



Silver Jubilee Celebrations - Commemorating milestones

Saint Paul's School, Rajkot, marked its Silver Jubilee Celebrations with a spectacular two-day extravaganza on 14th and 15th December 2024.

Day 1: A Journey into the Magical Realm

The inaugural day showcased a vibrant programme by the Junior School students. The event was graced by Chief Guest Air Marshal P. N. Pradhan, PVSM, AVSM, and Dr. Aruna Pradhan, a distinguished research expert in Applied Biology and change maker.

The celebrations began with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries, followed by a graceful prayer dance set to the song '*Mangal ghadi aaj aavi am angne*', composed exclusively for the occasion. Principal Rev. Fr. James delivered a heartfelt welcome address, recounting the milestones achieved in the school's incredible journey of 25 years. Rev. Fr. Thomas Mathew, Prior General of the CMI Congregation, conveyed his best wishes through a special video message.

The school orchestra set the tone with a captivating welcome note, while the choir enthralled the audience with melodious renditions of '*Pit Pit Patter*' and '*Ek Zindagi*'. One of the highlights of the evening was '*The Magic of Once Upon a Time*', a mesmerizing musical that transported the audience to a world of fairy tales. The programme continued with the musical '*Unstoppable Us*' and the Silver Jubilee Play '*Baker's Dozen*'. The orchestra's awe-inspiring performances, including the '*Mishra Darbari*' fusion and Christmas songs, added to the celebration's splendour.



Day 2: Reflecting the Essence of School Life

The second day was dedicated to the Senior School students, who entertained the audience with their stunning performances. The presence of Chief Guest Ms. Sangeeta Bhatia, Deputy Secretary of CISCE, Rev. Fr. Benoy, Provincial CMI and the alumni of the school added grace to the event.

The programme commenced with the lighting of the lamp, a prayer dance, and a warm welcome address by Principal Rev. Fr. James. This was followed by a splendid performance by the school orchestra featuring instruments like the violin, viola, cello, tabla, pakhavaj, keyboard, guitar and drums. The Silver Jubilee Play '*Baker's Dozen*' entranced the audience once again, followed by an inspiring address by Rev. Fr. Benoy. A dance drama celebrating '*School Life*' evoked a wave of nostalgia in the audience.

Key moments of the day included the unveiling of the school's Governance Manual, Souvenir, Coffee Table Book, and Silver Jubilee Commemorative Cover. Two staff members, who had dedicated 25 years of service to the institution, were felicitated on this special occasion.

The cultural fiesta continued with a *Peacock Dance* and performances by the choir on the songs '*Rahe Na Rahe Hum*' and '*Indescribable*'. The event concluded on a high note with a spirited fusion of folk dances followed by the school anthem, bringing the celebration to its crescendo.



Star Performers



Delivering a winning speech!

Harishree Karia of Grade 8 secured the 2nd Runner Up Position (Junior Category) in the State Finals of the prestigious Times Public Speaking Contest held at Ahmedabad Management Association on 6th December, 2024 and brought laurels for the school. She was awarded a trophy and cash prize of Rs. 10,000.



Turning Pages!

Shlok Limbasiya of Grade 7 secured the 2nd Runner Up Position at the National Level in the Oxford Big Read (Book Review Writing) Contest. 7000 students from 575 schools across the world had participated in the contest.

Tech Titans shine at IITs!

The students of our school have made the school proud with their outstanding achievements at high-octane competitions organized by IIT Bombay and IIT Madras.

In the Tech Titans Competition (Secondary Category) under Tech Fest 2024 organized by IIT Bombay, Grade 9 team comprising of Arya Poriya, Hitarth Rojimala and Kush Tilva secured the First Position taking home the coveted 'Winners Trophy' and a cash prize of Rs. 15,000. Their innovative project on the theme of the Competition - 'Robotics for Everyday Life' impressed the judges and demonstrated their exceptional skills in technology and innovation.

Taher Kabul, Siddharth Jasani and Dharmik Kaku (Grade 10) were among the top 12 finalists in the Junior Makethon 2025 (Senior Category) organized by IIT Madras. Their project on the 'Challenges of the Urban City' secured the 4th position, showcasing their remarkable talent in the field of STEM.



Saint Paul's School MUN-*Facilitating collaboration, dialogue and diplomacy!*

The school hosted the 8th edition of its MUN Conference for the students of Classes 7 to 12 on 24th and 25th January 2025. The Conference was organized in association with SkillSphere Education. The event was inaugurated with the lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest Dr. Pratik Shah, Urologist, Sterling Hospital- Rajkot, Rev. Fr. James, Principal, Saint Paul's School, Mr. Aadit Khanna from SkillSphere and one of the student representatives. 346 students from 7 reputed schools of Rajkot participated as delegates in the MUN under various committees like the United Nations World Tourism Organization, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the All India Political Parties Meet. The agenda of the programme was 'Indigenous tribes and their cultural and social rights'. The stimulating MUN sessions saw the delegates utilize their skills of introduction, opinion development, debating, collaborative problem solving and drafting resolutions. The dedicated involvement of the organizing committee, volunteers and the delegates was recognized during the closing ceremony. The winning delegates were given certificates by the Principal.



Annual Pauline's Day- Grades 3 to 5-*Showcasing research and creativity!*

The fascinating world of insects formed the heart of the showcasing titled 'Insectopedia' presented by the students of Grade 3 on 29th January, 2025. The young learners presented their findings based on observation, research and inter disciplinary integration to their parents. Insect-themed riddles added a playful twist to the show, while an action song in Hindi had everyone humming along. An interesting inclusion was the information on 'Entomophagy'—the practice of eating insects. A creative retelling of 'The Ant and the Grasshopper' by the students explored the theme of humanity. The 'Insect Yoga Session', featuring the bug, caterpillar, and bumblebee poses, added elements of creativity and fun. With the integration of AI and Robotics, the students demonstrated a flickering rainbow stick modeled on a firefly.



The students of Grade 4 hosted an interactive showcasing event on 25th February 2025 displaying their subject-based learning through seven curated stations. The 'Fractional Atmosphere' station educated the visitors on air pollution, AQI, air composition, and sustainability. 'Train, Transform, Triumph' emphasized physical fitness with stretching, warm-ups, and cool-downs. In 'Seven Sisters, Infinite Wonders', the students took the parents on a tour of Northeast India through an engaging skit. The 'Manav aur prakriti ke tattva' station creatively explored the five elements of nature. At the AI station, the students demonstrated an 'Invisible Ruler' using ToF sensors and real-time AI applications. The Art Station dazzled everyone with colourful collages, origami, texture colouring, and creative colour blending techniques. The event concluded with 'Green Steps, Happy Beats', a dance performance on plastic pollution and environmental care.



The showcasing for Grade 5 held on 15th February, 2025 began with a poetic drama adaptation of *The Giving Tree*. In the AI and STEM segment, the students demonstrated a Security Alarm System made using the MODI AI Kit. In the Science and Math segment, the students explored the concept of 'Measuring Sound' using decimals, percentages, and fractions. Social Studies came alive through an engaging election simulation and a fun quiz on political symbols. Physical Education was also incorporated with students performing fitness routines while explaining their health benefits.



Annual Pauline's Day- Grades 6 and 7- Showcasing talent and knowledge!

The students of Grades 6 and 7 impressed the parents with their comprehensive integration of subjects under one coherent and meaningful theme of AI during their showcasing held in the month of February, 2025. The students took the parents on a journey exploring various concepts they had learnt through the year in all the subjects. The special class-wise developmental drama shows 'Edison -The Genius' by Grade 6 and 'Be the Light' by Grade 7 were appreciated by one and all.



Annual Pauline's Day- Pre-Primary Section- Showcasing learning with fun!

The tiny tots of Pre-Primary Section enthralled their parents with the presentation of their learning during their showcasing on 1st February, 2025. The parents thoroughly enjoyed the activities like fruits and vegetables puzzles, spin wheel, AI(Eduzo) games, fun with colours, Blooming Me, shapes treasure hunt and clap tap with the students.



Christmas Celebration-Spreading cheer, sharing joy!

Christmas was celebrated with lot of fervour in the school. The school notice boards and classrooms were decorated on the theme of Christmas by the students. The students of Grades 6 and 11 presented a spectacular Christmas Programme which included Christmas message by Principal Rev. Fr. James, enactment of Charles Dickens' 'Christmas Carol' and dances. The school orchestra regaled the audience with lilting tunes of Christmas songs. Christmas carols sung by a choir group from Tanzania, which was specially invited on the occasion, delighted the hearts of one and all!



Theatre Workshop- *Drama meets Pedagogy!*



The school hosted a 'Theatre Workshop' for teachers from 3rd to 5th February, 2025. The Resource Person for the workshop was renowned theatre expert Mr. Otto Huber from Switzerland. 63 teachers from 5 schools participated in the workshop. Through pair and group activities, the teachers learnt various developmental drama and theatre techniques that they could integrate with the teaching-learning processes in the classrooms.



Health and Hygiene Seminar- *A guide for the girls!*

An awareness seminar was held exclusively for the girls of Grades 3 to 5. The Resource Person was well known gynecologist Dr. Roli Sharan who discussed topics like hygiene and self care and addressed the queries of the students.



Model Rocketry Workshop- *Igniting Curiosity!*

Model Rocketry Workshop was conducted for the students of Grades 6 and 7 by a team from ISRO, Ahmedabad in January, 2025. The students had great fun preparing models of rockets and understanding the principles behind their working.

Food Fair- A pinch of kindness and a dash of compassion!



A Food Fair was organized by the students of Grade 8 in the month of February, 2025. The students put up various food stalls honing their skills in collaboration, creativity, communication, culinary art and marketing. The proceeds from the fair were donated for the welfare of animals at Pradyuman Zoological Park, Rajkot.

Evening Camps at School- Children's day out!

The students of Pre-Primary Section, Grades 1 and 2 enjoyed their evening at school with fun activities like zumba, zig zag walking, hurdles, snakes and ladders, hop-scotch, garden walk and musical chairs. Whereas the students of Grades 4 and 5 had a gala time during their night stay in the school with activities like zumba, quiz, sports, star gazing, movie time and dance.



Visit to Narara Island and Khijadia Bird Sanctuary-Exploring Nature's Wonders!



With the objective of learning more about the regional eco-systems and their conservation, visits to the Narara Marine National Park and the Khijadia Bird Sanctuary were organized for the Green Guards in the month of February, 2025. The students of Grade 7 got the opportunity to closely observe and learn about the diverse marine life including coral reefs, mangroves and an array of aquatic species at Narara. Whereas the students of Grade 6

experienced breathtaking diversity of avian life at Khijadia, where they witnessed the fascinating behaviour and habitats of the species that call this sanctuary home!

Inter-Class Sports Events- *Competing for glory, bonding through sports!*

Exciting Football, Basketball, Badminton, Table Tennis tournaments and athletics events were held as part of Inter-Class Sports Day activities for the students of Grades 1 to 8 in the months of January and February, 2025. The school sports ground reverberated with the sounds of the students cheering for their respective class participants and teams.



Recognizing Excellence: Annual Award Function (2024-25)



The much-awaited Annual Award Function of the school was held on 23rd April, 2025 in the presence of esteemed Chief Guest, Dr. Fr. Jomon Thommana, Director of Christ College, Rajkot.

The Award Ceremony commenced with the lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest and Principal, Rev. Fr. James. The students presented a soulful prayer dance invoking blessings for the bright future of the Paulines. This was followed by a powerful enactment 'Be the Light' which carried a strong message on humanity inspiring everyone to become beacons of kindness. During the Award Ceremony, the students from Grades 4 to 12 were recognized for their outstanding achievements across various domains:

'Academic Excellence Awards' were presented to meritorious students who had demonstrated outstanding scholastic performance in the previous academic year. The 'Innovator Award' celebrated the creative minds behind the best Science projects during the year, fostering the spirit of innovation and inquiry. The 'Young Achiever Award' honoured the students who excelled in co-scholastic activities during the year at Zonal, State, National and International level, highlighting the school's commitment to holistic development. The 'Sports Star Award' was presented to the students who had brought top laurels to the school during the year in the field of sports. The most coveted award of the day, the 'Pauline of the Year Award', was conferred upon the student who demonstrated scholastic and co-scholastic excellence and epitomized the values and spirit of Saint Paul's School.