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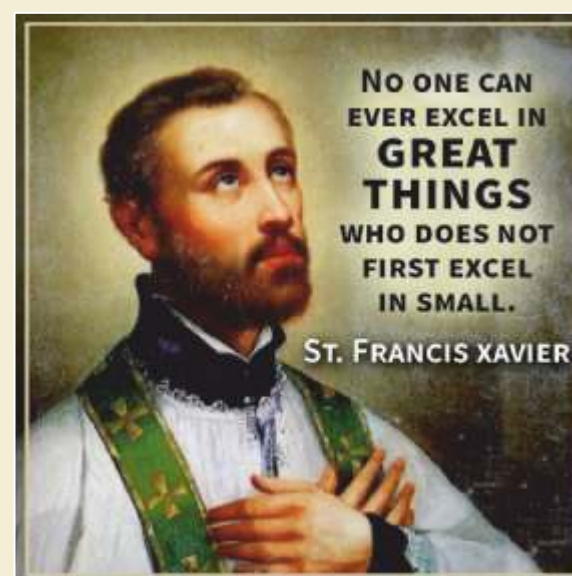
Tracing the **journey of excellence** in education
from 1970 to the present **Golden Jubilee Year**



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FOREWORD

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

October, 2019

The sole objective of Jesuit Education is to form men and women for others who eventually become emotionally matured, honest, competent and committed to spiritual, social and secular values, enthusiastically contributing to the growth of the society to make this world a better place for everyone to live in peace and harmony.

St.Xavier's, Gandhinagar has been at the service of Education, creating such men and women since the inception of Gandhinagar city itself. Innumerable students have passed out through this prestigious institution and made a remarkable difference in the world as responsible citizens of the country.

The Golden Jubilee celebration is an occasion to gratefully remember all those who worked hard to make the school what it is today. Our heartfelt thanks to the staff members, students, parents, ex-students and well-wishers for their constant support, co-operation and relentless endeavour to live up to Jesuit ideals.

I want to thank in a special way Ms.Ramola Sidhu, Mr. Bhaumik Thakar, Ms.Leena Michael, Ms.Chetna Purohit, Ms.Preeti Gadkari who worked tirelessly making alot of sacrifices and who put in enormous effort to bring out this Coffee table book.

I am sure with your support and unceasing effort we will be able to remain faithful to our Jesuit charism of Excellence and take the institute to greater heights.

LONG LIVE XAVIER'S!!!


Fr.Durai Fernand S.J.



प्रधान मंत्री
Prime Minister

MESSAGE

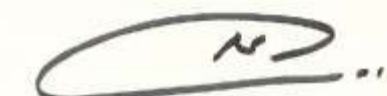
I am happy to learn that St. Xavier's School, Gandhinagar, is celebrating its Golden Jubilee year and publishing a Souvenir to mark the occasion.

Education helps a student imbibe the virtues of discipline, dedication, obedience and hard work. The lessons learnt at school go a long way in an individual's evolution as a responsible citizen of the nation. Schools and educational institutions are the nurseries where the future of the society and the nation is nurtured.

Teachers always have an indelible impact on the hearts and minds of the students. They play a major role in shaping the character and personality of the students. The three-way interaction between the teachers, students and parents is a critical factor that supplements the efforts of the school.

The Golden Jubilee celebrations will surely inspire the teachers, students and the alumni of the School to take pride in the achievements and take the school and the nation to greater heights of excellence.

I extend my heartiest congratulations and best wishes to the students, teachers, alumni and all those who have been associated with the school in any capacity. May the Golden Jubilee celebrations be a singular success and the publication being brought out be read and liked widely.


(Narendra Modi)

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23rd October, 2019

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संदेश

मुझे यह जानकर खुशी है कि सेंट जेवियर्स स्कूल, गाँधीनगर अपना स्वर्ण जयंती वर्ष मना रहा है और इस अवसर पर एक स्मारिका का प्रकाशन किया जा रहा है। स्वामी विवेकानंद कहते थे कि हमें ऐसी शिक्षा चाहिए जिससे चरित्र का गठन हो, मन का बल बढ़े, बुद्धि का विकास हो और व्यक्ति स्वावलम्बी बनें।

यह खुशी की बात है कि स्कूल ने आज अपने समर्पित और प्रतिबद्ध प्रयासों से शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में एक प्रतिष्ठित गौरव प्राप्त किया है।

मुझे पूरा विश्वास है कि स्कूल आने वाले वर्षों में नई बुलंदियों को प्राप्त करेगा। मैं स्कूल प्रबंधन, शिक्षकों, छात्रों, पूर्व छात्रों और स्कूल के सभी कर्मचारीगणों को शुभकामनाएँ देता हूँ।

शुभकामनाओं सहित !


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संदेश

सेन्ट जेवियर्स स्कूल, गांधीनगर की स्थापना का स्वर्ण जयंती वर्ष मनाया जा रहा है, यह जानकर प्रसन्नता हुई।

हम जानते हैं कि, विद्यालय ज्ञान साधना का मंदिर होता है। विद्यालयों द्वारा प्रज्वलित ज्ञान-प्रकाश की ज्योत से ही समाज आलोकित होता है। विद्यालयों में जिन संस्कारों का बच्चों में सिंचन किया जाता है, उसी से तो वे भविष्य के नागरिक बनते हैं। स्कूल वह स्थान है जहाँ बच्चों को सिर्फ अक्षर ज्ञान ही नहीं मिलता अपितु उनमें जीवन मूल्यों की स्थापना भी की जाती है।

मेरी शुभकामनाएं हैं कि शिक्षा और दिक्षा के इस महत्वपूर्ण कार्य में सेन्ट जेवियर्स स्कूल, गांधीनगर अग्रसर रहे और शिक्षा के उच्चतम मूल्यों को हासिल कर, सफलता की नई इबादत लिखे।

स्वर्ण जयंति वर्ष पर प्रकाशित की जानेवाली स्मारिका के लिए हार्दिक शुभेच्छा।


(आचार्य देवव्रत)



Message

- *APJ Abdul Kalam*

I am happy to learn that the **St. Xavier's School, Gandhinagar** is celebrating 50 years of its inception in Gandhinagar. I, hereby, convey my best wishes to all the Students, Teachers and Administrative Staff on the occasion of the event of the Golden Jubilee of the School. I am sure the Souvenir being published to commemorate the event will be inspiring and useful to all.

To,
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મંત્રી,
શિક્ષણ, (પ્રાથમિક, માધ્યમિક અને પીઠ),
વિશ્વ અને ટેકનોલોજી શિક્ષણ, પ્રાથમિક અને
વ્યવસાય, વૈજ્ઞાનિક અને સંસ્કૃતિ બાબતો,
મીડિયા ઉદ્યોગ, ઔસરવર્ધન અને નામિક ઉત્પાદન,
ગુણવત્તા રાષ્ટ્ર, સ્વર્ણિમ સંકુલન, બીજો માણ,
સચિવાલય, મેમ્બરિંગ-૩૮૨૦૧૦

શુભેચ્છા સંદેશ

શિક્ષણ એ મનુષ્યશ્રીવનના વિકાસની પ્રણાલી છે અને શાળા એ શિક્ષણ મંદિર છે, જ્યાં શિક્ષણ, શિક્ષક અને સંસ્કારનું જનન થાય છે. આદુનિક યુગમાં ગુણવત્તાયુક્ત શિક્ષણ હોવું એ આજના સમયની માંગ છે. સરકાર, સમાજ અને સંસ્થાઓ પ્રતિબદ્ધ બને અને તે માટે વ્યકિતનાં વ્યવસ્થાનું કામ સૌ સાથે મળી કરવુ જરૂરી છે.

આપની સ્કૂલ છલ્લા ૫૦ વર્ષથી શિક્ષણ પુર પાડી રહી છે અને અનેક વિદ્યાર્થીઓ આ સ્કૂલમાં અભ્યાસ કરીને ઉચ્ચ હોદ્દાઓ ઉપર છે. આ શિક્ષણચાલના ૫૦ વર્ષની યાદગીરીરૂપ સોવેનિયર પ્રકાશિત કરવામાં આવનાર છે. જેમાં સ્કૂલે મેળવેલ અત્યાર સુધીની ઉપલબ્ધીઓ અને વિદ્યાર્થીઓએ મેળવેલી સિધ્ધિઓની ગાંધી પ્રભુને યજ્ઞ, જે સૌના માટે યાદગાર સંભારણું બની રહેશે. આ સોવેનિયરની પ્રસિધ્ધી વખતે મારી મુનેચ્છા યાદવું છું.

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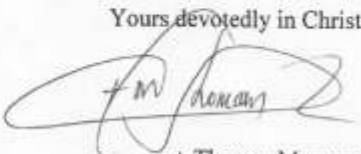
Dear Fr. Fernand Durai S.J.,

Congratulations to you, the staff and the students on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of St. Xavier's School, Gandhinagar! My prayers and good wishes is that this illustrious institution of the capital city may march ahead further to greater heights in the formation of students to be good human beings and patriotic citizens of our beloved nation! During these fifty years you have shaped the lives of thousands of children who today are rendering great service to humanity. Congrats to you and the dedicated staff for this achievements!

The need of the hour is to rise above caste, creed, language or region and love the other as one would love oneself. Every human being is made in the image of God irrespective of one's religion or status. The hidden divinity in the other person needs our respect and love. Every girl child is a gift of God and should be welcomed with great reverence. The mother earth, flora and fauna is given to mankind to enjoy it and make life better. We are the trustees of this God given heritage. Every effort should be made to preserve it for the future generations!

It is not enough to gain intellectual knowledge only but to grow in wisdom, knowledge, truth, service and above all in character.

We look forward for the growth of this school. May God bless you in your endeavors!

Yours devotedly in Christ

+ Thomas Macwan
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MESSAGE


November, 2019

Dear Reverend Father,

Golden Jubilees are occasions to celebrate a 50th anniversary, a semicentennial year of existence. To know that St. Xavier's School, Gandhinagar is on the threshold of celebrating its 50th year gives me immense joy. During the last fifty years this school has provided the greatest and noblest form of education rising above just providing academic excellence and prepared noble citizens with high levels of empathy and emotional sensitivity to make the world a better place. I would like to congratulate the Management, Principal, staff and students on this glorious occasion of the Golden Jubilee.

The valuable years I spent as Principal, St Xavier's School, Gandhinagar have left an indelible mark on my mind and I feel privileged to have been part of this prestigious institution which has given me fond memories to cherish.

May God continue to bless this school and may it reach further heights of excellence!!!!


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MESSAGE

11th November, 2019

Dear Reverend Father,

I am happy to know that the St. Xavier's Higher Secondary School at Gandhinagar is planning to celebrate fifty years of your educational service to the capital city of Gujarat State. The school began in a government building that was shared with the Mount Carmel School. Two schools had been envisaged and soon new buildings were constructed on the plots allotted by government, that had invited the respective managements to open educational institutions to cater to the needs of the new town. Gandhinagar was growing and the school too grew with the Higher Secondary becoming part of the curriculum.

Academic excellence has been the hallmark of the school; but no less the striving to instil in the students the human and spiritual and civic values of patriotism, service, and all that they entail to be noble and loyal citizens of character who hold as inspiration the principles of the Indian Constitution. It is not an easy task. I pray that along with your dedicated staff you will strive to mould your students for the future of this nation where "the mind is without fear and the head is held high".

Congratulations on all that the school has done for your students and may God continue to bless your service to education and the nation.

With a prayer for God's blessings on management and staff, students and parents,

Devotedly in Christ Jesus,

Abp. Emer. Stanislaus Fernandes, S.J.
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શ્રી. ફર્નાન્ડ દુરાઈ, એસ.જે.
આચાર્યશ્રી,
સેન્ટ ઝેવિયર્સ ઉચ્ચતર માધ્યમિક શાળા,
ગાંધીનગર.

આદરણીય આચાર્યશ્રી તેમજ શાળા પરિવાર,

આપની શાળા એની સ્થાપનાના ૫૦મા વરસમાં પદાર્પણ કરે છે તે મંગલ ટાણે આપ સૌને મારી હાર્દિક શુભેચ્છાઓ. ગુજરાતના નવનિર્મિત પાટનગરની શૈક્ષણિક જરૂરિયાતો પૂરી પાડવા આપની સંસ્થાને સરકારશ્રી તરફથી આમંત્રણ પાઠવવામાં આવ્યું એ જ આપની પ્રતિષ્ઠા વ્યક્ત કરી જાય છે. છેલ્લાં પચાસ વરસથી આપ સૌએ એ વિશ્વાસ જાળવી રાખ્યો છે અને પાટનગર ગાંધીનગરમાં શૈક્ષણિકક્ષેત્રે આપ સૌ ક્લણીરૂપ બની રહ્યાં છો એનો આનંદ છે.

આ મંગલ ટાણે આપની શાળાના આદ્ય સ્થાપક, સ્વ. ધર્માધ્યક્ષશ્રી, મહામાનનીય ચાર્લ્સ ગોમ્સ, એસ.જે.ને યાદ કર્યા વિના ન જ ચાલે. દુરંદેશીપૂર્વક આયોજન કરી, યોગ્ય શિક્ષકોને પસંદ કરી શાળામાં મૂલ્યલ્લી શિક્ષણનો પાયો નાખવા બદલ તેઓશ્રીને મારાં વંદન. જે જગ્યાનામાં શિક્ષણક્ષેત્રે બે સંસ્થાઓ સહયોગ સાથે એ માન્યામાં ન આવે એવી વાત હતી એ જગ્યાનામાં એમણે વિશેષ કન્યાકેળવણીમાં અગ્રેસર એવી અમદાવાદની લઘુપ્રતિષ્ઠિત શિક્ષણસંસ્થા માઉન્ટ કાર્મેલ શાળાનાં સંચાલિકાઓ સાથે સહયોગ સાધી સેન્ટ ઝેવિયર્સ-માઉન્ટ કાર્મેલ શાળાની સ્થાપના કરી અને સહયોગના ઉત્તમ નમૂનાને ચરિતાર્થ કરી બતાવ્યો.

ગુજરાતના લઘુમતી કરતાં ય આગળ વધી અણુમતી કહી શકાય એવા નાનકડા ખ્રિસ્તીસમજનું આ પ્રદાન અણુશક્તિની પ્રચંડ તકારાત્મક દેનનો ઉત્તમ નમૂનો છે. આપ સૌ આપના લઘુમતી કોમના કુલમાં સંમિત ન રહેતાં ગાંધીનગરની પચસથી પ્રજાના સૌ વર્ગોની શૈક્ષણિક સેવા કરી વસુધૈવ કુટુંબકમ્મા ભારતીય આદર્શને ચરિતાર્થ કરી ગાંધીનગરને જ નહિ, બલકે સમગ્ર ગુજરાતને દીવાદાંડીરૂપ બની રહ્યો છો.

વિદ્યાર્થીને સમગ્રલ્લી, મૂલ્યકેન્દ્રિ શિક્ષણ આપી એમની સૌ શક્તિઓને ઉજાગર કરી એમનું દેશના ભાવિ નાગરિકો તરીકે ઘડતર કરવામાં આપ સૌ જે પ્રદાન કરો છો તેને હું બિરદાવું છું. આપની આ સેવા ગાંધીનગર વિસ્તારને સતત મળતી રહે, અને સમયની માંગ અનુસાર આપ સૌ એમાં પરિવર્તન લાવતાં રહી પ્રગતિને પંથે સતત પ્રયાણ કરતાં રહો અને સાત્ત્વિક ઉજવવા તરફ આગેકંદમ કરતાં રહો એ જ અપેક્ષા આશીર્વાદ અને પ્રાર્થના.

ફ્રાન્સિસ જી. પરમાર, એસ.જે.
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GOLDEN JUBILEE MESSAGE

June 2020

The year 2020 will be significant in the history of St. Xavier's School, Gandhinagar as it marks the Half-century milestone this institution has reached. It marks 50 years of dedicated service in Education which is a great achievement in itself. There is so much to celebrate and remember, reminisce and be proud of, mainly our achievements and accomplishments in the last fifty years. I was appointed principal of St. Xavier's School, Gandhinagar in November 2019, when the baton was handed over to me by Rev. Fr. Durai S.J., the former principal. It is an honour and privilege to be a part of an educational institution that has a rich past and a glorious future.

Since June 1970 it has been a journey of excellence inspired by the Jesuit vision and mission of inculcating and instilling the virtues of humanitarian temperament, with moral values and ethics and preparing students to be true Xavierites, individuals who would make a difference to Society.


It was a momentous occasion when "The Golden Milestone" celebrations were inaugurated by His Excellency, the ex-Governor of Gujarat, Shri O. P. Kohliji in June 2019. The release of the Coffee Table Book, the souvenir, is a part of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations. The Book was due for release in June 2020 to mark the closure of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations. Unfortunately, due to the Pandemic COVID-19 situation, we had to change our plans and delay the release.

The Coffee Table Book showcases some of our most eye-catching visuals, presentations of our achievements over the years. It is an Ode to the era when the foundation for a meaningful education was laid. The most relevant photographs, illustrations and artwork are a visual delight wherein we celebrate the past and the present and look towards a brighter future.

On behalf of the Editorial team, I offer gratitude to all the former Principals of the School, the well-wishers and parents, the Government officials, for contributing their advice, service, wonderful thought-provoking messages, their goodwill and support which helped in the publication of the Coffee Table Book.

I take this opportunity to thank the Almighty for His benevolence showered on our institution...

May He continue to bless us and this great institution always!!!!


Fr. Anthony Cruze S.J.
Principal, St. Xavier's School



Premal Jyoti,
Ahmedabad.
November, 2019.

To,
Rev. Fr. Durai, S.J.
St. Xavier's High School,
Gandhinagar.

Dear Fr. Durai,

It is with great nostalgia that I send these greetings to you on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of St. Xavier's School, Gandhinagar. I had been at the helm for 21 years in this majestic and lovely school and have seen three generations of the people of Gandhinagar pass through the portals of the school. So many have been educated here and so many lives have been changed thanks to the school. The school has churned out any amount of doctors, engineers, teachers, social workers and what have you. But most of our students remember and cherish memories of the various co-curricular activities and sports activities that moulded their lives and their personalities.

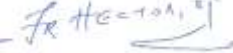
St. Xavier's has not been a run-of-the mill type of school. The all-round development of the child, the activities that challenged the children and shaped them, the rapport that they had with their teachers that allowed them to confide in them, the healthy, open atmosphere of the school and the campus full of greenery allowed the child to grow in an unrestricted, free environment, in a positively healthy way. That is why it was a much sought after school and there has always been a lot of pressure for admissions. St. Xavier's school was synonymous with excellence and stood out as an institution that taught the children good human values, thus making sure that they would turn out to be healthy and responsible citizens in the future.

When St. Xavier's began fifty years ago, it was at the behest of the government of Gujarat at that time. The newly built capital lacked a good school and so the government invited the two managements- St. Xavier's and Mt Carmel to come and set up educational institutions in the capital. A government building was offered and it housed the first Xavier-Carmel school, a joint venture with two Principals. After a few years, both the managements moved to the land allotted by the government and set up their own individual schools with Xavier's settling down in Sector 8. The magnificent campus and buildings grew slowly and together with an excellent staff, it became a landmark educational institution for the people of Gandhinagar.

Lots of water has flown since then, but the people of Gandhinagar will always be grateful to St. Xavier's, for being an outstanding school and a vibrant symbol of education in the capital city of Gujarat. It stood and continues to stand tall as an institution which believes in 'just' human values, believes in the acceptance of one and all as brothers and sister, believes in educating their children not just to become entrepreneurs, but fantastic citizens of tomorrow. A Xavierite stands out in any field as a symbol of good humanitarian values and impeccable character.

I have been so much a part and parcel of this Xavier's journey and I have seen the difference the school has made to the children of Gandhinagar. Excellence in education, the all-round development of the child and confidence building ventures, has made our students capable of standing tall anywhere in the world. Keep up the good work Xavier's Parivar and may your tireless striving continue to bear fruit as you cross the mark of 50 years and head towards a century. Wishing you God's choicest blessings as you journey on to leave an indelible mark on your students and on the people of Gandhinagar.

God Bless.



Fr. Hector Pinto, S.J.

Message

The St. Xavier's School in Gandhinagar has been an integral part of our lives ever since we moved to Gandhinagar in 1971 - soon after it became the new capital of Gujarat. Both our children are products of the School. My son continued in Xavier's College in Mumbai and my daughter at Sophia College, Mumbai. They are now working abroad, competing with the best the world has to offer because of the sound foundations that an education in a Jesuit institution provided.

As parents we owe a debt of gratitude to the School. The Principals and teachers of the School inculcated in students basic values of empathy, integrity, fair-play and a sense of justice which are as important as the knowledge they gleaned from the classrooms.

On this 50th Anniversary of the St. Xavier's School, we wish the School Management, Principal and Teachers many more years of success in moulding the lives of future generations of our nation.

CK Koshy
Elizabeth Koshy



MESSAGE

I extremely happy to know that St Xavier's school, Gandhinagar is going to celebrate 50th Golden years in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. I hereby offer my sincere and hearty congratulations to the staff and students on this momentous occasion.

The dedication of the management and the staff has been exemplary and they have provided excellent education to the children of Gandhinagar at a crucial time when there were very few good schools around. These students have gone on to highly successful careers in various fields, both in India and abroad and owe their success to the education and values imbibed in them by the education received from this school.

I am also one of the parents who has been benefited tremendously in terms of my children's education for which I am extremely thankful.

Wishing all success on this 50th Anniversary and may the school continue to progress and achieve laurels in every field.



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Message

Over past five decades since the school's inception, Gold has been the standard of exemplary purity and excellence since time immemorial. It is indeed a matter of satisfaction that St.Xavier's has successfully striven for the empowerment of students for the last fifty years whether it was in the field of academics, co-scholastic enrichment or sports. A school is much more than the bricks and mortar with which it is built. A school is its people from the humblest to the highest functionary and the generations of students and teachers who make it into a thriving institution. A few words especially to the students of this school, very privileged to study in this unique environment, I am proud to be associated with the premier institute as a part of Government functionary whenever school authority approached for help.

The successfully renowned students of this institute in various field is rich lineage to be proud of.

I would like to congratulate the Governing Body, the Principal, the staff and the students of St.Xavier's on the celebration of its Golden Jubilee. May you continue to flourish for all times to come, I once again congratulate you all on reaching this Golden Jubilee Milestone.

Gandhinagar
14-11-2019

Hemendra J.Shah
Addl.Secretary to Govt.of Gujarat(Rtd)

To,
Fr.Durai Fernand SJ,
Principal,
St.Xavier's School
Gandhinagar



To
The Principal,
St. Xavier's School,
Gandhinagar.

Dear Sir,

We congratulate St. Xavier's on its Golden Jubilee. This Golden Jubilee is an apt opportunity to remember how they have put in exemplary efforts to give a Golden Future to thousands of children. While the school carried out an extraordinary task of producing academic excellence from the students, it also did a fantastic job of inculcating the moral, ethical and social values which helped the children to not only become successful in their careers but to become responsible citizens and very good human beings. We are happy that we placed both our children in this institution which laid the foundation of their present success. We wish all the very best to the institution and wish them more power to nurture more and more children and ensure a better future.



Yours sincerely,
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Message

It gives me an immense pleasure to learn that St. Xavier's School, Gandhinagar is celebrating Golden Jubilee. I have seen the school grow strength to strength from the year 1970 as on date. The school has fulfilled its mission in imparting the education and inculcating academic excellence, Scientific temper, Sportsmanship and above all good moral & spiritual human values. It has produced students of repute at national and international level. The teachers and staff have been extremely hardworking, disciplined, compassionate and innovative in imparting the education.

I congratulate the Principal, Teachers and school staff and wish them all the very best for furthering training of the young minds for Excellence.



Your's Sincerely,
Victor Meevan
(Victor Meevan)

સ્વર્ણ જયંતિ ટાણે

ઈ.સ. ૧૯૭૦ની સાલમાં ગાંધીનગરની સ્થાપનાની સાથે જ સરકારી કર્મચારીઓનાં બાળકોને શૈક્ષણિક સુવિધા મળે તે હેતુથી સરકારે સેંટ ઝેવિયર્સ સ્કૂલ તથા માઉન્ટ કાર્મેલ સ્કૂલની સંસ્થાઓને ગાંધીનગરમાં સ્કૂલ શરૂ કરવા આમંત્રણ આપ્યું હતું. તે સમયે સેંટ ઝેવિયર્સના આચાર્ય માનનીય સ્વર્ગસ્થ ચાર્લ્સ ગોમ્સ તથા માઉન્ટ કાર્મેલનાં આચાર્યો માનનીય સિસ્ટર લોયેલા એ.સી. ના નેતૃત્વ હેઠળ ગાંધીનગરના સેક્ટર-૨૦ માં શાળાના સ્વર્ણિમ ઇતિહાસના પાયા નંખાયા. અન્યારે તે બિલ્ડીંગ ચીલ્ડ્રન્સ યુનિવર્સિટીનું કાર્યસ્થળ બની ગયું છે. ૧૫ જૂન, ૧૯૭૦ના રોજ તે સમયના શિક્ષણ મંત્રી ગોરખનદાસ ચોખાવાલાના વરદ હસ્તે શાળાનું ઉદ્ઘાટન થયું હતું. જેમાં ધોરણ ૧ થી ૧૧ સુધી અંગ્રેજી તથા ગુજરાતી બંને માધ્યમોના વર્ગો શરૂ થયા હતાં. ઈ.સ. ૧૯૭૪ માં માનનીય બિશપ ચાર્લ્સ ગોમ્સ ની બદલી થતાં માનનીય ફાધર ઈગ્નેશિયસ પિન્ટોએ શાળાનો કાર્યભાર સંભાળ્યો. માત્ર ત્રણ વર્ષની અવધિ બાદ ઈ.સ. ૧૯૭૫-૭૬ વર્ષ દરમિયાન માધ્યમિક શિક્ષણ બોર્ડ દ્વારા લેવાતી ધોરણ ૧૧ની પરીક્ષામાં શાળાની વિદ્યાર્થીનીએ ગુજરાતમાં દ્વિતીય નંબર મેળવ્યો હતો. ત્યારબાદ ઈ.સ. ૧૯૭૬-૭૭ ના વર્ષમાં શાળાના આચાર્ય તરીકે માનનીય ફાધર ઈગ્નેશિયસ પિન્ટોના સ્થાન પર માનનીય ફાધર ફ્રેડ્રીક ડીસોઝાની નિમણૂક થઈ. પછીના ત્રીજા વર્ષે ઈ.સ. ૧૯૭૯-૮૦ માં શાળામાં વિજ્ઞાન તથા વાણિજ્ય પ્રવાહના વર્ગો શરૂ થયા. સ્થાપના પછીના દરેક વર્ષે શાળાએ શિક્ષણની ઉન્નત્ત સિદ્ધિઓ પ્રાપ્ત કરવાની સાથે સાથે સાંસ્કૃતિક તથા ઈતર પ્રવૃત્તિમાં પ્રખરતા મેળવી છે. દરેક યુથ ફેસ્ટીવલમાં જિલ્લા તથા રાજ્ય કક્ષાએ અગ્રેસર રહી છે.

ઈ.સ. ૧૯૮૩-૮૪ ના વર્ષમાં સેક્ટર- ૮ માં સેંટ ઝેવિયર્સનું નવું મકાન તૈયાર થતાં શાળાનું હાલના મકાનમાં સ્થળાંતર કરવામાં આવ્યું. . ઈ.સ. ૧૯૭૫ થી ઈ.સ. ૧૯૮૪ સુધીમાં ગુજરાત રાજ્યમાં એસ.એસ.સી.બોર્ડ પરીક્ષામાં શાળાના કુલ ૧૯ વિદ્યાર્થીઓએ પ્રથમ ૧૦ માં સ્થાન પ્રાપ્ત કર્યું. ઈ.સ. ૧૯૮૭માં ગુજરાત રાજ્યમાં ૧૨-સાયન્સમાં શાળાના બે વિદ્યાર્થીઓએ બોર્ડ પરીક્ષામાં પ્રથમ ૧૦ માં સ્થાન પ્રાપ્ત કર્યું. ઈ.સ. ૧૯૮૮માં ગુજરાત રાજ્યમાં ૧૨-સાયન્સમાં શાળાના ચાર વિદ્યાર્થીઓએ તથા સામાન્ય પ્રવાહમાં એક વિદ્યાર્થીએ બોર્ડ પરીક્ષામાં પ્રથમ ૧૦ માં સ્થાન પ્રાપ્ત કર્યું. સમય સાથે તાલ મિલાવીને ઉત્તરોત્તર પ્રગતિ કરતાં ૧૯૮૦ના ઉત્તરાર્ધમાં પ્રથમ કમ્પ્યુટરના વર્ગો તથા કમ્પ્યુટર લેબ ની શરૂઆત થઈ. પછીના બે વર્ષ બાદ ઈ.સ. ૧૯૯૦ માં માનનીય ફાધર ફ્રેડ્રીક ડીસોઝા નિવૃત્ત થતાં તેમની જગ્યાએ માનનીય ફાધર ગોડફ્રી ડી રોઝારીયોની નિમણૂક થઈ. ફાધર ગોડફ્રી ડી રોઝારીયોને ઈ.સ. ૧૯૯૫ માં પ્રોવિન્શીયલનું પદ પ્રાપ્ત થતાં તેમના સ્થાને ફાધર હેક્ટર પિન્ટોની નિમણૂક થઈ. તેમના કાર્યકાળ દરમિયાન સંત મધર ટેરીઝાએ શાળાની મુલાકાત લીધી હતી.



શાળાનું પૂર્વ મકાન



સિસ્ટર લોયેલા શાળાના અન્ય સિસ્ટર સાથે

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ઈ.સ. ૨૦૧૬ માં માનનીય ફાધર હેક્ટર પિન્ટો નિવૃત્ત થતાં, માનનીય ફાધર દુરાઈ ફર્નાન્ડોની નિમણૂક થઈ, અને ઈ.સ. ૨૦૧૮ માં જ્યારે તેઓને પ્રોવિન્શીયલનું પદ પ્રાપ્ત થતાં તેમની જગ્યાએ માનનીય ફાધર એન્ડોની ફૂઝ આચાર્ય તરીકે નિમાયા, જે હાલમાં સેંટ ઝેવિયર્સ સ્કૂલમાં પ્રિન્સીપાલ તરીકે કાર્યભાર સંભાળી રહ્યા છે.

લગભગ ૧૫ હેક્ટરમાં પથરાયેલ આ શાળામાં અન્યારે ચાર અદ્યતન વિજ્ઞાન લેબ છે. વાંચન માટે લાયબ્રેરી છે. શાળાના વિશાળ કમ્પાઉન્ડમાં ફૂટબોલ, સ્કેટિંગ્રીંગ, બાસ્કેટબોલ, વોલીબોલ, તથા ક્રિકેટ માટે વિવિધ ગ્રાઉન્ડસ છે. અદ્યતન કોન્ફરન્સ રૂમ સાથે સેંટ ઝેવિયર્સ ગાંધીનગરની એક માત્ર શાળા છે. જ્યાં શાળાના બિલ્ડીંગની અંદર ૩૫ થી વધુ વૃક્ષો છે તો પટાંગણમાં લગભગ ૩૫૦ વૃક્ષો છે. શાળાના વિદ્યાર્થીઓ સ્પોર્ટ્સમાં હંમેશાં અગ્રેસર રહ્યા છે. હાલ પણ શાળામાં સ્ટેટ તથા નેશનલ લેવલ સ્પોર્ટ્સમાં મેડલ મેળવનાર વિદ્યાર્થીઓ શાળામાં અભ્યાસ કરે છે. ગુજરાત સરકાર દ્વારા ચાલતા ખેલ મહાકુંભમાં દર વર્ષે શાળાના ખેલાડીઓ રૂ. ૨,૦૦,૦૦૦ જેટલાં ઈનામ પ્રાપ્ત કરે છે. ઈ.સ. ૨૦૧૬ માં શાળા ગાંધીનગર જિલ્લામાં ખેલ મહાકુંભમાં દ્વિતીય ક્રમે રહી હતી. આમ સેંટ ઝેવિયર્સ શાળા ગાંધીનગર તથા આસપાસનાં વિસ્તારોમાંથી આવતા તમામ વિદ્યાર્થીઓના જીવનને ઉજળતી રહી છે.

શૈક્ષણિક ક્ષેત્રે શ્રેષ્ઠતા સાથે વિદ્યાર્થીઓના સર્વોંગી વિકાસ અને ઉજ્જવળ ભવિષ્ય માટે અવિરત પુરુષાર્થ આદરતી આ શાળા પ્રગતિના અનેક સોપાન સર કરી, આજે તે ૫૦ સુવર્ણ વર્ષો પૂર્ણ કરી રહી છે. તેની સુવર્ણ જયંતિ ઉજવણી ટાણે તેની ઉત્તરોત્તર પ્રગતિ તથા સ્વર્ણિમ ભવિષ્ય માટે મારી શુભકામના ને પ્રાર્થના.

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YEAR	ROLL OF HONOUR	%	STATE LEVEL RANKING	SCHOOL'S %
1971	PANDYA MINA K.	74.2		83.6
1972	VYAS GOPAL P. 79.4			86.5
1973	BAXI KEYUR	76.3		95.0
1974	DOSHI HARESH U.	81.4		95.0
1975	DHANESHA HANSA M.	80.9		86.0
1976	VASAVADA NEETA P.	86.4	II	92.7
1976	SUKLA ATUL P. 79.3			93.0
1977	DESAI SATISH J.	84.9	III	96.7
1977	BUCH KEYUR	84.1	VII	
1978	PATEL DRASHAN R.	80.7		84.5
1979	PATEL NAVINCHANDRA	82.0	X	89.6
1980	DAVE ANJALI S.	83.1	XV	99.4
1981	LADE AARTI	84.7	X	99.4
1981	DHOLAKIA YOGESH	83.1	XVIII	
1982	RATHOD DHANANJAY A.	84.1	XXV	93.5
1983	PANDYA SHRUTI D.	88.3	IV	92.7
1984	BAXI HEMANG A.	88.5	VIII	94.4
1985	SUTARIA NILESH N.	92.5	I	95.1
1985	VYAS KSHAMA M.	89.8	V	
1985	RAVAL AMITA N.	89.7	VI	
1985	VAGHELA KUNDAN N.	89.2	VIII	
1986	BUCH PREMAL V.	89.1	VIII	96.6
1986	PATEL JABIR I.	88.9	X	
1987	PATEL RAKESH V.	89.0	VIII	85.4
1988	SHAH JIGISH S.89.1			96.8
1989	DESAI SUNALI V.	90.1	V	92.7
1990	BUCH VIBHUTI V.	85.9		95.5
1991	SHAH PRATIK V.	91.0	III	97.0
1991	SHAH NEHAL S.	90.0	VIII	
1992	VIHOL BRIJESH K	87.8	X	97.0
1993	DARJI MIHIR	85.8		98.0
1994	ROY SAMIR J.	89.43	VI	97.0
1995	SHAH SHEFALI S.	87.4		98.5
1996	PATEL GRISHMA N.	89.7		96.48
1997	(1) PATEL JIGAR B.	88.29		94.21
1997	(2) PATEL MITESH P.	88.29		94.21
1998	HALVADIA HARDIKKUMAR B.	90.0		96.23
1999	PATEL RAJAN R.	93.0		98.41
2000	SHAH GRISHMA H.	92.14		99.47
2001	PANDYA SAMEER S.	94.28		100
2002	PATEL NIHAR A.	92.86		96.89
2003	SHAH PAREVEE D.	93.28		98.93

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YEAR	ROLL OF HONOUR	%	STATE LEVEL RANKING	SCHOOL'S %
1981	PATEL NAVINBHAI	80.00		85.10
1982	SAVNUR ROHIT P.	72.00		85.60
1983	SHAH AMI R.	81.00		85.70
1984	GANDHI JAYESH A.	80.70		80.00
1985	PATEL KIRAN K.	82.00		80.80
1986	SHAH MANALI R.	82.00		75.80
1987	JOSHI JIGNESH M.	85.00	V	74.00
	SUTARIYA NILESH N.	84.00	VIII	
1988	BUCH PREMAL V.	91.00	I	80.50
	DHANESHA HEMA A.	90.00	II	
	SHAH NIHAR R.	86.00	VIII	
	MEHTA HIREN V.	85.00	X	
1989	SHAH MEHUL M.	89.00		79.80
1990	VAGHELA ANIRUDDH R.	87.80	IV	72.40
1991	SHAH DHIREN S.	82.60		74.40
1992	PATEL RAJESH M.	84.10		94.30
1993	JAIN VIRAL V.	83.10		85.30
1993 Oct.	THAKKER SHRUTI B.	68.80	IX	
1994	VIHOL BRIJESH K.	87.00		93.10
1995	JAIN SEJAL V.	85.75		96.15
1996	SANGHAVI RACHANA R.	90.00	V	94.16
1997	IYER VIVEK K.	88.46		91.60
1998	DESAI NEELAM D.	89.53		96.74
1999	BHANDARI SHISHIR	88.61		94.73
2000	MAHAJANI PRADYUMNA	90.31		91.15
2001	KULKARNI NISHANT P.	89.95		96.66
2002	MEHTA PALAK S.	86.15		93.49
2003	VORA KETUL P.	87.23		80.76
2004	DAVE UNMESH S.	86.77		51.16
2005	DESAI GUNJAN S.	86.46		54.96
2006	YADAV ABHIJIT J.	90.20		82.89

H.S.C (COMMERCE STREAM)

YEAR	ROLL OF HONOUR	%	STATE LEVEL RANKING	SCHOOL'S %
1981	DESAI MANDAKINI	73.00		98.00
1982	BAXI HITARTHI M.	71.00		91.30
1983	DESAI MINESH D.	72.00		95.00
1984	VED URMIL D.	71.00		100.00
1985	RANGWANI MONA	72.00		84.40
1986	GAJJAR BHARAT	71.00		86.60
1987	PATEL NISHA R.	70.00		93.10
1988	DARJI NITA C.	78.00	IX	88.00
1989	TRIVEDI RUPANGI S.	74.00		93.90
1990	CHAUHAN HEMALATA J.	71.00		91.10
1991	PANDAV JOEL S.	76.00		92.90
1992	PARIKH DIVYA	80.00	VI	100.00
1993	MAMTORA BELA V.	72.80		98.50
1994	VORA HEENA J.	71.30		93.00
1995	PARIKH MEGHNA K.	81.60		94.28
1996	ACHARYA JAIMISHA K.	77.50		97.00
1997	MEHTA DIMPLE M.	85.50		98.24
1998	SHUKLA PRAKRUTI	83.83		95.00
1999	VACHHANI MOHAR	83.83		100.00
2000	CHORERA AMIT K.	88.50		93.75
2001	PATEL PARAS M.	85.00		95.52
2002	THEKDI KHYATI H.	85.83		94.64
2003	1ST DESAI EESITHA V.	84.33		93.30
2003	2ND ACHARYA KINJAL S.	84.33		93.30
2004	DESAI VAISHALI V.	85.50		62.98
2005	ZINZUWADIA URMIL	86.33		77.84
2006	MEUVA SHIVANGI	90.40		91.02



In 1970 when St.Xavier's, Gandhinagar was established,there was no doubt the School would be known for its excellent education. The journey towards its Golden Jubilee has been truly awe inspiring with august principals at the helm supported by dedicated teachers and the nuns of the Apostolic Carmel who shaped the lives of thousands of students.

In 1970 theFounder principal, Bishop Gomes laid the foundation for a value-based Jesuit education supported by a very motivated and inspired, highly respected staff who were an institution in themselves. Under stalwarts with profound personalities and visionaries likeFr.Ignatius Pinto and Fr.Frederick de Souza,the school reached its acme in Academic excellence,making Xavier's-Carmelthe best school in and around Gandhinagar. Students from Sabarmati, Kalol and IFFCO, Kasturinagar flocked to this renowned institution. The Air Force stations, CRPF and Army Camps based out in Gandhinagar also availed of the distinguished education provided by Xavier's -Carmel.

The baton was then passed on to Fr. Godfrey de Rozario and later Fr. Hector Pinto who guided the school andstudents to further heights. The vision was never lost. The age old, time - tested Xavierite tradition continued to mould students who now carry this tradition with them wherever they are. Fr. Durai, the Principal was with Xavier's Gandhinagarfor a short period but he too has left an indelible impression on the students and the school.The school continues its march into excellence, moral, ethical with core values which make a Xavierite stand out from the rest. And in this Golden Jubilee year Fr. Anthony Cruz takes over as the new Principal, under whose benevolent leadership the school will continue to grow.

I was very fortunate to have been a part of this journey into the Golden era having been appointed as a teacher by the founder principal Reverend Bishop Charles Gomes in June 1974. My early years were spent under the guidance and mentoring of Sr.Loyola A.C and the respective principalswho were my role models. I hope and pray that my contribution to the school has been worthwhile in shaping a generation of students from 1974 to 2011 when I retired.

As teachers we cannot know what sort of difference we make in a child's life.But I hope that every child benefited...every single student was special and will always have a place in my heart. I am in deep gratitude to all my principals, colleagues, students for giving me wonderful memories to savour which enrich my life...

I would like to end with a word of appreciation for my school which has maintained its high standards over all these years...May it continue to stand Tall, Magnificent, Timeless, Eternal...

Ramola Sidhu
Former Teacher...always a part of St. Xavier's

TEACHERS OF THE 1970's

THE UNSUNG HEROES



THEY LIVE IN YOUR MEMORY FOREVER



Going beyond the call of duty, providing exceptional service beyond 40 years and more...



Shri Parekh Kaka



Shri Romould Parmar



Shri Dahyabhai Raval



Shri Ashokkumar Timothy

Lives of great men all remind us, we can make our lives sublime and departing, leave behind us, footprints on the sand of time.
- H.W. Longfellow

VISITORS IN A BYGONE ERA

Honoured to have Dignitaries visiting the school in those days...Creating History



Mrs Ayesha Begum Shaikh Former Deputy Education Minister



Shri Babubhai Jashbhai Patel Former Chief Minister



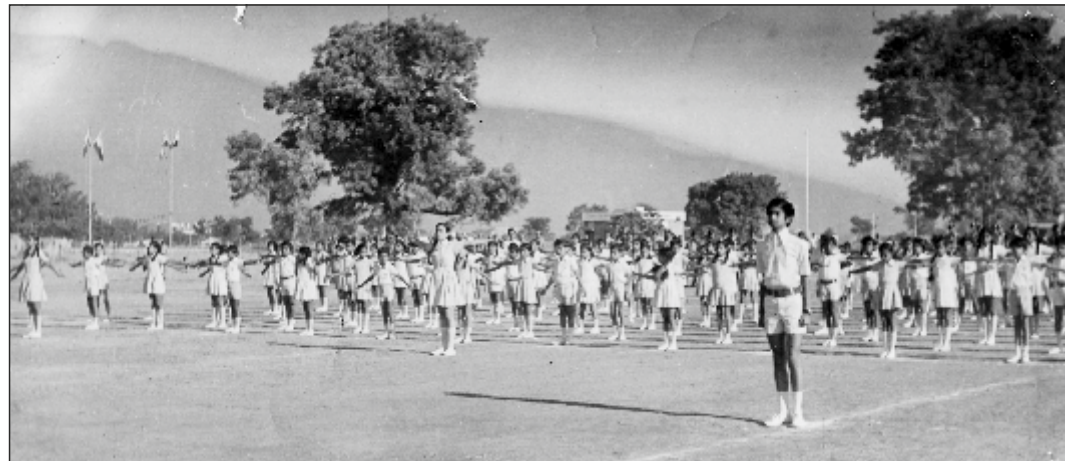
Shri Hitendrabhai Desai 3rd Chief Minister of Gujarat



His Excellency Shri K.K. Vishwanathan, the then Governor of Gujarat

CO-CURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES
IN THE PAST

Emphasizing Holistic Education ...
A Tradition at Xavier's



*"By Education I mean an all-round drawing out
of the best in man - body, mind and spirit"*
- Mahatma Gandhi



Celebrating Sports Days,
Gandhi Jayanti,

Participating In
Elocution Competitions,

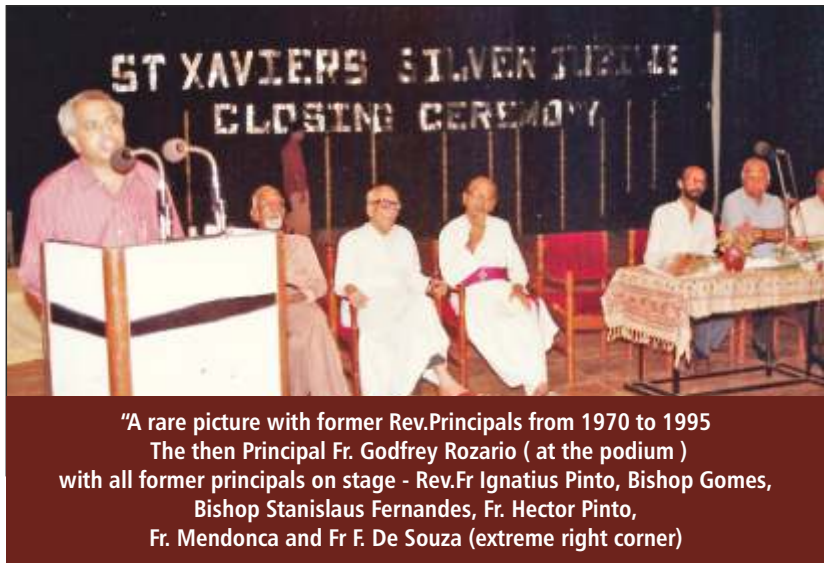
Fancy Dress Competitions,
Learning Garba....

SILVER JUBILEE
CELEBRATION

St. Xavier's marching towards Excellence -
Reaching the Silver Milestone...



Honouring those who completed 25 years of service...
the Silver Milestone from 1970 to 1995



"A rare picture with former Rev.Principals from 1970 to 1995
The then Principal Fr. Godfrey Rozario (at the podium)
with all former principals on stage - Rev.Fr Ignatius Pinto, Bishop Gomes,
Bishop Stanislaus Fernandes, Fr. Hector Pinto,
Fr. Mendonca and Fr F. De Souza (extreme right corner)



Great institutions like Great men are not just born.
They are made. And like great men they live forever,
shedding the benign light of knowledge everywhere,
dispelling the darkness of ignorance.



A few glimpses of the staff and students of the past 25 years in their onward journey towards the golden jubilee

TEACHERS' A GLIMPSE

Memories of the staff from the early years of the school's inception to the late 90s

As long as we have memories, yesterday remains and as long as we have hope, tomorrow awaits...
As teachers we have the ability to rebuild the world for our students. By our sincere efforts we can make their world more rewarding, more gratifying and perhaps...even more significant.



ESTEEMED VISITORS

Welcoming visitors to the school: Honoured by the presence of august dignitaries...



Nobel Peace Prize, Bharat Ratna -
Saint Mother Teresa visits the school



Papal Nuncio Archbishop Pedro Lopez Quintana



Shri Sunil Gavaskar, renowned cricket player



Our visitors from a Foreign land



Our Former Student & Film Star
Ms. Fatima Sheikh

VISITORS' BOOK : FEATURING PRECIOUS EXPRESSIONS FROM OUR ESTEEMED VISITORS

