

ST XAVIER'S SCHOOL, BATHINDA

FR. ANACLETO FERNANDES INTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT 2023-24

19th and 20th January, 2024

'Sports don't build character, they reveal it.'

St. Xavier's School, Bathinda believes in the holistic development of its students by laying equal emphasis on sports and as well as academics . Keeping this objective in mind, Father Anacleto Fernandes Inter- School Basketball Tournament 2023-24 was organised on 19th and 20th January,2024 to acknowledge the importance of sports and provide an opportunity to basketball players for showcasing their sporting talent. Nine teams in Boys category and six teams in Girls category from various schools participated in this prestigious event. This was the fifth year of this tournament. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Rev. Father Manager, Amaro Martins, Rev. Father Principal, Cidloy Furtado, Assistant Parish Priest, Father Venito ,Rev. Father Charles, Coordinator, Ms. Archana Rajput and Supervisor, Ms. Nupur . This illustrious event commenced with Opening Ceremony. Dr. Maskeen Kaur Kullar, an alumna of the school , a multifaceted personality who is a doctor by profession and has won several coveted accolades in the field of sports, was the worthy Chief Guest for the Opening Ceremony. This was followed by hoisting of the school flag, the pride of the school which showcases its vision and mission. Then, the Oath Taking Ceremony took place in which all the players swore to participate in this event abiding by the rules and regulations. Then, the Chief Guest enlightened the audience about the importance of sports to promote physical well - being . A mesmerizing dance performance during the opening ceremony added an element of vibrance while entertaining the spectators. This was followed by the declaration of the opening of the event by the Chief Guest. After the matches commenced, the players showcased an amazing display of skill, agility, stamina and sportsmanship on the basketball court. After this the last leg of the event continued with the semi final and final matches where the players applied effective strategies trying to outdo each other and prove their mettle on the basketball court. The event concluded with the Closing Ceremony. The Closing Ceremony was graced by the benign presence of Mr. Dev Raj Bansal, the Chief Guest, Director at Prime Land Promoter and Builder and Mr. Manseer Singh, Income Tax Officer as the Guest of Honour . The achievements of the players were acknowledged during the Prize

Distribution Ceremony in which the winners, the first and the second runner up teams were felicitated by cash prizes, trophies and certificates. The winning team in Boys Category was Khalsa School, Bathinda, while the positions of the first and second runner up were secured by St. Xavier's School, Bathinda (Team A) and (Team B) respectively. In the Girls category St. Xavier's School, Bathinda (Team A) was declared the winner, while the first runner up was St. Joseph's Convent School, Bathinda and position of the second runner was secured by St. Xavier's School, Bathinda (Team B). The Rolling Trophy was awarded to St. Xavier's School, Bathinda in Girls category and Khalsa School, Bathinda in the Boys category. The spirit of gratitude towards the management for organizing the tournament was expressed through the vote of thanks. The event ended on a patriotic note with the singing of the national anthem.



