



From the Principal's Desk...

Life is a journey. The path we take, what we look back on, and what we look forward to, is up to us. We determine our destination. We believe that young people grow and learn through experiences. It is these experiences which lay the foundation of our behavior and guide us to "values".

We at St. Mary's believe in commitment to provide an all round education to students. Apart from striving for advancement in academic achievement, the school also believes in inculcating and fostering right attitude and values. The formal and informal curriculum in languages, mathematics, science, humanity, aesthetics and aptitude train them for life skill development.

The school also offers performance improvement programmes to the students which reap fruitful harvests academically and also in sports, leadership and organizing activities.

Teaching and learning being the core activities of a school, schooling is for students and students' benefit is the first priority, hence teachers should make good use of invaluable instruction time on enhancing students learning. Great teachers are the most important ingredients for a successful school. If we have great teachers in our classrooms, then we do not have to worry much about the students; and for this great emphasis is laid on their professional

development.. The school focuses on promoting a high level of learning culture and refining school policies to streamline the academic and co-curricular activities.

A year full of grit, determination and intense focus has finally culminated into a befitting close. 100% percent result of St. Mary's High School, Kalyan (E). It indeed is a moment of pride for us as it shows to what standards we hold ourselves. Students scored over 90% marks in one of the most important examination in a child's life. Such an achievement is possible only with the joint efforts of the students, teachers, parents and the management. It's the time to rejoice and take inspiration to soar higher and higher in the sky of academics. As the Principal, I strongly believe in dedication and a win-win scenario for everyone in school. Dedication can be interpreted as 'team cohesion'. As long as we have a dedicated team aiming for the same goal, anything can be achieve



Shobhana Jha,
Principal,

An Interview with Preeta Ma'am

1. Describe yourself as a teacher and an important member of our family?

I started as a fresher. It was Malik Ma'am who supported me. As a teacher, I would want all my students to gain from my teaching.

2. Tell us about your role model, your hobbies, likes and dislikes?

Today, I am here because of Malik Ma'am so I think my role model is Mrs Neelam Malik Ma'am. My hobby is reading. I like cooking, watching dances performed by our school students. I don't have any dislikes.

3. If not a teacher what would you have been?

I would still be a teacher.

4. How does it feel to be in the HM's chair?

I love to work and it is my passion. I enjoy my post. I love to work with my teachers. They all are my support system.

5. Have you come across any difficult situation which you wish to share?

A situation which changed my whole life was my father's death. It

affected me a lot. All my students made me overcome this situation. My students brought me back into my new life.

6. Any good suggestions/improvements for the school?

I want the infrastructure of the school to be excellent.

7. Your dream of St. Mary's after 10 years?

St Mary's have produced many champions. I want our students to be more successful in all the faculties.

8. Some suggestions/messages for all the students?

I would like to tell all my students to follow the values taught in the school, respect elders and be confident of themselves.

9. A question you expected but has not been asked in the interview?

I expected my childhood questions to be asked.

10. A message from the HM's desk?

I would like to tell everyone that "Always be positive" and enjoy each and every moment of your life.

-Interviewed by
Gaurav Dubey and
Hasmita Chaudhari IX B



An Interview with Chitra Ma'am

The following is an interview of Mrs. Chitra Iyer, one of the senior most teachers in St. Mary's High School who has played a major role in shaping the lives of hundreds of kids in the city. A favorite among the students, Mrs. Chitra has throughly enjoyed this interview session with her students.

Hello Ma'am, Good Morning. Shall we begin?

Ready when you are.

You have been a favourite to so many of us. We would love to know more about you and your life, so this should be very exciting.

I'm certain it will and am looking forward to it.

So let us start from the very beginning. Was teaching something you always wanted to do?

Education was always placed on a high pedestal in our family. My mother was a music teacher, so there was always an interaction with students in my childhood. The same has been reflected in my generation. My sister, Revati Iyer is a teacher as well and my brothers Harish Chandar and Sai Chandar are corporate coaches. So yes, teaching is my choice.

Describe your initial teaching experience.

I started teaching quite early and joined St. Mary's in the year 1991 when the school was still in its nascent stage. Those were equally exciting times and I still remember many students from the early years. I got to learn a lot from the principal Mrs. Neelam Malik and those were wonderful times.

How would you describe your work ethic?

I believe "Putting your heart and soul into everything is the secret of success". So I never believe in giving a half-hearted attempt. My work ethic is one of sincerity and dedication. I believe in utilizing my full potential to deliver the best value to my students.

What are your views on the current education system in India?

Well, I'm not really critical of the current education system. I feel it is steadily improving. The literacy rate is on the rise, thanks to the efforts taken by the government to promote education. However, there are still some loopholes to be plugged. One thing I find wanting in the current system is the

research opportunities and scope to go deep in any particular field. This makes students seek education in countries like US and UK and causes the ever-increasing 'brain-drain' issue.

How do you envisage the classroom of the future?

I'm a strong believer in the power of technology. I feel technology will be a major benefactor in improving the education system. Augmented Reality will make it easier for students to visualize concepts better. Natural language processing will help create a global classroom in the true sense by bridging the language barriers. Along with this I would also love to see pursuing a sport and learning music/instrument being made a must for students. This single change will benefit students greatly making them multi-faceted all the while improving their mental and physical health.

What are your favorite past times?

I am an avid reader. I also love to cook and experiment with different cuisines.

What kind of books do you read?

I'm more into biographies and philosophical books which make me think better and make better decisions. But yeah, I also prefer self-help and management books.

Which was the last book you finished?

It was a wonderful book called 'The 4-hour Workweek' by Tim Ferris. It is on how to enjoy life while maximizing your productivity

Wow...we have got to know so much about you...As a parting note, what message would you like to give your students?

Oh, I would just say that do whatever it takes to achieve your goals and live your life to the fullest!

Thank you so much Ma'am for the wonderful time spent.

Oh, I had a great time as well. All the best children. God Bless.

-Interviewed by
Harsh Pandey and
Junaid Siddiqui, Grade IX



A New Football Star Is Born

We are proud to have with us a rising star in the game of football, Master Kunal Uttekar who has recently won “The NINE ‘A’ Side Football Association of INDIA” Award in an International Football Match. Here he is, sharing a few thoughts about his journey.

1. Why did you choose ‘Football’ as your field of your interest?

Once, I saw some of my friends playing football and I was quite impressed seeing them play. So I decided to learn.

2. When did you play your first football match?

Three years ago, I played my first football match in Birla College

3. Whom do you think inspired you the most to play football?

I was greatly inspired by Cristiano Ronaldo. I love watching him play and I follow him a lot too.

4. Was being a football player your ambition or just a hobby?

Initially, I used to play football only as a hobby but now that I’ve won the International Championship, I would love to choose football as my career.

5. Do you like any game other than football?

No. I don’t like any game other than football.

6. Do your parents appreciate you?

Yes, my parents have appreciated me a lot throughout my journey. They are the reason I’m on this platform today.

7. Which was the toughest match for you?

The toughest match I had was the recent International Match. I was very nervous and frightened. But it was a great experience.

8. What message would you like to give to the upcoming generations?

If you chase your goal with utmost grit and determination, no one can stop you from winning.

9. What is the role of your school behind your success?

My school played a very important role behind my victory. My school supported me a lot in my journey. Teachers allowed me to take leave during my football matches. Also, my school appreciated me a lot for my success. I am very grateful to them.

-Interviewed by

Pooja Khati IX B and Akshata Naik IX D

‘Always Carry Your Goal & Dream Wherever You Go’

From the Depth of My Heart

I had been to a function where I got an opportunity to hear some inspiring words of a wonderful, brave, iron-hearted girl, Padmashree Arunima Sinha. After hearing her speech I realised that “Nothing is impossible, for that we should leave all the excuses at the starting point and carry our goal to its destination.” The girl, who has an unbelievable confidence level, explained her whole story from “The Railway Track to Mount Everest”. In her speech she added that, “My courage, determination and dedication played an important role in achieving my goal!” With her artificial leg, a 26 year old girl climbed Mount Everest. She lost her leg in a train accident and the struggling period in the hospital taught her to dream something great and her high level of confidence made her to reach to the top of Mount Everest.”

So children, inside each one of us there is one Arunima, and if we recognize that, and set our goals, dedicate ourselves completely towards that goal with full confidence and determination, then, no one in the world can stop us from achieving our goal.



- Liji R.Nambiar
Teacher

While I realize that your lives have become more complex. I wanted to remind you and let you know that you have not been forgotten and will never be. Many of you have changed your addresses. Some of you have bonded in married life and changed your names. Some of you have changed so much physically that I may have difficulty in recognizing you, but I am still very interested to know what you are doing. Through this I want to let you know that I love and respect you all. Every moment spent with you will be cherished.

The incredible memories spent with you will always remain etched in my memory. Your enthusiasm, dedication and passion kept me going. You all were my inspiration and I thank you. The positive vibes kept me going and will always keep me moving. Being a teacher is difficult at times. But the time I have spent with you reminds me of how fortunate I am to be here, to know you and learn with you. It is my greatest privilege to be your teacher. Remember mistakes are important. You will reap rich dividends by recovering from a mistake than you ever will by getting things right the first time. My wish for all of you is that you should have a rewarding and passionate career. It would be great to see you grow in the future and live upto the expectations of your parents and teachers. Just remember one thing.. grow with moral values and cherish your dreams. Waiting to know your outstanding success. To all the X - Students.



Vinod Sir

'Celebrate Womenhood'

Ladies who dared to dream big, ever since they were little girls.
For the diversity and talent that lies within a feminine heart.
For the courage and determination that prevents us from falling apart.
We can raise families and build businesses and be proud of all we've achieved.

We are where visions of that scale could never have been believed.
Ladies, stand up and be counted, smile at how far we have come.
And cherish every single day, as a daughter, wife, and companion or mums.

Don't let anybody tell you that they are set paths for you to follow

As a little girl with a passion, is an inspiring woman of tomorrow.

So celebrate all women and acknowledge the great things they do,

And tell a lady close to you heart how much she is close to you!



- Mrs. Suman Sushant Shrivastav

From a Student to a Teacher

"Life is to play interchangeable roles" – this quote I realized when I was given the opportunity to be a teacher where once I was a student. The benches turned to be chairs for me. The staff room – where I was afraid to even look into is the place I need to work. The classroom which had old stories, now, new stories need to be created. And all of this with mixed feelings as my teachers are now my colleagues. This is like a reversal of roles.



- Anjana Ramachandran

दुर्दशा आमची

अभ्यास करा, अभ्यास करा सगळीकडे एकच घोश
आईबाबांच्या वाढत्या अपेक्षा खरंच पूर्ण करू कशा
अभ्यास, परीक्षा, मार्क, टक्के यांना हल्ली एवढच कळते
आपलीच मुलगी यावी बोर्डात असच सर्वांना वाटतं
गधडे यंदा नववी जरा अभ्यासाला लाग
पुढच्या वर्षी यायचंच बोर्डात विचार करुन वाग
चांगल्या कॉलेजमध्ये अड्मिशन हवी असेल तर
नव्वद टक्क्यांवर मार्क मिळवायला लागतील तर
असं म्हणून आई जबरदस्तीने उठवते
नेमके तेव्हा टीव्ही वर सास कि कधी.... चालू असते
प्रसारमाध्यमानाकडूनही परीक्षांना फारच फुटेज दिले जाते
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हे सगळ संपेल केव्हा? शिक्षणपध्दती
बदलेल का?
आमच्याही मनाचा विचार कधी कोणी करेल
का?



हर्षद रमेश हुजबंद
ग्रंथपाल

Manjilo ki or

Badalo sa aage Banda
Aalasya se rehna door
Manjil tujhe milegi jarur
Nadi ke lahero sa aage badna
Rookne ka na lena naam
Selabo se ladna hai to himmat bhi dikhani hogi jarur
Vo manjil tujhe milegi jarur

Rudhay aasmaan sa visaal karna
Dharti jaise sahensil banna
Aasmaan se aage chiteej se door
Vo manjil tujhe milegi jarur

Chandrama sa roshni dena
Suraj sa neet aage badna
Jeevan mein ho khusiyaen barpoor
Vo manjil tujhe milegi jarur

Full to murjhakar ho jaate haien choor
Par uski khusbu raheti hai mashoor
Vo manjil tujhe milegi jarur
Vo manjil tujhe milegi jarur

- Chandan Tarai VIII D

Scribido Campus Journalism Summit 2017



Scribido Campus organized a Journalism Summit for the students to provide some information about Journalism. More than 80 schools

across Pune, Mumbai and Nashik participated in the summit. There were 5 speakers who gave brief information about the field from which they belonged. After every speaker's brief account, there was a bit of interaction between the speakers and the students through a question-answer round. The best questions were given a small prize by the speaker.

The speakers were as follows:

Leena Saldanha - Brand Consultant for Lokmat talked about brands as stories and gave many examples including brands like Maggi, Cadbury etc. For example, Cadbury. Initially, people used to exchange sweets, laddoos etc on the occasion of Diwali or any other festive occasions. But the four word story "Kuch Meetha Ho Jaaye" gave us the idea of exchanging Cadbury and other chocolates with one and other. This is what we call a story. We still remember one thing she said. She said that

we are constantly creating stories in our mind. The power is to walk out with the best one...a good one. These lines have had a great impact on us.
2) Sushant Kulkarni- Mr. Sushant Kulkarni, Crime Reporter from the Indian Express gave insights on how a story revolves. Everyone amongst us is aware of the fact that the job of a reporter is to find a story. No doubt, it's true. But he said that the job of a reporter is also to find the story behind the story. He gave an example of a donation box which lost some money everyday. This carried on for a couple of days. Later, the truth came out that a boy used to remove some money from the box with the help of a chewing gum. This was one story. But why did he do so? Mr Kulkarni found out that the boy used to do so because his father was a drunkard and used to hit his mother and so on. But the thing is that he found out the story behind the story. He concluded by saying that no child is a born criminal. Criminals are born later because of the circumstances.

Later on, Mrs Neeta Chakravarty was felicitated for her role in the educational fraternity by Shaunak Chafekar- The founder of Scribido Campus. She also spoke about his potential and showered praises on his success. He in turn spoke warmly about her excellent teaching methods. The summit was a huge success and we came back with a lot of learning from the other speakers as well.

- Binish Fatima and Hritik Upadhyay

Super COOL Study Tips

We have racked our brains and the internet for the best study hacks to help your brain remember information quicker and easier and ultimately help you do better in your exams.

1. Walk Before An Exam to improve performance.
2. Speak Out Loud Instead of Simply Reading.
3. Reward Yourself with Small Treats on achieving self set targets.
4. Teach What You Have Learned, this has a greater impact and better understanding.
5. Draw Diagrams to visualize information which is hard to describe.
6. Use Apps to Block Distracting Sites.
7. Use Google Like a Pro.
8. Take Regular Study Breaks when stressed.
9. Don't Stay Up All Night Before an Exam
Simply put – there's a reason why Times New Roman is the default font on most applications!
10. Discover New Ways to Learn by watching TED talks or using dictionary apps.
11. Meditate!

Benefits of Studying in the day time

1. After a good nights sleep, you'll likely have more energy and a higher ability to concentrate the next day.
2. Most people are contactable during the day so it's easier to communicate with your friends or teachers during the day if you have any doubts.
3. Natural light is better for your eyes. Artificial light hurts our eyes and can affect our natural sleep rhythm.

Benefits of Studying at Night

1. People are more active, louder and intense during the day. At night it's only you and the night owls so you can study in peace and quiet.
2. At night there are fewer distractions than during the day. Most of your friends are asleep and your social network will be less active.
3. It is true that things look different by night. The night can increase your creative efficacy and help you see concepts differently.

But, whatever happens give your best. Use these tricks which actually work for everyone and you'll get the results.

A special BEST OF LUCK from our whole team to our SSC students!

- Kavishree Meshram
IX B





Annual Sports Day (Khelmela)

St Mary's High school was yet again successful in performing a very great Khel Mela for the viewers. The theme for this year's Khel Mela was 'MARTIAL ARTS.' Students performed various acts portraying different aspects and forms of MARTIAL arts in unique ways which amazed everyone. Not only this, but the students did not fail to show their discipline and rigor through the school parade. The parade looked magnificent as the students were in great sync and complemented each other very well. Through the Khel Mela, the students got a platform to showcase their physical skills through athletic events. Thus students efforts and teachers guidance collaboratively made this program a grand success.

-Shravani Shinde IX A
 and Tanmay Belamkar VIII



Marathi Divas

Marathi Divas celebration was organized on 27th Feb 2017 at 8.30 am. The celebration commenced with the lighting of the lamp under the gracious presence of Dr. Vinda Bhuskute. Ms. Jidnyasa Shinde, a student of Grade II, presented a powada on the life of the great King Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. The students of secondary section presented a wonderful play on pollution. Students delivered speeches highlighting the importance of marathi language and its origin. One of the teachers, Mr. Sandeep Patil sir spoke on the origin, importance and existence of Marathi language. Students dressed in multi-coloured attire presented a folk dance "Jogwa". The students of grade VIII presented a melodius powada. Kavishree Meshram, a student of grade IX recited a poem on burning issue and suicides committed by farmers.

- Preeti Kochrekar



Republic Day

On 26th Jan 2017, St Mary's High School celebrated Republic Day with great respect, zeal and enthusiasm. The event started with the Principal - Mrs Shobhana Jha and the Admin head - Mrs Vinda Bhuskute lighting the lamp and then hoisting the flag followed by our National Anthem and a salute. The first performance of the day was a short play by the Primary section. It was about people who argued and quarrelled in the name of religion. Later, there was an act by the teachers of Little Aryans. Later, two students from Little Aryans and Arya Gurukul recited a beautiful poem and sung a song respectively. The last thing which followed was the Principal's Speech. The program was a grand success.

A day to be inspired by stalwarts!

Shri Vidyadhar Bhuskute, an eminent personality has covered places Pan India in his walkathon. Capturing his wonderful journey of life, was his book- Ek Zhapatlela for which another legend 'Miss. Arunima Sinha'- The great mountaineer was invited. The event also involved many other eminent personalities. After a successful book launch, Mr. Bhuskute and Ms. Sinha held the audience in rapt attention with their inspiring talks. The event concluded successfully and everyone left the place motivated and happy.



Gayatri Havan

Gayatri Havan is an intensive way of chanting Gayatri Mantra to ward off all misery, protect one from harm, bestow one with incomparable inner strength reducing the effect of bad karma and creating a positive vibration all around. It was organized on 13th Jan 2017 where teachers sat near the 'Havankund' with 8 students at a time. The havan started with lighting of the lamp by Shobhana Ma'am and Vinda Ma'am. Everyone offered the saamagri in the fire saying 'Swaaha'.

- Binish Fatima IX A



Science Day

Every year, Science Day is celebrated in our school with great enthusiasm and scientific attitude.

1. Science week commenced from 16. 02.17 to 28.02.17. It started with delivering some information on a particular topic on science everyday in the assembly such as Importance of ayurveda, Advantages of Science in day to day life, Current new inventions etc.
2. The Science Day Program held on 28.02.17 started with lighting of the lamp by our respected Principal, Mrs Shobhana Jha and Dr. Vinda Bhuskute- The Admin Head of St Mary's High School. Shlokas were sung by the music choir group. A speech on science was delivered by a student of Std IX.
3. Working of the models were explained and demonstrated by the students of Std IX along with principle application workings.

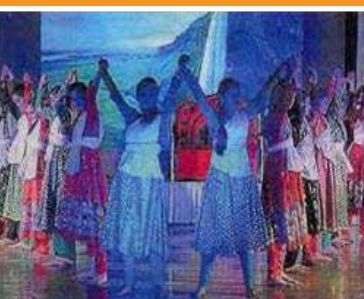
- Krishnaveni Miss



Annual Day

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL proved its excellence yet again by setting up a very spectacular Annual Day Program which mesmerized everyone. The theme for the secondary section for this year's annual day was 'TOTA KAHINI-AN EYE OPENER', which is a story written by one of our great writers of India-Rabindranath Tagore. This story revolved around a parrot which used to live its life with freedom but got caught in clutches of the king who forced certain implications on it which it wasn't supposed to live with and at the end it sets itself free and makes a way out of this misery. The central idea of the play implied that today's education system has caught the kids into its clutches and they have to live with a lot of burden and stress over them. The moral was that today's society should think about the kids and not overburden them. The students indeed gave very great performances. The efforts of the management, teachers and students made this show a grand success. It was a perfect blend of art, culture and talent which no one could have seen anywhere.

-Akshata Naik IX D



Importance Of Education In Society

Education, if looked at beyond its conventional boundaries, forms the very essence of all our actions. What we do is what we know and have learned, either through instructions or through observation and assimilation. When we are not making an effort to learn our mind is always processing new information or trying to analyze the similarities as well as the tiny nuances within the context which makes the topic stand out or seem different. If that is the case then the mind definitely holds the potential to learn more, however, it is we who stop ourselves from expanding the horizons of our knowledge with self-doubt or other social, emotional or economic constraints. While most of us feel that education is a necessity, we tend to use it as a tool for reaching a specific target or personal mark, after which there is no further need to seek greater education. Nonetheless, the importance of education in society is indispensable and cohering, which is why society and knowledge cannot be separated into two distinct entities.



Hrishikesh Yadav
VIII D

आईची आठवण

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जगात मायेची सांठवण
आईसारखे दैवत आहे कोठे
आईचे उपकार बघा किती मोठे
आई बघा काय असते
मायेची माऊली असते,
झाडांची सावली असते
लंगड्याचा पाय असते
वासरांची गाय असते.
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आकाश नडगम

ISRO Launch - A Proud Moment For INDIA

India's space agency ISRO launched a record 103 satellites — all but three of them foreign — at one go on a single rocket in the first week of February in what was a major feat not attempted by any country.

As India looked to grab a larger slice of the lucrative commercial space market, 100 of the 103 satellites set for launch by ISRO's workhorse rocket PSLV-C37 in February from its Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh belonged to foreign nations, including the US and Germany.

"We are making a century by launching over 100 satellites at one go," S. Somnath, Director of the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), told a planetary session on the second day of the ongoing Indian Science Congress. The space agency had earlier planned a launch of 83 satellites in the last week of January, of which 80 were foreign ones. But with the addition of 20 more foreign satellites, the launch was delayed by a week and took place in the first week of February, Somnath said.



He, however, did not specify the number of countries that would launch its satellites in this mission, but said it includes nations like the US and Germany." These will be 100 micro-small satellites, which

will be launched using a PSLV (Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle)-C37. The weight of the payload will be 1350 kgs, of which 500-600 kgs will be the satellite's weight," Mr. Somnath added.

The launch was a major feat in the country's space history as no exercise on this scale had been attempted before. Last year, ISRO launched a record 20 satellites at one go.

The highest number of satellites launched in a single mission is 37, a record that Russia set in 2014. The US space agency NASA launched 29. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's pet South Asian satellite project, meanwhile, took off in March.



Palash Shende
VIII D

Importance of Reading



To be a lover of books though not to be a bookworm is a sign of good luck. Books are a great treasure house of knowledge. Books not only store civilization, but also carry it forward. All the upcoming generations get the light of knowledge from books. Books are our most faithful friends. Our friends may leave us, but books

are always there to stay. In sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, they support us and offer never ending entertainment. It has been well said "Books are like an axe, they cut through snow within". Friends, we should develop the habit of reading from an early age. I have made a small library in our house itself. But my mom tells that, we should not only read story books but also newspapers and materials we get. Reading books not only gives us information but also gives us information about news and current happenings around us. It also helps us improve our intellectual thinking. Our collection of new words can increase our mind to a high level. The poetries which give us noble thoughts and imagination should not be neglected. So from now, friends lets take a pledge that we should cultivate the habit of reading. In this mission not only our parents but also our school library play an important role in shaping our future.



-Abhinaya Danda
VIII B

Atithi Devo Bhava

Atithi Devo Bhava, an ancient line taken from the hindu scriptures was originally coined to relate a visiting person whose date of arrival is not fixed.

'Atithi' means a "person or guest coming without a fixed calendrical time", 'Devo' means "God" and 'Bhava' means "Be or Is", hence the term Atithi Devo Bhava signifies - 'The Guest Is God'.

Atithi Devo Bhava is not just a popular line to promote tourism but a beautiful example of a text asking us to respect our 'guests as god'. The host-guest relationship in India is truly one of the most respectful and highly valued relationship. The unique practice of giving a great treatment to the guests clearly explains the fact why our country's history has several examples of 'Atithi Satkar' means to welcome the guests with warmth and respect.

An important part of the Indian Culture - Atithi Devo Bhava says that every guest should be treated like God. No distinction should be based on the guest's caste, colour or race and he/she should be showered with love, care and affection.



अतिथि देवो भव



Aditi D Gawit
VIII A

Arunima Sinha... An Inspiration

On 6th February 2017 we St. Marians attended a program at Savitribai Phule auditorium. The program was about an inauguration of a book written by Mr. Vidyadhar Bhuskute. The writer has travelled the distance between Kashmir to Kanyakumari and also from Arunachal Pradesh to Gujarat. He is a person who has walked the longest walkathon in the country. He has completed this walkathon for spreading social awareness.

The chief guest of the program was Arunima Sinha. She is a Padma Shree awardee. The program began and the speech was delivered by Vidyadhar Bhuskute. He shared the experience about his walkathon and the reason for inviting Arunima as the chief guest.

Later Arunima came on stage to speak and as she started sharing her views and the hall became enrapt at once. Arunima was

a national level volleyball player before. In the year 2011, while travelling by train from Lucknow to Delhi, two thieves tried to attack her. Arunima started defending herself but the thieves took the chain and threw her out of the running train. When she was thrown out another train was also passing on the other track. She collided on the other train and fell down. When she fell down she saw that her leg was separated from her body. She was lying on the railway track till the next day. Around 30-40 trains passed by her on that night but fortunately she survived. Next day the locals admitted her to the hospital but the doctor asked them to admit her to a hospital in Delhi which would have good facilities as her condition was critical. Later she was admitted in a Delhi hospital.

At the hospital in Delhi she started

dreaming of climbing the highest peak in the world that is Mt. Everest. She first met Bachindri Pal an Indian woman mountaineer and took advice from her. In 2013, within two years of losing a leg, she climbed Mt. Everest. Truly it is an inspiring story for us. For this she was awarded with the Padma Shree by the Government of India.

The book inauguration program was truly beneficial for us. We met two amazing personalities, Mr. Vidyadhar Bhuskute and Arunima Sinha who have proved themselves to be the best. I think we all should follow them and strive to be the best in the world.



Sarvesh Shinde
IX B

Incredible India



India is a beautiful country. It is famous for its unique culture, traditions, historical heritage and monuments. India is the seventh largest country and the largest democracy in the world. It is located in South Asia and was officially declared as the Republic of India after its independence from the British Rule. India is a country famous for the saying “UNITY IN DIVERSITY” because people of many religions, castes, culture and tradition live together in unity. Indians are very heart-touching in nature and they heartily welcome their guests from other countries. India is indeed incredible in many ways but to be honest, there are certain things that can make you incredibly insane, that you “MAY” hate India.

- 1. Poverty** - There is no doubt, lots of excellent developments have taken place but poverty is to an extreme in India. Poverty is still prevalent like never before no matter what anyone says.
- 2. No Respect For Women** - The status of women in India have been subject to many great changes over the past few decades. Women stand equally shoulder to shoulder with men. She is a Prime Minister, President, Governor, Speaker of Lok Sabha, Chief Minister. In spite of all this there are many crimes reported against women: - Acid Attacks, Child Marriage, Dowry, Harassments, Trafficking, Female Infanticide. You might feel there is no dignity for women in India.
- 3. Lack of Security** - Terrorism is a familiar word in our lives. It is just like an incurable disease. The whole world is grappled in the fear of terror and it strikes at once like a disaster and leaves everyone devastated. What is the actual interpretation of the word? Who is a terrorist? The so called, “JIHADI GROUPS, AL-QUAIDA” etc, have created a havoc in the world, “NAXALS AND MAOISTS” are also dangerous.

India witnessed its worst terror attack on 26/11. It just exposed to the world to how weak our security systems are. 26/11, the day we lost many of our near and dear ones and many of our Police Men. The day when our Historic Taj Hotel went into fumes and Mumbai's oldest cafe “Leopold” and one of the busiest stations “Mumbai CST” were hit. Nariman House was also attacked by killing many foreign citizens. It brought a big shame and a big question mark on our face. Few days ago, when I was surfing the TV Channels, I came across the advertisement Of TATA TEA... It's tagline went as...

“Alarm Bajne Se Phele...Jaago Re...!!

A little effort put in by all of us, can also make a huge difference in maintaining harmony in our country and to make desirable developments out off our society.



Ashlin T Rajan
IX A

A New Day...A New Beginning

My first day of school was when I was 3 years old. I joined the nursery play group and I thought that it will be an exciting place but when I went for admission I was afraid on seeing the place. So I told my mother that I don't want to go to school but my mother didn't understand me. She bought me a new pair of sandals, bag, compass, pencil box, eraser box, sharpeners and a scale and a new school uniform.

I was so happy seeing these things, but nervous on thinking about my first day of school. When I got up in the morning my mother looked so happy. When my mother and I reached the school I was so afraid when my mother left me in the classroom and when I went I was so afraid that I started crying. The teacher came and asked me, “What happened child? Why are you crying?” I said, “Miss I want to meet my mother.” She told “don't worry she will be here soon? I agreed and said,” Ok!” Than the bell rang and my mother was with me. I was so happy on seeing her in front of me after the first day of my school.



KATAMALA CAROL
WILSON VIJAYAKUMAR



Peace

A dark hand touching a light hand,
A young face looking into an old,
All people working together,
For a goal to be told,
A stranger and stranger together,
A foe and a foe are now friends,
All people helping each other,
Making beginnings meet ends,
A heart understanding another,
A soul reaching out to a soul,
All people feeding their elders,
With plate, fork, spoon and bowl.
A rich man helping a poor man,
A convict dancing with a child,
All people put aside their differences,
And share a hope that is wild.
A shout comes out from the open,
Like a footstep falling on sand,
All people together proclaim,
"Now there is peace in this land!"



Mrs. Manju Kar
(Manju Miss)

The Exam Hall



Once I was caught in such a situation,
When I was totally confused and in
lots of depression.
The answers and questions all flew away,
It was just like making rangoli on clay.
Soon there was a flash back,
in which I prepared the study plan.
The plan became a fail,
Because I had not followed what I claim.
The confusion created by the paper,
made my brain totally a jumbled chamber.
The situation was like hell,
and I was waiting for the warning bell.
I cried and cried and made a big dam,
it was none other than my maths exam.



Hritik Upadhyay
IX C



The Rising Moon

The mother of twinkling stars,
Stay miles far,
Away from us in the dark sky,
Near the cloud passing by.

The burning lantern of silent night,
Makes the sky beautiful and bright,
A silver spot near the colour aura,
Due to its light shines the flora.

Once, I drew the curtain aside,
To see the beautiful sight,
But the moon was not visible,
Because its light was meek,
Which will return after two weeks.



Rahul Gaikwad
VIII D

मला मोबाईल होयचे आहे

आई सोड मोबाईल
माझ्या सोबत बोल
थोडावेळ बागेत
खेळु आपण चल....!
सोबत तूला नेहमी
मोबाईल लागतो केवळ
घरी आल्यावर तरी
घेना मला जवळ....!
रात्रभर मोबाईल असतो
तुझ्या उशाला
तरी-पण दिवसभर
सोबत ठेवते कशाला....?
पप्पा आज मोबाई

ऑफिसात विसरा
माझा चेहरा होईल हसरा...!
दिवसभर मोबाईल
तुम्ही हातात धरता
माझे बोट धरून
सॅगा कधी फिरत...?
पुढचा जन्मी मला
मोबाईल होयचे आहे
कारण दिवसभर मला
मम्मी पप्पासोबत
रहायचे आहे.



Chirag Suryavanshi
VIII D

To My Wonderful Father...with Love

You have been there for me
no matter what bad choice
I might have made
You lovingly repaired my broken spirit,
And helped me to tread the unbeaten track
And set me free to fly
On my own once again
There is no greater issue than that
You will always be special to me
And no matter where life takes me
I'll always remember you with love...



Shravani Shinde
IX A

एक सत्य

समाज माझा एक कुटुंब
नका आणू त्यात आता वितंड
करुनी त्यात विचारांची पेरणी
नव्याने करुया समाज उभारणी
सोडून द्यावी खेकडे वृत्ति
होईल मग सगळ्यांशी गट्टी
करुया कौतुक खर्या गुणांचे
हेच लक्षण स्वच्छ मनाचे
पुसू नका कुणाच्या प्रगतीच्या रेषा
तुम्हीही काढा त्यापुढे समांतर रेषा
भांडत बसतो तू की मी श्रेष्ठ
यामुळेच होतो समाज भ्रष्ट
गोड बोलून नका साधू डाव
जागवा आतून खरा भाव
सन्मान करावा समाज गुणीचा
मग उत्कर्ष होईल समाजाचा
हात एकमेकांचे घट्ट सर्वांनी धरावा
नक्कीच मिटेल समाजातील दुरावा



Sakshi Dhanvijay
IX A

The Friendly Wind

I saw the wind,
Who was sailing across the sky.
Marching towards the world,
with a gentle smile.
I saw the wind,
who was sailing beside the birds.
Helping the little birds,
to fly throughout the day.
I saw the wind,
who was sailing across the world.
Helping everyone,
to fly kites high.
I saw the wind,
who was sailing on the river.
Helping the river,
To flow through the world.
At last he came near me,
With a pleasant smile;
Playing with him for years and years...



Ashwin Pillai
VII C

Trees

Great is the God who made this world;
The universe so big, the earth like a pearl.

Trees so huge

From whom we seek refuge;
Are today being threatened,
Who were once called a legend.

If the tree would speak,
What would it speak?

My leaves and branches gave you shade
But will you be happy when I'll be dead?

I give air to all you men.
Very important factor - Oxygen
But because I'm alive,
you all can survive.

The moment I collapse,
you all will have to strive



Binish Fatima
IX A

Art Gallery

