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Family is the most important and beautiful treasure that anyone can aspire to have. The happiness and blessings from a family does not depend upon the financial status or lifestyle one has.

But the family love, happiness and culture depends on a very important element - Upbringing. Upbringing in a family is the heart of life. Good upbringing results in a good heart and vice versa. Parents play a very important role in the upbringing process. Upbringing involves responsibility, love, discipline and respect for one another. At times, it is a very delicate balance that one has to maintain, but if followed to the T, it results in a wonderful and peaceful atmosphere in the family.

In the past, family upbringing was the sole duty of the mother, as she, being a homemaker, had the responsibility of bringing up the children and taking care of everything that the children needed to have. The mother being the softer parent, always instilled love, compassion and understanding in the children. The father, being the bread earner, did his bit and taught the children the practicalities of life. But with the change in equations and with both the parents working, the upbringing of the children has taken a back seat. With a more competitive society that we have today, competition has taken the forefront over values and ethics. It is sad that parents feel the need to give more time to their career than to their family.

Finally, I would end by saying that sound upbringing of children in the traditional way with love being the main feature will not only help the children, but also society and the world at large.

***Fr. James Nigrel Sdb***  
***(Rector and Manager)***

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## Families

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“Treasure your families” advised Pope John Paul II, adding that “the future of humanity passes by way of the family.”

Other commentators, however, have been more likely to focus on difficulties prevalent in family life. In the sixteenth century, Montaigne commented that 'There is scarcely any less trouble in running a family than in governing an entire state.' Domestic matters, while being less important, were no less importunate.

Families are best felt around the dinner table. I was born Beatrice Gladys Lillie at an extremely tender age because my mother needed a fourth at meals. - BEATRICE LILLIE

The seventeenth century clergyman Jeremy Taylor gave a warning of what might develop from an unhappy family: 'He that loves not his wife and children, feeds a lioness at home and broods a nest of sorrows.'

As Nancy Mitford reflects on the advantages of family, she writes: The great advantage of living in a large family is that early lesson of life's essential unfairness.

Family life has its own strains. The nineteenth-century novelist R. S. Surtees evoked a moment of sibling rivalry: 'The young ladies entered the drawing-room in the full fervour of sisterly animosity.'

In the twentieth century, the American writer Shirley Jackson put forward the view that 'In times of great stress, such as a four-day vacation, the thin veneer of family wears off almost at once, and we are revealed in our true personalities'.

Family pride has its place, but not everyone can live up to it. In the Marx Brothers film *Horse Feathers*, a character is reproached, 'You're a disgrace to our family name of Wag-staff, if such a thing is possible.' And the representative of a very distinguished family indeed, Queen Elizabeth I, has said ruefully, 'Like all the best families, we have our share of eccentricities, of impetuous and wayward youngsters and of family disagreements.'

In conclusion, these quotes and reflections highlight the complex nature of family life throughout history. They emphasize that while families are often a source of stability and support, they can also be arenas of challenges, rivalries, and the unveiling of true personalities. Despite the imperfections, families remain a fundamental and enduring institution in the human experience, embodying both pride and the essential lesson of life's inherent unfairness.

*Fr. Blaise Fernandes, sdb*  
(Principal)

# “Our families are the bedrock of our existence, the foundation on which our lives are built; it is there that we develop a sense of values and character.”



## **FAMILY - God's Precious Gift to Us**

It is said that the family is God's precious gift to us; we are born into it, shaped by its influences and that gives us the inspiration and motivation to influence our families by the choices we make. Of course, no family is perfect, but it is these imperfections that reveal the beauty of growing up and making connections. We learn to adapt, embrace virtue and shed our vices. We become support systems, nurturing each member's talents encouraging them to become the best versions of themselves. When someone unfortunately strays from the right path, we reinforce him or her helping to correct the collective compass that guides us. Through moments of joy, suffering and pain we stand together, forging bonds that fortify us mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Actually, our families are the bedrock of our existence, the foundation on which our lives are built; it is there that we develop a sense of values and character.

When the storms of life lash against us, we learn not to harbour resentment or negativity. Instead, we are grateful for the love and support that we receive from those around us. We learn to accept correction gracefully when we falter and make mistakes and are quick to apologize whenever necessary. That is why it should be one of our highest priorities to pray for the wellbeing of each family member, knowing fully well that life is fleeting and that material possessions can never bring back a lost loved one.

The elders in our families, our aging grandparents, our parents and siblings deserve our gratitude and love because down the years they have been to us living testaments of love and kindness, patience and their willingness to help. It is our turn, as we grow up to return the favour many times over and even that would not suffice. Because, as we mature, we appreciate more and more, the many times members of our family have been there to lift us up when we have fallen or supported us when we faltered, offering us unwavering encouragement along life's way.

Just as we all hail from biological families which hold a special place in our hearts so does this esteemed institute: St. Joseph's High School, Wadala! You might say, it is an extension of our family where we have learned to nurture growth and dream our dreams. Despite our differences, we have learned to rise above them, to promote unity much like we learned within our own homes. That is why, each day we strive to live up to our school's motto: "Ad majora, natus sum" – We're born for greater things.

In this wonderful tapestry of life, the family and the school are significant threads that weave a supportive and affectionate network. And, being so artfully woven together, the canvas of our lives turns into a masterpiece revealing patterns of warmth, growth and cherished memories for future generations to admire and emulate.

*Ms. Marilyn Dias  
Teacher, Head of the English Department  
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## Family - Our Lifeline

Family is the most important part of every person's life and it plays a vital role in the upbringing of a person. A good family will always teach you good values. Family is the support system that encourages you to achieve the best in your life. The family members care for each other and look after each other in all good and bad situations. A good family can help you grow well and become a good human being as well as a good disciplined citizen.

**Mihit Chordekar**

**IVA**

### The Role of Grandparents in Our Family



Grandparents are the oldest members of the family. They are among the most influential and important persons in everyone's life. They are those people who care for us selflessly and love us endlessly.

They provide families with love, encouragement, patience, acting as role models, teaching skills and talents to other members of the family. They share stories about the past, traditions, rituals, their own childhood and family, contributing to the family identity.

They hold a special place in our hearts which no one else can take. They also advise us and show us the right way.

I think I am really blessed to have such good hearted, lovable and unique grandparents. I learn so many new things from them each day. They are my role models. Nobody can ever replace them in my life. I love them!!

### Prayer for all the Grandparents

“Lord God Almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness and health. May they remain

constant in Your love and be living signs of Your presence to their children and grandchildren.”

**Vihaan Bangera**

**IV B**

### Family Traditions and their Significance

Family traditions are like special rituals or customs that a family follows from generation to



generation. They could be celebrating different festivals, birthdays in a unique way, having a special meal every Sunday, or going on an annual vacation. These traditions are important because they create strong bonds within the family and make everyone feel loved and connected.

**Gaurang Mohite**

**VA**

### A Family Makes a House – A Home

A house is just made up of some bricks and some furniture, but when it gets a human touch, it is a home. A house has some expensive things like television, sofa, etc. But if it does not have a human touch, then what is the use of such expensive things?

Our family members, like our parents, have many duties and



responsibilities. Our mother brings us into this world. She is literally our teacher - teaching us many values and life skills. Our family members do a lot for us. When we start working, we forget what our parents have done for us. It is therefore rightly said that - A FAMILY makes a house, a HOME.

**Sangram Pawar**

**VB**

## God's Special Gift - Our Family

The most precious gift from GOD to us is our family. A family is the place where we find all our joy, happiness, love, care, strength, encouragement, comfort, unity, and nourishment. A family is the sweet fruit of the love of our parents, blessed by GOD. When we are born, our parents try their best to protect us from heat, cold and all the evil things. They sacrifice their own happiness for us. In the family we learn to share our responsibilities under the guidance of our parents. They guide us along the correct path of life. So, having a family is priceless.

**Darsh Rao**

**VI B**



## My Family, My Strength



Family is everything, it's a home. It may be a room, a bungalow, an apartment or a hut. Whatever it may be, it is the family that lives together that makes a house, a home.

Father is always the first superhero, mother is always the first love and siblings are always our first friends. Childhood is carefree. Our family helps us with our homework, they drop and fetch us from school, prepare our food and wake us up on time. What else can we ask for?

The family is bound by love, which cannot be broken. We realise our worth and that gives us the strength and inspiration to do great things and to become somebody that they can be proud of.

**Vighnesh Arolkar**

**VI A**

## Family Time is the Best Time

In a world where life is fast paced, family time stands as an unforgettable reflection of love. These moments aren't just memories but the heartbeats of our lives. They bind us, heal us, and fortify us emotionally. Family time is where we laugh, support, and find invaluable memories. It grows bonds, instills life lessons, and reduces stress. It's the setting for heart-to-heart conversations and the birth place of values. By prioritising family time, we remember what truly matters, and in the process, we create a never dying legacy of love, happiness, and togetherness.



**Aman Yadav**

**VII A**





There is an old proverb that goes like this - 'A family that prays together, stays together'. Families that pray together are blessed by God and experience greater peace, love, and harmony at home. A family that prays together, stays together, is a proverb that most of you have probably heard. Nowadays, majority of families seldom engage in activities together and instead choose to focus on television, computers, or mobile phones. They don't receive prayer-based unity from God. In order to teach their children the value of prayer and to strengthen their relationship with God, parents should engage them in family prayers. Family unity is a result of everyone in the family learning to trust one another.

**Arnav Bhilare**  
**VII B**

## “Where there is family, there is love”

Family is the cornerstone of our lives. It is the place where we find love, support, and a sense of belonging. The old saying, “Where there is family, there is love,” holds profound truth. One of the most beautiful aspects of family is the unconditional love it offers. Family should be the place where you can be your most complete self. Where you are accepted, appreciated, and valued, even in moments of disagreement. It should be your soft place to fall, the place where you are reminded that no matter what happens to you, in the face of your deepest challenges, you are loved. Family serves as a dependable support system during the ups and downs of life. Through these bonds, we learn the values of empathy, compassion, and forgiveness. Being in a family means you are a part of something wonderful.

**Aditya Shinde**  
**VIII B**

## Family - A Compass that Guides us

Have you ever walked alone on a street? Were you always sure with the directions? To take the right path, we need to know the exact direction. Seafarers with the help of a compass get to know the



directions - north, south, east, and west. Isn't it the same with our family? Family will always be our backbone; it guides us on the right path if we are going astray. In our lives we encounter people who will misguide us but the members in our family will always guide us along the right path. From the time we are born until the time when we can take our own decisions, family has made a huge impact on our lives. We can thus conclude by saying that, “Family is the biggest support system in the world.”

**Rudra Ghadi**  
**VIII A**

## My Family is My Strength and My Weakness

Our lives are made up of pillars which hold our unshakeable foundation. This united foundation is called family. Our family remains our greatest source of strength, love and a profound sense of belonging. They help us shape our character and make ways to overcome our life's challenges. However, this closeness can also be a double edged sword. Every family faces miscommunications and this leads to conflicts. This can also be a weakness at times. Despite this, our families teach us valuable lessons in patience and forgiveness.

In conclusion the love and bond we share with our family members outweigh any weakness. They motivate us through failures and accompany us through every chapter of our lives. This paradoxical blend of strengths and weaknesses has moulded me into the person I am today. By embracing both these qualities, our family enriches our journey through life.

**Ameya Kamble**  
**IX A**

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## The Importance of Communication in a Family



Family is the unique school where all different forms of teaching and learning take place through communication - physical, emotional or intellectual. Our parents who are our first teachers continue to teach us something new each day through struggles, failures and successes. Today, the most important thing that is needed to sustain family life is communication between parents, as well as between parents and children. However, the reality is that when we look around us, at times we may not realise the beauty and strength of a family, but the brokenness of families living in this environment may often lead us to think and change the way we look and live and are meant to be as family. We can start first by turning these challenges, weaknesses, frailties and limitations into opportunities for us to heal and grow in relationship with each other in the family. No matter what these challenges are, at the end of the day, we need to keep the channels of communication open, talk about it or seek help together if necessary and thus make the home a loving and peaceful atmosphere for all of us including extended members of our family. Finally, I would like to end with a famous quote, “The family that prays together, stays together” and prayer is one of the best ways to communicate with God above and with one another in a family.

***Leighton Coutinho***

***X A***

## Impact of Technology on Family Life

Technology has become an integral part of our lives, and family life is no exception. From smartphones and tablets to social media and video games, technology is shaping the way we interact with each other.

### Positive impacts of technology on family life

**Communication:** Technology makes it easier than ever for families to stay in touch, even when they are apart. Parents can text or call their children, and siblings can video chat with each other.

**Education:** Technology can be a valuable tool for learning. There are many educational apps and websites that children can use to learn new skills.

**Entertainment:** Technology provides families with a



variety of ways to have fun together. They can watch movies and play games together.

### Negative impacts of technology on family life

**Distraction:** Technology can be a major distraction for families. When family members are constantly checking their phones or tablets, it can be difficult to have meaningful conversations or connect with each other.

**Conflict:** Parents and children may disagree about how much time children should spend on their devices, or they may argue about what content is appropriate.

**Social isolation:** Technology can also lead to social isolation, especially if family members are spending too much time on their devices.

Technology can have a positive or negative impact on family life, depending on how it is used. But we can always help to minimize the negative impacts of technology and maximize the positive impacts.

***Dhruv Wasan***

***X B***

## Home

Family is the cornerstone of our lives, providing a source of unwavering support, love and a sense of belonging. It is within the family unit that we learn some of life's most important lessons, shaping our values, and influencing our character.



Families can take many different shapes, ranging from nuclear, to extended, to even selected families of close friends. The connection, the history

and the affection that defines family are what bind them all together.

Families provide a secure sanctuary where we may be who we are without fear of rejection. They encourage us and provide consolation when we're down. We frequently base important life decisions on the values that our families have established in us.

Families are remarkably resilient despite the hardships they sometimes confront. The strength of the family is demonstrated by their capacity to withstand adversity, adapt and grow as a whole.

Our happiness and sorrows are carried by our families, the emotional centre of our life. It is a place where we confess our anxieties, discuss our dreams, and seek comfort when we are in need. A family's emotions are woven together in a beautiful tapestry of love, compassion, and understanding. They are there to catch us when we fall and offer unwavering support. Our wounds are healed through hugs, tears shed during difficult times and laughs shared over supper. In the end, the family is what stays constant in our lives and provides an anchor in the hectic world. It serves as both a source of enduring affection and connection and a reminder of our origin.

***Benzi Colin Farro***  
***(Bridge Course Teacher)***

## A Family with Eight Billion Members



“Family is not an important thing, it’s everything,” says Family Ties actor MJ Fox. In this world where people are seeking peace and harmony, wanting to spread love and oneness, longing to experience a feeling of being connected, “family” is a lovely bonding that adds value to life. Family reassures that there’s someone whom you can trust to confide and go back calmly in all situations.

While some might prefer fewer people in their family, others would want to make and create memories with many. And then comes a greater scale of making the entire world, comprising around eight billion people, one’s family and experiencing the oneness with every being, regardless of the geographical boundaries. Yes, “Vasudeva Kutumbakam.” The Sanskrit terms beautifully put forth the concept of seeing the entire Earth as one family and all people as its dear members.

Moon smiles, sun shines, and the wind waves... at every home, every place. Aren’t they a part of our family? Imbibing this thought into one’s life, if every living being considers the other as one’s own, wouldn’t it make the world a better place to live in?

Dear young minds, this is your food for thought.

***B. Nagaprabha***  
***(Secondary Supervisor)***

## Family - The source of values we imbibe

Our family is the foundation upon which we build our values and ethics. It is within the family unit that we are first introduced to fundamental principles like love, kindness and integrity. Parents, as the initial guides, impart values that shape our character and behaviour. We learn essential life skills, such as communication and cooperation, through our interactions with our family members.

Furthermore, families serve as the bearers of culture, passing down traditions, beliefs, and practices that define our identity. In this nurturing environment, we imbibe moral values that guide us through life's challenges. Through witnessing the actions and behaviours of our family members, we internalize important lessons about respect, empathy and compassion.

Ultimately, the family is the source of values that influence our decisions and actions, setting the stage for a meaningful and principled life.

*Vedant Thale*

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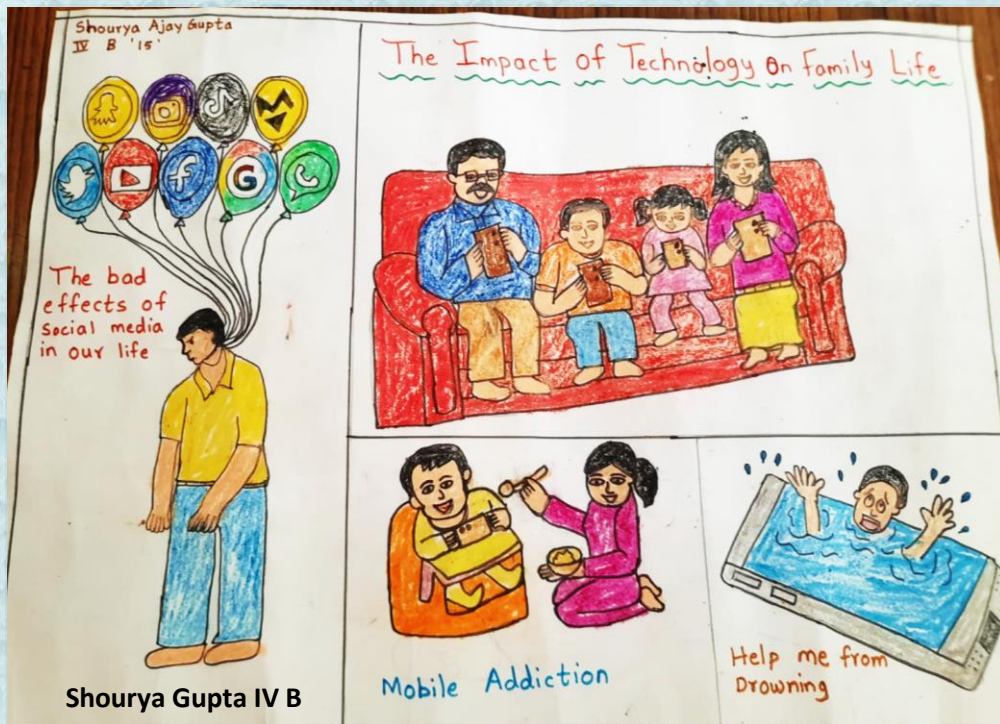
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