



# ST. XAVIER'S HIGH SCHOOL

Affiliated with CBSE, New Delhi (Aff. No. 2133692)

**Date:** 27 April 2026

## SPEAK LIKE A LEGEND: Intra-Class Declamation Competition

**Theme:** *Artists – Voices That Inspire*

Dear Parents  
Greetings!,

We are delighted to inform you that the school is organizing an **Intra-Class Declamation Competition** for the students of Grade VI. This competition aims to nurture confidence, clarity, and expression in public speaking, while celebrating the powerful words and inspiring journeys of legendary artists across music, literature, painting, cinema, and more.

### **Event Details:**

**Date of Competition:** 14 May, 2026

**Venue:** School Auditorium

### **Competition Guidelines:**

- Each participant must select a famous speech or excerpt originally delivered by an artist or related to the world of art.
- Speeches may be adapted for clarity and age-appropriateness but should retain the original message and tone of the speaker.
- Structure to follow:
  - Teaser (30–45 seconds): A powerful excerpt to set the mood.
  - Introduction (20–30 seconds): Name of the speaker, title of the speech, and occasion.
  - Main Speech (Approx. 1 minute 30 seconds): Key points of the speech.
  - Conclusion (30–45 seconds): Strong closing statement.
- Speeches must be memorized and delivered with confidence, clarity and expression.
- Language: English
- Time Limit: 2–3 minutes
- Props and costumes: Optional to enhance delivery

### **Judgment Criteria:**

- Expression & Voice Modulation - 20 Pts
- Pronunciation & Clarity – 20 Pts
- Memorization & Fluency– 20 Pts
- Overall Presentation – 10 Pts



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## Suggested Speeches for Students:

Students may choose from the following recommended speeches or explore others related to the theme:

### *Visual Arts, Music, Dance & Literature:*

- **Rabindranath Tagore** – Excerpts from “*My India*” or Nobel reflections
- **Lata Mangeshkar** – *Bharat Ratna* Acceptance Speech
- **Amrita Sher-Gil** – Quotes/interviews about being an artist in India
- **Rukmini Devi Arundale** – Speeches on classical dance and culture
- **Leonardo da Vinci** – On art, curiosity, and creativity
- **Pablo Picasso** – On imagination and artistic freedom

### *Modern Artists & Thinkers:*

- **Shahrukh Khan** – TED Talk “*Life Lessons from Bollywood*”
- **A.R. Rahman** – Oscar Acceptance Speech
- **Javed Akhtar** – Speeches on Freedom of Expression (*various forums*)

**Note:** Students are free to choose other relevant speeches that align with the theme “Artists – Voices That Inspire”, ensuring they are suitable for their age group and respectful in tone and content.

**We look forward to your child’s enthusiastic participation in this enriching experience. Let’s come together to celebrate the power of words, the beauty of expression, and the voice of the artist!**

**Warm Regards**