teach what they have to teach us and go. I was really afraid to go to school thinking that this would be a place of horror.

But, when I entered St. Joseph's High School I was totally surprised. It wasn't what I thought it would be, in fact it was the total opposite. When I entered school I was greeted good morning by our principal and then I went on and entered my class and there was my teacher, waiting for all of us kids and as we entered one by one she would give us a smile which would enlighten us and keep us cheerful the whole day. We used to have fun in the breaks as well as in class. 10 years later which comes to now, I am in the 8th standard and when I enter school I still get a smile from our Principal and as I go up to my class I meet all our teachers who give each and everyone of us a smile which brightens our day. We still have a lot of fun in class and enjoy each and every period. Our teachers make us laugh even in the most serious of times. They make the hardest lessons very simple for us to understand. Then we have our non-teaching staff who make sure our day goes nice and clean and that our profile is up to date.

When I first entered this school, I was a very shy boy who spoke only to his friends and very little to his teachers. But, now when I see myself, I am a totally different person. Now I have confidence and make a lot of friends and try to appear for as many competitions as I can and now I show my talents whenever I get the chance. I have worked really hard to get here, but if I am here it is only because of my teachers and our non-teaching staff who have been so helpful to me in many ways. So now when I think about those friends who told me that school is boring I just laugh out loud. Because I know that my school always has something great for us and is very entertaining and is the best. I LOVE MY SCHOOL!

- Ian D'souza, VIII A



A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S

This is my last year in school. So, I thought this was the ideal time to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every teacher, from the pre-primary, primary, secondary, Head-Teachers, Headmistress, the Principals, office staff and support staff for their contribution and for the important roles they have played in this amazing journey of mine in the school. You all have inculcated the right values and taught us important lessons of life, along with academics. You have tapped our hidden talents, honed them and made us confident persons. We didn't miss home, because the school was like a second home to us, with a homely ambience, warm, loving and friendly teachers. I will always cherish all the sweet memories of my school life and my valuable learning experiences. The motto of our alma mater is "We are born for greater things". Keeping this in mind and all the values nurtured by our parents, teachers and elders, we will step out on life's journey confidently and do whatever we do in the right way to be called as true "Josephites" in this big world. I would like to conclude with a famous quote, "Dear teachers, I may not have said this every day, but your inspirational words are like beautiful footprints that have been etched in my heart and mind forever".

Your loving student,

Brendan Azaredo, XA

Friendship

**Friendship is a golden virtue,
There is less to take more to give.**

**A heavenly gift a worldly treasure,
Precious and pure without any greed.**

**Friendship knows not caste, nor creed,
Selfless and pure without any greed.**

**The greatest religion man has ever adore,
With seeds of friendship fruits and love are grown.**

**A relation most dedicated God did create,
With Jesus my best friend my best mate.**

**A true friend who is with me in troubles and strife,
Guiding and inspiring me all through my life.**

By: Aaron Fernandes, Class VIII

Teacher's Corner

Chacha Nehru

He loved the beautiful world of flowers and trees
of the stars, mountains, animals and the bees
To him the world was the greatest fairy tale a
story of adventure.



At a tender age of 20 he tried to change India's future
He had the courage and conviction of all that was right,
Relentlessly, courageously against injustice did he fight.
He loved Children and the Rose flower,
To him National unity and peace spelt the greatest power.
This messenger of peace played a prominent role in India's independence story
It was his dedication and patriotism that became part of India's history.
He was aware of the beauty to be admired the ugliness to be removed
One must have the perception he felt... for India's diverse culture to be understood.
He pioneered to steer the wheel of science and technology,
It was his inspiration that India should have a developed economy.
He was Nehru Chacha the Uncle most dear
He is no longer with us in body
But will remain with us in spirit forever

EVERY MORNING WE THANK GOD and revere the morning sun
November 14 shall always be special for...Our dear Chacha was born
Dearest Chacha 'Very Happy Birthday to you '
People like you in this universe are very few.

Tr. Lidwina Mascarenhas



Tr. Lidwina being awarded by The Lions Club of Sion for her long years of valuable service in St. Joseph's High School

From Me To You!! Served With Love!!

As a little seed when put in the ground, I feel mighty strong!
 To my special friend, the Sun, I sing 'You Are My Sunshine' song!
 He makes me smile, emerge confidently and grow!
 From the farmer who checks up on me, day-by-day I learn more!
 He gives me energy, with his chemical-free manure!
 My life is blessed, with his constant attention and love so pure!
 He is like a warrior, who protects me from every pest!
 While I grow up as a sapling, he doesn't take much rest!
 With his tender loving care, I become a fantastic crop!
 All grown up now, I fulfil his dream with every water drop!
 The harvest time makes him happy, as he reaps his reward!
 For all the hard work he painstakingly does, he deserves an award!
 I am carefully bundled in heaps and I travel to a go down and factory,
 My grain is magically transformed into different products in all its glory!
 To the shopkeeper I go, who is amazed by the way I grew!
 Your mum buys me and serves me with love, just for you! ☺
 -Tr. Sunita D'Souza



Bridge To Success – Lionel D'Souza

In July 2017, our beloved Principal Rev. Fr. Godfrey D'sa proposed the idea of setting up the Bridge Course to enable the weak students to come on par with the other students in their classes. The Bridge Course is held from 9 a.m. to 12.15 a.m. – 4 Periods of 30 minutes each in the Activity Room. The students go back to their own classes at 12.15 p.m. and continue till school finishes at 3.10 p.m.

Six teachers are present to teach boys from Std. V to Std. VIII. At present there are 26 boys who are benefitting from this course. English and Math are taught to the boys. The teachers use different methods to teach the boys. They are encouraged to read English, which many boys find difficult, but over the past 4-5 months, a good number of boys have started responding and enjoying their studies. The students thoroughly enjoy learning with their teachers. The teachers appointed, teach them in a loving way, giving them one to one attention, which is building their confidence and their ability to perform. The improvement in the boys is already showing, though, it will take some time for them to come to the level of their classmates, so as to be inducted back in the class. The boys love to attend the bridge course as they are given individual attention, which in turn is helping them in their studies. The boys gained so much self-confidence that they requested Fr. Principal and put up an item for Teachers' Day. These boys who had never gone on stage before and would shy away from being in the limelight, were confident enough to go on stage and perform.

Fr. Godfrey's project, of getting the weaker boys in the Secondary Section to learn, is proving to be beneficial for them. The two programmes for the weaker boys in St. Joseph's High School, i.e. the SETSS and the Bridge Course, stand out, as no other school has undertaken such programmes for the weaker section of the boys.

Two more feathers in Fr. Godfrey's cap!

माझी सेंट जोसेफ शाळा, माझे जीवन

माझाजन्म विक्रोळीचा. मोठे भाऊ-बहीण सेंट जोसेफ, विक्रोळी येथे शिकले. आई ने बाबांनासांगितले की मला वर्षाला एकसाडी जरी दिली नाही तरी चालेल पण आपल्यामुलांना इंग्रजी माध्यम मध्ये घाला. मुलं मोठी झाली की त्यांनामहाविद्यालय किंवा करियरजडजाणारनाही. आम्ही एकदम मध्यमवर्गीय कुटुंबा मधली माणसंपणसर्व बिल्डींग आणि नातेवाईका मध्ये फक्तआम्हीच भावंड इंग्रजी माध्यमा मध्ये शिकलो. आजआम्हालाआई-वडिल्यांच्या प्रज्ञेचा गर्ववाटतो.

माझ्याबाबांची खूप मोठी इच्छा होती की मी ही सेंट जोसेफ शाळेत शिकावं, खूप मोठंवावं. प्रत्येक वर्षी मे महिन्यातमाझे बाबा, आपली चप्पला झिजवतपण, मी तिसरी मुलगी असल्याकारणाने मला काही प्रवेश मिळालानाही. बाबांचे अगदी जवळचे मित्र मुख्याध्यापक होते मराठी माध्यम शाळेचे, त्यांनी बाबांनासांगितले की त्यांनी गेल्यावर्षीएक नविन इंग्रजी माध्यम सुरु केली आहे. तो पर्यंत माझे वय मोठा शिशुवर्गाच्या विद्यार्थीएवढे होते म्हणून मला सरळ मोठ्या शिशुवर्गात प्रवेश मिळाला. माझी १०वीची पहिली बॅच होती जी इंग्रजी माध्यमातून उत्तीर्णझाली. त्यानंतरमाझालहानभाऊ सेंट जोसेफ मध्ये गेला कारण मोठा भाऊअगोदरचदहावी पास होऊन गेला होता.

आज हे लिहितांनाआणि बऱ्याचदा मला माझ्याबाबांची आठवण येते. १९९० साली माझे बाबाहृदयविकाराच्याझटक्याने आम्हालासोडून देवा घरी गेले. पणत्यांची इच्छात्यांनी कदाचित देवा घरी जाऊन पूर्ण केली. २००२ मध्ये मी ह्या सेंट जोसेफ, वडाळ्याच्याशाळेत रूजू झाले. १५ वर्षे पूर्णझालीत मला इथे. माझ्याबाबांची इच्छा पूर्णझाली. शाळेत गेली नाही तरकायझाले, कामावरतर सेंट जोसेफ मध्येच लागली ना! माझे बाबा खूप कष्टाळू व समाजकार्यकर्ते होते. लोकांनामदतकरणे, राब राबराबणे हा त्यांचा एकस्वभावनव्हे तरगुण-धर्मच होता. संत जोसेफलाअशी माणसे खूप आवडतातम्हणूनचत्यांनी माझ्याबाबांची प्रार्थना ऐकली असेल ! धन्यवादसेंट जोसेफ!

St. Joseph's, माझी शाळा, शिक्षक, कर्मचारी, सर्वफादर ज्यांनी मला खूप काही शिकविले, मरियाबाई, शाळेतली मुलंह्यासर्वांकडून मी किती काही शिकले ह्याचा अंदाजमाझामलाचनाही. माझी ही शाळा, माझाएक मोठा परिवारच आहे. माझी आई, माझे माहेरचआहे, माझी शाळा ! माझ्या प्राथमिक विभागातील मुले, शारिक शेख, आर्यसोरटे, निश्चयआमोनकर, जो ऑलविन, प्रथम सेठ आणि अजुन किती तरी, माझीचंमुलंआहेत असे वाटते. १० वीच्यामुलांचा निरोप समारंभ असला की मी खूप भावुक होते कारण मी ह्याच चिमूकल्यांकडून किती काही शिकले. माझ्यास्वःताच्याशाळेची आठवण मला क्वचितच येते पणह्यामाझ्याशाळेला कधीच विसस्ता येणारनाही. ह्याचशाळेने मला माझ्यामधले कौशल्य शोधून दिले. मी कोण आहे, मी काय करू शकते, मी किती दूर वरजाऊशकते हे दाखवून दिले.

सेंट जोसेफ शाळेचे प्रत्येक दारं, खिडक्या, कार्यालय, मुख्य दरवाजा, मुलं , सर्व कर्मचारी माझे आहेत याची जाणीव मला नेहमी होते आणि शाळेवरच्या प्रेमापोटी मी कुणासाठी काय करू शकते याची प्रत्येक क्षणवाट पाहतअसते. कुठेतरी मी वाचलंआहे “ A generous person doesn't remember what he gives, but never forgets what he has received.” सेंट जोसेफ ने मला भरभरून दिले आहे, ओंझळ कमी पडते... आजही सेंट जोसेफच्या छत्रछाएखाली कामकरतआहे आणि बरंच काही शिकत आहे!

A heartfelt gratitude to dear St. Joseph for making me a part of your family!

- Madhavi Diniz

Life

Life is not always about winning or losing,
But it's about playing the game!

It's not being the best,
But putting yourself for the test.

Life is not always about how strong you are,
It's about what you dare to do.

For it's not about what you have done,
But about what you have overcome.

Life teaches you to participate in every race,
And to look your destiny in the face.

To hold your ground through storm and fire
To leap over hurdles, aim higher and higher.

For it is not about how much you earn
But from failures, how much you can learn.

For the world can keep spinning, turning and yelling
But stand steady, strong, keep your fire burning.

Sometimes it is best to keep quiet-not scream or yell
For your attention is not so cheap to sell.

For life isn't about competing, but about participating
And it's not about earning but about learning.

In life, you need to learn to let go,
Show humility, with self-respect, you keep your head low.

Learn to give in, not to give up.
Listen to logic, fill experience in your cup.

For it doesn't matter what people say
Live life to the fullest, because it's because it's a game
We all love to play.

-Tr. Jagjit Kaur Saluja

Impressive Newspaper Articles by Josephites



Appreciating teachers

FAIZ NAKHWA, ST JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL, WADALA

The students of St Joseph's High School, Wadala, celebrated Teachers' Day by organising an eventful cultural programme that included a Bollywood dance performance, a song dedicated to the teachers and also a commendable PowerPoint presentation, which featured the notes written by children for their beloved teachers. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Principal Rev Fr Godfrey. Headmistress Sangita Battacharya was appreciated by the principal for guiding all the students.

St Joseph's High School

LIDWIN MASCHARENAS

The investiture ceremony of St Joseph's High School was recently held in the newly inaugurated Rev Fr Jos Menezes school hall. The occasion was more auspicious as it commemorated the feast of St Dominic Savio, a young saint who was a leader to the youth.

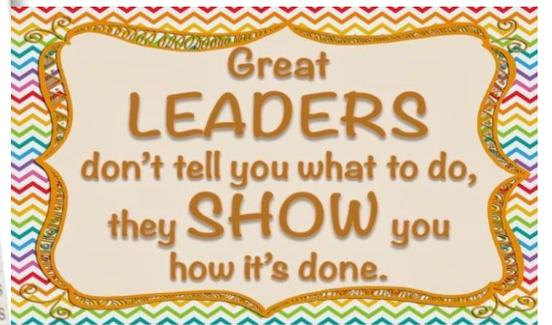
The chief guest was Kalyani Armugam, principal of SIES High School, Wadala. The ceremony began with the ushering in of the chief guest and guests of honour, Rev Fr Godfrey D'Sa, Rev (Principal) Fr Vivian D'Souza (Rector, Parish Priest and Manager), Rev Fr Rosario Vaz (Administrator), Rev Fr Nelson Falcao (Cathedral coordinator), Tr Sanita Bhattacharya (Headmistress) and Tr Prabha R Supervisor into the school all by a grand guard of honour given by the school leaders.

"An ardent educator and a firm believer of woman empowerment, Kalyani Armugam has been a recipient of a number of prestigious awards and accolades and has invested long years of service in the pursuit of education, shaping young minds to develop into great personalities. She has been instrumental in introducing and executing the parliament in her school," stated Fr Godfrey while introducing the chief guest to the gathering.

Prime Minister Nakhwa Faaiz (class X), Deputy Prime Minister Rajdeep More (class IX) and ministers holding portfolios such as Home Ministry, Ministry of Public Relations, Cultural Ministry, Sports Ministry, Environmental Ministry and Ministry of Community Work joined hands to remain indeed privileged to attend this beautiful ceremony. The leader lights the lamp of ethics, affection, determination, efficacy and respect. From this moment, you have become responsible to serve your school without any bias and partiality. Respect your



The chief guest said, "I self and respect others. Be an exemplary example for others to emulate." Vote of thanks was proposed by Tr Sangita (Headmistress), during which she thanked everyone present. She appreciated the guidance provided by Principal Rev Fr Godfrey as well as the teachers especially Cressida and Joanna, and students.





For the love of sports

LIDWINA MASCARENHAS, TEACHER, ST JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL, WADALA

St Joseph's High School, Wadala, recently organised its Annual Sports Day at the school ground. The chief guest, Rev Fr Nelson, who is the

school catechist, was ushered to the venue with a guard of honour given by the NCC cadets. This was followed by the recitation of 'Our Father', a prayer invoking the blessing of the Almighty. In order to pay obeisance to the nation, the national anthem was sung in the true spirit. The chief guest then

hoisted the school flag and the school anthem was sung in unison by the students.

Vice Principal Rev Fr Vivian introduced the chief guest. Thereafter, students of different houses marched past the school ground in their coloured jerseys as per the beats of the drum. It was delight-

ful to witness the tiny tots presenting a mass drill with vibrant pom-poms. Interestingly, the staff members wore T-shirts with 'Crash the trash' printed on them to support the cleanliness campaign carried out by the school.

As a part of the conventional opening ceremony, the sportsman's oath and the sportsman's prayer were delivered by the head boy, Faiz Nakwa and assistant head boy, Ra-

jdeep Morey. Later, the sports festival torch was lit and carried across the ground by the sports champions. While declaring the sports meet open, the chief guest said, "The sports meet showcases co-operation rather than competition. It promotes values of caring and sharing, equality and harmony and above all, perseverance for the race of life."

In addition to the mass drill and yoga display, events such as basketball, football, handball, tug-of-war, table tennis and chess made the sports meet lively and energetic. The management body, staff members and students along with their parents remembered Principal Rev Fr Godfrey D'Sa and appreciated the efforts of Headmistress Sangita Bhattacharya and the PT teacher, Raj, for making the event memorable.



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Students of St Joseph's High School, Wadala, pledged to make Mumbai a clean and green city. 'Cleanliness begins with myself' was their clarion call to all Mumbaikars and Indians. The 'Green Line' team of the school has been working towards the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, bringing out conceptual projects for cleanliness and hygiene. The team has been campaigning for the innovative 'Eco-brick Mobile Washrooms and Toilets', which are designed by using empty bottles, filled with indecomposable mate-

rials that serve as bricks. The school appreciated all the environment ministers, who are working under the guidance of Headmistress Sangita Bhattacharya and Principal Rev Fr Godfrey D'Sa.

Every day, students take the 'cleanliness pledge' as a part of their campaign. The school also organised an assembly on the theme 'Rally For Rivers', during which the students and staff members were addressed by Bose, ex-AHM of Bombay Scottish School. Every member present at the assembly solemnly pledged to contribute for the cause. Recently, the 'Green Line' team also carried out a cleanliness drive at Versova Beach.



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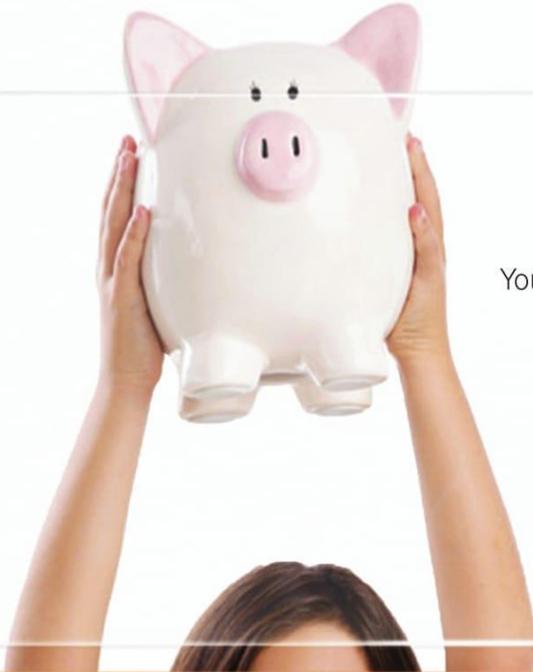


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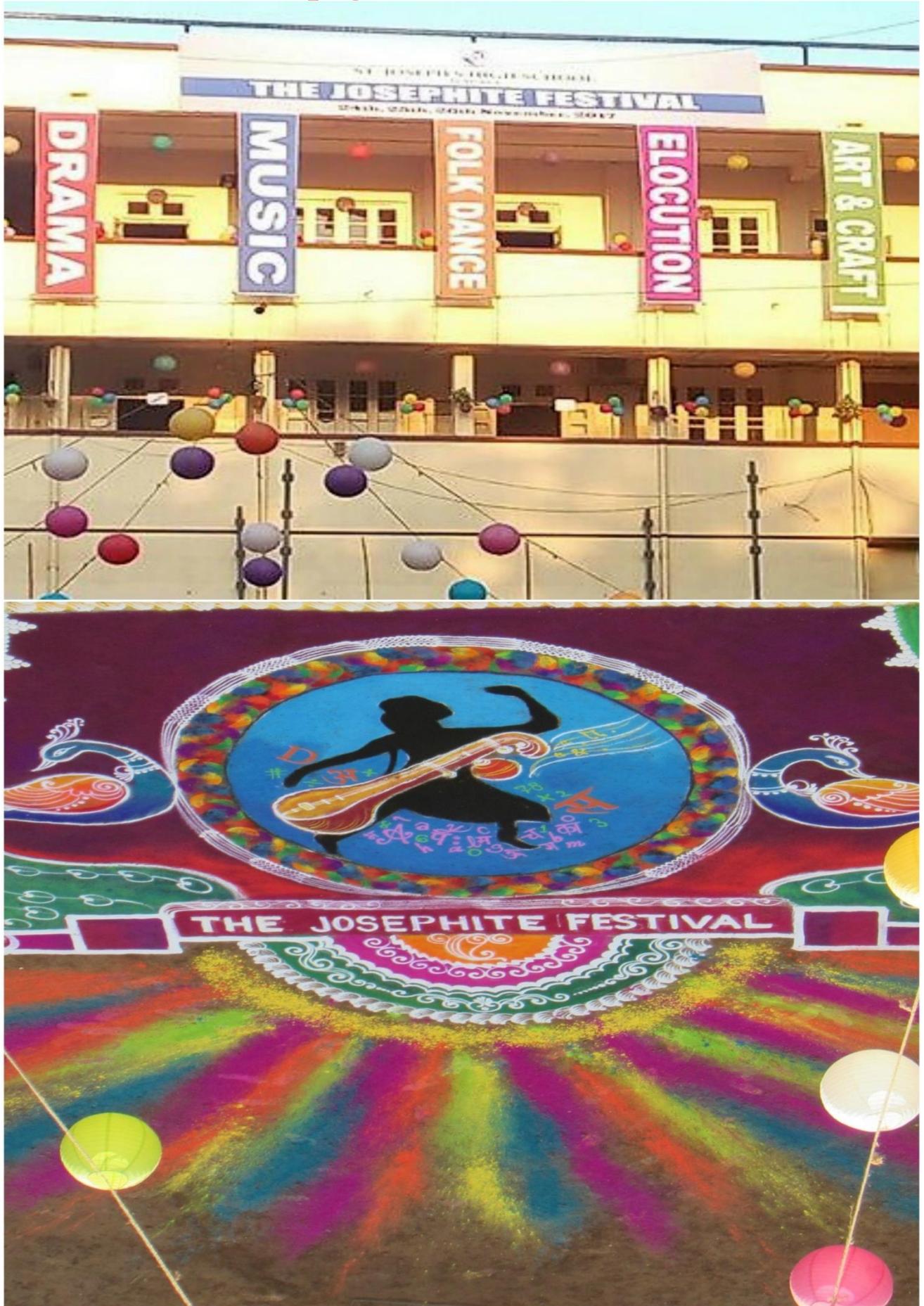
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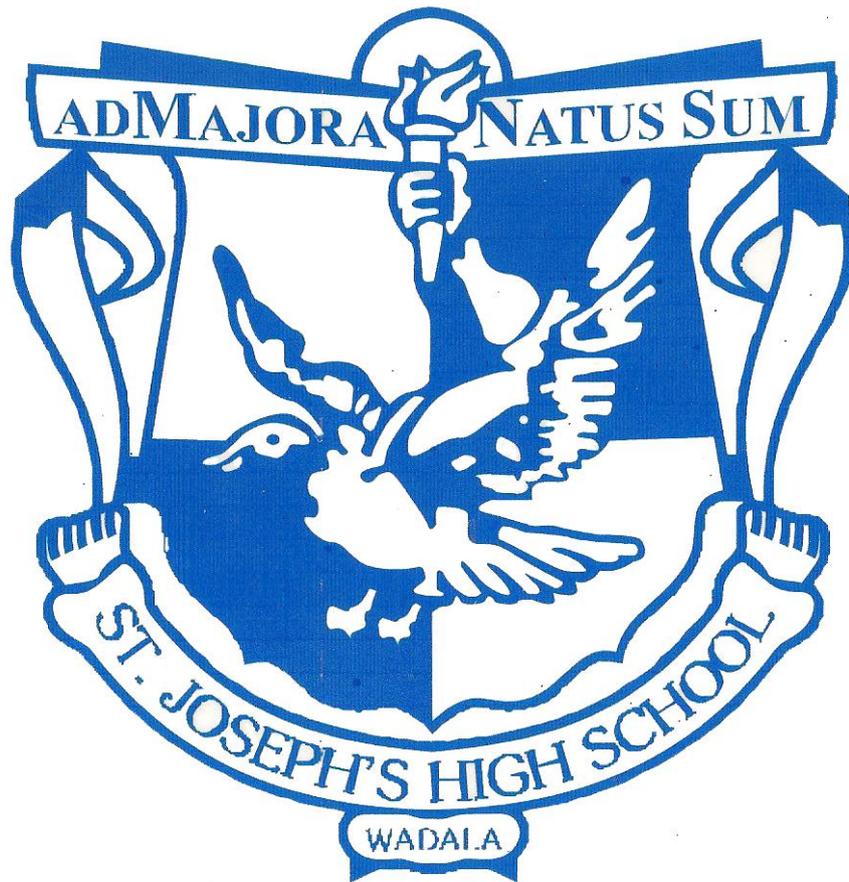
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