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THE PATRICIAN CHRONICLE

Shake-sphere: A Universe of His Own

"We know what we are, but know not what we may be."

On 24th April 2025, our school stepped into the timeless world of William Shakespeare, not merely to recall his immortal works but to reimagine them. This year's Shakespeare Day, officially titled "Wit of Will: Shakespeare in Parallel Universe", unfolded under a unique and imaginative theme: "What if the endings were different?" The program explored alternate destinies for some of Shakespeare's most iconic characters—what if Romeo and Juliet defied fate and lived happily ever after, what if Hamlet found peace instead of vengeance, what if Macbeth's ambition met redemption instead of ruin?

The show was majestic in its scope and execution. Under the benevolent guidance of our Principal, Rev. Sr. Leena Dorthy, and the unwavering mentorship of our distinguished English faculty— Ma'am Shreshtha Bhadoria, Ma'am Judith Massey ,and the entire English Department—students delved deep into Shakespearean artistry. Their tireless dedication enabled learners to not only understand the genius of Shakespeare but to engage with it critically, bending narratives and exploring "what could have been" with wit and creativity.

From Students To Stewards

The Investiture Ceremony of St. Patrick's Junior College was held on July 12,2025 where they stepped into a future full of promise and leadership with flame of passion in their hearts, gleam of anticipation in their eyes and with the radiant dance of life in their spirits. With words woven in wisdom ,our Chief Guest, Mrs. Josephine Thomas inspired them with a motivational speech on leadership, kindling the flame of courage and hope in every heart

The ceremony embarked upon its journey with a prayer service. The badges and sashes of leadership were bestowed upon the newly elected office bearers by our Principal ,Rev. Sr Leena. The student council, with hands raised in promise ,vowed to uphold the values of leadership ,duty and honor. Souvenirs were graciously presented to the proud parents of our Council members. The Investiture Ceremony was brought to a dignified end, sanctified by the blessings of our Principal and teachers and enriched with spirit of true leadership

LET US HELP YOU REMEMBER SCHOOL MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME.

Voices That Moved Us: ASISC Interschool Declamation Competition 2025

The auditorium of St. Patrick's Junior College came alive with strong words and passionate voices as the school hosted the ASISC Interschool Declamation Competition 2025. The event gathered some of the best young speakers from top schools in the city, each displaying courage, clarity, and conviction.

From the very first speech, the audience was drawn in. Participants addressed various thought-provoking themes, delivering performances that were not only eloquent but also meaningful in today's world. The atmosphere buzzed with energy; every speech sparked excitement on stage.

The respected panel of judges, Rev. Father Shaji Joseph, Dr. Melva Pope, and Dr. Vandana Ghosh, listened closely to each participant. Their valuable observations, encouraging words, and thoughtful feedback made the competition a true learning experience for everyone involved.

The results were announced in three categories:

SUB-JUNIOR CATEGORY:
Saanvi Chadda – St. Patrick's Junior College
Daksh Tandon – St. Peter's College
Prakhyat Sharma – St. Thomas School

JUNIOR CATEGORY:
Srijan Sahgal – St. Peter's College
Nitanyaa Agarwal – St. Patrick's Junior College
Akshara Tiwari – St. George's College

SENIOR CATEGORY:
Puranjay Agarwal – St. Peter's College
Shanaya Joon Massey – St. George's College
Parthivi Bharadwaj – St. Patrick's Junior College

Beyond the medals and certificates, the true highlight was the spirit of oratory. Every participant, whether a winner or not, impressed everyone with their confidence and bravery to speak in front of an audience.
The competition evolved into more than just a contest; it celebrated voice and vision, showing once again that when young people speak, the world listens.

Spirit of 1947, Strength of 2025

Our school celebrated the 79th Independence Day on 15th August 2025 with great pride and joy. The programme was organized by the students of Class 12th and Class 4th and was graced by our Chief Guest, Ma'am Geetha.
The celebration began with the flag hoisting by our Principal, Reverend Sister Leena, and thwe Chief Guest, Ma'am Geetha, succeeded by the National Anthem. It then proceeded with a spectacular March Past by the four houses, led by the Student Council, showcasing perfect discipline and unity. The event was continued with a vibrant cultural programme by Classes 12th and 4th, where students presented a prayer service, patriotic songs, and a dance drama that beautifully captured the spirit of freedom.
In her inspiring address, Reverent Sister Leena reminded us that independence is both a privilege and a responsibility. The programme ignited pride in every heart and motivated the students to work with dedication towards a brighter, stronger nation.

Inter-House English Debate Competition Showcases Eloquence and Intel

MAKE YOUR WORDS COUNT!

The much-anticipated Interhouse Debate Competition took place at St. Patrick's Junior College. It highlighted the wit, eloquence, and confidence of the Patricians. The event was split into Junior and Senior categories and presented thought-provoking topics that challenged both logic and perspective.

An esteemed panel of judges, including Ma'am Vinny Khandelwal and Ma'am Jeniffer Stephen, was present at the occasion.

In the Junior Category, the debate motion was "Discipline is more important than freedom." The young debaters presented their arguments clearly and confidently. Adamya Sharma from Blue House was named Best Speaker for the Motion, while Naisha Magan from Green House received the title of Best Speaker Against the Motion. Both made a strong impression on the judges with their persuasive delivery.

The Senior Category featured a heated debate on "The feeling of rejection is influenced more by society than by self-perception." Participants offered powerful arguments and deep insights. Chhanak Ambesh from Blue House was recognized as Best Speaker for the Motion, and Inika Mohile from Blue House was named Best Speaker Against the Motion, marking another proud moment for Blue House.

With consistent excellence in both categories, Blue House was named the Overall Champion. Red House secured second place, followed by Green House in third and Yellow House in fourth

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The competition concluded with valuable feedback and encouraging words from the judges, inspiring students to aim for greater achievements in the future.

The event was a true testament to the debating spirit of the Patricians, where words became weapons, ideas sparked discussions, and intellect emerged as the ultimate victor.

Soliloquy – a poetic speech to oneself

Vellichor – longing in old bookstores

Ephemeral – lasting a very short time

Lagniappe – a little bonus or gift

Lucent – softly shining or glowing

Amaranthine – eternal and deep in hue

Lambent – softly glowing or flickering

Palimpsest – layered with traces of the past

Redolent – fragrant or evocative of memori

Sempiternal – eternal and unchanging

Susquehanna – a melodic, flowing name

Elysian – delightful, blissful; like paradise

Aureate – golden in color or style; ornate

Seraphic – angelic, serene, pure

Evanescent – vanishing like vapor; fleeting

Sonorous – rich, full, and deep in sound

Zephyr – a soft, gentle breeze

Numinous – spiritually mysterious or holy

Susurrus – a soft murmuring

Halcyon – calm, peaceful, golden

Ineffable – too great or beautiful to describe

Lilt – a cheerful rhythm or cadence

Peregrinate – to travel especially on foot

The Symphony – "Where Every Note Finds Its Voice"

Just as a symphony weaves together countless notes to create a masterpiece, our school has taken a glorious step towards nurturing creativity and harmony with the inauguration of its new Music Club – The Symphony. Under the gracious guidance of our Principal, Rev. Sr. Leena Dorthy, and our music teacher, Sir. Felix Masih, on 28th August 2025, our school witnessed the long-awaited unveiling of this artistic venture.

The atmosphere was charged with excitement as the curtain lifted on this new journey. The air resonated with the promise of melodies yet to be sung, rhythms yet to be played, and dreams yet to be realized. And at the forefront of this harmonious endeavor stand our young torchbearers

– Aahana Singh, the President, and Alia Parvez, the Vice President of The Symphony. Their enthusiasm, leadership, and love for music shall guide fellow students in tuning their talents into brilliance. The other office bearers too took up their responsibilities with full passion,

Adding a sparkle of joy and laughter, the day was made even more memorable with an engaging Music Trivia game. The lively quiz tested quick wit and musical knowledge, drawing spirited participation not only from students but also from our dear teachers. The cheerful banter, surprising answers, and collective laughter filled the hall, proving that music has a way of uniting everyone—regardless of age—into one happy rhythm.

In the words of our Principal, "When we sing, we pray twice", and with The Symphony, every student shall now have the stage to explore that prayer in the form of poetry—whether through the gentle strains of classical ragas, the vibrant beats of contemporary tunes, or the innovation of original compositions.

DID YOU KNOW?

The word music comes from the Muses — the nine goddesses of inspiration in Greek mythology — and a teacher is often called a muse of learning. Both guide creativity.

Teacher's Day, "Yeh Unn Dino Ki Baat Hai

Echoes of yesteryears, lessons for a lifetime

On 8th September 2025, our school came alive with colors, laughter, and nostalgia as we celebrated Teacher's Day with the theme "Yeh Unn Dino Ki Baat Hai." The programme was a heartfelt tribute to our beloved teachers, who are the guiding stars of our journey.

The stage was transformed into a retro wonderland, taking everyone back to the golden era of Bollywood. The highlight of the celebration was the enactment of iconic scenes from classic films, which left the audience in fits of laughter and waves of emotion. This was beautifully complemented by dance performances that recreated the charm of retro songs, filling the hall with rhythm and energy.

Adding a playful twist, fun games for teachers brought joy and friendly competition, making the day even more special. The grand finale, a dazzling ramp walk by teachers ,truly stole the show by blending elegance, glamour, and pure joy.

The event was not just entertainment, it was an expression of gratitude, respect, and love. As the curtains fell, one could feel the bond between teachers and students glowing brighter than ever. Indeed, "Yeh Unn Dino Ki Baat Hai" was not just a theme but a memory created for a lifetime.

From Box Office to Our Verdict Box

The Fantastic Four: First Steps (Hollywood)

Marvel's new take on the Fantastic Four has taken many by surprise. It's not just another superhero flick—it mixes retro-futuristic style with a warm, emotional story about family and responsibility. Pedro Pascal and Vanessa Kirby shine in their roles, and while the movie sometimes struggles to balance its campy fun with heartfelt drama, most critics agree it's one of Marvel's boldest and freshest projects in years.

Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning (Hollywood)

Tom Cruise proves yet again that he's unstoppable.The stunts are jaw-dropping, the action is relentless, and yet the movie doesn't forget to give us a strong story at its core. Fans are calling it one of the best in the franchise—fast-paced, gripping, and a real treat for the big screen. Many say it feels like a perfect farewell to an era.

Sarzameen (Bollywood)

Kajol and Prithviraj Sukumaran deliver powerful performances in this war drama, but the movie itself feels a little uneven. Released on JioHotstar, Sarzameen has drawn mixed reactions—viewers love the emotions and intensity, but the execution and pacing left many wanting more. Ibrahim Ali Khan, in his debut role, received a divided response. Overall, it's moving in parts but doesn't quite live up to its promise.

Saiyaara (Bollywood)

This musical love story directed by Mohit Suri is being called one of the sweetest surprises of the year. With newcomers Ahaan Panday and Aneet Padda in the lead, Saiyaara blends heartfelt romance with a fantastic soundtrack. It has already become one of the top-grossing Hindi films of 2025, and audiences are raving about both the chemistry, of the leads, and the soul-stirring music.

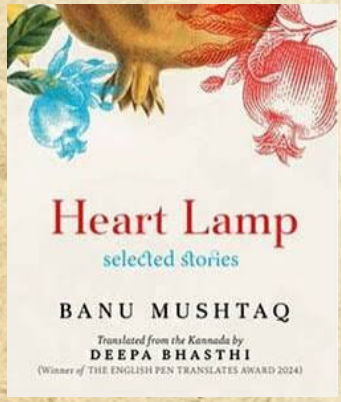
Bhool Chuk Maaf (Bollywood)

Rajkummar Rao brings his usual charm to this time-loop fantasy rom-com. The film has some delightful moments and a playful vibe that makes it a fun watch with family. Still, the story sometimes gets a little tangled and doesn't always flow smoothly. Despite the hiccups, it has struck a chord with viewers looking for something lighthearted and different.

Masala Mix-Up: A Bollywood Puzzle!

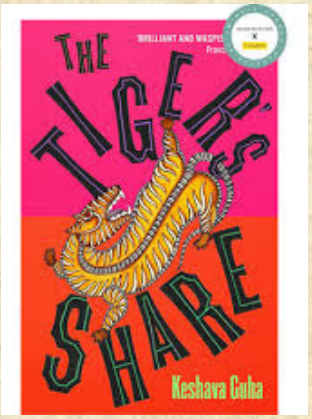
The ultimate challenge for every Bollywood buff is right here! Can you spot the iconic characters, famous scenes, and popular tunes hidden in this vibrant image? It's a true Masala Mix-Up. Let us know how many you find!

For the love of a BIBLIOPHILE



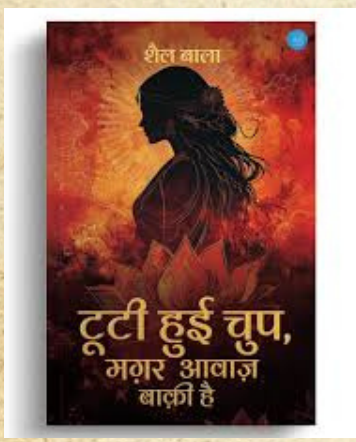
Heart Lamp: Selected Stories by Banu Mushtaq (translated by Deepa Bhasthi)

This collection, originally written in Kannada and now translated into English, just made history by winning the 2025 International Booker Prize. The stories shine a light on the everyday struggles and quiet strength of Muslim women in southern India. What makes it special is how real these voices feel-raw, honest, and deeply human. The translation keeps the rhythm and soul of the original intact



The Tiger's Share by Keshava Guha

Set in modern Delhi, this novel is narrated by Tara Saxena, a successful lawyer, as she navigates her relationship with her eco-activist father, Brahm, who sacrifices family life for environmental causes inspired by Bhagat Singh. With sibling tensions, caste-conscious elites, and questions of duty and identity, Guha's portrayal of Delhi pulses with urgency and moral reckoning. Critics praised its rich storytelling and powerful exploration of generational and ecological themes.



Tooti Hui Chup, Magar Awaaz Baaki Hai by Shail Bala

This Hindi poetry collection doesn't just whisper—it roars softly. Shail Bala gives words to the unspoken pain and resilience of women living under layers of silence. The poems are heart-wrenching yet full of strength, reminding us that even broken silence can still carry a powerful voice. It's an emotional read that lingers long after you close the book.

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The Ninth Sense

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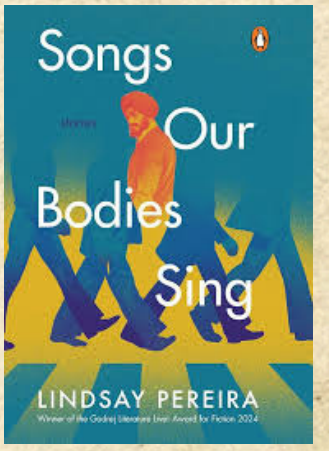
🔍 **The Missing Chair Puzzle**

A classroom has 30 students. One day, 5 students are absent. The teacher arranges the remaining students in equal rows with no chair left empty. Each row has the same number of students.

Question: How many rows could the teacher have formed?

Difference Detective Mode On!



Songs Our Bodies Sing - Lindsay Pereira

The stories are intimate yet universal—about people carrying their roots within them no matter where they go. It's tender, lyrical, and deeply moving, making it a must-read for anyone who's ever felt torn between places.

Guidance Woven in Gold

Her Words, Our Way Forward

Dear Patricians,
The Patrician Chronicle is not just a record; it is a tapestry of aspirations, a showcase of your resilience, and a mirror reflecting the values that make our community extraordinary. Every page reveals not only your achievements but the hopes and efforts that shape who we are together. Within these stories, your individuality shines, yet collectively you create a vibrant legacy that uplifts and inspires.
Let this Chronicle encourage you to dream boldly, think independently, and foster genuine compassion in all your pursuits. Success at St. Patrick's Junior College is not just measured by grades or trophies, but by the kindness you show, the integrity you uphold, and the positive change you spark wherever you go.
Use each lesson, each challenge, and each triumph as a stepping stone toward new horizons. Support and celebrate one another, remain open to learning, and let your actions be guided by empathy and purpose. Leave your mark as change-makers, always seeking to enrich the lives of others and build a brighter future.
With heartfelt blessings and best wishes,
— Sr. Mary Santhi
Headmistress

From the Desk of Our Coordinator

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out."
— Robert Collier

Dear Students,
Exams can feel overwhelming, but remember—they are just another step in your journey. Start small: make a simple study plan, revise regularly, and give yourself short breaks to keep your mind fresh. Don't just memorize—try to truly understand, and practice writing answers so you feel confident with time management.
On exam day, take a deep breath. Read the paper carefully, begin with questions you know well, and write neatly so your hard work shines through. Most importantly, stay calm and believe in yourself—you are capable of much more than you think.
Exams test effort, not worth. Give your best, and that will always be enough.

With warm wishes,
R.T. Massey
(School Coordinator)

From the Pinnacle of Wisdom to the Pulse of Youth

At the Core of Our Inspiration

Dear Students,

As your exams come closer, I want to remind you of something very important. Examination is not just about the days before the test it is about your steady preparation, day by day. Remember, marks are only one part of your growth. They are not the measure of your true wisdom or your worth.

Being a clever student does not mean only scoring high marks. A truly all-round student is one who studies sincerely, takes part in games, joins school activities, develops general knowledge, and learns from the world around. Practical knowledge, good manners, discipline, and respect are just as important as book knowledge.

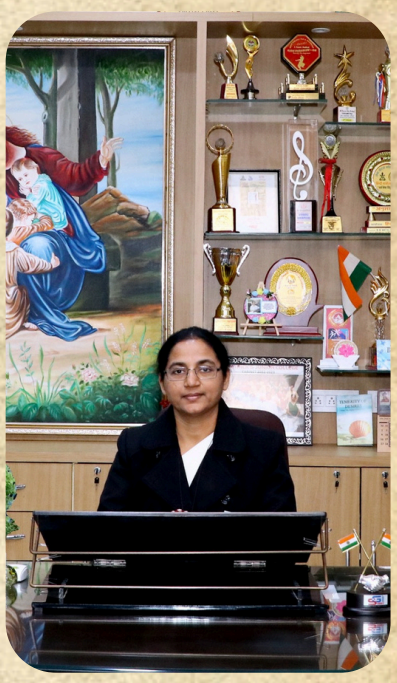
Children, study hard and aim for good marks, but at the same time, open your minds to every learning opportunity. Respect your school uniform, come to school neatly dressed, and be regular in attendance. Just like adults go to work every day with discipline, you too must make coming to school daily as your proud responsibility.

Never think learning is only from books. You learn from your teachers, from your classmates, from the environment around you, and from every little experience of school life. When you come to school, you meet friends from different backgrounds and cultures, and you grow by sharing and learning together. This kind of learning is much richer than sitting at home with a mobile phone.

So, my dear students, be cheerful learners, participate in everything, and grow as all-round, confident, and happy young people. Always remember real success comes from honesty, effort, and dedication. Carry these values with you, and they will guide you throughout life.

I pray for each one of you, may you have courage in your heart, clarity in your mind, and peace in your soul.

With love and blessings,
Rev. Sr. Leena D. Matera
Principal



The Pen that Weaves it All Together

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." — Ephesians 2:10

"Creativity is intelligence having fun." — Albert Einstein

Dear Readers,

Every edition of The Patrician Chronicle is special because it reflects the creativity, teamwork, and spirit of our students. This magazine is not just about words on paper, but about ideas, laughter, late-night discussions, and the joy of bringing something new into the world.

Creativity helps us see possibilities where others see problems. Innovation teaches us to try again in a different way. Teamwork reminds us that when we come together, we can do far more than we could alone.

As you turn the pages of this edition, I hope you feel the same excitement and pride we felt while putting it together. Let's keep pushing ourselves, supporting one another, and dreaming bigger for tomorrow.

"Alone we can do so little; together, we can do so much." — Helen Keller

Happy reading!
With warmth,
Ms. Shreshtha Bhadoria
Editor-in-Chief

From One Patrician to All

As the Student Editor, it is with immense pride and gratitude that I present our April–September edition of the school newsletter. This launch is the culmination of passion, dedication, and teamwork. I extend my heartfelt thanks to our inspiring Principal and Headmistress, Ma'am Shrestha, for her unwavering guidance, and to my extraordinary team, whose synergy, commitment, and meticulous division of work brought this vision to life.

Every page reflects not just events and achievements, but the spirit and heartbeat of our school community. As I embark on my final year, I am more motivated than ever to push the boundaries of creativity and excellence, aspiring to deliver an even more remarkable edition before I bid farewell. This newsletter is a celebration of collaboration, dedication, and the shared love for our school.

-Inika Mohile