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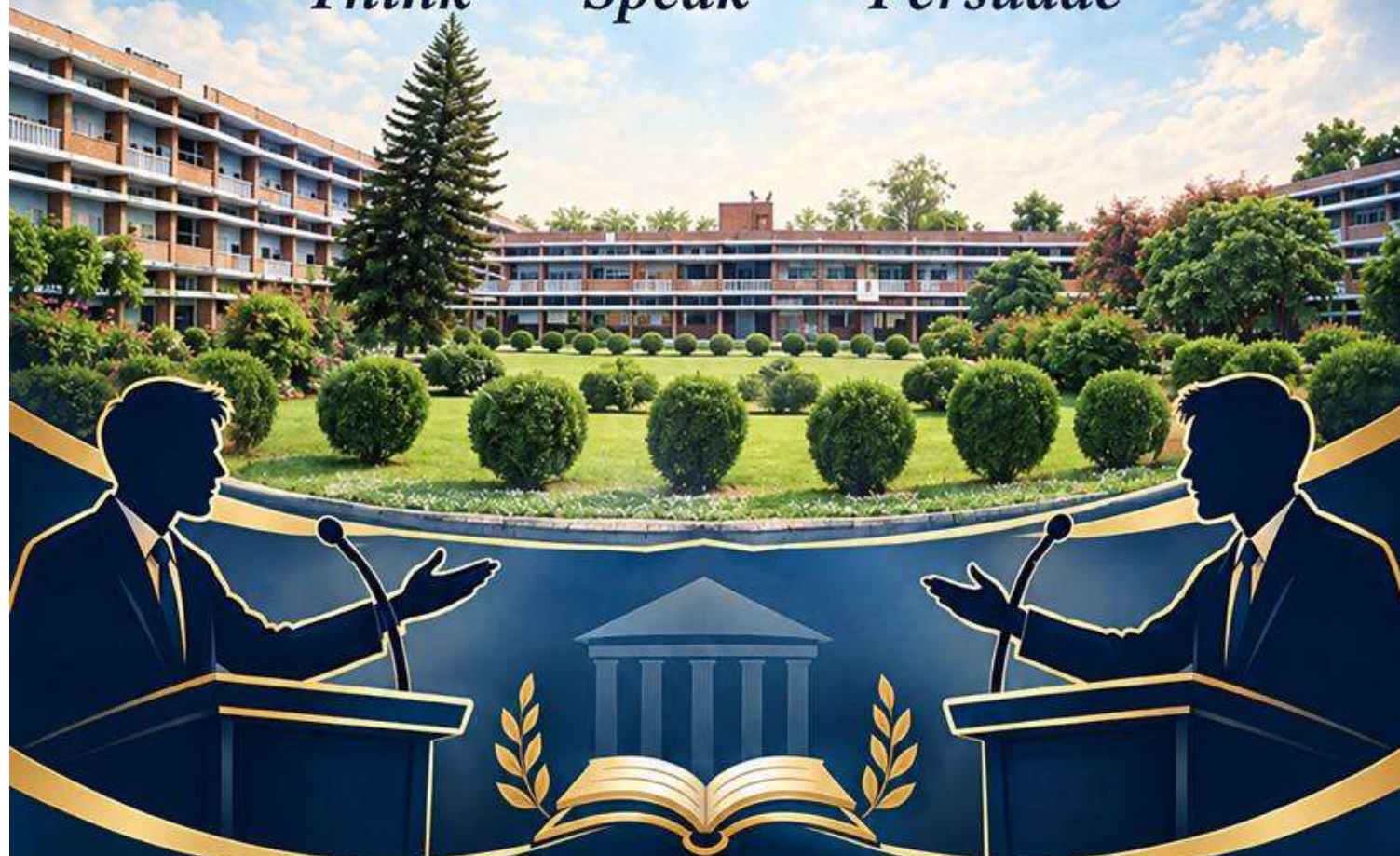
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SJAID: The 7th Edition



The 7th edition of St. John's All India Debate, 2026 witnessed countless possibilities through dialogue and limitless potential of students from 20 schools across the nation. Voices of public figures across time and fictional characters adorned by participants, debated on various topics that deserve an audience. St. Columba's, Delhi won the Winners trophy and a cheque worth Rs. 1,00,000/-. St. John's being the host school did not contest for any position in the event. The school team did exceptionally well and surrendered the Runner's Up trophy and with all due respect and humility, awarded, Spring Dale, Amritsar with the Runners Up trophy. All the participating teams gave their best and made St. John's All India Debate 2026, a resounding success.



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SJAID 2026: Glimpses of a Memorable Event



Celebrating the Spirit of Freedom and Patriotism



St. John's High School commemorated the 80th Independence Day with a solemn and inspiring Flag Hoisting Ceremony, celebrating the spirit of freedom, unity, and patriotism.

The NCC contingent proudly escorted the Principal, Mrs Rajashree Vipin, to the dais, setting the tone for an occasion marked by discipline, dignity, and national pride.



As the Tricolour unfurled proudly against the sky, the campus resonated with the National Anthem, filling every heart with patriotic fervour. The ceremony served as a poignant reminder of the values that define our nation: freedom, unity, discipline, courage, and selfless service. With hearts filled with pride and gratitude, the St. John's community came together to honour the nation and reaffirm its commitment to nurturing responsible, compassionate, and dedicated citizens.



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ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

CLASS : 7D

DATE : 3 AUGUST 2026

TOPIC: Youth Leadership and Responsibilities



On 3 August, Class 7D conducted the morning assembly on the theme "Leadership". Students highlighted qualities of responsible and ethical leaders, focusing on integrity and responsibility. The assembly concluded with the Nasha Mukti Abhiyan Pledge. Students urged everyone to stay away from drugs and harmful substances and promote a healthy, addiction-free lifestyle, emphasising that true leadership begins with responsible choices.

CLASS : 8A

DATE : 10 AUGUST 2026

TOPIC: Rethink and Reduce Your Temper



Class 8A conducted an assembly on Rethink and Reduce Your Temper. Students explained that controlling anger means recognising triggers, pausing before reacting, and changing negative thoughts. A skit and a poem highlighted tips like deep breathing, time-outs, and assertive communication. The message shared was: Anger is natural, but we must not let it control us.



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ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

CLASS:9D

DATE: 5 AUGUST 2026

TOPIC: Say No to Bullying



Class 9D conducted an assembly to sensitise students about the harmful effects of bullying. Through a speech, poem and a skit, the students highlighted different forms of bullying and ways to deal with it. The assembly concluded with an anti-bullying pledge; encouraging everyone to spread kindness and stand against bullying.

CLASS : 9A

DATE : 12 AUGUST 2026

TOPIC: Independence Day – India My Pride



Class 9A conducted the assembly on the theme "Independence Day." It began with a prayer, followed by patriotic songs, speeches, poems, and an inspiring message. Students remembered the freedom struggle and India's progress in technology, education, and sports. The Principal urged everyone to honour our freedom fighters and work for the nation's progress.



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ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

CLASS:9C

DATE: 19 AUGUST 2026

TOPIC: International Youth Day



Class 9C conducted a special assembly on International Youth Day. The programme included a prayer, a thought, and presentations on the role of youth in society. Students emphasised the importance of making the right choices and standing up against drugs, bullying, and stereotypes. The assembly ended with a message of responsibility, courage, and positive action for a better tomorrow.

CLASS : 10C

DATE : 26 AUGUST 2026

TOPIC: Balancing Academics and Sports



Class 10C presented an assembly highlighting how Academics and Sports together foster holistic development. An interview-style presentation on football, cricket, badminton and gymnastics showed how Maths and Science concepts apply to Sports. This was followed by a humorous poem on balancing board preparation along with sports. The assembly highlighted the fact that building knowledge as well as discipline, teamwork and resilience is vital for students.



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ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHT and OUTREACH PROGRAMME

CLASS : 8C

DATE: 24 AUGUST 2026

TOPIC: World Humanitarian Day



Class 8C conducted a special assembly on World Humanitarian Day. The assembly included a prayer, speeches, an introduction to young humanitarians like Khushboo Sharma, Adhi Daiv, Payal Jangid and Dev Karan and a role-play on compassion and selfless service. A pledge to help those in need was administered, followed by an inspiring address by the Principal.



10B

Students of Class 10B, along with the Social Justice Team, visited Kartar Asra as part of their Social Awareness Programme. They spent meaningful time with the elderly residents, interacting with them, listening to their experiences and entertaining them with songs, poems and games. They also distributed fruits, snacks and essential items. The visit helped students understand the importance of love, care and respect for senior citizens and inspired them to be more compassionate and responsible.

OUTREACH PROGRAMME



CLASS : 7C

Class 7C visited the Rotary Blood Bank for an enriching learning experience. Students explored the processes of blood donation, testing, separation, storage, and processing while visiting the laboratories, donation, and apheresis rooms. They also learnt about blood components, grouping, cross-matching, and biomedical waste disposal. The visit highlighted the vital role of voluntary blood donation in saving lives, making it a meaningful learning experience.



CLASS : 7D

Students of Class 7D visited the Blood Donation Society as a part of an outreach programme. Officials explained the importance of voluntary blood donation and demonstrated the process of collection, testing, processing, and storage of blood. Students also learned about various blood components and their medical uses. The interactive session fostered empathy, social responsibility, and awareness about this noble cause.

OUTREACH PROGRAMME



Thirty-six students of Class 7A visited the Blood Bank Society, Sector 37, Chandigarh, as part of their Outreach Programme. They gained knowledge about blood and its components: red blood cells, plasma and platelets and observed how blood is collected, tested, processed and preserved. They also learnt about blood groups, donor eligibility and the donation process. The visit was informative and helped students understand the vital role of Blood Banks in saving lives.



Class 7B visited the Rotary Blood Bank and Resource Centre in Sector 37A. Students learned about the blood donation process and observed the platelet separation and testing units. An interaction with a donor emphasised the importance of voluntary blood donation. The visit was educational and created awareness about saving lives through community service.



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OUTREACH PROGRAMME



CLASS : 6A

On 12 August, students of Class 6A visited Vatika, School for the Hearing and Speech Impaired, to celebrate the spirit of Independence through meaningful interaction and shared experiences. Inspirational words and messages of our freedom fighters were explained in sign language, making the celebration inclusive and engaging. Students also served tri-colour pasta and exchanged eco-friendly tri-colour rakhis, celebrating friendship, unity, and togetherness. The visit was a heartwarming and enriching experience, fostering values of inclusion, compassion, and service.



CLASS : 9A

On 13 August, Class 9A organised an outreach visit to Kartar Aasra, Sector 1, Chandigarh, spending a joyful and meaningful time with the residents. The students engaged in heartfelt conversations, sang patriotic songs, and danced to lively music, creating an atmosphere of warmth and cheer. Fruits and milk were also distributed as a gesture of care and affection. The residents generously shared their life experiences and valuable lessons, leaving the students with a deeper sense of respect, empathy, and kindness towards the elderly. The visit concluded on a joyful and heartwarming note, making it a memorable experience for everyone.

SESSIONS



TOPIC: Cyber Safety

A Cyber Safety Session was conducted for Class 6 to spread awareness about online safety and responsible digital behaviour. Ms Pallavi Garg, a Cyber Volunteer with Chandigarh Police and President of SD College's Digital Safety Club, spoke about online frauds, cyber threats, and safe digital practices. She urged students to be cautious on social media, avoid sharing personal information and think before clicking links or replying to suspicious messages. The session highlighted that cyber safety is a shared responsibility.



TOPIC: Career Opportunities in Law

On 11 August, 2026, CLAT Possible conducted an Interactive Session on Career Opportunities in Law. Mr Aditya Wakhlu, secured AIR 29 in CLAT 2014, AIR 110 in AILET, and is a Vice President of Possible Education Pvt. Ltd., guided students on Indian and International Legal Prospects. The session included propositions to test legal reasoning and advocacy skills. He highlighted career paths in Corporate Law, Civil and Judicial Services, and Policy-Making. He also spoke about unconventional routes like pursuing an MBA after LLB.

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An Ode to Excellence and Artistry



The SJOPA Foundation felicitated the meritorious students of Class 10 and 12 (Session 2025-26), along with the main cast of SMIKE – The Musical, on 19th August 2026.

The achievers were honoured with certificates, trophies and cash awards, in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements and exceptional contribution to the school's theatrical production.



"VOICES OF DISTINCTION"



Abir Singh and Gurjaap Singh Bedi of Class 9C brought laurels to St. John's High School by winning "Opinionator" – an inter-school competition held at Brookfield International School, Mohali. The duo won a cash prize of ₹5,100 and trophies. Gurjaap Singh Bedi was also honoured with the Best Speaker Award, with a cash prize of ₹1,100, a trophy and a certificate.



Ranvijay Singh of Class 8A and Arihaan Walia of Class 6D brought laurels to St. John's High School by winning "Opinionator" – an inter-school competition held at Brookfield International School, Mohali. The duo won a cash prize of ₹5,100 and trophies. Arihaan Walia was also honoured with the Best Speaker Award, with a cash prize of ₹1,100, a trophy and a certificate.



Students of St. John's participated in the Behes Debate Tournament held at Shemrock School, Mohali. The team included Vivaan Mohan of Class 7D, Sanavh Goel of Class 7B, and Savio John of Class 7A. Sanavh Goel won the Gold Medal and Vivaan Mohan won the Silver Medal for Best Individual Speaker.



The SJAID team, Aryan Singh, Class 12 and Kabir Gulati, Class 11, was felicitated with trophies and certificates for securing 1st Runners-Up Position in SJAID 2026. As per school tradition, the official award was passed to the 2nd Runner-Up. The team was honoured with the awards during the school assembly.



A CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT



Rihaan Sareen of Class 7A has been awarded the SOF Olympiad's Academic Excellence Scholarship in Punjab and Chandigarh Zone, receiving a cash prize of ₹5,000 and a trophy. He also secured Zonal Rank 1 in the International Computer Science Olympiad (ICSO), earning the Zonal Gold Medal along with a cash prize of ₹5,000.



The U-17 Chess Team of St. John's High School secured the Runners-Up Trophy at the CBSE Cluster Tournament, bringing laurels to the school.

Congratulations to the team!

- 1. Girik Gupta – 8A**
- 2. Jayant Atwal – 8C**
- 3. Vihaan Gupta – 10C**
- 4. Jaivant Titus – 10D**



Aditya Sood and Iskirat Singh of Class 7A received the Special Mention Award for their commendable performance at the Shemrock MUN.

SPORTS ACHIEVERS



St. John's Squash Team won the Bronze Medal in the Squash Inter-State School Tournament. The team comprised of Vivaan Mohan, Reyansh Tayal and Pukhraj Arora of Class 7.



St. John's is proud to announce the outstanding performance of its students at the CBSE North Zone-II Cricket Tournament held at Champions Cricket Academy, Kharar. Jayansh Garg of Class 9A won the Silver Medal with figures of 2 wickets for 12 runs. Keshav Sharma of Class 10C won the Bronze Medal, captained the team and scored an unbeaten 42 runs.



Jaibir Singh Kang of Class 9B, brought laurels to the school by securing the 1st position overall as well as in Category A at the IGU Northern India Junior Boys Golf Championship 2026, held at Chandigarh Golf Club from 11th to 14th August 2026.



Vivaan Khurana of Class 8D won the 3rd prize in the 11th North Zone U-15 Chess Championship, 2026 held at G.D . Goenka School , Mohali.

SPORTS ACHIEVERS



The Under-19 Chess Team of St. John's High School won the Gold Medal at the UT Inter-School Chess Tournament held on 3rd September, 2026.

The winning team comprised of:

1. Girik Gupta – Class 8A
2. Jayant Atwal – Class 8C
3. Vihaan Gupta – Class 10C
4. Jaivant John Titus – Class 10D
5. Pankaj Ahuja – Class 11C

It is a matter of great pride that Pankaj Ahuja of Class 11C has bagged the Gold Medal in this tournament for the fourth consecutive year.



Aditya Nain brought laurels to the school by winning the Gold Medal in Triathlon A (U-14) at the State Athletics Championship, organised by the Chandigarh Athletics Association. The championship was held on 26th August, 2026, at the Sports Complex, Sector 7.



The U-19 Football Team of St. John's High School secured the Runners-up Trophy at the UT Inter-School Football Tournament.

SPORTS ACHIEVERS



Savya Singla of Class 7 D won the Gold Medal in the District-Level Football Tournament at Dev Samaj College, Sector 45, held from 2-14 June 2026. As the Captain of the Footwarz Team, he scored in all 6 matches and led the team to a 3-0 victory in the final.



St. John's U 19 Football Team won the Fitzpatrick Football Cup, held at Goethals Memorial School, Kurseong, for the 2nd year in a row.

Karan of Class 11 A won the Top Scorer's Trophy.

Ankush Jaswan of Class 12 A won the Best Defender Trophy.



Arpit Bhatia of Class 9C secured third position in the U-17 Boys Category at the Shimla Hot Weather and HP State Ranking Tournament, held in August 2026.

He also secured second position in the U-15 Boys Category at the 2nd Chandigarh State Ranking Table Tennis Tournament, held in August 2026.

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BULLETIN BOARD

A glimpse into the creativity, enthusiasm, and vibrant displays showcased by our talented students during the Bulletin Board Competition.



A vibrant, hand-drawn banner titled "HEROES IN OUR HEARTS" in large, block letters. The banner is decorated with a border of orange, green, and white paper flowers. In the center, there are portraits of several Indian freedom fighters, including Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, and others, each with a small speech bubble or caption. To the left, a white cloud-like shape contains the text "Let's Remember the Golden Heritage of our Country and feel Proud to be a Part of INDIA". In the middle, a green and orange banner reads "One Nation, One Vision, One Identity". To the right, another white cloud-like shape contains the text "Freedom in Mind, Faith in Words, Pride in our Heart, Memories in our Soul. Let's Salute the Nation on Independence Day!". The background is a mix of green and orange paper flowers and leaves.



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POCSO Poster Making Competition

We are delighted to announce the winners of the POCSO Poster Making Competition, where students showcased their creativity and awareness through meaningful posters promoting child safety, protection, and awareness.

Class 8

1st Position: Arull Choudhary - 8C

2nd Position: Aarav Jain - 8D

Class 9

1st Position: Soham - 9B

2nd Position: Swarit Jain - 9A

3rd Position: Daksh - 9D

