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THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOSEPH CHAMINADE ACADEMY, DEEPAHALLI, BANGALORE



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The Marianist vision to educate the whole person—mind and heart continues to guide us as we nurture young minds through knowledge, values, discipline, creativity, and service. The events, activities, and competitions of August have brought this vision to life, offering our students meaningful opportunities to learn, grow, and excel at St. Joseph Chaminade Academy.

August has been a month of milestones, meaningful experiences, and achievements. The inauguration of our new Academic Wing reflects our commitment to enriching the learning environment, while the launch of our first-ever school Magazine AVERA—Aspiration, Vision, Excellence, Reflection, and Achievement—celebrates the creativity and accomplishments of our school community. The Parents–Teacher Interaction strengthened the partnership between home and school, while Karate, Chess, Solo Singing, and Throwball competitions brought recognition to our students through their talents, discipline, and perseverance.

Vitamin D Day highlighted the importance of health and well-being, while our 80th Independence Day celebration inspired students to remember the sacrifices of our freedom fighters and appreciate the unity and diversity of our nation.

These experiences reaffirm that education extends beyond the classroom—it is about shaping character, nurturing talent, and developing responsible individuals. May we continue to uphold the Marianist spirit of faith, excellence, family spirit, and service, empowering every student to discover their potential and contribute meaningfully to society.



Fr. R. Joseph Raj, S.M.
Principal

Parent-Teacher Interaction: Together for Every Child's Growth



The Parent-Teacher Interaction (PTI) was held on 1 August 2026, following the completion of the FA1 examinations, with an encouraging 96% parent participation. The interaction provided a meaningful opportunity for parents and teachers to come together and reflect on each student's academic journey and overall development.

Parents met their respective class teachers to gain insights into their ward's academic progress, learning habits, classroom participation, strengths, and areas requiring further attention. The interaction also encouraged constructive dialogue on students' personal growth, discipline, regularity, and active engagement in school life.

Inter-School Karate Competition

St. Joseph Chaminade Academy is proud to put on record that the school hosted an Inter-School Karate Competition on 8 August 2026, welcoming 165 students from 10 schools. The event provided a vibrant platform for young karate practitioners to showcase their skill, discipline, focus, and sporting spirit. Organised in association with the Ikigai Shotokan Karate-Do Association, India, the competition reflected the school's commitment to promoting physical fitness, self-discipline, confidence, and holistic development. The enthusiastic participation and competitive spirit made the event a memorable celebration of strength, perseverance, and sportsmanship.



80th Independence Day: Celebrating the Spirit of Freedom



The 80th Independence Day was celebrated at St. Joseph Chaminade Academy on 15 August 2026, bringing the school community together in a spirited celebration of patriotism, gratitude, and national pride. The occasion was graced by Mr. H. Sunil Kumar, Advocate of the High Court and Supreme Court of India, as the Chief Guest, and Mr. Augustine Hebbagodi, CMC Nominated Councillor, as the Guest of Honour. The celebration was further honoured by the presence of Rev. Bro. Prakash Kujur, SM, Regional Superior of Marianist Trust; Rev. Fr. Ignase Arullappan, SM, Deputy Regional Superior; Bro. Basant Kujur, SM, Trustee and Bro. Pratap Guria, SM, Treasurer.

The programme came alive through a prayer dance, patriotic songs, inspiring skits, and a vibrant theme dance, reflecting the nation's rich heritage and spirit of unity. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest highlighted the sacrifices of India's freedom fighters and the contributions of its great leaders. Emphasising Unity in Diversity, he reminded the students that "we exist because the nation exists", inspiring them to value their country and recognise their responsibility towards its future.

AVERA: Our First Annual Magazine

A new chapter in the story of St. Joseph Chaminade Academy was captured with the launch of its inaugural annual magazine, AVERA, on 15 August 2026. Representing Aspiration, Vision, Excellence, Reflection, and Achievement, AVERA celebrates the vibrant spirit and accomplishments of the Chaminade community.

The magazine was formally released by Mr. H. Sunil Kumar, Advocate of the High Court and Supreme Court, and the first copy was received by Bro. Basant Kujur, SM, Education Coordinator. The occasion was graced by the board members of the Marianists Trust.

The inaugural edition brings together the achievements, creativity, experiences, and cherished moments of the school community, offering a reflection of its journey and a glimpse into its aspirations for the future.



Karate Excellence at the Regional Level



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Students of St. Joseph Chaminade Academy showcased remarkable skill, discipline, and sporting spirit at the Karnataka & Goa Regional Level Karate Competition, held at Kadamba International School on 14 August 2026. The school secured an impressive seven medals—2 Gold, 2 Silver, and 3 Bronze. This achievement reflects the students' dedication, perseverance, disciplined training, and determination to excel, bringing pride to the entire Chaminade community.

A Melodious Achievement at KISA Culturals 2026



The musical talent of St. Joseph Chaminade Academy was celebrated at KISA Culturals 2026, organised by the Karnataka ICSE Schools Association, where our school secured Third Place and a Merit Certificate in the KISA Solo Singing Competition held at Ganga International School on 18 August 2026. This achievement holds special significance as it marks the first time SJCA has received a prize at the KISA Cultural Competitions, making it a proud milestone in our journey and a promising beginning towards many more accomplishments in the years ahead.

Vitamin D Day: Sunshine, Health and Well-being



Vitamin D Day was observed at St. Joseph Chaminade Academy on 19 August 2026, with the aim of raising awareness among students about the importance of Vitamin D in maintaining strong bones, immunity, and overall health. Through engaging awareness activities, students were encouraged to recognise the role of Vitamin D in supporting their physical well-being. The observance reflected the school's commitment to fostering health-conscious, informed, and well-rounded individuals, reinforcing the message that good health is an essential foundation for learning and growth.

Checkmate to Excellence



Pranav Goudar (U-13) brought laurels to St. Joseph Chaminade Academy by securing First Prize in the Inter-School Chess Tournament held at Samsidh, HSR, on 24 August 2026. His achievement reflects the power of strategic thinking, concentration, patience, and perseverance—qualities that extend far beyond the chessboard. This success is a proud moment for the Chaminade community and a testament to the growing spirit of excellence among our students.

Girls' Throwball Team Secures First Place



The Girls' Throwball Team of St. Joseph Chaminade Academy secured First Prize at the Inter-School Throwball Tournament, held at The Rising International School, Whitefield, on 29 August 2026.

Demonstrating commendable teamwork, coordination, determination, and sporting spirit, the girls competed with confidence and resilience. Their achievement adds another proud milestone to the school's growing sporting accomplishments.

FIRSTS THAT MATTER

CELEBRATING MILESTONES THAT SHAPE OUR JOURNEY

- **First Annual Magazine:** AVERA marked the beginning of a new tradition as the first annual magazine of St. Joseph Chaminade Academy.
- **First KISA Cultural Prize:** SJCA earned its first-ever KISA Cultural Competition prize, securing Third Place in Solo Singing.
- **First Inter-School Chess Winner:** An SJCA student secured First Prize in an inter-school chess tournament for the first time, marking a new milestone in our sporting journey.

A Leap Forward in Educational Infrastructure



A significant milestone in the journey of St. Joseph Chaminade Academy was marked on 15 August 2026 with the inauguration of the school's Third Floor. The new facility was inaugurated by Rev. Bro. Prakash Kujur, SM, Regional Superior of Marianists Trust, and blessed by Rev. Fr. Ignase Aluppan, SM, Deputy Regional Superior. The ceremony was graced by Bro. Basant Kujur, SM, Bro. Pratap Guria, SM, and Bro. Nitta Prasad, SM, along with students and parents.

On the occasion, Mr. Prashant, Architect & Engineer, and Mr. Manikanta Nayaka, Electrical Manager, were felicitated for their valuable contributions. Rev. Bro. Prakash Kujur, SM, appreciated Fr. R. Joseph Raj, SM, and the St. Joseph Community for their dedicated efforts in overseeing the construction. The inauguration marks another step towards providing an enriching environment for learning and growth.

Upcoming Events | September 2026

✓ ANOKHA ✓ TEACHERS' DAY ✓ JANMASHTAMI ✓ ROBOTICS EXHIBITION ✓ GANESH CHATURTHI
✓ VITAMIN E DAY ✓ SA I EXAMS