



The Josephite

St Joseph's Boys' High School Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Jesuit Philosophy believes in preparing 'men and women for others'. At St Joseph's, we wish to bring out compassionate, committed, competent, confident, and creative individuals who will see their education as empowering them to make a difference, to benefit society and the world.

The first term has a lot of sporting events and the Annual Athletic Meet (Sports Day) which is traditionally held in the first week of September is eagerly awaited by everyone.

We aim for sports to not become the sole prerogative of the super athlete, crowding out the field for those less able. We want all our students to have some level of sporting capabilities and so we encourage games and physical training from a very young age.

I want my students to understand that winning trophies is not the end result, it is a happy by-product. By encouraging play and sports we are looking to build mental and physical stamina, sportsmanship, love of sports and the ability to win and lose with equal calm.

We have a long line of famous sportspersons from our school, but it is not only their medals we should emulate, but also their discipline, effort, dedication, hard work and ability to take wins and losses in their stride. They display the Josephite spirit that we wish to inculcate.

Thank you and may God bless us.

Fr Sunil Fernandes

CAMPUS NEWS

FR ERIC VAZ MEMORIAL AND CENTENARY SHIELD

In the finals of the prestigious annual inter-school hockey tournaments, SJBHS clinched a double-victory on 6 August 2019.

The U-14 SJBHS team beat FAPS and the U-17 SJBHS team beat Vidyashilp Academy.



The exhilarating Centenary Shield final against Vidyashilp ended with a score of 4:2, with a sensational game from Shaun Victor, Viren Medeira, Varun Muthappa and Tanuj D'Souza.

Varun Muthappa was named the 'Player of the Tournament', while Daniel J and Robin Anto Lourd got the 'Best Back' and 'Best Half' mention respectively.

The SJBHS Junior team claimed the shield for the second year running as they beat Frank Anthony Public School 4:2 in the penalty shootout.

Adesh Naidu won the 'Player of the Tournament', while Jacob N J was adjudged the 'Best Back'.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

The portals of SJBHS reverberated with patriotism, pride and nationalistic sentiments at the 73rd Independence Day celebrations as the flag was hoisted by the Chief Guest Col. Ram Kapur (Old Boy from the batch of 1987).

The cultural programme to mark the day commenced with a solemn prayer and invocation dance. The solo and group songs, speeches and dances rang one clear message - the sacrifice of martyrs gives us the freedom to celebrate our differences.

BIFROST 2019

SJBHS' commerce fest, BIFROST offered students a simulation of the corporate sector. This year's theme was 'Underground Economy' and with over 15 events and 680 participants, this event was one to remember.

The chief guest for the opening ceremony was Mr Irfan Razack, Old Boy (Batch of 1968) and Chairman and MD of the Prestige Group.

The closing ceremony was presided over by Prof M V Rajeev Gowda, Old Boy (Batch of 1978), politician, MP in the Rajya Sabha and National spokesperson for the Indian National Congress, who motivated students to realise the value of self-worth and hard work.



FUN DAY

The students of LKG and UKG celebrated Independence Day by epitomizing the saying 'Unity in Diversity'.

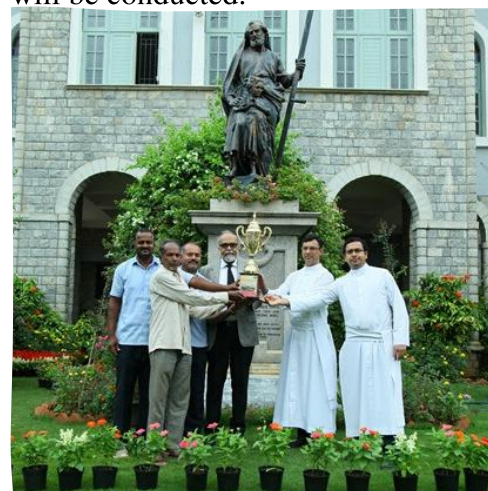
Students dressed up in the attire of different states, representing the four different zones of our country - Punjab from the North, Sikkim from the East, Karnataka from the South and Goa from the West.

Each of them spoke about the state they belonged to, the language they spoke, and the well-known aspects of their respective states.



PARENTING SESSIONS

It has always been felt that Parenting comes naturally to all parents and there is no need to be told how to go about it. But at St Joseph's we believe that with changing times, some of the challenges of parenting are unique to this generation. In response to this we started Positive Parenting sessions four years ago. We have specially tailored sessions for each and every class from LKG to Std 12. These fourteen sessions have received overwhelmingly positive responses from parents. This academic year, we requested parents to mail us their suggestions for topics which they would like to see addressed. The sessions were conducted from July to September. This year, the sessions were conducted by the school counsellors and like previous years, were very well received by parents. Later in the academic year, sessions devoted to particular topics, open to all parents will be conducted.



GARDEN GLORY

SJBHS was awarded a prize for being one of the 'Best Ornamental Gardens' in Bengaluru City by the Mysore Horticultural Society.

The trophy was handed over to the hardworking 'Green Fingers' of SJBHS - Mr Francis, Mr Anthony, Mr Stephen, Mr Shivanna, and Mr Pappanna.



JUNIOR ATHLETIC MEET

The warm morning of 30 August 2019 was perhaps the most colourful and cheerful in the academic year.

The junior Josephites charmed onlookers as they marched past the chief guest, Mr Noel Wilson, Old Boy (Batch of 1994) and former international footballer.

The Principal, in his address, proudly mentioned the harvest of 10 Olympians from the school and urged parents to take the sporting spirit of SJBHS forward.

The opening extravaganza turned even more colourful when the students of the pre-primary school ran onto the field with their pom-poms. The Josephites of Stds 1 and 2 followed onto the field with their mystic wands, and the students of Std 3 set the school rocking to the beat of pop music with their vibrant umbrellas.



SENIOR ATHLETIC MEET

Solemn traditions and thrilling events marked the opening ceremony of the 161st Sports Day at SJBHS.

Old Boys from around the globe, parents and well-wishers watched on as the students, led by the Captains of the four houses, the NCC, the Scout Contingents and the Batch of 1994 marched past the Chief Guest, M Pradeep John, Second-in-Command, CRPF and Old Boy (Batch of 1994).



DENTAL CAMP

A dental camp was held on 14 September for the students of LKG to Std 4 on dental health and oral hygiene.

A team of 5 dentists conducted a dental awareness camp and held an interactive session to highlight the importance of dental hygiene. At the end of the presentation, a quiz was conducted and prizes were awarded to the winners.



TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS

It takes a big heart to help shape little minds - A Josephite teacher is one who not only teaches in class, but also is a friend.

On 5 September every year, a special assembly is held to acknowledge and thank the many teachers at Joseph's for all their affection and dedication, Our Principal, Fr Sunil Fernandes laid emphasis on the ancient concept of 'Guru' and thanked the teachers for upholding the concept of *Cura Personalis* (care of the person).



HINDI DIWAS

Every year, Hindi Diwas is celebrated on 14 September to celebrate the popularity of Hindi as an official language of India.

The special assembly began with the welcome speech by the High School boys which was followed by a soulful prayer song presented by the 6th Std boys. Competitions in Debate and Singing were also held in the school premises.

I've Left

It's time to move
Pack your bags
Leave your surroundings in peace
Will anyone really remember me?

The days have moved on pretty quickly
The final goodbyes are said so bleakly
The green trees wave goodbye for me
Will anyone really remember me?

Thousands of
people, I've met so many of them
might forget
The things I've said to the people I leave
Will anyone really remember me?

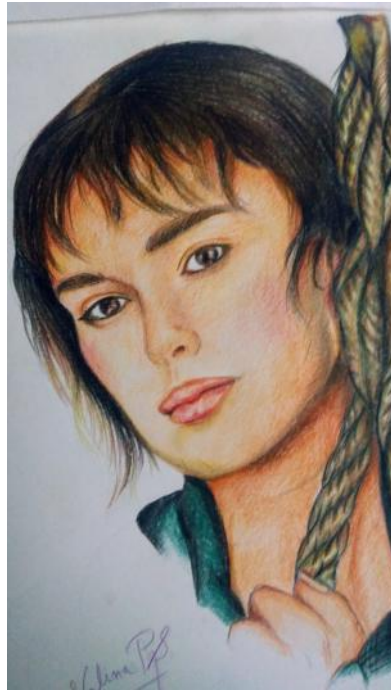
Nobody recalls the dreams I dreamt
The faces I made
The love I never let rest.

Nobody remembers those feelings I shared
The emotions that flared
The days I was scared.

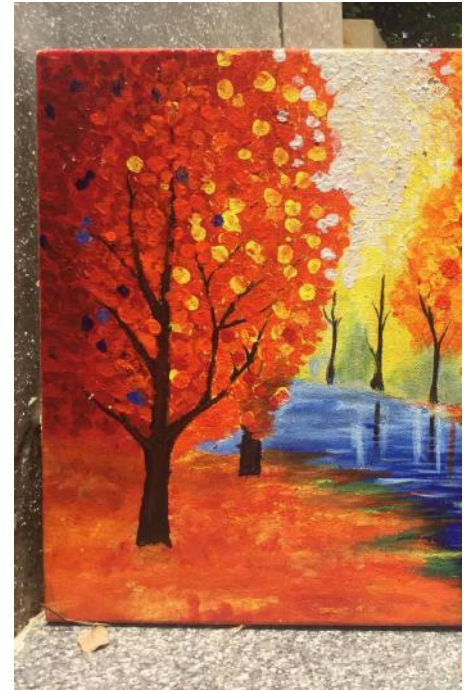
The places I loved.
The reasons I cried.
The songs I sang.
All they remember is the goodbye

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- Ishita Ahuja, 12 A



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Deep Waters

Some of us live with oceans so deep,
We could drown without ever having our feet
leave the ground.

Some of us don't need to be told we're drowning because
we learn to breathe under water.

For some of us, the end of one journey is
Just the beginning we were waiting for.

- Andrea Hsiao, 12 A

CAMPUS NEWS

OBA BUZZ 2019

Held in the first week of August, the OBA Buzz remains the most awaited event of the year. The annual inter-house literary and cultural festival, organized by the Old Boys' Association, gives students a platform to showcase their talents in various events from Debate to Mad Ads. The excitement among the students of the Four Houses is incomparable, all vying for points.



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