

THE PATRICIAN CHRONICLE



AN APOSTLE VISITS US: ACROSS THE NATIONS, TO THE PATRICIANS

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

- Matthew 5:16

Rev. Sr. Monica Joseph's
Momentous Visit to Our
School

On the 21st of October, 2024, our school had the distinct honour of welcoming a figure of immense reverence and inspiration—Rev. Sr. Monica Joseph, the esteemed Mother General of the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (CJM). As the global head of CJM schools across continents,



Sr. Monica's visit was a momentous occasion for the entire school community, one that will be cherished for years to come. Sr. Monica Joseph's arrival was nothing short of spectacular. The school was abuzz with excitement as a formal Guard of Honour was presented to her, with the flags of all the countries where CJM schools have been established proudly standing tall. Our students, with hearts full of pride, stood in attention as Sr. Monica walked past, an embodiment of leadership, wisdom, and compassion. The day culminated in an interaction with Sr. Monica, where curious students asked her insightful questions. She shared personal stories from her journey, offering wisdom on leadership, service, and the importance of education. Her message was clear: "Education is not just about learning; it's about becoming the change we wish to see."

A Legacy of Inspiration

As the interaction drew to a close, it was clear that Sr. Monica Joseph's visit had left an indelible mark on all who were fortunate enough to be a part of the event. The students and staff were filled with renewed hope and inspiration, their hearts touched by the wisdom of a woman who has dedicated her life to the service of God and humanity.

The celebration continued with a cultural program that showcased our students' talents. It began with a Soulful Prayer Dance, expressing prayers for peace and harmony. This was followed by a powerful Dance Drama on Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation, highlighting global challenges like environmental degradation, social injustice, and the pursuit of peace. The final act was a stunning Classical Dance, 'Heal the World', conveying a message of healing and responsibility toward our planet and each other.



TO ACT OR NOT TO ACT?

DO THE PATRICIANS PROVE THEIR METTLE ON SHAKESPEARE'S STAGE?

What better way to honour the Bard of Avon than by stepping into his world of poetic drama, timeless conflicts, and unforgettable characters? On Shakespeare's Day, the stage of St. Patrick's Junior College came alive with the miracles of William Shakespeare, as the inter-house dramatics competition unfolded in all its theatrical glory. Each house presented a masterpiece from Shakespeare's repertoire, bringing to life tales of ambition, betrayal, love, and tragedy. Endurance House stole the spotlight with their gripping rendition of Julius Caesar, earning a well-deserved first place with performances that could rival even the Globe Theatre. Encounter and Enterprise Houses delivered equally mesmerizing performances, tying for second place, while Endeavour House rounded off the competition with commendable flair securing the 3rd position.



The event wasn't just about competition—it celebrated Shakespeare's enduring legacy. From Caesar's iconic "Et tu, Brute?" to the uproarious performance of Twelfth Night, the audience was left spellbound, oscillating between thunderous applause and awestruck silence.

Shakespeare himself would have been proud of the Patricians, who proved that "all the world's a stage" and every Patrician a remarkable performer! A day to remember, indeed.

LEADERSHIP 2.0: The Next Gen takes the Helm

On 13th July 2024, St Patrick's Junior College held its highly anticipated Investiture Ceremony, marking a significant milestone in the academic year. The event, held in the school, celebrated leadership, responsibility, and the spirit of service among our students. Emphasizing qualities such as integrity, commitment, and empathy, it inspired the incoming student council and to serve with dedication and set an example for their peers. As part of the ceremony, each leader took an oath, pledging to uphold the school's values, work towards creating a positive atmosphere, and guide their fellow students through the challenges of the academic year. The pledge was a reminder of the responsibility they bear to their peers, faculty, and the institution as a whole. In her speech, the newly appointed Head Girl, Namya Agarwal, expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve the school. She promised to work alongside the rest of the student council to ensure that the voices of all students are heard and that the school continues to thrive as a community based on mutual respect and collaboration. The Investiture Ceremony was not just a ceremonial occasion but also a reminder of the importance of student leadership in shaping the culture and future of our school.



DEBATE, DISCUSS, DOMINATE: SPJC'S WINNING FORMULAE

'Debate is the art of the mighty'

The Frank Anthony Memorial All India Interschool Debate Competition proved to be a centre for some witty discussions on worldwide situations and social interactions. Having had many debates over the decades connecting students from across India, it proves to be a platform for some powerful voices. Its regional level took place on 15th July in which Naisha Magan and Shruti Singh participated in the Junior level and Akshara Jain and Inika Mohile participated in the Senior Level and they made the school proud by winning many accolades. Shruti Singh won the best speaker while Naisha Magan got the 1st runners up position in the Junior category. In the Senior category Inika Mohile clinched the 1st Runners up position. The school advanced to the State level in which Naisha Magan and Afia Arif participated in the Junior level while Inika Mohile and Pihu Shrotriya participated in the Senior level category.

VOICES IN CONFLICT: THE PATRICIAN DEBAT

On 21st August 2024, the annual inter-house English Debate Competition transformed perceptions and shattered assumptions as the Patricians showcased their convincing oratory prowess sprinkled with eloquence and wit, in both the Junior (Classes IX – X) and Senior (Classes XI-XII) categories. The competition was judged impartially under the

distinguished presence of Rev. Father Llyod and Rev. Sister Ivy Mary Lyngdoh.

The Junior Category heated up with the pressing topic of '*Should countries prioritize economic growth over environmental protection?'. Naisha Magan (IX B) and Adamya Gupta (IX B) took home the victory, impressing with their sharp arguments and a touch of humor, making a strong case for the balanced future they envisioned. In the Senior Category, Inika Mohile (XI Sci) and Ahaana Singh (XI Sci) captivated the audience with their compelling take on justice, the topic being '*Justice delayed is Justice denied.*' Their well-crafted arguments highlighted the urgent need for timely justice, earning them the top spot and well-deserved applause.



UNFURLING PATRIOTISM, CELEBRATING 78 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

On 14th August 2024, St Patrick's Junior College celebrated the 78th Independence Day with great fervour and patriotism.

The day commenced with a spectacular March-Past competition, where the four houses of the school participated. The march was led by the Cabinet members of the school. The Encounter House triumphed as the best house in March past.

Following the march, the assembly presented by the 7th-grade students captivated the audience with heartfelt performances. The standout moment of the program was the tribute to Indian soldiers. It was brilliantly portrayed through a skit that honored the courage and sacrifice of our nation's soldiers

BOLLYWOOD

WHAT DO THE PATRICIANS HAVE TO SAY AFTER THEIR BINGE WATCHING SESSIONS?



Stree 2 (2024),

directed by Amar Kaushik, is the ultimate comedy-horror blend—spooky, hilarious, and a total treat. Rajkummar Rao's Vicky steals the show with his mix of fear and funny antics, while

Shraddha Kapoor's eerie "Stree" keeps the suspense alive. The film ditches jump scares for gut-busting humor, with clever callbacks to its predecessor. Not a full-on horror, but if cheeky thrills and non-stop laughs are what you crave, this masaledar sequel is pure fun!



Maidaan(2024)

directed by Amit Ravindernath Sharma, is a gripping sports drama starring Ajay Devgn as Syed Abdul Rahim, the legendary coach who transformed

Indian football in the 1950s. The film captures the passion, unity, and resilience that turned an underdog team into national icons. With realistic football sequences and a stunning recreation of the 1950s, it's a visual and emotional treat.



Panchayat is a riot of rural quirks and laughs, with

Jitendra Kumar owning his role as the frustrated city guy. Smart, funny, and packed with heart, this Amazon gem serves up the perfect mix of comedy and chaos. A must-watch for some desi fun!



Raghav Juyal: The Ascending Star

From the realm of dance reality shows to the pinnacle of Bollywood stardom, a boy

from the mountains, Raghav Juyal's odyssey is a testament to his unwavering passion. Having commenced his career as a contestant on "D.I.D" Raghav has traversed the entertainment landscape with élan. Recent projects, including the movies "Kill" and "Yudhra," as well as the web series "Gyarah Gyarah" have not only garnered critical acclaim but also showcased his versatility & emotional depth as a performer. As he continues to ascend the Bollywood hierarchy, Raghav Juyal is undoubtedly a name to watch out for. He definitely is at the meteoric rise of becoming a Bollywood sensation.

Though the first half starts slow, the film builds to a powerful and rewarding climax. Maidaan isn't just a sports movie; it's a heartfelt tribute to perseverance, national pride, and a forgotten chapter of Indian sports history.

THE CRYPTIC CLUB

Q. What has a head, a tail, is brown, and has no legs?

A. A Penny.

Q. You see me once in June, twice in November and not at all in May. What am I?

A. The letter 'E'.

Q. The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?

A. Footsteps.

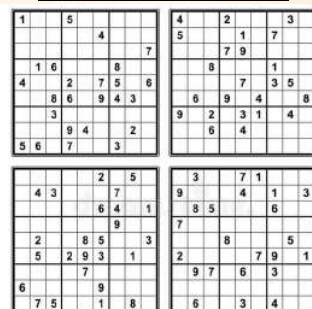
Q. What is so fragile that saying its name breaks it?

A. Silence.

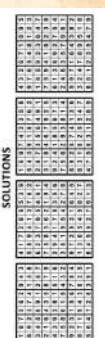
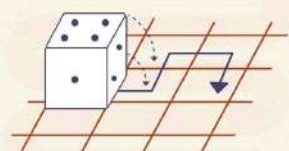
Q. I have keys but no locks. I have space but no room. You can enter, but can't go outside. What am I?

A. A Keyboard.

SUDOKU



If the dice is rolled on the showed path, what will be the number on the top?



Answer:
5. In the first box 5 will be on the top. In the second box, will be 1. In the third box it will be 3, and in the fourth box it will be 5.

THE EPITOME OF HUMAN GRACE: SATVAGRAHA SYMPHONY



On October 2nd, Class XI presented “Satyagraha Symphony: Echoes of Gandhi’s Footsteps Towards Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation.” The program evoked patriotism and reverence for Gandhi’s enduring legacy. The event began with the traditional lamp lighting, followed by a soulful prayer service and a graceful prayer dance symbolizing harmony. A captivating choir performance further enriched the atmosphere. The centerpiece was a symposium featuring four groups addressing critical topics: justice and peace, forgiveness and reconciliation, refugee protection, and global humanitarian aid. The grand finale, a powerful dance drama, depicted societal challenges and the triumph of Gandhian values, leaving the audience inspired to embrace truth and non-violence.

THE DEBATE DANGAL: HINDI KE VEER



On October 3rd, the Interhouse Hindi Debate Competition showcased an electrifying display of intellect and oratory. The four houses engaged in a riveting war of words, tackling two compelling topics: व्यक्तिगि लाभ हिमारीय अपनी नागरिकि छोड़ रहे हैं? (Are Indians relinquishing their citizenship for personal gain?) – Junior Category (Classes 9 and 10) वैक्कवक व्यापारिक संबंध शांति को बढ़ावा दि हैं (Do global trade relations promote peace?) – Senior Category (Classes 11 and 12) Debaters passionately persuaded judges and the audience, transforming the stage into a battleground of ideas. Standout speakers included:

From the Junior category:

Yashasvini Upadhyay (Endurance House)

Priyanshi Sharma (Enterprise House)

From senior category:

Chhanak Ambesh (Endeavor House)

Radha Dayal Das (Encounter House)

Ultimately, Endurance House triumphed as the overall champion.

INFINITE INSIGHTS: VICTORY REDEFINED

The interschool science fest, Infinite Insights hosted by Christ the King School, Tundla, on October 4th, 2024, proved to be a monumental celebration of scientific brilliance. Representing St. Patrick’s Junior College, our girls did not just participate—they conquered! With precision sharper than a scalpel and creativity that defied gravity, they claimed top spots in every event, leaving no challenge unsolved and no trophy untouched. By the end of the fest, our team returned triumphantly, with almost as many trophies as participants. The Patrician spirit outshone all, as we were declared the Overall Champion! Infinite Insights wasn’t just a competition; it was proof that when science meets determination, the universe is ours to explore. A proud moment etched in our legacy.



CURIOSITY CLASH: AN INTERHOUSE QUIZ COMPETITION



The Interhouse Quiz Competition at St. Patrick's Junior College was nothing short of an intellectual battlefield, where wit met wisdom and strategy clashed with speed. Under the sharp-eyed guidance of Quizmistress Ma'am Arpita Chatterjee, the houses locked horns in a riveting contest that had the audience at the edge of their seats.

Red House emerged as the undisputed champion, striking gold with their quick reflexes and razor-sharp answers. Yellow House secured second place, followed by Blue House, while Green House valiantly fought till the end. The nail-biting rounds tested everything from history to science, leaving everyone in awe of the contestants' brilliance. It was a day of fierce rivalry, roaring applause, and, above all, the triumph of knowledge!

CELEBRATING THE PILLARS OF SPJC

Shaadi Mubarak: The Patrician Edition Teacher's Day 2024



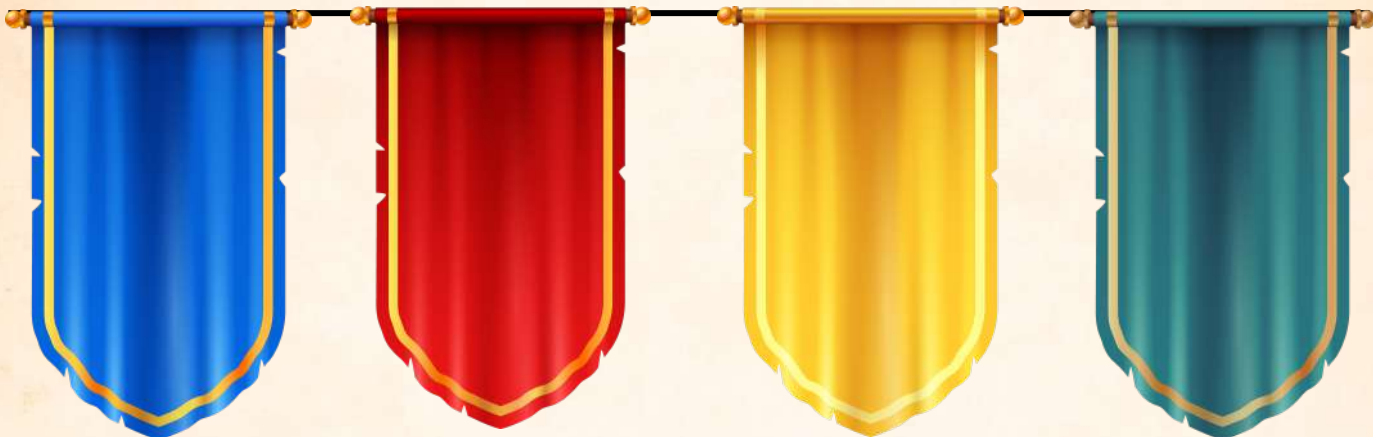
Shadi Mubarak: The Patrician Edition was Teacher's Day 2024 reimagined—a spectacular blend of Indian wedding grandeur and deep-rooted gratitude. Drawing inspiration from the vibrant colors and traditions of a traditional wedding, the event transformed the school into a sparkling celebration of teachers. Students, adorned in festive attire, garlanded their teachers with love, setting the tone for an unforgettable day. The stage came alive with soulful dances, musical tributes, and dramatic skits where teachers were humorously portrayed as superheroes—heroes who nurture, inspire, and guide. Each performance was a tribute to the teachers' tireless dedication, their ability to inspire curiosity, and their commitment to shaping young minds. Personalized gifts, heartfelt letters, and sincere messages overflowed with affection, highlighting how educators don't just impart knowledge but mold futures. The event was a joyous, heartfelt celebration of the sacred teacher-student bond, reinforcing the invaluable impact teachers have on every student's life.

CELEBRATING THE UNSUNG: HELPERS' DAY 2024

Class 12 students of St. Patrick's Junior College turned gratitude into a grand celebration with their Helpers' Day assembly. On this special occasion, our unsung heroes—the helping staff—were showered with appreciation for their tireless efforts that keep our school running seamlessly. The event was a heartfelt blend of songs, skits, and words of gratitude that lit up every face with joy. From handwritten notes to personalized tokens, the day was a vibrant canvas of love and respect. A surprise feast added flavor to the festivities, reminding everyone that kindness is the sweetest dish. It wasn't just a celebration; it was a warm thank you straight from our hearts!



PUT YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME!



The 180th Annual Sports Meet at St. Patrick's Junior College, Agra, held on November 14, 2024, was a grand celebration of athleticism, teamwork, and school spirit. The event was graced by the Honourable Chief Guest Mrs. Anju Mahajan and Special Guests Mr. and Mrs. Agarwal, whose presence added elegance to the event.

The opening ceremony began with Mrs. Mahajan taking the salute during the March Past, led by the School Cabinet. The four houses—Encounter, Endeavour, Endurance, and Enterprise—marched proudly, showcasing their spirit and discipline. The symbolic torch was carried by the school's former best athletes, emphasizing tradition and achievement.



The athletic events followed, demonstrating the students' dedication and sportsmanship. From track sprints to field events, each competition reflected the hard work and passion of the participants. Both young and senior athletes impressed the spectators with their exceptional performances.

The day's highlight was a synchronized aerobics display by students from classes 6 to 12, which captivated the audience with its rhythm and precision. Mrs. Mahajan's motivating speech at the close of the event inspired the students to strive for excellence in both academics and athletics, emphasizing the importance of pushing limits and embracing challenges.

Awards were presented to the top athletes, with Shreya Bansal winning Best Athlete in the sub-junior category, Alankrita Kumar and Shrinika Bhatia sharing the junior title, and Meenu Tomar being named Best Athlete in the senior category. The Student of the Year title went to Namya Agarwal for her dedication throughout the year.

Endeavour House (Blue) won the Best House Trophy and Best March awards for their discipline and team spirit, capping off a memorable day that celebrated the values of unity, determination, and excellence at St. Patrick's Junior College.



THE PATRICIAN CHRONICLE: A TALE OF WORDS, WITS, AND WONDERS

FROM THE PEN OF THE PRINCIPAL

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11

Dear Patricians,

As we turn the pages of The Patrician Chronicle, we celebrate the vibrant tapestry of achievements, stories, and dreams that define our school community. Each one of you is a unique light, and together, you illuminate the world around us.

This periodical is not merely a record of events but a reflection of our shared commitment to excellence, integrity, and compassion. Let it inspire you to strive higher, to learn not just with your mind but with your heart, and to carry forward the legacy of St. Patrick's Junior College with pride. May you continue to embrace challenges with courage, nurture kindness in your actions, and always aim to leave the world better than you found it.

With love and regards,
Rev. Sr. Leena Dorothy Matera
Principal



EDITOR IN CHIEF'S MESSAGE

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies . . . The man who never reads lives only one." – George R.R. Martin

Dear Readers,

Creating The Patrician Chronicle alongside my incredible students has been nothing short of a literary odyssey—one filled with exploration, collaboration, and boundless imagination. Each word etched within these pages carries the passion, curiosity, and dreams of young minds eager to leave their indelible mark.

This periodical is not just an amalgamation of articles and artwork; it is a symphony of voices, each narrating a unique tale of growth and creativity. Guiding these bright souls has reaffirmed my belief that education is not confined to classrooms—it thrives in shared ideas, fearless expression, and the relentless pursuit of knowledge.

As you leaf through these pages, may you find inspiration in their words and courage in their dreams. Let this periodical remind us all that the power of storytelling lies in its ability to connect, uplift, and transform.

Warm regards,
Ms. Shreshtha Bhadoria

THE EDITORIAL TEAM

It all started one late afternoon during a heated debate practice in English class. Amidst the chaos, someone casually suggested, "Why don't we have a school newsletter?" The room went silent, and our teacher whispered, "The Patrician Chronicle." And just like that, the idea was born.

A small team of us, fueled by caffeine and camaraderie drove into the project. It wasn't easy—deadlines, missing articles, and endless font debates almost derailed us. But as Patricians, giving up was never an option.

After weeks of brainstorming and editing, The Patrician Chronicle is finally here. More than just a newsletter, it's a celebration of our voices and determination.

To our readers: we hope you find inspiration and creativity within these pages. And to our team—Suramyia Gupta, Maanvi Yadhuvanshi, Afia Arif, Naisha Magan, and the Editor Inika Mohile—this wouldn't have been possible without your hard work.

We leave you with this quote:

"The pen is not just mightier than the sword; it is the spark that lights the fire of change."

