## Talents Day

Venue:	SJS Auditorium	
Date:	Jun 27, 2024	
		WHAT'S THE TALENTS DAY?
1	Head Girl's Commencement Speech	Once a year, St. Joseph's School explodes with excitement for Talents Day, a competition unlike any other for the
	Presenting the judges a bouquet as a token of appreciation	<ul> <li>students in grade 9 to 12 - a battle of houses that reignites a fiery team spirit in their young souls. Every student is united by a single goal: victory for their house!</li> <li>This epic showdown unfolds across four major categories: song, surprise act, advertisement, and dance. Students get to unleash their inner talents, choosing the act that best suits their passion and pouring their hearts into preparation.</li> <li>From preparing scripts and rehearsing to trying out costumes and praying minutes before getting on stage. From perfecting those high notes and synchronizing that legwork to the last minute pep talks. Talents Day is more than just a competition; it's a transformative experience that leaves a lasting mark on every SJS student.</li> </ul>
2	Group Song  Surprise Act	
3	Break	
4	Advertisement	
5	Awarding the winning teams of the Interhouse Sports Competitions Vote of Thanks by the Asst. Head Girl Judges' Address Declaration of Results	

## Event Overview

**It was finally D–DAY!** Students buzzed through the corridors, huddled into washrooms for last minute touch ups, the air was filled with nervous energy. Down in the auditorium, lighting technicians from Broadway Events worked their magic. Meanwhile, the photographers from Full Frame Media ensured every moment would be captured.

The program commenced with a bang! Energetic emcees welcomed Head Girl, Sara Uthup, to deliver the opening address. Sara then introduced the esteemed judges: the incredibly talented Mrs. Jenette and Mrs. Nisha Shijil. Mrs. Jenette, a trained dancer and practitioner of the Indian martial art Kalaripayattu, and Mrs. Nisha Shijil, a Carnatic vocalist, brought their expertise and enthusiasm to the event.

With the introductions complete, the stage awaited its stars. The first category, Group Song, kicked off the competition, with each house striving to outshine the other with their melodious performances.

The applause thundered after the group songs, leaving the audience buzzing with theories about who would take home the trophy, while backstage, the next act's participants battled pre-show jitters.

Next came the highly anticipated Surprise Act, themed around "Legends of India." Each house rose to the challenge, delivering captivating performances. One group brought to life the inspiring story of Super 30, another reimagined the timeless tale of Savitri and Satyavan, while others honored historical figures like Rani Lakshmibai and Ahilya Bai Holkar.

With the first half concluded and a well-deserved intermission underway, anticipation for the upcoming acts built up. This year's Talents Day, with its unique theme of nostalgia, had already proven to be a resounding success.

Recharged from a well-deserved break, the students returned to the stage for the highly anticipated advertising act! This year's theme was a celebration of the UAE. Crafting dramatic, cinematic commercials that showcased their product ideas, the groups did a fantabulous job. Through funky dance routines and catchy jingles, and a healthy dose of humor all the advertisements kept the audience thoroughly entertained.

With the advertisements concluded, it was time for the final act – the group dance! This was the moment everyone had been waiting for! The stage erupted with electrifying performances, blending elements of nostalgia with modern flair and carnatic rhythms intertwined with contemporary beats that created a truly unique and captivating spectacle.

As the program concluded, a ceremony recognized the winners of various school sports competitions, presenting them with certificates. The assistant head girl then delivered a heartfelt vote of thanks to everyone involved. The principal, in a gesture of appreciation, presented a gift to the esteemed judges.

But the night wasn't over yet! The crowd clapped with anticipation as the talented judges took center stage. Mrs. Jenette showcased a powerful glimpse of her mastery over the Indian martial art Kalaripayattu, a feat honed over two years of dedicated practice. Following her, Mrs. Nisha Shijil captivated the audience with her breathtaking Carnatic singing.

Finally, the moment everyone had been waiting for arrived: results time!

Unexpectedly this year, the sunflower house managed to bag the highest points across all events, becoming the best house of the year after a long period of coming close but never quite clinching the top spot. The second position was secured by the bluebell house. Following the chaos that ensued after the results declaration, the teams assembled on stage for photo time! Soon enough everyone departed the auditorium, carrying the excitement back to the classrooms.

The 2024 edition of Talents Day had come to a close, leaving behind a legacy of nostalgia, fierce competition, and unforgettable performances.