

# *Theophilian Trailblazers*

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*Sacred and Ritual Artistry*



*Embarking on India's Cultural Expedition*



# Activities

## Joy of Giving Campaign

December 7 to 13

The Joy of Giving Campaign was organised with enthusiastic participation from students across all grades. The initiative aimed to extend support to the less privileged in society. Students contributed generously, donating a variety of items such as clothing, groceries, and home and personal care essentials. These donations were carefully packaged and distributed to various organisations catering to the needy, spreading warmth and joy during the festive season.

## Christmas Activity

December 13, 2024

Students from all grades enthusiastically participated in a Christmas Activity to embrace the festive spirit and celebrate the joy of togetherness.

The activity aimed to foster aesthetic sense, creativity, and teamwork among students. Each class worked collaboratively to create beautiful decorations, showcasing their imaginative skills.

Once completed, the students adorned their classrooms with their handmade creations, bringing a vibrant and cheerful atmosphere to the school.





# Competitions

## Red Cross Competitions

December 8, 2024

The Indian Red Cross Competitions, organised by the Indian Red Cross Society, were held at Ness Wadia College of Commerce. Our school participated in three events: Essay Writing, Elocution, and poster-making competitions, with students representing various grade categories.



In the Essay Competition, Astha Kamble and Laksh Bajaj represented the category of Grades 1 to 4, Sneha Shinde and Manas Bhandodkar participated in the category of Grades 5 to 7, and Namish Kamble, along with Aditi Oza, competed in the category of Grades 8 to 10.

The Elocution Competition saw enthusiastic participation as well. Ovi Lande and Advika Todkar represented Grades 1 to 4, Anurag Chatterjee competed in the category of Grades 5 to 7, while Vedant More and Priya Mourya showcased their skills in the category of Grades 8 to 10.

In the Poster Making Competition, Sanvi Bijapur, Sai Parkhe, and Pranavi Prashant displayed their creativity in the Grades 1 to 4 category. Revika Nagerkanti represented Grades 5 to 7, and Sachi More and Dikshita Choudhary showcased their artistic talents in the category of Grades 8 to 10.

The competition provided an excellent platform for students to express their creativity, enhance their public speaking skills, and demonstrate their knowledge and artistic abilities. It was a proud moment for the school to see such enthusiastic participation from students across all grades.



# Competitions

## Math Quiz

December 11, 2024

The second round of the Math Quiz was held for students from Grades 1 to 9. The competition aimed to nurture interest in mathematics while providing a platform for students to showcase their numerical proficiency and competitive spirit.

A total of 215 students who excelled in the first round competed in this stage. They tackled challenging problems within a fixed time limit, proving their mathematical aptitude and quick thinking.





# Events and Celebrations

## Annual Day Celebration

December 5-6, 2024

The school hosted its Annual Day on December 5 and 6, 2024, with the open auditorium as the perfect setting for this grand event.

The first day showcased performances by students from Pre-primary to Grade V, while the second day featured the talents of Grades VI to X.





# Events and Celebrations

## Annual Day Celebration (continued...)

This year's theme celebrated the brilliance of Indian heritage and was graced by the presence of esteemed members of the MOCCB, trustees, and other dignitaries.

The programme on both days included a warm welcome address, the Annual Report, and inspiring speeches by the chief guests, the school President, H.G. Geevarghese Mar Coorilos and the Chairperson, Mr. K. A. Thomas.





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## Annual Day Celebration (continued...)

The audience was captivated by a vibrant procession and the students' dazzling performances of folk and classical dances from various parts of India, beautifully integrated into a skit that highlighted the nation's cultural diversity.

The second day's celebrations were further enhanced by the recognition of National Award winners in sports and the toppers of the ICSE Board Examinations 2024.





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## Annual Day Celebration (continued...)

With wholehearted support from parents, the students and staff presented a stunning display of architecture, traditions, and artistic talent, making the Annual Day a memorable tribute to India's rich legacy.





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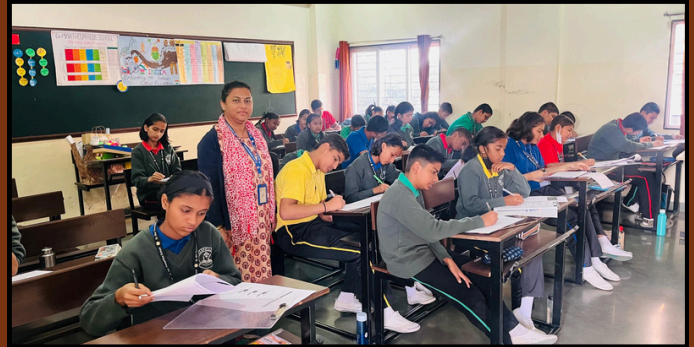
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## II Unit Test

December 13-20, 2024

The II Unit Test was conducted from December 13 to 20, 2024, for all grades. This assessment marked the third written evaluation of the academic year, designed to gauge students' understanding of the subject matter taught in their respective classes.

Students diligently prepared and appeared for the written tests across various subjects, testing their learning and academic progress.



## Christmas Celebration for Teachers

December 20, 2024

A cosy and memorable evening was organised for the teachers to celebrate the spirit of Christmas. The event provided an opportunity for the teaching staff to unwind and enjoy quality time together.

Set against the warmth of a bonfire, the evening featured music, dance, games, and moments of laughter. The festivities were complemented by delicious food, creating a joyful and relaxed atmosphere.





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## Christmas Programme Celebration

December 21, 2024

The school organised a short Christmas Programme to celebrate the joyous festival with enthusiasm and unity. Students from all grades participated in the cultural event.

The program commenced with a warm welcome to the chief guest, Rev. Fr. Jobin Varghese, followed by a heartfelt prayer and melodious carols performed by the school choir.

Enthralling dance performances by students from various sections added festive cheer, while the nativity skit and a skit with a moral message captured the essence of Christmas.

Rev. Fr. Jobin Varghese delivered an inspiring speech, emphasising the values of kindness and compassion. The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony, recognising toppers from the previous academic session and students with 100% attendance.

The day ended on a sweet note as students shared Christmas cake and exchanged warm farewells with their friends before departing for the winter break.



# Meetings, Seminars, Workshops

## A Master Class on Delivering NEP for the Foundational Stage

December 13, 2024

Scholastic Publication hosted a master class on delivering NEP for the foundational stage at the Sheraton Grand.

The seminar was attended by Mr. Jobin Jose. It emphasised the core principles of NEP 2020 and their significance in shaping a comprehensive and effective curriculum for the foundational stage. The discussions highlighted innovative approaches to early childhood education, aligning with NEP's vision for holistic and inclusive learning.





## Visit to Balikagram

December 14, 2024

The students of grade 9, sections A and B, visited Balikagram, an orphanage for girl children, to spread festive cheer and embrace the spirit of giving. The celebration began with melodious carol singing, followed by lively dance performances that brought smiles to everyone's faces.

The students also engaged in heartwarming interactions with the children. The event fostered a sense of compassion and joy, making it a memorable experience for both the students and the residents of Balikagram.





## Visit to Mother Teresa's Home for the Aged

December 21, 2024

Students of grade 9, sections C and D, visited Mother Teresa's Home for the Aged to celebrate the festive season and spread the Joy of Giving. They sang soulful carols and performed energetic dances, bringing happiness and warmth to the residents.

The students also spent meaningful time interacting with the elderly, sharing conversations and heartfelt moments.





## 12th RGOI Pune (Haveli) Roller Skating Championship 2024-25 December 1, 2024

The 12th RGOI Pune (Haveli) Roller Skating Championship 2024-25 witnessed remarkable performances from participants across the region. Representing the school, Arnav Abhang showcased exceptional talent and dedication, securing two bronze medals in the competition.



## Jagadguru Premier League - Season 1 December 8, 2024

The inaugural season of the Jagadguru Premier League, conducted at the Jagadguru Badminton Academy, Lohegaon, Pune, brought thrilling badminton matches and remarkable achievements for our school.

Mir. Sharfaan Ali displayed outstanding skill and determination, securing the gold medal in the tournament.

Parnshri Khandve and Pariniti Mallick also made the school proud by winning silver medals in their respective categories.





## Pune District Indoor Field Archery Championship December 10, 2024

The Pune District Indoor Field Archery Championship saw outstanding performances, with Trisha Kharat from the 3rd grade shining brightly. Trisha displayed exceptional focus and precision, securing the gold medal in the competition organised at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Stadium, Pune.



## 68th National School Games December 9 to 15 and 19 to 24, 2024

The 68th National School Games, organised by the School Games Federation of India (SGFI), were held from December 9 to 15, 2024, at Thyagraj Stadium in New Delhi. Om Mane of Grade 8 represented the school in karate, showcasing his skill at the national level.

The 68th National School Games continued from December 19 to 24, 2024, at Emerald Heights International School, Indore, MP. Trishla Singh represented the school in karate, bringing pride to the institution with her participation.

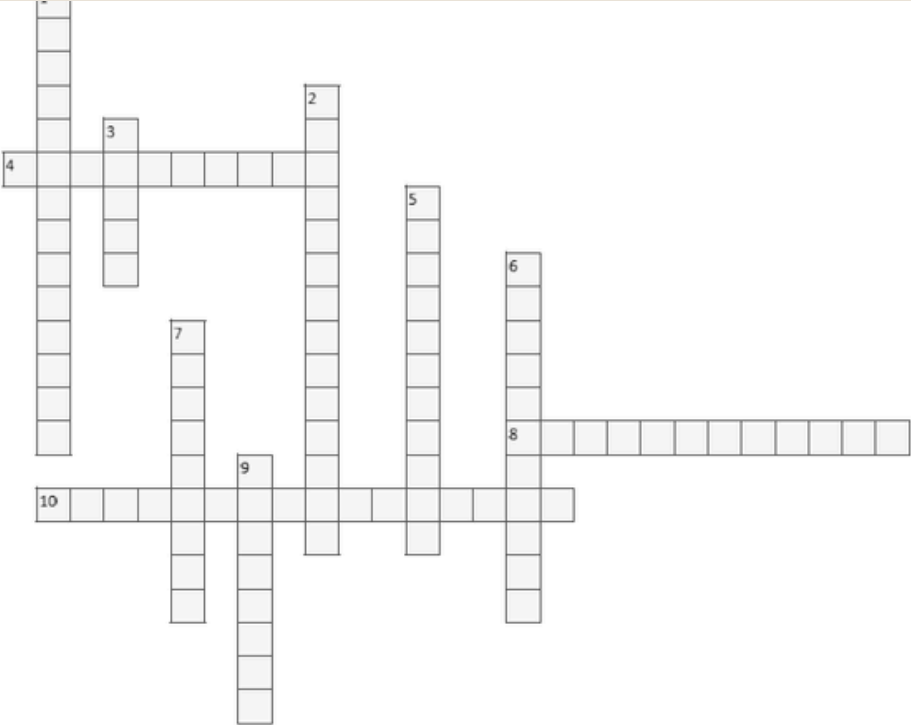




# Bonus Pages

## Season of Giving

As we celebrate the spirit of giving this holiday season, we are reminded of the true heroes of humanity—philanthropists who, like Santa, bring hope and joy to the world. Just as Santa spreads happiness by delivering gifts to children, these individuals have given selflessly, contributing to the betterment of society and inspiring us all with their kindness. This crossword puzzle is dedicated to those who, through their acts of generosity, have touched countless lives and made the world a better place.



**Across**

- 4. The chairman of the Aditya Birla group
- 8. The richest person in India
- 10. The co-founder of Bloomberg L.P.

**Down**

- 1. Accidentally said "I was human"
- 2. The CEO of a company which played a major role in production of Covishield vaccine
- 3. The group which has made the famous Pulsar brand
- 5. The new president of the United States of America
- 6. Awarded Padma Shri in 2006 for Social Work
- 7. Helped in developing the Windows operating system
- 9. Played a key role in foundation of SpaceX

(\*\*Solution in the next edition.)

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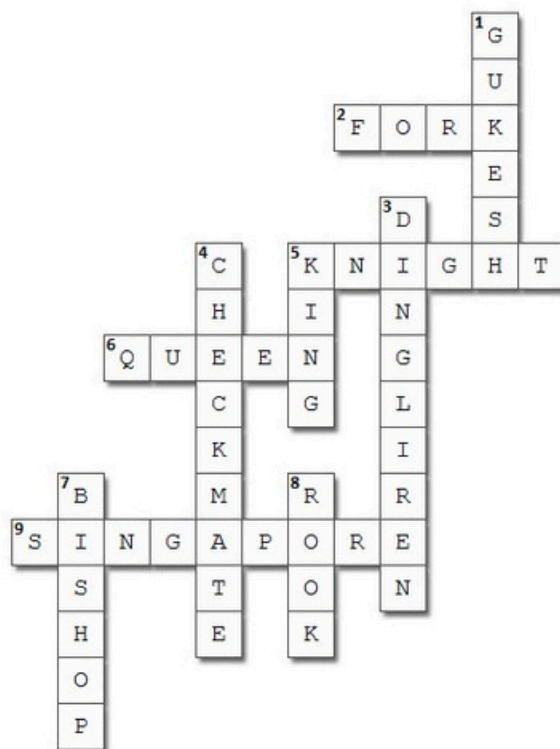




# Bonus Pages

## Checkmate in Words

### Solution to the Crossword Puzzle (November edition)



#### Across

2. A utensil commonly used with a knife in restaurants (common tactic in chess) (Fork)
5. The phrase said before bedtime (Knight)
6. The most powerful piece (Queen)
9. Country hosting the 2024 World Chess Championship (Singapore)

#### Down

1. The Indian challenger for the 2024 World Chess Championship (Gukesh)
3. The current World Classical Chess Champion (DingLiren)
4. The game ends with this (Checkmate)
5. The head of a monarchical system (King)
7. A high ranking member of the clergy in a Church (Bishop)
8. A piece shaped like a tower (Rook)



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