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FROM THE HEART EDITORIAL NOTE

There is a beautiful irony in education.

In a world racing towards artificial intelligence, instant gratification and endless distractions, a school's greatest responsibility is not merely to produce successful students, but to nurture thoughtful human beings. Marks may open doors, but character determines how far one walks once those doors are opened.

Every morning we walk through the school gates with oversized bags, sleepy eyes, contagious laughter and dreams that we have not yet discovered. A school is entrusted with the extraordinary privilege of shaping that invisible universe that we dream of. What a profound responsibility that is.

As you turn these pages, you will find photographs of competitions, celebrations, leadership programmes, artistic expressions and sporting triumphs. Yet these pages tell a far greater story. They speak of courage disguised as participation. Of confidence quietly replacing hesitation. Of friendships forged through teamwork. Of discipline built one ordinary day at a time.

*As Khalil Gibran so beautifully wrote,
"Your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself."*

Your role, as parents and educators, is not to script our destinies but to illuminate our paths, to help us discover not only what we wish to become, but who we choose to be.

May this edition of Campus Beats remind all of you that every ordinary school day is quietly creating an extraordinary future.

Because long after we forget the chapters that we studied, we will always remember how a school made us feel.

***With faith in every heartbeat
Students of SVSSS***





PULSE OF THE WEEK



The Torch of Service Passes On



Leadership is not inherited, it is entrusted. And on 25 July 2026, that trust found new custodians as the Interact Club Installation Ceremony unfolded in an atmosphere charged with enthusiasm, purpose and promise. Our students arrived at the venue bright and early, their excitement mirroring the significance of the occasion.

The morning came alive with vibrant dance performances and soulful musical renditions, setting a spirited tone for a celebration of youth leadership and community service.



A particularly proud moment for our school came when our students rendered the **தமிழ்த்தாய் வாழ்த்து** with remarkable precision and heartfelt reverence. Sung in perfect harmony and with profound respect, their rendition resonated through the auditorium, earning warm appreciation from the gathering and setting a dignified, patriotic tone for the ceremony. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Madras, the ceremony was enriched by inspiring addresses from Rotarians who reflected on Rotary's enduring journey of service. Through stories of impactful initiatives and transformed lives, they reminded every young Interactor that leadership is best expressed through compassion, commitment and action. The occasion was made even more memorable with

the induction of three new schools into the Interact family, a testament to the movement's expanding footprint and shared vision.

The ceremonial installation of office bearers formed the heart of the event. In a symbolic moment steeped in tradition, the outgoing President passed the presidential medallion to the newly elected President, signifying not merely a change of office but the continuation of a noble legacy. In an inspiring inaugural address, the new President expressed heartfelt gratitude and pledged to lead with integrity, purpose and unwavering dedication. The investiture concluded with the presentation of badges to the newly elected Interactors, each badge representing both an honour earned and a responsibility embraced.

As the ceremony drew to a close, one message resonated above all: leadership is not about wearing a badge but about wearing the responsibility that comes with it. The event left every student inspired to become not just better leaders, but better citizens, carrying forward Rotary's timeless ideal of Service Above Self with conviction and heart.





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EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS THROUGH RYLA



On 28 July 26, our school conducted an informative and inspiring orientation session on the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) programme. The session was led by Mr. Dinesh Gajendran, Executive Director of Audacious Dreams Foundation and Commonwealth Youth Worker Awardee, who shared valuable insights on leadership, personal growth and the importance of skill development.

Addressing the students, Mr. Dinesh emphasized that success in today's world extends beyond academic excellence. He highlighted the significance of developing essential skills and encouraged students to constantly upgrade themselves by acquiring new abilities that would enhance their confidence, career prospects and overall growth.

He also introduced the students to the Rotary Club, a global organization committed to fostering service, leadership and goodwill across communities. Through various

initiatives in education, healthcare and community development, Rotary continues to create a positive impact by empowering individuals and transforming lives.

The session provided students with an understanding of RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), a prestigious leadership development programme organised by Rotary International for young people. The programme focuses on nurturing leadership qualities, building self-confidence, strengthening teamwork and enhancing communication skills through interactive activities, discussions and team-building exercises.

The students were excited to learn about the opportunity to participate in the upcoming RYLA programme to be held in Malaysia. The session served as an inspiring platform, motivating young minds to embrace leadership, develop their potential and become responsible global citizens.



VALUE BEAT





S Akshara
Class - XI-B

DON'T LET DRUGS WRITE YOUR STORY

I strongly believe that drugs are one of the biggest threats to young people today. Many teenagers are tempted to try drugs because of peer pressure, curiosity or stress. They may think that it is fun, but even one wrong decision can change their life forever. Drug addiction affects both the body and the mind. It damages health, reduces concentration and affects studies. It can also destroy confidence, dreams, friendship and family relationships. A healthy future becomes

difficult when a person becomes addicted.

We should improve our lifestyle by spending our time in meaningful activities like sports, reading, having quality time with loved ones and seeking help from our parents or teachers whenever we face problems. We should also spread awareness about the harmful effects of drugs.

We youngsters are the future of our nation. So, let us make wise choices, protect our future and encourage others to live a drug-free-life.

-S. Saadhana Shree
Class - IX

DRUG ADDICTION: A SILENT THREAT TO SOCIETY

Drug addiction is not merely a personal struggle but a growing social concern that affects individuals, families, and communities alike. What often begins as a moment of curiosity, stress, or influence can gradually develop into a dependency that takes control of a person's life. Its consequences extend far beyond the individual, leaving lasting emotional, physical, and social scars.

One of the most devastating effects of drug addiction is the damage it causes to health. It weakens the body's natural functions, affects the brain and vital organs, and impairs judgment and decision-making.

The emotional toll of addiction is equally profound. Friendships fade, careers are disrupted, and individuals may find themselves

isolated from the very people who once supported them. Addiction does not discriminate—it can affect people of any age, gender, or background.

Raising awareness is one of the strongest tools in combating this growing issue. Understanding the causes and recognizing the warning signs are important. Families, educational institutions, healthcare professionals, and society all have an important role to play in prevention.

Drug addiction steals health, happiness, relationships, and dreams. Awareness is the first step towards prevention, and prevention is the path to a stronger, more compassionate society.

-Sadhika Sri
Class XII B





CHECKMATE BEGINS IN THE MIND

“Chess is the art of making the right move before it becomes obvious.”

Chess is often perceived as a game of openings, tactics and endless hours of practice. While that is undeniably true, the finest players understand a deeper truth that it is not perfection but the ability to learn from every mistake that transforms an ordinary player into an exceptional one. Every move is a lesson, every setback an opportunity, and every victory a reward for strategic thinking.

With this spirit, two brilliant students from Shrine Vailankanni Senior Secondary School participated in an interschool chess tournament that commenced at 8:00 a.m. and concluded at 2:30 p.m. The tournament hall buzzed with anticipation as young prodigies from various schools assembled, each determined to outwit the other across sixty-four squares. Amidst this atmosphere of intense concentration and silent battles, our students embraced the challenge

Competing in the Under-15 category, Praveen demonstrated exceptional composure. Despite a few blunders during his game, he refused to lose heart. Displaying remarkable tactical awareness, he recovered brilliantly, outmaneuvered his opponent and secured a well-deserved victory through intelligent strategy.

In the Under-13 category, Monish played three

Beyond wins and draws, the tournament proved to be an invaluable learning experience. It sharpened their analytical abilities, strengthened their confidence and provided the opportunity to interact with talented players from different schools. They returned richer in experience, wiser in strategy and even more passionate about the game.

The tournament stood as a celebration of

with remarkable composure.

Representing the school with confidence and discipline were Praveen of Class X and Monish of Class VIII. Throughout the tournament, both displayed admirable patience, strategic thinking and unwavering determination against formidable opponents. Their calm demeanour, sportsmanlike conduct and resilience reflected the very values our institution strives to instill.

challenging matches. He opened the tournament with an impressive victory, showcasing confidence and precision. Although he faced defeat in the second round, he responded with admirable grit rather than disappointment. Learning from his earlier mistakes, he approached his final game with renewed focus and skill, battling through an intense contest to earn a hard-fought draw.

intellect, patience and perseverance, qualities that define not only successful chess players but successful individuals. Shrine Vailankanni Senior Secondary School takes immense pride in Praveen and Monish for representing the school with dignity, determination and strategic brilliance. Their journey reminds us that in chess, as in life, victory belongs not merely to those who make the smartest move, but to those who never stop learning.





CHAMPIONS OF AN ANCIENT LEGACY

The unmistakable swish of the Silambam staff, the precision of every move, and the spirit of fearless competition came alive as our young martial artists made their mark at the Silambam Championship, held at Sir M.C.T. Muthiah Chettiar Boys' Higher Secondary School on 19th July 2026. From 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the arena resonated with discipline, agility, and unwavering determination as participants showcased the timeless martial art in all its glory.

Standing tall amidst the spirited competition, four of our students delivered performances that reflected months of rigorous training, remarkable composure, and exceptional skill. Their efforts earned them Second Prize in their respective age categories:

Hasini – Class VI – Age Category 10

Tristan Jovin – Class IX – Age Category 13

Jeshwin – Class IX – Age Category 13

Rifaz Mohammad – Class IX – Age Category 14



Every spin spoke of discipline. Every strike echoed confidence. Every performance celebrated a proud tradition that continues to shape strength, focus, and character.

We applaud our young champions for carrying forward the rich legacy of Silambam with grace and grit. Their achievement is not merely a medal won but a testament to perseverance, dedication, and the enduring spirit of excellence that defines our school. Congratulations to our champions, and may this success be the first of many milestones on their inspiring journey.





CREATIVE BEATS





THE COUNTDOWN TO ANNUAL DAY HAS BEGUN!



REHEARSAL

Practice starts the same way in every hall — a teacher counts down the minutes, a script or a track being queued up, and a room full of students trying to get one small thing right before moving to the next. In English Drama, an actor forgets his line for the third time. The narrator hisses the dialogue, resets and delivers it perfectly this time — a beat too loud. The director, cross-legged on the floor with a marked-up script, doesn't even look up. "Again." Next door, the Tamil Drama cast is fighting a prop sword that won't stay sheathed. "We've tried tape, we've tried a rubber band," the lead actor

laughs. "Now we're just hoping it behaves on the day." Between takes, the cast runs lines quietly to themselves, mouthing words while waiting their turn — the kind of practice that never makes it to the stage but happens everywhere around it. Down the corridor, it's the same story in a different language. The Folk x Ballet Fusion dancers are mid-argument over eight counts, half counting in English, the rest still murmuring older rhythms. "You're two different rehearsals right now," the choreographer says. "I need you to be one." They run it again. It's closer.



TEAMWORK

None of it holds together without everyone doing their part at once. A senior stops mid-warmup to help a junior fix a formation she keeps missing. A choir member who isn't even performing in a particular scene stays back anyway, just to keep count for the dancers rehearsing after her. Upstairs, a soprano line and

an alto line rehearse apart for ten minutes, each slightly unsure without the other — and when the conductor finally brings them together, it locks into place mid-phrase. A few students stop singing just to listen. "That's the sound I've been waiting three weeks for," she says.



It's the same everywhere you look: someone holding a light steady, someone else counting beats out loud for a friend, someone quietly running lines with a nervous classmate one more time before the actual take.

**-Vasudev
XI B**

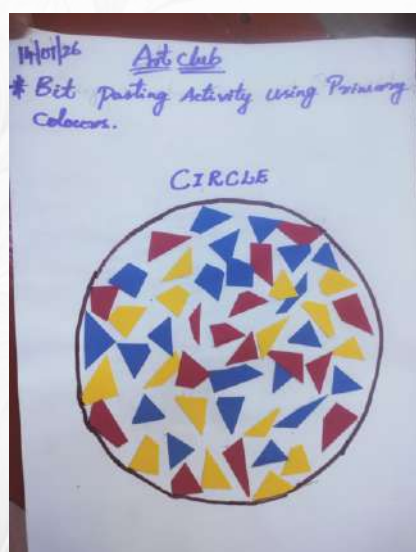
TINY HANDS, ENDLESS IMAGINATION: A COLOURFUL JOURNEY WITH THE MATERIAL ART CLUB



On 28 July 26, the Material Art Club transformed the learning space into a vibrant canvas of creativity, curiosity, and imagination as it conducted an exciting art session for the KG and Primary students. The session was thoughtfully designed to inspire young minds to explore the joy of creating art through simple, hands-on activities.

The little artists enthusiastically immersed

themselves in a world of colours and textures through engaging activities such as finger printing, leaf painting with primary colours, leaf rubbing using crayons, and creating beautiful patterns with colourful paper cut-outs. Each activity encouraged the children to experiment freely, observe the world around them, and express their creativity in unique ways.



Beyond the beauty of their creations, the session played a significant role in enhancing the children's fine motor skills, imagination, colour recognition, observation skills, and understanding of shapes and patterns. Working with different materials allowed them to discover that art is not just about perfection but about exploration, expression, and the excitement of bringing ideas to life. The young artists proudly showcased their vibrant masterpieces, their faces glowing with happiness and a sense of accomplishment.



Their enthusiasm, creativity, and boundless imagination filled the atmosphere with energy and joy, making the session a truly memorable celebration of art and young minds.

The Material Art Club continues to nurture creativity, proving that even the smallest hands can create the most wonderful works of art.





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