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NEWSLETTER

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CELEBRATING COALESCE 2026, HERITAGE DAY AND VANMAHOTSAVA

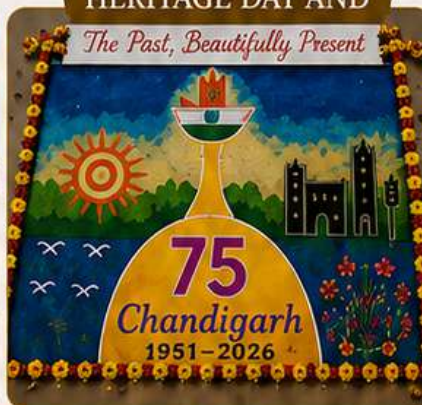
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A spectacular showcase of imagination, innovation, heritage and environmental consciousness by our young changemakers.

COALESCE 2026



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CELEBRATING 75 GLORIOUS YEARS



HIGHLIGHTS



COALESCE 2026

A platform where ideas took shape and creativity knew no bounds.



HERITAGE DAY AND

Honouring our roots and celebrating the richness of our shared legacy.



VANMAHOTSAVA

Nurturing nature, growing greener, building a better tomorrow.

UNITED IN PURPOSE, INSPIRED BY HERITAGE, DRIVEN BY IMPACT



HERITAGE

Honouring our roots, cherishing our legacy.



CREATIVITY

Where imagination takes shape.



COLLABORATION

Uniting minds, amplifying ideas.



CONSERVATION

Caring for nature, sustaining life.



IMPACT

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CELEBRATING STARS OF THE SCHOOL



St John's High School hosted an Awards Assembly to honour students who demonstrate exceptional excellence in academics, sports, leadership, creativity, and community service. The event was graced by members of the St. John's Old Boys Association, including representatives of the 1999 B Batch. Samar Singh Mann (Class XII) received the Sword of Honour, Aditya Mandhotra (Class X) was conferred the Major Anuj Rajput Award, and Kartik Yadav (Class XII) received the Aditya Joshi Award.

The Ranvijay Award for all-round excellence in Class X went to Ekam Singh Sandhu, with Gurmehar Singh Sandhu as first runner-up and Harmolak Singh Cheema as second runner-up. Soham Singla and Madhav Gupta received special mentions. In Class VIII, Manthan Priyan won, Abram Gupta was first runner-up, Ranvijay Singh second runner-up, with Tejas Pandey and Koviddh Kanwal Garg receiving special mentions.

The Michaelangelo Francis Silver Jubilee Award for Artistic Excellence went to Nikunj Lamba (Class VII) in the Classes VI to VIII category, with Tejas Pandey receiving a special mention, and to Aarav Singh (Class X) in the Classes IX to XII category, with Pragun Mittal receiving a special mention. The 1999 B Sports Award was presented to Samar Pratap Singh Sandhu, Ranveer Pratap Singh, and Arpit Bhatia.

The awards were presented by Brother Beddoe and Principal Rajashree Vipin, who congratulated the awardees and encouraged all students to pursue excellence with dedication, humility, and integrity.

We are incredibly proud of you. Keep reaching for the stars and let your achievements inspire the world.



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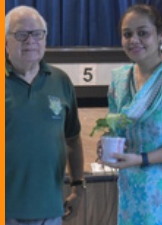
COALESCE – 13th Edition



St. John's High School successfully hosted the 13th Edition of Coalesce 2026, bringing together participants from twenty-six prominent schools across the tri-city. Held to mark Chandigarh's 75th anniversary, the inter-school event featured five competitions testing Business, Science, Art, Marketing, and Coding skills: Biz Blitz, Entropy Arena, Visitavity, Marketing Gimmick, and Code Sprint. Students showcased remarkable creativity and intellect through innovative projects, including recycled-material furniture and sculptures addressing social issues such as children's mental health.

Winners:

Biz Blitz: Bhavan Vidyalaya (Winner), Strawberry Fields (1st RU), Shemrock (2nd RU)
Entropy Arena: St. Anne's Convent (Winner), Shivalik Public (1st RU), KB DAV (2nd RU)
Visitavity: Sacred Heart (Winner), Shivalik Public (1st RU), Carmel Convent (2nd RU)
Marketing Gimmick: St. Anne's Convent (Winner), Satluj Public (1st RU), Vivek High (2nd RU)
Code Sprint: Satluj Public (Winner), St. Soldier (1st RU), St. Anne's Convent (2nd RU)



HERITAGE DAY & VANMAHOTSAVA 2026



St. John's High School celebrated Heritage Day and Vanmahotsava 2026 with great enthusiasm. Students of Classes VI–VIII from various schools participated in Book Cover Design, Rangoli, Tableau Making, Poem Recitation, and Skits. The event highlighted Chandigarh's rich heritage, environmental conservation, and cultural values. The programme concluded with a prize distribution ceremony, celebrating the talent and commitment of all participants.



ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

CLASS : 10A

DATE : 10 July 2026



Class 10A presented a special assembly celebrating the spirit of excellence at the Awards Assembly 2026. The school honoured the recipients of the Sword of Honour, Major Anuj Rajput Award, Aditya Joshi Award, Ranvijay Award, Michaelangelo Francis Silver Jubilee Award for Artistic Excellence and Creativity, and the 1999 B Sports Award. The assembly recognised students for their outstanding achievements in academics, leadership, creativity, sports, and all-round excellence, inspiring everyone to strive for the best.

CLASS : 10B

DATE : 15 July 2026



Class 10B highlighted Rishabh Pant's inspiring comeback. After a life-threatening accident, his belief and relentless hard work brought him back to the Indian Jersey. The assembly, through a poem and his story, reminded us that success is not about how hard we fall, but how courageously we rise. The message: Believe in yourself, work relentlessly, and achieve your goals.

ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

CLASS : 7A DATE : 13 July 2026



Class 7A conducted the morning assembly on 13 July 2026, on the theme "The Importance of Gratitude." Students shared inspiring stories, delivered thoughtful speeches and presented a melodious song highlighting the value of being thankful. The assembly encouraged everyone to appreciate life's blessings and express gratitude every day.

CLASS : 7B DATE : 20 July 2026



Class 7B conducted the assembly on the theme, "Three Magic Words That Build Our Character: Please, Sorry, and Thank You." The programme commenced with a prayer, followed by a poem recitation, speeches, the thought of the day, and a choir presentation. The activities collectively emphasized the significance of courtesy, respect, and gratitude in daily life. The assembly concluded with an address by the Principal, who urged students to imbibe these values to become compassionate and responsible citizens. The assembly served as a meaningful reminder that sincere and thoughtful communication can foster strong relationships and a positive environment.

ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

CLASS : 10D

DATE : 22 July 2026



Class 10D presented the morning assembly on the Power of Teamwork. The students explained team values like accountability, empathy, trust, and resilience, and presented a poem on classroom goals. The assembly concluded with SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals, highlighting teamwork across nations.

CLASS : 9B

DATE : 29 July 2026



Class 9B conducted the morning assembly on the theme "Discipline: The Bridge Between Goals and Achievements." Students highlighted how punctuality, respect, honesty, and responsible behaviour help achieve success. They emphasised that discipline shapes character and leads to lifelong growth. The assembly also included the motivational Hindi poem "उठो, चलो, आगे बढ़ो", inspiring students to face challenges with courage and determination.

ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHT and OUTREACH PROGRAMME

CLASS : 7C

DATE : 27 July 2026



Class 7C conducted an assembly on the topic "Social Media: Is It A Boon Or A Bane?" Students discussed its advantages and disadvantages through speeches, a skit, and a self-composed song. The assembly also included the news and the thought of the day. The message emphasised the responsible and wise use of social media.

CLASS : 8B

OUTREACH PROGRAMME



As a part of the Outreach Programme, Class 8B visited Govt. Model Senior Secondary School, Sector 26, to celebrate Van Mahotsav. A poster-making and slogan-writing competition was held with students from both schools. All the winners were from the host school and were awarded plants as prizes. Students gave speeches on the importance of trees and Van Mahotsav. It was a meaningful and enriching experience of learning, sharing, and celebrating nature together.

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St. John's High School, Chandigarh

DONATE BLOOD, SAVE LIVES



St. John's High School, in collaboration with SJOB and the Rotary & Blood Bank Society Resource Centre, successfully organised its Annual Blood Donation Camp on 11 July 2026. The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation from teachers, parents, alumni, and the community, collecting 166 units of blood and reinforcing the spirit of compassion, service, and social responsibility.



SESSIONS

TOPIC : "BULLYING AND ITS LEGAL CONSEQUENCES"



On 6 July, the Wellness Team organised an awareness session for Class 9 on Bullying and Its Legal Consequences. Conducted by Advocate Deepak Negi from DLSA, the session highlighted the emotional, social, and legal impact of physical, verbal, and cyberbullying. Students were guided on responsible digital behaviour, empathy, and the importance of reporting bullying to ensure a safe and respectful school environment.

TOPIC : "SAFE AND SMART USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA"



A session on "Safe and Smart Use of Social Media" was conducted by Ms. Pearl Sohal, Soft Skills Trainer and Image Consultant, Chandigarh. The session highlighted both the positive and negative aspects of social media, emphasising cyber safety, privacy, digital well-being, and the responsible use of online platforms for learning, networking, and career growth. It encouraged students to adopt responsible digital habits and cultivate a positive online presence.

SESSIONS

TOPIC: SKILLS OF THE FUTURE: TRANSCENDING EDUCATION IN 2030 AND CONVENTIONAL VS. NON-CONVENTIONAL CAREERS



On 14 July 2026, St. John's High School organised a career guidance session on "Skills of the Future: Transcending Education in 2030 and Conventional vs. Non-Conventional Careers" for Senior Secondary students. The session was conducted by Ms. Nishi Mishra, Head – Outreach, Amity University, Noida, who shared valuable insights into future-ready skills, effective communication, emerging career trends, and the evolving opportunities in both conventional and non-conventional careers. The interactive session encouraged students to think beyond traditional career paths and prepare themselves for the dynamic world of tomorrow.

TOPIC: "SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ADDICTION AWARENESS"



On 20 and 21 July 2026, St. John's High School, Chandigarh, in collaboration with Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), organised a two-day awareness drive on "Substance Abuse and Addiction" for students of Classes VIII–XII. Dr. Abhimanyu spoke about the harmful effects of substance abuse and peer pressure, while a member of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) shared his inspiring recovery journey. The interactive session encouraged students to make informed and responsible life choices.

SESSIONS

TOPIC : CPR TRAINING SESSION



A CPR training session was held for students of Class VIII to spread awareness about life-saving emergency procedures. Dr. Gunjan Baweja, Dr. Neeraj Dhawan, and Dr. Ruchi explained the steps of CPR and its importance before medical help arrives. They demonstrated CPR on mannequins for adults and infants and also showed the Heimlich manoeuvre for clearing airway obstructions. The session concluded with a pledge to save lives and a vote of thanks to the speakers.

TOPIC :TALK ON ENVIRONMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT



The Interact Club of St. John's, in collaboration with the Rotary Club, Chandigarh, organised a session on waste management. The resource person, Ms. Smriti Sharma from the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, explained the importance of waste segregation and Chandigarh's four-bin system: Green – Biodegradable, Blue – Recyclable, Red – Sanitary, and Black – E-waste. A plastic collection bottle was installed to promote recycling. Students were encouraged to adopt eco-friendly practices.



OUTREACH PROGRAMME AND SESSION

Class : 10A

DATE : 29 JULY 2026



Class 10A, along with the Social Justice Team, visited Kartar Asara for an outreach programme on 29 July. Students spent time with the elderly residents by sharing fruits and juice, playing board games, and listening to songs. An interactive session allowed residents to share their life experiences and wisdom. The visit highlighted the value of compassion and kindness, and reminded students that small acts can bring joy and strengthen human bonds.

SESSION : INCLUSIVE EDUCATION



On 26th May 2026, the Wellness Team conducted a session for the teaching staff (Prep to XII) on Inclusive Education: Identifying Childhood Disorders & Classroom Strategies. Teachers were sensitised to ADHD, Autism, Learning Disabilities, Conduct Disorder, and Substance Abuse, with guidance on early identification, referrals, and inclusive classroom practices as per NEP 2020, RPwD Act, and CBSE guidelines.



NCC CADETS & MUN CHAMPION



Cadet Madesh Mehndroo of Class 9D, Br. Rice House, and Cadet Haroop Singh of Class 9C, Br. O'Keeffe House, secured Second Position in the Singing Competition at the 8 HP BN NCC Rampur Himtrek-III 2026.

MUN



A 12-member delegation from St. John's High School participated in the two-day St. Edward's MUN, Shimla. The students gained a valuable experience through debates and interactions. Samarth Chaddha of Class 11A won the Special Mention Award.

A MELODY OF GLOBAL EXCELLENCE



Raghav Mohan of Class 7A proudly represented India at the International Vienna Piano Competition "Wiener Klassik", held on 18th July 2026 in Vienna. Selected from over 220 applicants across 50 countries, he earned a Bronze Award in the 13–15 Years Category. The youngest finalist, he impressed the international jury with his remarkable performance.



"VOICES OF DISTINCTION"



Shourya Malik of Class 10D, won the Best Speaker at Inter-School English Debate and Public Speaking Competition (Day 1) held at Vivek High School Chandigarh on 16th and 17th July 2026.



Gauravjeet Singh of Class 11 B secured the first runner-up position at the Inter-School English Debate and Public Speaking Competition held at Vivek High School on 16th and 17th July 2026. His brilliant articulation and confidence left an indelible mark on the audience.



Agastya Chauhan of 6B made the school proud by securing the Third Prize in the Hindi Storytelling Competition held at Carmel Convent School on 29th July 2026.



Public Profile

St. John's High School excelled at Satluj MUN 3.0. Gauravjeet Singh Sandhu (Class XI) and Mohammad Ateeb Mir (Class VII) won the Best Delegate Award, receiving ₹4,000 each in cash prize. Savio John (Class VII) earned Special Mention, making the school proud of their outstanding performance.



The following students secured 2nd prize in the Documentary Design Competition held at Carmel Convent School on 27th July 2026

- 1. Aaryan Gera, Class 10A**
- 2. Vansher Singh Behniwal, Class 10B**
- 3. Akshit Sharma, Class 10B**



Jayansh Garg of Class 9A, made the school proud by securing Second Prize in the Hindi Storytelling Competition held at Carmel Convent School on 29th July 2026.



SPORTS ACHIEVERS'



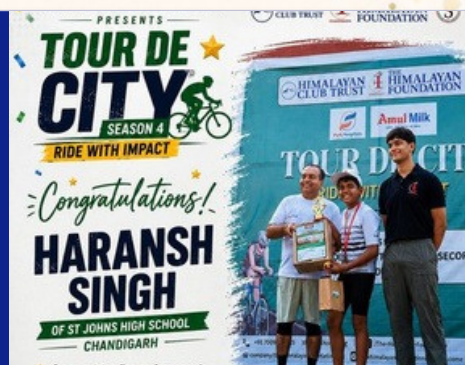
Mourya of Class 10-D, won the Bronze Medal at the Federation Cup (Senior Men) held in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, from 12th to 14th June 2026.



Mourya of Class 10-D, won the Gold Medal in the Ice Hockey Nationals conducted by the Ice Skating Association of India, held from 17th to 24th June 2026.



Arpit Bhatia of 9C has won the 2nd prize in the U15 boys and 3rd prize in the U17 boys category in 1st Chandigarh State Ranking Table Tennis Tournament 2026 held from 26th to 28th June, 2026 in Chandigarh.



Haransh Singh of Class VII D participated in the 16 km "Tour De City Season 4 – Ride with Impact" Cyclothon organized by The Himalayan Foundation Chandigarh, held on 28 June 2026 at the Sports Complex, Sector 7, Chandigarh. He completed the 16 km ride and secured 2nd Position in the Road Bike (Junior) Category.

P. V. Sindhu

"Success is not about winning every time; it's about giving your best every time."



SPORTS ACHIEVERS'



Saatvik Jain of Class 9D, Assistant Captain of the Chandigarh Ice Hockey Team, won Gold at the 1st National Ice Hockey Championship U-15 Boys in Dehradun, 15-18 June 2026



Aashman Mittal of Class VIII-A (Brother Crease House) brought laurels to the school by being declared the Player of the Game at the 1st IHA National Ice Hockey Championship (Under-15 Boys) held in Dehradun on 18 June 2026. Representing Chandigarh, he played a key role in his team's outstanding performance, helping them secure the Gold Medal in the championship. Congratulations to Aashman on this remarkable achievement!



Saatvik Jain of Class 9-D, brought laurels to the school by winning a Gold Medal in the Federation Cup (Junior Category) held at Sector 10, Chandigarh, from 17th to 19th July 2026.

He also won three Gold Medals in Ice Hockey, competing in both the Under-15 and Under-18 categories, showcasing exceptional talent and outstanding sportsmanship.



Aayushman Shrotriya of 10B, bagged 3rd position in Boxing competition (62-66kg) organised by BJP Sports Cell, Khelo Chandigarh, held at Sector 42, Sports Complex from 24 to 26th July.





CHAMPIONS ON TRACK AND TURF



St. John's High School organised its Annual Marathon for Under-14, Under-17, and Under-19 students as part of the celebrations marking 75 Glorious Years of Chandigarh. The event was flagged off by Principal Mrs. Rajashree Vipin, who emphasized the importance of fitness, discipline, and perseverance. Students from all four houses participated with great enthusiasm, making the marathon

a true celebration of endurance, sportsmanship, and healthy living.

Winners

Under-14: 1st – Vivaan Yadav (7B), 2nd – Nikunj Arora (6C), 3rd – Navdeep Singh (6B)

Under-17: 1st – Shauryaveer Ahlawat (10C), 2nd – Agastya Singh Bhandari, 3rd – Amod Singh (10A)

Under-19: 1st – Paramjeet Singh (11B), 2nd – Param Partap Singh (11A), 3rd – Daksh Pahal (11C)



The St. John's High School U 19 football team won the 14th St. Soldier Football trophy.



A **Poster Making Competition** was organised on the theme "**Suicide Prevention**" to raise awareness about mental health and the importance of seeking help. Students showcased their creativity and conveyed powerful messages through their thought-provoking posters.

Winners:

- **1st Position:** Gurjaap (IX-C)
- **2nd Position:** Daksh (IX-B)
- **3rd Position:** Falak (IX-D)