

St. X Wears Red To Spread Awareness



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On Thursday, October 21st, 29% of students came to school wearing red shirts to spread awareness for the 29% of secondary-school students around the globe who do not receive adequate education. To further spread awareness for this cause, 29% of desks in all classrooms were taped with a red "X," and a display was featured on the central stairway showcasing a red chair and other familiar school objects as well as a

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As told by *Magis Americas*, "The Red Chair is a symbol that represents the right to an inclusive and quality education. The campaign calls attention to the impact that the lack of access to education has on individual and communal development, even more so now in times of a pandemic." Jesuit schools around the globe participate in the Red Chair Project in an effort to spread awareness about the millions of children who receive little to no education. Global Perspectives' students thought it would be fitting for St. X to get involved and be part of a group effort to spread awareness about this problem. I interviewed George Fisher '24, the Global Perspectives' student who led the Examen over the intercom during Homeroom, to see what this project meant to him. When George was asked, "What did you get out of participating in the Red Chair Project?" George responded, "I gained a deeper understanding of this global issue of inadequate education. Before this project, I was not completely aware of how many students are affected by this problem.

poster that I created. This school event was a part of the Red Chair Project led by the Global Perspectives class, taught by Mrs. Bower. I hope this project was as effective in promoting awareness to others as it was to me." George played a role in the communication process. He added, "The students in Mrs. Bower's class promoted awareness throughout the school by wearing a red shirt, creating the display, and taping desks during Flex. I played a key role in notifying the student body of our project by leading the school Examen over the intercom." As the displays of the Red Chair Project are removed from classrooms and the stairway, the students of the Global Perspectives class hope that this project has created a long-lasting awareness to their classmates of the global disparity in education. They also hope that this project will help students understand the global learning crisis and how fortunate we are, as students of St. Xavier High School, to get a state-of-the-art education and have many extra-curricular activities and opportunities.