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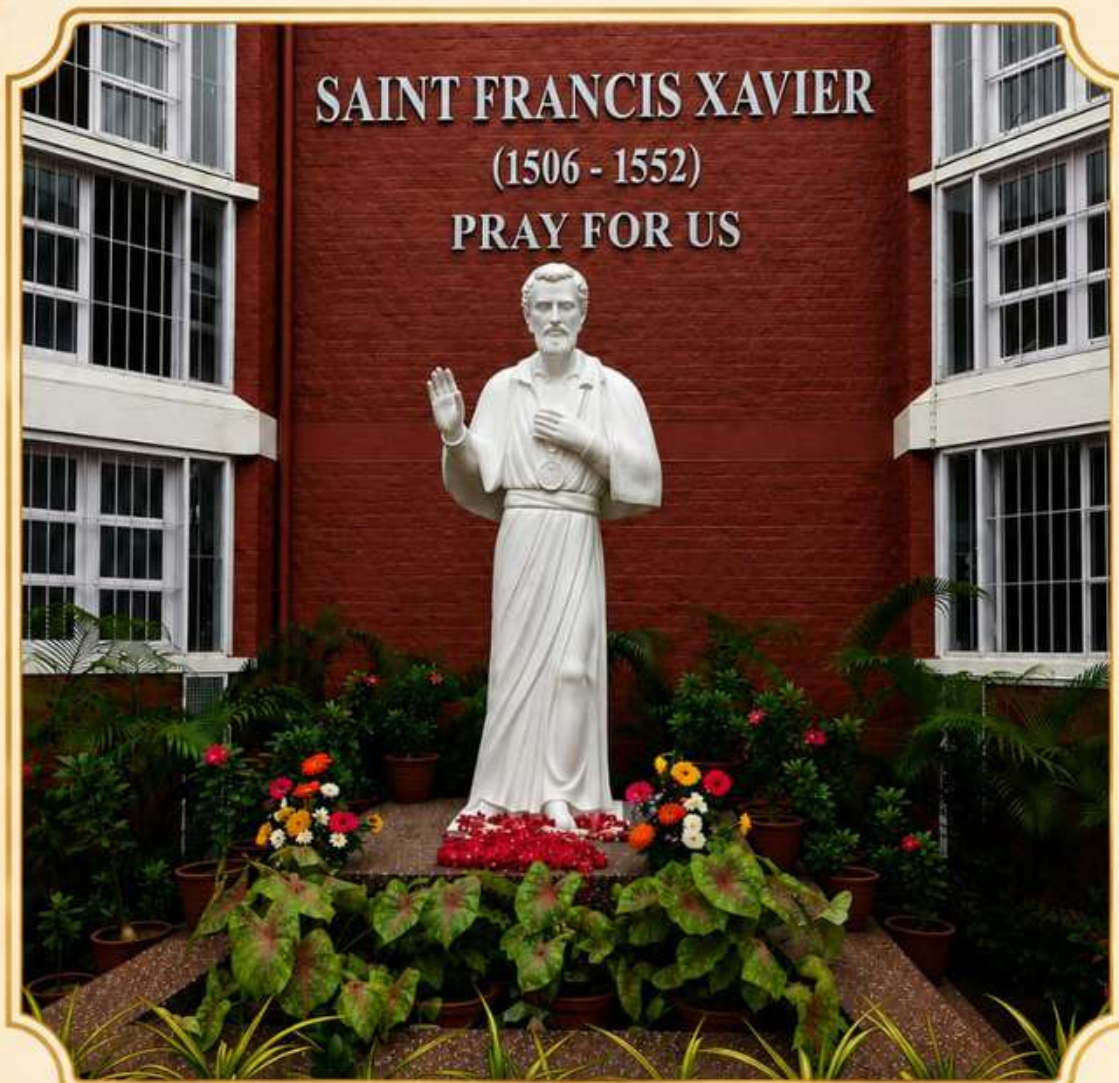
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The installation and the Blessing
of the Statue of Saint Francis Xavier
was done on **July 31, 2026**
at the school premises.

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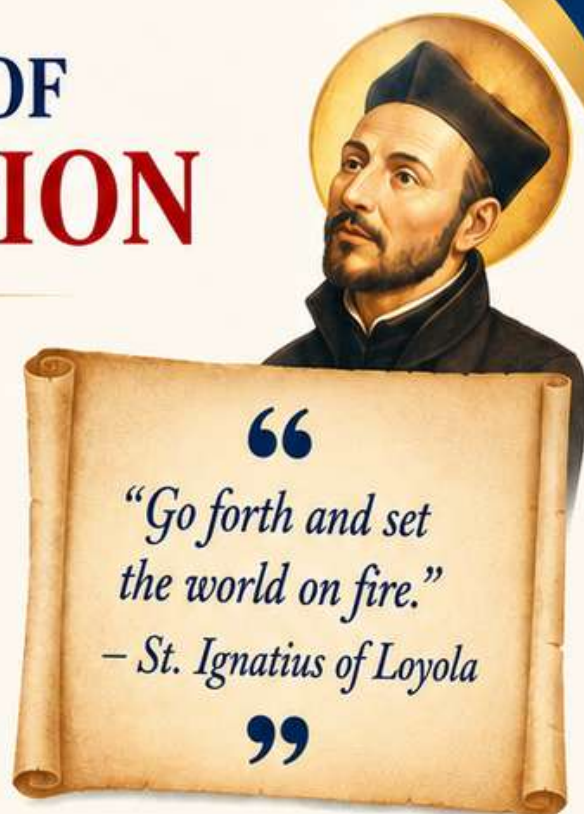
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THE ENDURING VALUES OF JESUIT EDUCATION

Dear Teachers, Students & Parents,

As we just celebrated the feast of saint Ignatius of Loyola on July 31, I wish to share with you just three values from among many that were close to the heart to Saint Ignatius. Jesuit education is far more than the pursuit of academic excellence; it is a mission of **forming Persons for and with others**. Inspired by Saint Ignatius of Loyola, our schools strive to nurture young people who combine intellectual competence with compassion, integrity, and a deep sense of responsibility.



1.

Formation of the Whole Person (Cura Personalis):

Saint Ignatius believed that every individual is a unique gift of God. Jesuit education therefore attends not only to the mind but also to the heart, character, and spirit, enabling students to grow into balanced, caring, and resilient persons.



2.

Pursuit of Excellence for God's Greater Glory (Magis):

Ignatius encouraged his companions never to settle for mediocrity. The Jesuit ideal of Magis inspires us to seek excellence in learning, service, leadership, and relationships—not for personal recognition, but to use our gifts generously for the common good and the greater glory of God.



3.

Discernment Leading to Service:

Through prayerful reflection and thoughtful decision-making, Saint Ignatius taught the art of discernment. Our students are encouraged to reflect, choose wisely, and become leaders who promote justice, peace, and compassion. In this way, Jesuit education continues to shape young minds and hearts that will transform society with faith, hope, and love.

*May Saint Ignatius intercede for us all
& May God Bless us.*

S. Arul Rayan
S.J.

Fr. S. Arul Rayan, S.J.
Principal





Xavier's Green Corner

Caring for our common Home

Tree Plantation Drive – Nurturing Nature, Securing the Future

On 12th July 2026, a inspiring tree plantation drive was organized at Sector 2D Garden, Gandhinagar, by the Gujarat Government to combat urban heat, reduce pollution, and enhance the city's green cover. The event brought together students, volunteers, and government officials, all working side by side with gardening tools and saplings under the motivating banner 'Plant Trees, Save Life.'

Official leaders inaugurated the drive by planting initial saplings and delivering an engaging address on environmental stewardship.

As a part of its commitment to environmental conservation, a Tree Plantation Drive was organised on 12th July 2026 under the initiative of the Government of Gujarat. The programme aimed to spread awareness about the importance of trees and encourage everyone to contribute towards a greener and healthier environment.

The event began at 7:30 a.m. with the enthusiastic participation of the school's students and teachers. Together, they planted saplings across the campus and surrounding areas, demonstrating their dedication to protecting nature. The atmosphere was filled with excitement, teamwork, and a shared sense of responsibility.

After planting the saplings, the participants carefully watered them and took a pledge to nurture and protect each tree. They promised to ensure that the plants receive proper care, adequate water, and the nourishment required for healthy growth.

Participants actively planted trees across designated sections of the garden while clearing surrounding litter. The program fostered unity and civic responsibility. It concluded with a communal breakfast and a collective pledge to care for the newly planted saplings as well as expand green spaces across Gandhinagar.



Prince Prajapati
IX B

This pledge symbolised their commitment to preserving the environment and creating a sustainable future.

The Tree Plantation Drive proved to be an inspiring experience for all. It not only enhanced environmental awareness but also instilled values such as responsibility, cooperation, and respect for nature among the students.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Government of Gujarat for providing this valuable opportunity to participate in such a meaningful initiative. Every tree planted today is a promise of a greener tomorrow, and together we can make a lasting difference for future generations.



Tr. Khushbu Darji
High School Teacher



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Participation in Tree Plantation Program by Government





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Nature Nurture Committee Primary

I am delighted to share my experience of our school's Nature Nurture Committee Program, I was honored to be the host of the event. We welcomed our Principal and Vice Principal by presenting them with saplings, symbolizing our commitment to protecting nature. The program began with a lovely prayer dance by little children dressed as flowers, butterflies, and honeybees. It was followed by a melodious song that celebrated our rich cultural heritage. We received our badges, and Hetvi prajapati VIII C led us in taking the Nature Nurture Committee Oath. Another dance was presented by students describing the importance of avoiding single-use plastic to keep our Earth clean and safe.

Before the end of the program, Fr. Arul Rayan, S.J., gave an inspiring speech about saving water and planting more trees. Tr. Parul presented Vote of Thanks.

The program inspired us to care for the environment and reminded us that every small step can make a big difference. I would like to conclude with a slogan: "Plant a tree today, save your tomorrow."

**Keya Patel
VIII B**





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Creative Posters Drawn by the Nature Nurture Committee Students



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Nature Nurture Committee High School



“Green is a process, not a status. We need to think of 'green' as a verb, not an adjective.”

Shylesh Damodaran

(Assistant Commissioner of Customs and CSGT)

Hi, I am Shylesh Damodaran. I am an ex student of St Xaviers and Mt Carmel school. The school was situated in Sector 20, Gandhinagar, initially in the small premises near the garden and then shifted to the large school premises on the main road leading to the now Circuit house. I joined the school in the year 1972 in the first grade and passed out from the 10th grade in the year 1982. I have thoroughly enjoyed my school days. Beginning with the "GHODA GHADI" ride taken to reach school from our residence in sector 29. I have very vivid and fond memories with my fellow class mates with whom I am still in touch (many). We did not have any gadgets to boast about, but were very contended with whatever we had. Our play items were rubber balls, a cricket bat in the form of a handkerchief rolled over our folded hand and the stumps being the brick wall of the compound wall clearly demarketed by chalk drawings. A football, a paper made plane , riding a bicycle of a friend (very fortunate), etc.



It was a different era all together. Our teachers were so loving, caring, responsible and full of empathy, specially the sisters(nuns). Our school was known for the graded 'CONVENT' education provided by the school. It will be an injustice to name few of the teachers, as OUTSTANDING, as all the teachers were excellent in their profession and provided an excellent platform for education along with imbibing quality virtues which we still hold in our lives. It was these inputs which we received in the early, formative years, that molded us into the present human beings, we are.



I/We are still in touch with many of these teachers who taught us and try to met them as and when possible by organizing get togethers.

After the 10th grade , since there was no English medium class in the school for the 11th and 12th, grades, I joined the AG Teachers School in Ahmedabad and passed out in the year 1984. I completed my graduation from St. Xavier's college, Ahmedabad in the year 1987.

After my graduation , I was lucky to clear the Staff Selection Examination and was appointed as an Inspector of Customs in the year 1989, where my professional career began from the initial posting at Porbandar.



Now I am an IRS (Indian Revenue Service) Officer and working as an Assistant Commissioner of Customs and CSGT, having spent a successful & satisfying period spanning more than 37 years. The virtues imbibed during the schooling days have made me what I am Today. Salute to the teachers, mentors, friends and well wishers.



From the initial days of my childhood, I was always an obedient, playful, social, helpful and fitness loving child. I was enchanted by the benefits of Yoga which I learnt from my GURU, Shri Adhyatmanandji Maharaj of Shivanand Ashram, Satellite, Ahmedabad during a SHIBIR held in our school in 1982. There has been no looking back on this front. Impressed by the benefits of YOGA, I took upon the task of imparting and sharing my knowledge regarding YOGA and have been doing it for the last 30 years. I have my students spreading over 12 countries and have guided/imparted knowledge to more than 5000 students and of course thereby improving their quality of life. Conducting Wellness session has been my passion and have conducted session in various Hospitals, Schools, NGO's, and have impacted people from varied walks of life including senior Bureaucrats, Professionals , Doctors, Politicians etc , across all age spectra. This has given me immense pleasure and satisfaction as I do this HONARARY SERVICE with passion and with the motive to "GIVING BACK TO THE SOCIETY".



On my personal level , my wife Sindhu Shylesh is a Senior Officer in ISRO, currently associated with the prestigious "GAGAN YAAN PROJECT"(Human Space Flight Mission) and is posted in Bangalore since the beginning of the project (7 years) and is doing a commendable job.

My son Shrey Shylesh, who has a B-Tech degree from LD Engineering College, Ahmedabad and a Post graduate Masters degree in Arts and Aesthetics from the prestigious Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU , New Delhi, is currently associated with the film industry. My daughter, Sanjana Shylesh, is Graduate in Space Designing and is currently running an Interior Designing firm.



My message to the present generation is bulleted below:

- There is no short cut to success.
- Always have a POSITIVE attitude in life.
- Health is wealth. Invest time in exercising/physical activity and meditation/Yoga on regular basis.
- Have a healthy diet. Have food which Nature provides and avoid processed foods.
- Happiness is a choice. You can be happy under any/all circumstances.
- Set a goal. Try your best to achieve it. **DO YOUR BEST, FORGET THE REST.**
- Stay away from negative thoughts/people.

Wishing the present generation a healthier, brighter, successful and contended life ahead!

Praveshostav Primary

"પહેલું પગલું, ઉજવળ ભવિષ્ય તરફ".

તારીખ 18/07/2026 ના રોજ ધોરણ-૧ એ, બી અને સી ના બાળકો માટે પ્રવેશોત્સવનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. દરેક બાળકને ફાધરે સુંદર ભેટ આપી તેમને આવકાર્યા હતા અને તેમનું સ્વાગત કરી શુભેચ્છાઓ પાઠવી હતી. બાળકોનીઆંખોમાં કુતુહલ અને ચહેરા પર સ્મિત જોઈને શિક્ષકોને અપાર આનંદ થયો હતો. દરેક બાળકના જીવનમાં શાળાનો પ્રથમ દિવસ એક યાદગાર પ્રસંગ હોય છે. બાળકોના સપનાઓ વધાવવાનો દિવસ એટલે પ્રવેશોત્સવ. આ દિવસે ધોરણ -૧ એ, બી અને સી ક્લાસના બાળકોને ફાધર અરુલ અને ફાધર જયોર્જ, એલિઝા મેમ, અને તેમના ક્લાસ ટીચર સાથે ના ગ્રુપ ફોટાનું પણ આયોજન કરી પ્રવેશોત્સવને યાદગાર બનાવવામાં આવ્યો હતો.

ફાધર અરુલે બાળકોને શિક્ષણનું મહત્વ સમજાવ્યું હતું. બાળકોને શિક્ષણ પ્રત્યેનો પ્રેમ અને ઉત્સાહ જગાવવાનો પ્રયત્ન કર્યો હતો. બાળકો તેમના પ્રવેશથી લઈને અલગ અલગ પડાવ પાર પાડી શાળાના વિદાય સમારંભ સુધી પહોંચે છે.

અને ત્યારબાદ પણ આ જ બાળકો શાળાની યાદોને તાજી કરવા શાળાએ આવે છે અને શાળા પરિવારને મળી પોતાની યાદો તાજી કરે છે.એ હકીકતને તેમની વાણીમાં વર્ણવી હતી. બાળકોને પ્રેમ, સહકાર અને સંયમના મૂલ્યો શીખવા માટે પ્રેરણા આપી હતી. પ્રીતિ ટીચર અને કલ્ચરલ કમિટીના ટીચર્સ મળીને પ્રવેશોત્સવ પ્રોગ્રામનું સંચાલન અને આયોજન ખૂબ જ સુંદર રીતે કર્યું હતું.



Tr. Parul Patel
Primary Teacher

**"School Is Not A Building,
It's A Feeling Of Learning."**



Investiture Ceremony Primary - S.P.L / A.S.P.L

The Investiture Ceremony in our school was a proud and memorable occasion. It was held to appoint the student leaders of the Discipline Committee and to encourage responsibility, discipline, and leadership among students. The ceremony began with a disciplined march past by the newly selected members. Fr. Arul Rayan, S.J., Fr. George S.J., and Eliza Ma'am, honoured the student leaders by presenting them with badges. The leaders then took an oath to serve the school with honesty, dedication, and sincerity. Our respected principal Fr. Arul Ryan, S.J., encouraged the students to become responsible leaders and role models for others.

The ceremony was beautifully coordinated and managed by the Discipline committee teachers, their teamwork ensured that every event was conducted smoothly and successfully. The Investiture Ceremony inspired all of us to value discipline, leadership, and service. It was a memorable event that filled every student with pride and motivation to become better citizens.



**Vardhan Sangeetha Rangarajan
VII A**



Investiture Ceremony High School

The Investiture Ceremony for the new academic year was held with great joy and respect. This special occasion marked the formal induction of student leaders who were entrusted with important responsibilities.

The programme began with a grand parade. Badges were conferred upon members of the Student Nature Nurture Committee, Class Leaders, and Student Discipline Committee. The highlight was the investiture of the School Pupil Leader and Assistant School Pupil Leader, who received their badges and sashes from the dignitaries.

All the newly appointed leaders took a solemn oath to perform their duties with honesty, dedication, and sincerity. Father emphasised that a true leader is not someone who gives

orders, but someone who serves others and sets a good example. He reminded everyone that leadership is built on hard work, kindness, and responsibility.

The ceremony was concluded with a meaningful message that a badge or sash is merely a symbol. What truly matters is how we conduct ourselves and contribute to the well-being of others. It was a memorable and inspiring day. School extends its best wishes to all the newly elected leaders for a successful tenure ahead

Tr. Disha Sharma
Higher Secondary Teacher



My Vision as an SPL

For me, becoming the School Pupil Leader is never about the badge or the title. It is about challenging myself and discovering what I am truly capable of. I wanted to step out of my comfort zone, take responsibility, and learn how to lead with confidence. I believe every opportunity teaches us something, and this role is one of the biggest learning experiences for me. I believe leadership is contagious. When one person chooses discipline, responsibility, and integrity, others naturally begin to follow. As an SPL, I want to be that example before I expect it from anyone else. To me, real leadership is not about being noticed but about inspiring others through actions rather than words.

This journey as an SPL is not just about leading others, but also about discovering the best version of myself. If, along the way, I can earn people's trust, inspire them through my actions, and grow into a leader who makes a meaningful difference, I will consider this responsibility truly worthwhile.

Simar Kaur Kang
XI A



St. Xavier's School, Gandhinagar, Conducts Fourth Democratic Elections for Student Leadership

Continuing the democratic tradition introduced in the previous years initiated from the academic year 2024-25 to nurture leadership qualities and civic responsibility among students, St. Xavier's School, Gandhinagar, successfully conducted its **Third School Pupil Leader and Assistant School Pupil Leader Election for the academic year 2026-27 on 18 July 2026**. This year there were 10 students including boys and girls have nominated for the SPL & ASPL positions. The election followed a spirited campaign by the candidates, which was held alongside the morning assembly.

The election was organized in a fair, systematic, and transparent manner, providing students with an opportunity to actively participate in the democratic process. Every student was issued a ballot paper and encouraged to cast their vote responsibly, reflecting their awareness of the importance of selecting capable student representatives.

Following the counting of votes, **Simar Kaur Kang of Class XI-A**, who secured the highest number of votes, was elected as the **School Pupil Leader**, while **Bhargav A. Panchal of Class XI-C**, who received the second-highest number of votes, was elected as **the Assistant School Pupil Leader** for the academic year **2026-27**.

The election served as a valuable learning experience for all students, reinforce the principles of democracy, responsibility, and informed decision-making. It also encouraged confidence, teamwork, and leadership among the participants while fostering a sense of accountability within the student community.

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The school congratulates the newly elected student leaders and wishes them success in carrying out their responsibilities with dedication, integrity, and commitment. St. Xavier's School looks forward to their active contribution in upholding the school's values, discipline, and vibrant spirit throughout the academic year.

Tr. Marshal Xavier
Supervisor



SGFI - મારા જીવનનો એક યાદગાર અનુભવ

“રમત માત્ર જીતવા માટે નથી રમાતી, પરંતુ તે આપણને જીત કરતાં પણ વધુ કિંમતી જીવનના પાઠ શીખવે છે.”

હું સેન્ટ જેવિયર્સ શાળામાં ધોરણ 11-Cમાં અભ્યાસ કરું છું. મને શરૂઆતથી જ વોલીબોલ અને ક્રિકેટમાં ખૂબ રસ હતો. તેથી મેં બંને રમતો માટે મારું નામ નોંધાવ્યું. સૌપ્રથમ વોલીબોલની પસંદગી પ્રક્રિયા શરૂ થઈ. અમારી શાળામાંથી ઘણા વિદ્યાર્થીઓ પસંદગી માટે આવ્યા હતા. તેમાંથી માત્ર બાર વિદ્યાર્થીઓની પસંદગી થવાની હતી અને તેમાંથી છ વિદ્યાર્થીઓને રમવાની તક મળવાની હતી. અંડર-17 વયજૂથની ટીમમાં પસંદગી થઈ અને SGFI માટે મારું નામ મોકલવામાં આવ્યું. પસંદગી થયા બાદ SGFI દ્વારા વિવિધ મેચોનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું. તેમાં સારું પ્રદર્શન કરનાર ટીમને જિલ્લા કક્ષાએ રમવાની તક મળવાની હતી. આ તક મેળવવા માટે મેં અને મારા તમામ સાથી ખેલાડીઓએ ખૂબ મહેનત કરી. અમે નિયમિત અભ્યાસ કર્યો અને અમારી રમતને વધુ સારી બનાવવાનો પ્રયત્ન કર્યો. અમારી ટીમના કપ્તાન પ્રિન્સ, જે ધોરણ 12-Cમાં અભ્યાસ કરે છે, તેમણે અમારી ટીમનું ખૂબ સારી રીતે નેતૃત્વ કર્યું. અમારી ટીમે પોતાનું શ્રેષ્ઠ પ્રદર્શન કર્યું અને સતત બે ગુણ મેળવીને મેચ જીતી લીધી.

અમારી મહેનત રંગ લાવી હતી અને હવે અમારી સામે અંતિમ મેચ એટલે કે ફાઇનલ હતી. અંતે અમારી ટીમ ઉપવિજેતા બની. આ સમગ્ર અનુભવમાં સૌથી આનંદની વાત એ હતી કે પ્રથમ અને બીજા ક્રમે આવેલી બંને ટીમોના શ્રેષ્ઠ ખેલાડીઓમાંથી જિલ્લા કક્ષાની ટીમ માટે પસંદગી થવાની હતી. અમારી ટીમમાંથી ચાર ખેલાડીઓની પસંદગી થઈ અને તેમાં મારું નામ પણ હતું. અમારી શાળાના અન્ય વિદ્યાર્થીઓએ પણ વિવિધ રમતોમાં શાળાનું ગૌરવ વધાર્યું છે. મારા માટે SGFIનો આ અનુભવ માત્ર રમત પૂરતો સીમિત નથી. આ સફર મને મહેનત, શિસ્ત, એકતા, આત્મવિશ્વાસ, ટીમભાવના અને હારને સ્વીકારીને ફરીથી આગળ વધવાની હિંમત શીખવી છે.

આ સફર દરમિયાન મને એક વાત ખાસ સમજાઈ કે “સફળતા માત્ર જીતવામાં નથી, પરંતુ પોતાની સંપૂર્ણ શક્તિથી પ્રયત્ન કરવામાં છે.”

Bhargav Panchal
XI C



REPORT ON SGFI SPORTS ACTIVITIES – 2026

The School Games Federation of India (SGFI) Sports Competitions – 2026 provided our students with an excellent opportunity to demonstrate their talent, dedication, discipline, and sportsmanship at various levels of competition.

During the academic year 2026, our school participated in several sports and games at the Zone Level and District Level. The students participated with great enthusiasm and brought pride and recognition to the school through their commendable performances.

ZONE LEVEL PARTICIPATION

A total of 36 players participated in the Zone Level competitions in the following sports:

- Volleyball
- Athletics

Achievement in Volleyball

Our Volleyball teams performed exceptionally well at the Zone Level and secured the following positions:

- Under-17 Boys Volleyball Team - Runner-Up

- Under-19 Boys Volleyball Team - Runner-Up

Athletics – Selection for District Level
The following students performed well in Athletics and were selected to participate at the District Level:

1. Hetvi Jayswal
2. Charvi Jayswal
3. Shaurya Vadaviya
4. Vedant Parmar
5. Vedant Nayi
6. Janviba Atodariya
7. Divyatav Maluka
8. Harshal Wadia

DISTRICT LEVEL PARTICIPATION

At the District Level, a total of 39 players participated in various sports and games. The sports included:

- Skating
- Chess
- Karate
- Soft Tennis
- Lawn Tennis
- Swimming
- Yogasana
- Badminton
- Volleyball

Our students displayed remarkable talent and determination at the District Level. Several students achieved outstanding results and were selected to represent the school at the State Level.

STUDENTS SELECTED FOR STATE LEVEL

Skating

- Hetvi Jayswal
- Charvi Jayswal

Karate

- Rushi Chokshi
- Greeshma Dabhi

Soft Tennis and Lawn Tennis

- Dhruv Patel

Chess

- Mahek Sharda
- Anay Patel
- Ayushi Dave
- Sharini Prajapati
- Vidhya Sagar

CONCLUSION

The SGFI Sports Competitions 2026 were a significant achievement for our school. The enthusiastic participation of 36 players at the Zone Level and 39 players at the District Level reflects the growing interest and commitment of our students towards sports and physical activities.

The Runner-Up achievements of the Under-17 and Under-19 Boys Volleyball teams at the Zone Level and the selection of talented students for the State Level in Skating, Karate, Soft Tennis, Lawn Tennis, and Chess are a matter of great pride for the entire school community.

We sincerely appreciate the hard work and dedication of all the participating students and the guidance and support of the coaches, Physical Education teachers, school management, and parents. We congratulate all the students on their achievements and wish the State Level participants great success in their upcoming competitions.

Congratulations to all our young athletes for their outstanding performance and for bringing glory to our school.

Tr.Kiran Macwan
High School Teacher



Feast Day Celebration of St. Ignatius of Loyola

St. Xavier's High School, Gandhinagar 31st July 2026

The Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, was celebrated with great devotion, faith, and joy in our school. The celebration began with the Archbishop, Rev. Thomas Macwan, unveiling and blessing of the statue of St. Francis Xavier, that has been newly installed. The Solemn Holy Mass commenced with a graceful entrance prayer dance performed by the students, symbolizing unity, gratitude, and peace. The Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Rev. Thomas Macwan, along with Fr. Arul Rayan SJ, Fr. Durai SJ, Fr. George SJ, Fr. Roland SJ, Fr. Britto, and Fr. Donald.

Our teachers presented the offertory, symbolizing faith, dedication, discipline, and service. The reflection emphasized the importance of finding God in all things and becoming Men and Women for Others. St. Xavier's High School, Gandhinagar, founded in 1970, stands firmly on the foundation laid by St. Ignatius and is guided by the principle: "Apply yourself to hard work from an early age – A teneris impende laborem." All were encouraged to work hard and bring glory to God. The celebration concluded with the final blessing for the staff,



students, and all those present. After the Mass, everyone gathered joyfully for refreshments, exchanged greetings, and celebrated the spirit of unity and fellowship that defines the Xavier family. May the Lord, through the intercession of St. Ignatius of Loyola and St. Francis Xavier, bless us all abundantly.



Tr. Neeta Christian
High School Teacher

સેન્ટ ઇગ્નેસીયસ ઓફ લોયલા સોસાયટી ઓફ જીસસ ના સ્થાપક હતા જેના સભ્યો તરીકે ઓળખાય છે 1521 એક વિશાળ યુદ્ધ દરમિયાન ઇગ્નેસીયસ ઘાયલ થયા જેના કારણે તેમને આજીવન લંગડાપણું આવી ગયું હતું આથી તેમના જીવનમાં એક મહત્વનો વળાંક સાબિત થયું. તેમના લાંબા સાજા થવાના સમયગાળા દરમિયાન તેમણે ઈસુ અને સંતોના જીવન વિશે વાંચવામાં શાંતિ મેળવી. આ વાર્તા એ તેમની અંદર એક નવા પ્રકારની વીરતા જગાડી. ભગવાનની સેવા કરવાની તેમજ તેમની નજીક જવાની ઈચ્છા જગાડી. તેઓ આજે પણ એમના જીવન માંથી આધ્યાત્મિક શોધકોને તેમજ માર્ગદર્શન મેળવતા રહ્યા છે.

31 જુલાઈના રોજ અમે બધા કેથોલિક વિદ્યાર્થીઓ અને 31 શિક્ષકોએ પર્વના દિવસની ઉજવણી કરી અમારી શાળામાં સેન્ટ ફ્રાન્સિસ ઝેવિયરની મૂર્તિના આશીર્વાદ સાથે બિશપે મૂર્તિને આશીર્વાદ આપ્યા.

ત્યારબાદ ફાધર પણ પુષ્પવર્ષા કરવામાં આવી અને વિદ્યાર્થીઓ દ્વારા સુંદર પ્રાર્થના નૃત્ય કરવામાં આવ્યું ત્યાર બાદ સ્મિતા ટીચર્સ તેમજ સેન્ટ ફ્રાન્સિસ ઝેવિયર અને સેન્ટ ઇગ્નેસીયસ નો પરિચય આપ્યો. શિક્ષકોએ તે દિવસ યોજાયેલ પૂજા વિધિમાં જોડાયા તેમજ તેમના જીવન પર એક સારો સંદેશ પણ આપ્યો અંતમાં બ્લેસી ટીચર અને બિસપ ફાધર, શિક્ષકો અને વાલીઓનો આભાર માન્યો. અંતમાં ફાધર જેટલા પણ હાજર સભ્યો હતા અને સેન્ટ ઇગ્નેસીયસ ઓફ લોયલાની યાદમાં એ દિવસનો આનંદ મળ્યો.

અને સૌ કોઈ અંતમાં અલ્પાહાર લઈને છુટા પડ્યા. આમ આ દિવસ અમારા સૌ માટે એક આનંદદાયક અને ઉત્સાહ પૂર્વકનો રહ્યો હતો



Tejasvini Asari
IX C



Achievement

GEBCI Olympiad : Celebrating Academic Excellence

On 8th July, the school held a felicitous program to honor students and teachers for their achievements. The event celebrated the GEBCI (Gujarat Education Board of Catholic Institutions) Olympiad 2025-26 and other special accomplishments.

In X standard, 112 students participated in the GEBCI Olympiad: 1 student secured A++, 42 earned A+, and 36 received A, Ved Nirav Patel was felicitated as the A++ top scorer. Students with A+ and A grades received medals and certificates, reflecting their dedication and teacher-parent support.

St. Xavier's High School, Gandhinagar was honored for 100% HSC Commerce results (March 2026) and received the Special Award for highest participation in the GEBCI Olympiad 2025.

Tr. Shaila H. Joshi was recognized by Balrakshak Pratishthan, Indore, and received a GUJCOST Award of Excellence for promoting science education and innovation.

National and international achievers felicitated included Zeel Gosai (Gold, International Karate U-17), Masira S. Modan (London World Book of Records), and Jaldhi Sandeep Munjpara (national Rangotsav medal). Fr. Arul Rayan, S.J., encouraged students to dream big, work hard, and continue bringing honor to the school.

Tr. Shaila Joshi
High School Teacher



Independence Day Quiz Competition 2026

I, Ved Kotak from 9th B and Karm Upadhyay from 10th D had a distinct honour of representing our school at an exciting and highly competitive quiz competition organized by the Survey Of India held on 22nd July 2026 at Sir Creek Bhawan, GD & D GD, Sector 10 A, Survey Of India, Gandhinagar. The quiz competition mainly focused on promoting awareness about India's freedom struggle, Constitutional values, National symbols, and the nation's rich history and heritage. The quiz conducted by them was OMR based and tested our real general knowledge rather than just rote memorization. Our mentor, Tr. Shaila Joshi, provided invaluable assistance and constant guidance, helping us prepare thoroughly for this prestigious competition.

After the competition they awarded the Official Survey of India map. Next day, it was announced that Karm and I tied for the first place and achieved the 1st rank together and received a merit certificate by them. Winning this competition inspires us to appreciate our national heritage deeply, and we hope it motivates our fellow schoolmates too. "I am deeply grateful to our respected Principal, Rev. Fr. Arul Rayan SJ, and our mentor, Tr. Shaila Joshi, for granting us this wonderful opportunity and guiding us through the process."

Ved Kotak
IX B



TST – The Journey to Discovering True Talent

What is talent ?

- Talent is a natural, effortless ability to do something exceptionally well without formal training. It needs practice and will to achieve something in talent.

What is TST ?

- Every year Talent Search (TST) also known as Prakharata Shodh Kasoti is held by Gujarat Government for students especially who have entered the high school (Class 9).

It is held by Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board.

TST's motive is to identify and nurture high-potential students during their early high school years.

Our School Participation.

- The students of St. Xavier's School Gandhinagar are fortunate as they are given specialized opportunities every year to participate in such examination to test their talent.
- Accordingly, during the academic year 2025-26 many students of Class 9 participated with full gratitude and gave the TST.

- Many schools of Gujarat participated and applied for TST out of which four students from our school SXSG secured a rank within the top 1000.
- The four students exceptional, brilliant and diligent students were :-
- 1. Neha Manoj Kumar Parmar
- 2. Karm Pratik Kumar Upadhyay
- 3. Ujas Bharatbhai Desai
- 4. Kiyan Daxesh Patel
- These students were encouraged by giving certificates and cash prizes.
- This time also, we encourage all the students of Class 9 to actively and confidently participate and apply for TST examination. This test is just a step to help them grow.
- "Walk in with confidence, answer what you know first, and leave no room for regret."

Kiyan Patel
X A



Know Your Teacher

Paphnutius D'souza
(B.A, B.Ed)

“Teaching is my passion”

I am known by the pseudoname Peppy Teacher but actually I am Paphnutius J. D'souza. My education credentials are : Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) through IGNOU with Mathematics & English as my subjects, I have completed my Bachelor's Degree (Graduate) from St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad, Higher Secondary, GLS School, Ahmedabad, Primary and Secondary Schooling from Mount Carmel School, Gandhinagar.



My journey in St. Xavier's High School, Gandhinagar started in the year 1999 as an Assistant teacher in the pre-primary section under the leadership of Principal Fr. Hector Pinto, S.J. and received an extensive professional nurturing and mentorship in the field of teaching from Sr. Roseline, CCV, Tr. Pathan, and Tr. Pallavi to enhance student's performance and well-being, which still keeps me motivated. After a break of five years, I rejoined this prestigious institution in the year 2011, in the pre-primary section. In the year 2019, Fr. Durai, S.J. was kind enough to give me a breakthrough in the Primary section. I enjoy working with young minds as it is challenging and deeply rewarding. God has endowed me with a proven track record of nurturing young learners, utilizing modern techniques, and collaborating



with school leadership to foster a positive learning environment.

Staying adaptable after years in the classroom requires a lot of dedication, but it is the best way to keep the students truly engaged. I have a mindset for new ideas and techniques. Even after many years of experience in teaching, I am still open to learning new concepts and strategies, this allows me to adopt new teaching methods.

Thank you. God Bless!

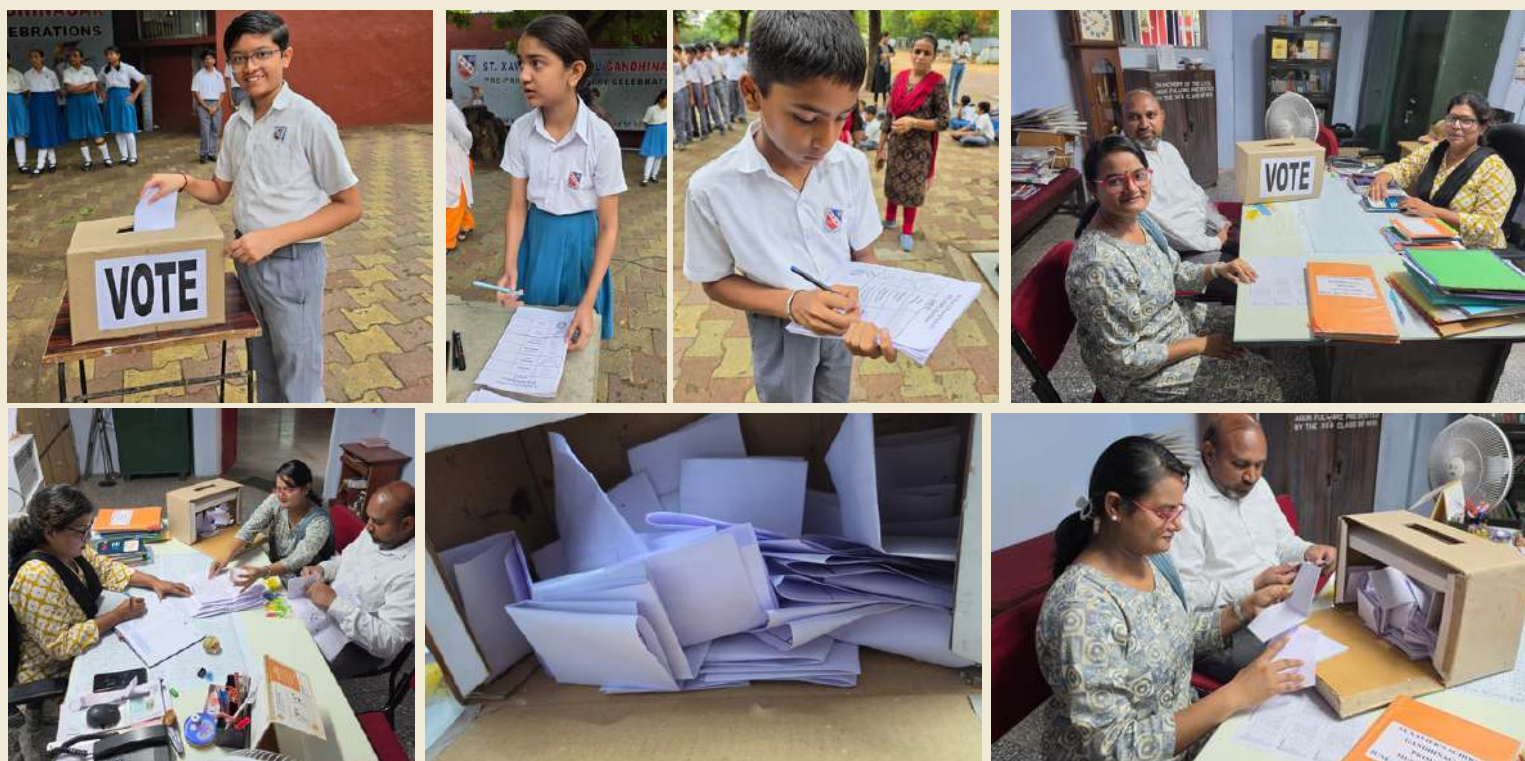
“Young learners can be moulded as great men and women”



**‘A good education
can change anyone.
A good teacher can
change everything!’**



Election for School Pupil Leader and Assistant School Pupil Leader - Primary



Election for School Pupil Leader and Assistant School Pupil Leader - High School



Investiture Ceremony High School



Feast Day Celebration Primary





“Love ought to show itself in deeds more than in words.”

St. Ignatius of Loyola Feast Day Celebration 2026



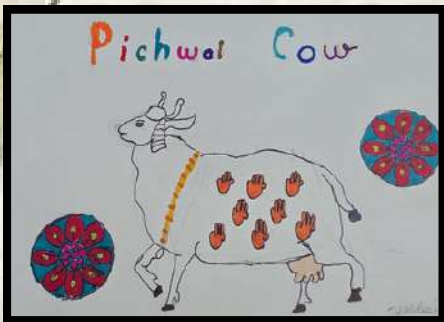




Ananya Singh
VII B



Naksh Agaja
V A



Yashashri Acharya
V A



Yashmit Bokade
IX B

Pump of Faith

It was a hot day, and the sands were glittering like gold in a desert. Andrew, touring the place, lost his way in the desert. He could not find his way back, and the water in his bottle dried. He was in desperate search of water. Otherwise, he will die due to dehydration. As he struggled walking in the desert, he saw a small hut at a distance. Initially, he thought it was just an illusion. But he continued walking towards it, and as he reached closer, he realized it was a hut. He opened the door and found nobody there. It seemed like the place was in abandoned condition for a long time. He was surprised to see a hand water pump, and it had all connections intact and a pipeline to the ground. Then he started pumping, and there was no sign of water. And he continued his effort and gave up due to exhaustion. He started searching the hut for any other source of water. Then he found a bottle of water hidden in the corner. He was happy, and when he was about to drink the water, he found a piece of paper attached. It was written in the paper, **"Please use this water to start the pump. It works. After you have done, do not forget to refill the bottle again."** After reading the message in the paper, he went into a dilemma, "Will the pump work if I use this water?" Is the pump in good condition? Can I trust the words in the paper? If it is false, then my last source of water will get waste."

He paused for a minute and closed his eyes, and prayed. Then he poured the water from the bottle into the pump and pumped it.

Soon, he heard a bubbling sound, and water started pouring out. There was a moment of relief on his face.

He drank the water and filled his bottle. Then he got refreshed and refilled the bottle from the hut. He stayed in the hut for some time and looked around. Then he saw a pencil and a map explaining the direction to the nearby village from the hut location. He was happy that his faith in the water pump worked. Similarly, he believed that the map would direct him in the right direction. Then he wrote in the paper, **"Have faith. It works."** And he kept both the bottle and paper to the exact place from where he took. Happily, he left the hut.

Reflect in our life, there will be times when only faith and belief has sailed us thru tough times. The moment we start believing, things will fall in place. Once we have faith, regardless of the outcome, we continue our efforts towards it. **Remember there is a difference between hope and faith, while hope is knowing something is possible Faith is believing nothing is impossible lets ho ahead in life and make our faith bigger than the fear of failure because when ur intentions are pure success is non negotiable** Don't miss listening to **your inner voice and trusting yourself, the chatter outside is not stronger than the gut from within because the heart knows it always**

Reflection by Dr Anjana

સુલેખિત સંદેશ - ગુરુપૂર્ણિમા

ગુરુપૂર્ણિમાના પવિત્ર અને પ્રેરણાદાયી પર્વ નિમિત્તે,
જ્ઞાનના પ્રકાશ તરફ લઈ જનાર સર્વે ગુરુજનોને મારા કોટિ-કોટિ વંદન. 🌸

ગુરુ માત્ર અક્ષરજ્ઞાન નથી આપતા.

ગુરુ શિસ્ત આપે છે, સંસ્કાર આપે છે અને જીવન જીવવાની સાચી દિશા બતાવે છે.
ભારતીય સંસ્કૃતિમાં ગુરુનું સ્થાન ઈશ્વરથી પણ ઊંચું છે. આજનો દિવસ મહર્ષિ
વેદવ્યાસજીની જન્મજયંતી છે.

મહાભારત જેવા મહાન ગ્રંથના રચયિતા એવા વ્યાસમુનિના માનમાં જ આ દિવસને
"વ્યાસપૂર્ણિમા" એટલે કે "ગુરુપૂર્ણિમા" કહેવાય છે.

ગુરુ બનાવે જીવન મધુરું,

ન હોય ગુરુ તો જીવન અધૂરું.

ગુરુના ગુણોને હૃદયમાં ઉતારીએ તો જ સાચા અર્થમાં શિષ્ય બની શકાય.

ગુરુ વિનાનું જીવન એ પાંખ વિનાના પંખી જેવું છે.

ગુરુ આપણને ફક્ત ભણાવતા નથી, જીવતા શીખવે છે.

અજ્ઞાનના અંધકારને કરી દૂર;

ગુરુ જીવનમાં લાવે પ્રકાશ જરૂર.

નથી જ્ઞાન ગુરુ વિના;

નથી સંસ્કાર જ્ઞાન વિના.

જેમના પર નિર્ભર છે આપણું ભવિષ્ય;

તે ગુરુદેવને કોટિ-કોટિ પ્રણામ.

કુમાર્ગથી સન્માર્ગે જે દોરે;

તે જ ગુરુની સાચી ભેટ.

મુજ હૃદયે જ્ઞાનનો દીપ પ્રગટાવ્યો;

એવા મારા ગુરુ, તમે સદા જીવો.

આજના પવિત્ર દિને ચાલો સંકલ્પ લઈએ:

ગુરુજનોનો સદા આદર કરીશું, તેમણે બતાવેલા માર્ગ પર ચાલીશું અને
તેમણે આપેલા જ્ઞાનથી દેશ અને સમાજના સારા નાગરિક બનીશું.

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