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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEET
OF XAVIER'S ALUMNI

GOLDEN JUBILEE BATCH 1974
SILVER JUBILEE BATCH 1999



Message from our Director

Our schools have been governed by the educational philosophy drawn from the writings of St. Ignatius and Jesuit's educational experiences. In a recently held school leaders' meeting, we affirmed 10 global identifiers for Jesuit schools, the same can be stated for our alumni associations. Namely, we are committed to: Offer in-depth faith formation in dialogue with other religions and world views; Global Citizenship, Care of all creation, Justice, Accessible for all, Interculturality, Global network at the service of the mission, Human excellence and Lifelong learning. Through these endeavors we would like to enthuse in our students and stake holders 'to be men and women of conscience, competence, compassion and commitment'.



This year we are celebrating our 75th year of association as an alumni body. The present executive committee headed by Mr. Luv has been instrumental in bringing together many alumni members for regular meetings and activities. Let the 10 global identifiers find a place in your rendezvous. St. Ignatius said, "Love ought to be shown more in deeds than in words." Let your love for each other and for the school manifest in your gatherings. Cherish the filial bond. **Deus Fortitudo Mea!**

Fr. Dominic Arockiam SJ

EDITORIAL TEAM



Kishore Joshi '86



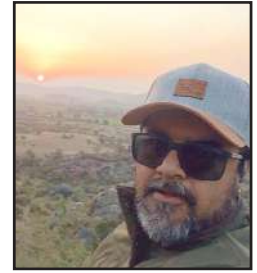
Rajiv Jain '94



Anuj Mathur '99

From President's Desk

Dear Fellow Alumni,



It fills me with immense pride and joy to announce that we are on the threshold of a historic moment – **75 years of Xavier's Alumni Association.**

Over the decades, we have grown into the **largest, oldest, and strongest school Alumni network in India**, a testament to the unshakeable bonds forged within the walls of our beloved alma mater.

A Milestone Celebration: Connect, Create, Contribute

This Platinum Jubilee year, we embrace the theme Connect, Create, Contribute, which encapsulates the spirit of our association:

- **Connect:** Strengthen relationships among alumni, no matter where life has taken us.
- **Create:** Build new opportunities for collaboration, innovation, and professional growth.
- **Contribute:** Give back to the institution that has given us so much, supporting its legacy and future.

Introducing ALMACONNECT

As part of this vision, we are proud to unveil **AlmaConnect**, an online app designed to bring our community closer than ever before.



This app will serve as:

- An E-Directory: A centralized platform to easily connect with fellow alumni.
- A Professional Network: Facilitating job opportunities, mentorship programs, and internships within our vast and talented alumni base.

AlmaConnect embodies our commitment to staying connected and leveraging the collective

strength of our alumni for mutual benefit and growth.

Achievements and Future Plans

The past year has been one of tremendous achievements. We welcomed 556 new members into our association – the highest number added in a single year! This growth is a reflection of the pride our alumni feel in being part of this incredible network.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce the launch of alumni chapters in various cities and countries. These chapters will provide local hubs for alumni to engage, network, and contribute, ensuring that the Xavier's spirit resonates globally.

A Call to Action

As we prepare for this milestone celebration,

I urge every alumnus to participate and contribute to making this Platinum Jubilee unforgettable. Whether it's through engaging with AlmaConnect, supporting our initiatives, or joining hands to organize events, your involvement is crucial.

Together, we can honor our rich legacy, celebrate our achievements, and lay the foundation for an even brighter future. Let us ensure that our alma mater continues to shine as a beacon of excellence, shaping lives and creating leaders. Stay tuned for updates on Jubilee events and opportunities to connect and contribute. Let's make this year a celebration to remember!

With pride and gratitude,

Luv Shekhawat, '98
President, Xavier's Alumni Association

PLATINUM JUBILEE SPORTS MEET



Table Tennis

The 2 days Alumni Table Tennis Championship were both thrilling and fun! The alumni members added to the impetus of the event by joining in a big number to play and some as spectators.

The results of the challenging finals and semi finals:

1. Rahul Vidhani
2. Vikas Agarwal

The most inspiring part of the tourney was participation of Mr. Kamaludeen Khilji (1968 batch), who battered the confidence of a lot of youngsters with his top spins and back hands.

WE TURN PLATINUM..!!

75 glorious years from our inception in 1950 when we were known as the Old Boys Association. As we turn the pages on the years gone by, we can be immensely proud of our Alma Mater, our Legacy and the Values imbibed by each one of us.



The idea to celebrate the 75 years of Xavier's Alumni, as we are known today, took shape with a mandate from the Alumni President in February, 2024 which led to the formation of the Platinum Jubilee Organising Committee (PJOC) initially with just 4 members.

The thought was to revive camaraderie among members, to create opportunities to get together and contribute to the Alumni, our Alma Mater and the Society at large. That's how our theme for the Platinum Jubilee.... **Connect, Create, Contribute**.... was born.

AlmaConnect is a social network based on private alumni networks focussed on helping an alum/student get trusted help from his/her alumni network. Help ranging from getting referrals for jobs, advice for careers recommendations for services, introductions, fund raising to just asking if anyone is travelling from New York to Delhi in the next week and can carry a small parcel.



But little did we know that a monumental task confronted us before we addressed ourselves to running the Platinum Jubilee. The Connect was missing and activity had taken a back seat. So, the PJOC took a detour en-route to setting up its agenda.

Testing the waters was done on 4th April, 2024 with the Launch of AlmaConnect, the new Directory and Newsletter for the alumni. A good attendance told us that





we had just scratched the surface and we needed to dig deeper. The past eight months have been spent in stirring up the Alumni Cocktail and turning it into a Molotov Cocktail. Only time and upcoming events will tell whether we have succeeded. AlmaConnect could quite be the ideal medium to bring the Alumni together and I request all members to compulsorily register on it.

In our endeavor to curate the Platinum Jubilee events and the diverse age groups and social responsibility we had to cater to, we divided the events to be planned into categories like within the school and outside the school, sombre events and fun events, run-rate events and mega events.

We had a great responsibility towards our dearest students of Classes XI and XII and invited to the first in our series of talk shows with the illustrious alumni of the school, Amit Jain

(1994 batch) Founder and CEO of CarDekho. There was a sense of satisfaction as the students loved the event and posed a number of questions to the guest.

We now stand on the cusp of our Platinum Jubilee celebrations which runs from December, 2024 to December, 2025. To flag of the celebrations we have launched two Mega events. The first is on 24th December, 2024, a Launch Party with Live Music, to bring the member batches together in a night of togetherness and nostalgia.

A ticketed event, we are grappling with high stakes and request each one of you to come forward with money and sponsors.

In our quest to invite speakers of national stature, our Guest for the Day on the afternoon of 28th December, 2024 shall be Mrs. Smriti Irani, Former Cabinet Minister, Govt. of India and we gather to hear her views on “ India - the Next Decade and Beyond”.

As we put our best foot forward, we reiterate that these are your functions, and we hope you will bless our effort by turning up in large numbers. We eagerly look forward to your presence.

**- Anoop Kumar Sah ('69)
 Chair Platinum Jubilee Organising
 Committee (PJOC)**



GOLDEN JUBILEE BATCH 1974

Reunited! Unforgettable School memories... I used to walk down daily to my alma mater as I was fortunately staying close by. One can never forget the pride one feels in climbing up the royal stairs. Rushing to my class room to keep my bag in my class and then rush for the assembly made the mornings delightfully hectic.

The walk back to the classroom had another adventure- Fr. Rebero, a hard taskmaster and a soft soul was there to check the nails, uniform and shoes, anyone out of order was out of class!!! The wait for the lunch break after the 1st half started with the first period itself, most of us had food and fun in our minds along with studies. Rushing out on grounds with tiffin to have lunch with my friends under the trees to save ourselves from the eagles in the sky.

This was followed by rush to play marbles or incline and decline on the favourite jungle gym. Class heroes ran towards the Handball courts. (legends were made there).

Our today's proficiency in English is all because of the strict checking of our english copy books

by Mrs. Kauland Fr. Rosenfelder... our copies used to be full of corrections in red. One can never forget the crackers blown in the class rooms to be followed by mass caning of the whole class, throwing of marbles in the class room, imitating our teachers and what not. We always looked forward to our annual function and sports day, specially we all used to wait for the last event of tug of war.

Saturday English movies was the most awaited event of the week, the shades of Roy Rogers and Dirty Harry in our mannerisms has its origin in these movies. Dramatics, Elocution contests, School fairsoh God ...what all my school had for me to offer. Cricket fields, Swimming pools, Football and Hockey fields, Baseball facilities, Tennis courts, Basketball courts ...the list is endless....

My last day in school was perhaps the saddest day of my life...Feel so proud to be a part of the Golden Jubilee batch this year of St. Xavier's Jaipur and feel totally indebted to my alma mater for what all I am today.

Cheers for Xavier's

- Shailesh Kackar '74



JAAI MID TERM MEETING IN NEW DELHI

The JAAI Mid Term Meeting convened in New Delhi, bringing together representatives from Kolkata, Jaipur, Patna, and Darjeeling, led by Ramalingamji, Luv Shekhawat, Neelmani Rangesh and Deven Gurung respectively. The meeting was held in the presence of Jesuit Fathers Fr. John Ravi SJ, Fr. Daniel Raj SJ, Fr. T.J. Jose SJ, Fr. Augustine Perumalil SJ, and Fr. Dayal SJ.

Over two days, the attendees experienced bonding, camaraderie, and enjoyable moments.

Day 1:

The first day commenced with a panel discussion focusing on the "Impact of AI on School Education." Participants engaged in insightful deliberations, sharing perspectives on leveraging AI for educational advancement. Later, the day witnessed the semi-finals between

teams from New Delhi, Jaipur, and Kolkata, showcasing their skills and teamwork.

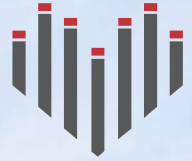
Day 2:

The excitement continued with a Basketball match between New Delhi and Jaipur, culminating in a thrilling victory for New Delhi with a score of 78/71.

The highlight of the day was the final Cricket match between DOXA and XAJ, which ended in a tie, leading to both teams being declared joint winners.

Overall, the JAAI Mid Term Meeting was a success, fostering collaboration, sportsmanship, and the exchange of ideas among Jesuit educators, enriching the community's spirit and commitment to excellence in education





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REFLECTIVE MEMOIRS : THE JOURNEY OF THE XAVIERITES OF BATCH 1999

Our Roots: Growing Up in Jaipur as 80s Kids

As we celebrate the silver jubilee of the 1999 batch of Saint Xavier's School, Jaipur, it's a poignant moment to reflect on the experience of growing up in Jaipur during the 90s. Quite a population of Jaipur resided within the historic confines of the walled pink city, a contrasting blend of tradition and the burgeoning pulse of modernity. Even amidst the tumultuous times like the aftermath of the Mandal Commission and the 1992 riots, our innocence remained intact; these cultural markers shaped the resilient and dynamic spirit of our generation. Our days were accompanied by the familiar sounds of Doordarshan and All India Radio. After all, who needed Netflix binge-watching when you had weekly episodes of Mahabharat, Surabhi, Shriman-Shrimati and Shaktiman (our own Indian superhero giving Stan Lee a run for his money!)? We indulged in Gold Spot, Frooti, and Maaza without fussing over the calories in the 2-minute maggi; evenings often dedicated to outdoor games, swapping WWF cards or fantasizing over the latest MTV music videos.

The School Motto: Deus Fortitudo Mea

Who could forget the morning assembly, where the sound of hundreds of voices joined in unison for the morning prayer "Our Father in Heaven", and the school song "Cheer for Xavier's", an anthem that encapsulated our pride in our school motto Deus Fortitudo Mea (God is my strength). The school diary was a trove of spiritual and inspirational songs, such as Rabindranath Tagore's Where The Mind is Without Fear and Ek Hamara Nara (or 'Nada', as invariably many would sing and giggled!). Those melodies, bound within pages, often found us unified in chorus, reminding us of the values we cherish today. An anecdote many would relate regarding the school diary: the panic setting in as the teacher writes a bad

remark in my diary. The smirky face of your partner in crime, Ah, the art of forging signatures – a rite of passage for many students!

The Playground of Dreams: Sports and Infrastructure

Saint Xavier's school boasts extensive fields and top-notch sports facilities, a paradise for the athletically inclined. Our vast playgrounds nurtured the talent of many who went on to become top-class sportsmen at individual sports such as Judo, Taekwondo, Swimming to team sports such as Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball and Cricket. The impressive auditorium resonated with applause for countless dramatics, debates and musical events that fostered public speaking and artistic expression. Here, infrastructure was not merely about buildings and grounds; it was about constructing futures, molding us into the individuals we are today.

Guiding Lights: Teachers and Their Legacy

Our Jesuit fathers and teachers were more than educators; they were mentors with profound expertise in their subjects and a self-less passion for imparting knowledge. Their lessons extended beyond textbooks, embedding a wisdom that inspired us to challenge the status quo. Another anecdote about one of our batch's IIT top rankers solving an IIT JEE mains question





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based on his memory of the 11th grade Physics Fluid Dynamics lesson. Our teachers not only prepared us for exams but inculcated a lifelong curiosity and respect for knowledge. These pillars of guidance were instrumental in shaping our journeys and instilling a thirst for excellence.

A Legacy of Excellence: Distinct Achievements

Saint Xavier's School, Jaipur has been a bastion of excellence with distinguished alumni across various fields. Batch 1999 boasts of dedicated doctors who valiantly served during the Covid-19 pandemic, fearless army officers and innovative entrepreneurs, Xavierites have always made their mark. Each student who passed through the hallowed halls of Xavier's owes their well-rounded personalities to the rich school culture. We were molded into future leaders, patriots, and above all, good human beings. The ethos of the school emphasized the importance of integrity, empathy, and a sense of service to the community—we are proud to continue this tradition, contributing to technology, business, and public service,

nurturing the Xavier legacy with pride and responsibility.

A Time to Reflect and Celebrate

December 26th will be a day imbued with nostalgia as we reunite with old friends at our beloved school. There's an indescribable excitement at the thought of walking once again through familiar corridors and vast fields, eagerly pointing out to our spouses and children where our stories began. It's a celebration of the bonds that time and distance have never frayed, and a recognition of the impact Xavier's has had on each of us. As we gather for our silver jubilee celebrations, we find ourselves in a moment of profound gratitude and happiness. It's a time to reflect on our journey, to celebrate the friendships that have shaped us, and to honor the institution that laid the foundation for our lives. We look forward to not just re-living cherished memories but also to recommitting ourselves to the values that Saint Xavier's School, Jaipur instilled in us—a legacy that we proudly carry forward. **Jai Hind!**

- Abhishek Mukherji '99



ALUMNI LAWYER'S CRICKET CUP

The annual Xavier's Alumni Lawyer's Cricket 20-20 Cup was organised in honour of our beloved Advocate **Abhishek Sharma (Goldy)**- popularly known as Goldie (1996) on the 20th of October at St Xavier's School grounds. The occasion was graced by Honourable Judge Pankaj Bhandari (1981) and Retired Honourable Judge Alok Sharma (1973) alongwith Senior Advocate Kamlakar Sharma (1968) and other Alumni lawyers of different batches. There were two team Blues and Golds. Batting first, the Blues team Scored 138 with Alok Sharma, Deepak Gupta and Prashant Chaturvedi majorly contributing to the score and Govind taking 3 wickets Mayank 2 wickets; Rafiq Kartik and Suveer taking a wicket each for Golds. The Golds team successfully chased that in 15.3 overs with 9 wickets in hand. Govind started with a



controlled innings and remained not out on 53* and Rizwan Ahmed 27 while Opening the innings and in the end Kamlakar Sharma scored not out 32 to finish the match. The late Advocate Abhishek's family distributed the Prizes to the individual winners and the winning team **GOLDS**.

The afternoon ended with High-Tea and Prize distribution and "Tareekh" for the next rendezvous.



POOL SIDE PARTY

Most awaited event in our calendar the annual "Pool side Party" saw glimpses of the frolic at Pool on Sunday. The day was all about dips and splashes in the pool and lots of fun games. The guests thoroughly relished the delicious array of dishes by our food and beverage partners @shrisnackbytes @bettercallshireen @_yummieskitchen @jas_kitchen_jaipur @rangoonjaipur @love.bites09. The best part of the programme was scintillating performances by renowned musical band "Kaafila", they kept the audience enthralled for hours.

Three generations of Dr. Gautam Sen's family, all Xavierites, in one frame. Dr. Gautam is one of the oldest members of the Alumni and is a regular at the Alumni events.



DJ DANCE PARTY AT OHANA

Dance like no one's watching, but post like everyone is!!! We lived the spirit of this quote to the fullest on 10 August, 2024. Ladies in their best attire and gentlemen with their best friends had a blast. Amidst the free flowing drinks and sumptuous food was the dance floor, where nobody missed the chance to shake their legs. Lot of guests left the party enquiring about the dates of the next get together.



BASKETBALL



Hoopsters were again on the rampage when the the old chaps decided to have few more fakes and dunks on terra ferma.

Team A' bagged the winner's title at the Xavier's Alumni Basketball Tournament in the final match of Team B vs Team A with a score of 76-65. In a series of thrilling matches on 3 consecutive days, the final standings were - Teams A, B & C. Though the real winner truly is the sportsman spirit inculcated in us by our Alma Mater and the nostalgia that filled the court.

The energy throughout the tournament was electric as many alumni members joined in to showcase their skills and relive the excitement of playing together. The cheer and enthusiasm of old students added to the unforgettable atmosphere. Here's to more memorable moments and the bonds that last a lifetime!

7-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Incredible two days of Alumni Football Championship on the school football ground saw the energy and adrenaline rush that was unmatched as present and former students and faculty members came on the field, bringing enthusiasm and sporting spirit that made for some unforgettable moments. The matches were challenging, showcasing the talent and teamwork that defined our school days.

The results were fantastic!

Black: 1

Reds: 0

Scorer: Anish Thomas '01 batch

Thanks to everyone who participated and cheered on!



LET'S LEARN... A TALK BY AMIT JAIN

We had an inspiring session with the CEO & Co-founder of CarDekho Group Amit Jain, a trailblazing Autotech company in India. Amit Jain (1994 batch), a Shark from Shark Tank India Season 2, shared his journey from a Jaipur garage to creating a unicorn in under 15 years. Alumni members gathered on Monday, 15th July, 2024 at St. Xavier's School, Bhagwan Das Road, C-Scheme, Jaipur to learn from his visionary leadership and innovation in Autotech and beyond. The session included a Q & A segment, where Amit's guidance helped shape the young minds in attendance.

Interactions with such achievers inspires our present generation to work towards greater good.



FR. COSGROVE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golf is where I perfect my frustration, this old adage was perfected by our men in Blue and Gold on greens. After a daylong companionship of swings and misses, the participants gathered for the party. It was the XIIth edition of this Golf Cup. Principal, Fr. Dominic Arockiam, SJ felicitated

the winner and runner up team and players.

Vibhor Agarwal, Dr. Rohan Govil, Parijat Agarwal and Abhyuday Rawat played on the winning team.



N. D. MARSHALL MEMORIAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT

N. D. Marshall Cricket Tournament was a grand success Bringing together cricketers from the alumni spanning over three decades! Having 61 participants divided into teams representing Reds, Blues, Greens and Golds added a great sense of camaraderie and nostalgia for everyone involved.

The Reds vs Blues was an intense match with plenty of action! Karan Mehla's all-rounder skills and Aryan Sharma's smart tactics made a big difference for Blues. Tough luck for Reds despite Anant and Devrishi's efforts!



team, while Raja '1997 and Aryan '2023 showed some strong performances for Blues.

Golds vs Greens finale match was incredible! Akbar Khan's leadership and all-round performance seem to have been key for Greens, and contributions from Aditya Poonia and

Kaustubh Jagawat sealed the victory. Hats off to Golds as well for their strong efforts, especially from Aviral, Aditya, and Rohit. The event sounds like a big success, thanks to Kartik, Atin and Tariq's great work!

The tournament rekindled fond memories and reconnected participants to celebrate their shared passion for cricket across different generations.

Another thrilling match followed with Golds coming out on top to challenge Greens for the Cup. Adnan '2000, Rohit Singh '1997 and Daljit '1994 really turned the game around for their

RAFI CUP FOOTBALL

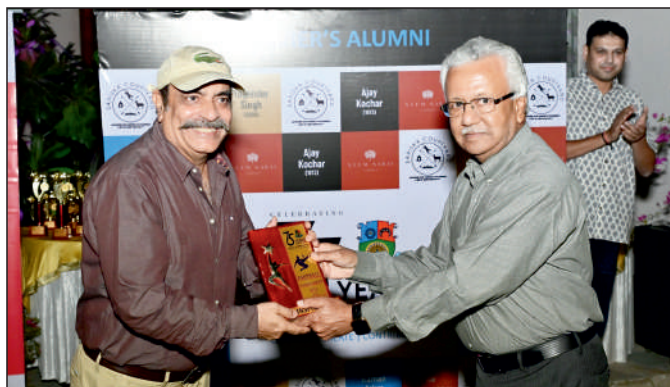
"Football is a simple game; 22 men chase a ball for 90 minutes and at the end, the better team wins." That's what we all were witness to... a good game of soccer, 22 boys and 1 referee gruelling it out on the lower field. The occasion was final of RAFI CUP 2024, which is held in memory of our past President late Mr. Mohd. Rafi (1974 batch). This is the annual inter-house championship trophy, organised lovingly by his sons Saleem and Aamin. Mr. Rafi was a great full back of his times. The two teams, with all guns loaded, entered the field to win.



ALUMNI SPORTS AFTER PARTY

As the oldies say "All play and no party.... makes a Xavierite a dull boy." This wise thought of seniors was honoured by the organisers on 9th November, 2024. The venue was sprawling bungalow, Pratap lawn, so gracefully and magnanimously given to us by **Vijit Singh (1986 batch)**. This was a much awaited event that saw youngsters (on time!!!) in their happiest mood. The usual "howdy man!!!" was followed by Prize distribution of all the sporting events. Then came the most important part, "Cocktails and Dinner". The enjoyment knew no bounds. All of us had a great time, as the event turned out to be more Gala then we expected. This note will not be complete without thanking benevolence of Luv Shekhawat (1998), Ajay Kochar (1973), Yogender Singh (2000), Neetiraj Singh (1995), Madhavender Singh (2002) and Saleem (1996). Finally our thanks to Vijit Singh, who so lovingly curated this event in his sprawling and well maintained bungalow even giving us the pleasure of his culinary skills. This man with a golden heart cooked golden chicken for all of us.

Everyone departed with lovely memories in their hearts and lovely after-taste in their mouths.



BATTLE OF THE BRAINS : NARESH PARDAL G.K. QUIZ

It is an Inter-house event, organised every year by the members of the alumni committee of our school, in memory of our very own ex-Xavierite, the Late Naresh Pardal.

'The Big Brains' from all the four houses assembled to showcase their ability. The audience proved to be an encouraging and interactive one as the participants avidly awaited each question that would test the depth of their intellect and mastery in various domains, whether it was the latest current affairs or famous poetic lines; events from the ancient past or something related to science and technology. Every question was a mind marathon and every contestant was set on being the first, their eyes brimming with cleverness and their minds quick for uptake, as ready as they can be to hit the buzzer, hoping to get the correct answer. The entire room was zestful, filled with the true spirit of healthy competition and lively dynamics.

Cheers and applause surrounded the room as the contestants presented their expertise in factual knowledge and the ability to work their brains through within seconds and have a complex command over their thinking. Cash



prizes were given to all. The quiz ultimately served as an exhilarating display of intellect and the amazing capacity of the human mind and those who nurture it with facts, wisdom and

SQUASH



Squash is a love language, for those who play it. Younger and older "boys", as young as 49 years and as fit as a fiddle gathered at the courts at Xavier's, Jaipur. What unfolded was pure passion and real hard work. The Semi finals were hard fought battles, first between youth and experience, where Nirlipt Singh (1991 batch) gave Jairaj Singh (2019 batch) many hard times. The duel between equally efficient competitors ended with Jairaj's victory. Second semi final saw gruelling action between Siddharth Saraf and Sparsh Agarwal, both skillful players. Siddharth won to enter the finals. Jairaj was on a winning streak when he entered the court. The tough duel ended with Jairaj's win. Third place was secured by Nirlipt Singh.

POOL TOURNAMENT

An incredible day of our Alumni Billiards Tournament. It was a wonderful experience of coming together with such energy and enthusiasm with old friends and school mates! The results of the day were :

Top 4

1. Sanjay Bhansali 1982
2. Aviral Dixit 2002
3. Arjun Meghnani 2011
4. Sparsh Agarwal 2017



The competitive spirit is alive and the memories made were even better! Thanks to everyone who participated and made this event so special. Can't wait to see you all tomorrow for the finals!

ABHIMANYU MEMORIAL FOOTBALL MATCH

Those who sacrifice their lives for the nation are honoured in heaven. That is something we know for sure ...And we are also doing our bit to honour our martyred dear friend Flying Officer Abhimanyu Singh Chauhan (1996 batch).

Abhimanyu, a keen footballer, we know he can be best remembered on the soccer fields. So to pay our homage, we played a football match between Alumni team and School team. This



year on 14th July, the field was set ablaze by some old and some not-so-old boys. The Alumni team won, as usual. The highlight of the game was super performance by old war horse Suresh Nair (1989 batch) who incidentally had his son as a team mate.

The guest of honour was entire Chauhan family headed by Mr. Dharmendra Singh Chauhan. The programme ended with cake cutting along with snacks.

ALUMNI SWIMMING MEET

The First Annual Alumni Swimming Meet 2024 was an enthralling experience for one and all! The alumni members participated and cheered on with full gusto! The event sure was a trip down memory lane with friends. The results were as follows :

1st category - Batch upto 2000-2010

2nd category - Batch 2010-2024

50mtrs Free Style (Category 1) : 1st Abhay Shivpuri;
 2nd Ruchir Malpani; 3rd Rahul Tyagi

50mtrs Free Style (2nd Category) : 1st Akash; 2nd Abhinandan; 3rd Akshit

50mtrs Breast Stroke : 1st Akash; 2nd Abhinandan;
 3rd Digvijay

50mtrs Back Stroke : 1st Rahul Tyagi; 2nd Abhay Shivpuri; 3rd Anujeet Pratap

50mtrs Butterfly Stroke : 1st-Akash; 2nd Akshit
 3rd Dhruv

4×50 mtrs Free Style Relay : 1st Ruchir, Prithviraj,
 Digvijay, Akshit; 2nd Abhay, Abhinandan, Dhruv,
 Hardik; 3rd Rahul, Akash, Sachin, Pratibha

There are some very exciting events lined up as we approach the Jubilee celebrations. Stay tuned!



OBITUARY

We are overcome by profound grief as we have lost our very dear teacher, **Ms. Magdeline Francis** a legend in our history. Ms. Francis was born on May 30th, 1926 and having lost her father at a very young age, she shouldered responsibilities of her home and siblings. She completed her senior Cambridge at the age of 18 and joined St. Mary's School which later became St. Xavier's School in Jaipur. She taught here for 36 years. She was a staunch Christian and actively participated in Church activities, following in her mother's footsteps.



She also joined the Lay Order of "Our Lady of the Way" and devoted herself whole heartedly to its ministry. She had the proud privilege of

receiving The Papal Award from Pope Paul VI. She spent her last years at the Avedna Ashram, an arm of SDM Hospital. The owner, Mr. Rashmikant Durlabhji was like a caring elder brother to her. Many of her students who are well placed and hold distinguished positions in various establishments often visited her. She was a voracious reader and even in her last days she would definitely glance through the English newspaper, daily. Ms. Magdeline Francis was indeed an exemplary teacher and was dearly loved by all her students. Her endearing personality and gentle behaviour was deeply admired by all - yet the stoic woman she was reflected her inner strength. She will be deeply missed by us all. We pray for her soul to find a very peaceful place.

EDITORIAL

Reunions, Revelations, and the Relentless Passage of Time. As I sat in my attic, surrounded by dusty old yearbooks and faded photographs, I couldn't help but feel a pang of nostalgia wash over me. It's been decades since we graduated, and yet, the memories of our time in school remain as vivid as ever. As we gather for our latest reunion, I'm reminded of the wise words of our former principal:

"The older you get, the more you realize that school was actually the best time of your life." Of course, at the time, we thought he was crazy. But now, as we navigate the ups and downs of adulthood, we realize that he was onto something. As we catch up with old friends and classmates, it's amazing how quickly the years melt away.

We laugh and joke, reminiscing about old times and sharing stories of our adventures since graduation. And yet, beneath the surface, we're all thinking the same thing: "How did we get so old?" As I looked around the room, I was struck by the sheer diversity of our group. We'd all taken different paths in life, pursuing careers in everything from medicine to music. And yet, despite our differences, we were all united by a shared experience – our time in school. As we raised our glasses in a toast to our alma mater, I couldn't help but feel a sense of gratitude for the experience we shared. School may have been a challenging and sometimes frustrating time, but it was also a period of incredible growth and discovery. So here's to our school days – the good, the bad, and the utterly ridiculous. May we always cherish the memories we made, and may we never forget the lessons we learned along the way.

Cheers, school mates!!! Wish you all a Merry Christmas and A Very Happy New Year.

- Editorial Team

P.S. : Although we have taken utmost care in preparing this newsletter, but being humans we are bound to err, please be divine and forgive us.



with best wishes from

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