



TEENOVATORS 2016 FIRE FUELS CREATIVITY IN JOSEPHITES!



Josephites won handsomely at the recently organised National Innovation Challenge for Young Minds - Teenovators 2016, instituted by Manipal Institute of Technology in association with INK talks. Our school team of Shivalik Poovaiah, Lloyd Lobo, Pranav KB, Aman Basawanal and Joshua Lewis of Std 12 won the 'Teenovators of the year' certificate and a cash prize of 5 lakh.

Their 'Infrasonic Fire Extinguisher' which uses sound waves to push away oxygen molecules won for its sheer ingenuity. Since fires rage due to oxygen supply, sound waves carrying energy can be used to push away the lighter oxygen molecules from the fuel so as to curb the inferno.

A total of 450 teams participated in the prestigious competition, and were adjudged by MP Shashi Tharoor and an eminent panel of judges from MIT.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



The ability to stand in someone else's shoes, to feel not just sympathy, but empathy, makes us better human beings. Sympathy is feeling compassion, sorrow, or pity for the hardships that another person encounters, while empathy is putting yourself in the shoes of another. To create empathetic individuals, we need to expose them to greater diversity – both social and physical.

The 'twinning' programmes started recently in our school, aim to do just this. We have taken our students to other Jesuit institutions located in poor, rural areas and 'immersed' them in that lifestyle, to live with and like the poor. This gives them a unique perspective, and one that we hope will make them spiritually richer and intellectually robust.

The Jesuit principles of education are founded on the axiom of 'men for others'. Twinning between city institutions and rural ones in the same province creates exactly the kind of social consciousness that we would like to see in our students. We hope to do many more of the same.

Do read about our Outreach Programme to Manvi (Pg 1), to Jeevarathni (Pg 3) and a number of similar visits to Snehadan and children's and old people's homes (Pg 3).

*On behalf of the management and staff,
I wish you all a wonderful vacation!*

OUTREACH PROGRAMME TO MANVI ADOPTING A NEW ATTITUDE

A first of its kind and by far the most enriching effort to reach out to those less fortunate, was the recent Outreach programme to Manvi in Raichur district of Karnataka. A team of 30, comprising 9 faculty members and 21 students of SJBHS were a part of the twinning programme, reaching out to adopted schools of SJBHS, to understand the different methods adopted by the Jesuits, to improve the living and working conditions of the tribal communities.

Prior to their departure, the students were briefed on what to expect from the programme and the opportunities available to reach out to the marginalized. The 1,500 students of the Raichur schools were the beneficiaries of the Outreach Programme. The programme included interaction with the villagers of Pannur and Manvi.



Based on the vision and mission of Fr. Maxim Rasquinha on his 50th year of ordination, the schools have now entered the 14th year of inception. Under the leadership of Fr Arun Luis (Director) along with the capable and vibrant talent of Fr. Royston (Principal), Fr. Rayappa (Principal) and Fr. Anil, the vision is slowly but surely shaping into reality.

SCHOOL EVENTS

THE GO GREEN MARCH BY OUR SCHOOL



The GO GREEN march with more than 1,500 participants, was flagged off by Bengaluru Mayor G. Padmavathi, Shanthinagar Corporator M.B. Dwarkanath, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Commissioner N. Manjunath Prasad, Joint Commissioners of BBMP Yatish Kumar and Sarfaraz Khan and DJ Halli Corporator Sampath Kumar.

SJBHS MUN 200 DELEGATES ATTEND!



Our MUN attracted a record number of 21 premier schools with over 200 student delegates! Committees such as the League of Nations, International Olympics Committee and the EU NATO Joint Summit were simulated for the very first time in the Bangalore Circuit - the 4th edition of SJBHSMUN. This is St. Joseph's Boys' High School Model United Nations, a platform for students to explore the life of delegates at international forums. It exposes students to the intricacies of international politics and the thought process behind every single decision and resolution.



The Security Council, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Economic and Social Council and the All India Parties Meet showcased heated debates. Two committees in this MUN - the ECOSOC and the IOC, deliberated upon two very relevant agendas that affect us today, namely, the issue of widespread poverty and the doping scandal in the Olympics.

Important lessons were learnt during the three day fare – lessons of diplomacy, tact and an insight into national and international political ethics.

PHENOMENON 2016 POPULAR ANNUAL EVENT

Students, parents, relatives, well-wishers and other Bangaloreans came in large numbers for the mega SJBHS PHENOMENON 2016 – a Carnival cum Literary, Cultural and Commerce Fest.

The game stalls had entertainment for everyone: Disney characters, large colourful balloons and upbeat music kept everyone on their feet. The merry-go-round, bouncing play house and tattoo artists ensured that the kids were in high spirits. The mouthwatering cuisine drew crowds of hungry revelers towards the food stalls.

The cultural part of the fest witnessed healthy competition and showcased skills and a diverse array of talents. Crisis Management, Wall Street, Photography, Creative Writing, Rap Battle, Fusion Dance, Beat Boxing and the Fashion Show kept the judges on their toes and the audience clamouring for more.

Phenomenon 2016 finally came to an end with the Dance Music Festival featuring international DJ, Thomas Newson. People took selfies to declare to the world they were at Phenomenon 2016. All this is testimony to the fact that the event was a mighty success!



TRANSCENDENCE SCHOOL SCIENCE FEST

Transcendence 2016, the SJBHS science fest with its array of debates, crosswords, quizzes, treasure hunts, video making, potpourri and Rubicon, proved the age old adage that 'Science is simply common sense at its best'.

The annual event just grows bigger, better and more challenging every year with scope for inter school participation in future.



HINDI DIWAS



The month of September was reserved for a plethora of competitions in our national language, Hindi. The students took part enthusiastically in all the competitions as well as the special assembly with performances of song, dance, skits and poetry all in Hindi.

OUTREACH PROGRAMME



Our school has a robust outreach programme as it believes that children must appreciate the diversity in life. The PTA assisted the school in organizing this trip. The students of Std 8 went to different locations:

- SNEHADHAN – a care home for HIV positive children
- Diya Foundation – home for the intellectually challenged and physically disabled children
- Friend in Need Society – Old Age Home
- St. John's Medical College – Unit of Hope for children



KARNATAKA RAJYOTSAVA



SJBHS hosted a grand celebration to mark statehood day. Flags with the state colours of red and gold fluttered in the breeze marking our cultural heritage. The special assembly depicted the impressive variety of languages and dialects of the state through songs and speeches.

PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT SPIRITUAL RENEWAL PROGRAMME

School held a series of personality development courses for the Non-Catholic Students and Spiritual Renewal Sessions for the Catholic Students of Stds 7 to 9. The idea is to bring out well balanced and thoughtful individuals into society.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY FOR OUTGOING STUDENTS

Nostalgia and wistfulness mixed with gratitude and appreciation marked 19th of January, 2017. It was the last day of school for the graduating students of Stds 10 & 12.



Regular school Assembly, with its ritual flag hoisting and singing of the school song was made all the more poignant as it would be their last one.

There were many songs, dances, speeches and poems which expressed heartfelt gratitude and the underlying sadness of the students as they came to terms with leaving the sheltered portals of their school.

VISIT TO THE MOBILE PLANETARIUM

As observation, experimentation and participation reinforce learning in the classroom, a visit to the mobile planetarium is vital for our young scientists. The students of Std. V to X experienced virtual travel through the documentaries titled 'Journey to the Sun' and 'Discovery of Space'. The 3D effect, commentary and visual presentation gave the students a glimpse into the expanse of the world beyond.

THANKSGIVING & INTER RELIGIOUS PRAYER SERVICE

The Thanksgiving prayer service, at the beginning and end of each academic year, glorifies the oneness of God and celebrates the spirit of togetherness in our school. Divine music was played out through hymns and bhajans in Hindi and Kannada. Readings and reflections from the Bhagwad Gita, Quran, Guru Granth Sahib, Bible, Jain and Buddhist Scriptures as well as the intercessory prayers thanked the Almighty for His graces.



CLC OUTREACH PROGRAMME VISIT TO JEEVARATHANI

The visit to Jeevarathni, Home for the Abandoned on Hosur Road was an eye opener for the CLC boys of SJBHS. The Home can truly be called a miracle farmhouse. The serenity of the rustic environment, the chatter of the farm animals and the sense of purpose of the inmates as they went about their daily chores re-iterated the belief that living peacefully brings emotional stability. Our boys came away with a sense of gratitude for their own blessed existence.



CONGRATULATIONS!

INTER SCHOOL CULTURAL COMPETITIONS

ESPLENDIDA Mount Carmel College

- Tamara and Rohan Jacob** - Biblical Quiz, 1st Place
Preethi Jha - Indian Musical Duet, 3rd Place
Keerthi Ranjan - Voice of Melody, Championship
Pallavika.G - Fashion Illustration, 3rd Place
Joel C and Nityaan - Riddles and Puzzles, 3rd Place
Lenny, Yug Singh, Sharan, Rovaan, Balaji and Nakul Reddy - Mad Ads, 2nd Place
Balaji and Rovaan - Air Crash, 3rd Place

EQUINOX St.Joseph's Pre-University College

- Ralph, Arun and Markdev** - Battle of the Bands, 3rd Place
Shubangi Anand and Yukta R Kukreja - Poster making, 2nd Place
Amit Nair - Cartoon Making, Champion
Darshan and Aditya B - Cooking Without Fire, Runners Up
Rovaan - Air Crash, 1st Place
Rovaan and Balaji - Clash of Councils, 1st Place
Rovaan and Balaji - JAM, 3rd Place
Rushika, Sufyan, Utkarsh, Srujan and Varada - Red Team, 1st Place

MAGNACHRISTA Christ Junior College

- Nikhil Anand** - JAM, 2nd Place
Rovaan - Air Crash, 2nd Place
Balaji - Air Crash, 3rd Place
Nikhil Anand, Gaurav, Harshit and Varda Bhat - Crisis Management, 2nd Place

RESURGENCE Bishop Cotton Boys School

- Tamara and Arunima** - Orange Red, Champion

AARAMB St. Joseph's College

- Joshua D'Costa and Savio** - Business Quiz, 3rd Place
Divin and Tamara - Human Resource Event, 3rd Place
Tismehar and Arunima - Marketing Event, 3rd Place
 Drawing and Colouring Competition Freedom Park
Navneet Ramkumar - Drawing, 2nd Place



Investiture Ceremony where the House Captains and Vice-Captains for the year 2017-18 were chosen

House	Andrew's	David's	George's	Patrick's
Captain	Tejas S. Rai	Kenneth Lemuel T.	Mallon Lawrence D'Souza	B.S. Vishwanatha
Vice Captain	Haashim A.Rayadurg	Lijo George	Christo Roshan	Gaurav N.Sivappa

Aqua Regia Science Quiz 2016

- Rohit Paul and Nachiketa Kumar** - Quiz, 1st Place

Inter-School Competition Dev Matha Central School

- Yowash Praveen** - Colouring, 3rd Place
Rishab Anand - Colouring, 1st Place
Rishi Madhav - Solo Dance, 2nd Place
Nihal .N.Bolde - Solo Dance, 3rd Place
Kanav Raj - Fancy Dress, 3rd Place

BMUN

- Pranav Devaraj** - WHO-USA, 1st Commendable Delegate
Callum Arul - International Maritime Organisation, 1st Commendable Delegate
Sutanshu Seth - UNHRC, 1st Honourable Delegate
Bashir Ali Abbas - 1st Honourable Delegate

COMUN

- Harshit Chajjed** - CSTF -UK, Special Mention
Arunima Banerjee - CUNTOC, 2nd Commendable Delegate
Anuj Jain - CUNTOC, 1st Commendable Delegate
Bashir Ali Abbas - 1st Commendable Delegate
Hari Karthik Ramesh - Nuclear Security Summit, Special Mention
Akshata Arjunagi - Nuclear Security Summit, Special Mention
Rushika - Honourable Delegate
Kaushal Mennon - Honourable Delegate
Rovan - Convention Against Corruption, Commendable Delegate

YMUN

- Harshit Chajjed** - UNSC - China, Best Delegate
Jason David - WHO- China, Outstanding Delegate
Dhruv Sricharan - DISEC, Outstanding Delegate
Sutanshu Seth - UNHRC, Best Delegate (Head Delegate)

SJPUC MUN

- Harshit Chajjed** - UNHRC - China, 2nd Honourable Delegate
Priyam Bhutra - SPECPOL, Commendable Delegate
Nikhil Anand - UNHRC, 1st Honourable Delegate
Sutanshu Seth - UNHRC, Best Delegate
Bashir Ali Abbas - 1st Honourable Delegate
Hari Karthik Ramesh - 1st Honourable Delegate

Aman Ashoka Memorial Prize Winners 2016-17

- Highest Marks in English: **Sai Eshan, Hayth Nagori, Md. Arhaan, Md. Azlaan, Kenneth Anthony, Abel.K.Jimson, Rahi Nahar, Nihaan Reddy & Mohammed Abdul Khalique**

- Highest marks in Mathematics: **Sai Eshan, Hayth Nagori, Md. Arhaan, Daksh.P.Singhvi, Alvino V Sabu, Rahi Nahar & Nihaan Reddy**



Christmas is a Time to Spread the Joy!



Valedictory Ceremony held on 20th January, 2017 was marked with dignity and seriousness



Christmas Celebrations



Primary Annual Day



Principal's Day is marked with Festivities



PTA Computer Training



Pre Primary Annual Day

NEWS IN PICTURES



Children's Day: Cherishing the most valuable resource of the country and the world



SJBHS wins the 'Best Ornamental Garden' in Bangalore City. Congratulations Mr. Francis, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Stephen and Mr. Shivanna!

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

OBA INITIATIVES



Welcome to the OBA The graduating students were introduced to the fellowship and development initiatives conducted by the OBA chapters in India and overseas. Mr. George Kurian (Old Boy, Batch of 1983) was the Chief Guest. Mr Kurien is the CEO of Netapp Inc, a Fortune 500 company. He graduated from Princeton University and Stanford University in the USA. He spoke to the students on the 'Power of Conviction' and the capacity to shape our own future. The graduating students of Stds 10 & 12 were welcomed into the OBA – belonging to the SJBHS family for life.

Career Speaker Series The alternative careers in today's competitive world were brought before the students of Stds 10,11 and 12 to highlight the deviations from the traditional options. The careers speaker series were as follows:

1. 22 Jun,2016: Session 1 – Healthcare (Panel lead – Dr. Navneet Motreja)
2. 13 Jul, 2016: Session 2 – Information Technology (Panel lead – Jyotnath Ganguly)
3. 26 Aug,2016: Session 3 – Unusual and Alternative Careers (Panel lead – Ashwin U G)
4. 14 Oct,2016: Session 4 – Law (Panel lead – Venkat Purushottam)
5. 22 Nov,2016: Session 5 – Hospitality (Panel lead – Vijay Alphonse)

Career Mentoring Combining technology and experience to render decision making, the OBA set up an online community of Old Boys and Girls worldwide to discuss, counsel and guide the students of Stds 11 & 12 in their future career options through group questions and discussion.

Innovation Lab Aimed at critical thinking, social awareness and out-of-the-box development, the Innovation Lab projects for the students of Std. 7,8 & 9 spanned the academic year. Projects on improvement of road safety, garbage collection, mental health and eradication of air pollution, poverty and illiteracy were judged by Old Boys and Girls worldwide and prizes as well as certificates were awarded.

PTA INITIATIVES

1. A Certification Training Program on Microsoft Office was conducted for all teachers and staff. In addition, a session was conducted by faculty from Indian Institute of Science on Internet of Things, Cloud Computing and Cloud Video Conferencing.
2. An incinerator to dispose medical waste has been installed in the staff room.
3. The first solar power system to generate 5 KW has been installed.
4. A Health Checkup by St John's Medical College and a dental checkup by the Dental Health Organisation was conducted.
5. A Triathlon for students of Std 7, 8 and 9 with nearly 80 students taking part in the Swim-Cycle-Run event.



TEACHERS AS LEARNERS

- Mrs.Lisamma Joseph and Mrs.Odella John attended a Workshop in English and Chemistry conducted by Cambridge University Press.
- Mrs. Johny Benny and Mrs. Pooja Govindraj attended a Mathematics workshop conducted by The Valley School (KFI) with Dr. Asha K. Jitendra on how to simplify word problems.
- Our school counselors Mrs. Shanida Nasser, Miss. Huda Sajjad and Mr. Suvish Samuel Sundaram, attended a session on School Psychology - Successful Mental Health and Well Being' held at the Indian School Psychology Association (INSPA) International Conference 2016 at Pondicherry University.
- Ms. Padmavathi MD and Ms Anne Moushmi Tomy attended a National Level Conference on 'Specific Learning Disabilities In Middle and High School Policy, Pedagogy and Practice' at Mallya Aditi International School.
- Our teachers attended a seminar on the New Education Policy 2016 at St. Joseph's Indian High School where Rev. Fr. Pushparaj SJ presented the salient features of the New Education Policy-2016.



- Fr. Jossie Lobo, a widely travelled theologian with an in-depth knowledge on 'Laudato Si', spoke on the dangers of technological progress devoid of moral and social progress in a seminar for the staff.
- The Seagull Foundation for the Arts, Kolkata conducted a three-day workshop on the topic of Nationalism and it was attended by Mrs. Gowri Mirlay Achanta.



- Mrs. Jessy Tharakan and Mrs. Sharmistha Guha Biswas attended a workshop on 'Influencing and Transforming Student Learning Outcomes' conducted by Microsoft.
- The Provincial Commission for Ecology organised a seminar on 'Eco sensitization among the students'. The seminar included a talk by Mr. Amarinder Singh, CEO of Daily Dump NGO on waste management in schools and a visit to Dharmaram College.

JUNIOR NEWS IN BRIEF

ANNUAL DISPLAY OF TALENTS



Fun Day

Freggie Market: On the 25th of October, the students of LKG and UKG were introduced to a number of fruits and vegetables and taught the names of the same. Drawing, colouring and vegetable printing done in the class re-inforced the theme.



Our Helpers

Students were dressed as helpers and asked to say a few lines on the help rendered by the people who toil for them. Awareness of dignity of labour was generated through colouring of pictures of 'Our Helpers'.

PRIMARY AND PRE PRIMARY ANNUAL DAY ANNUAL DISPLAY OF VARIED TALENTS

Our school's Primary Annual Day was held on the 21st of January. Annual Day as the name suggests, is that day in the school year where multiple talents get a chance to be displayed and earn their share of congratulations! Naturally then, the SJBHS grounds were filled with the Josephite families waiting to see their loved ones on stage.

The bhajan 'Teri Hai Zameen, Tera Asmaan', the graceful Welcome Dance 'Swagatam', the 'Earth song' and the contemporary dance 'Grinhaa' set the stage for the show.

The dance musical titled 'Creation of Life' used the five elements of Nature to depict the courage, compassion and commitment of Mother Teresa who surmounted the barriers of state, religion and gender to save the dying and the destitute. In a fitting finale, the excellent school choir rendered 'What wonderful world' and 'Let there be peace on Earth'.

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The Pre Primary Annual Day was held a week later on 28th January 2017. The tiny tots of LKG and UKG took centre stage to showcase their talents – acting, dancing and singing – a shared achievement with their teachers who worked hard to ensure a smooth event. Also sharing the excitement of the children, were their proud parents and families who filled the school auditorium.

The backdrop was decorated with butterflies, flowers and stars while balloons and strobe lights transformed the auditorium into a magical world. The cultural programme with its variety of dances, songs, music and drama, the musical portrayal of the World of Nature, the Solar System and Cultures of the World as well as the Kannada Musical Drama were a big hit.



SPORTS

ANNUAL AQUATIC MEET, 2016-17

The spirit of competition was fierce as the swimmers from SJBHS as well as neighbouring schools took part in the intra and inter school individual and team events, including relays. The SJBHS Senior and Junior Relay teams faced stiff competition from the Bishop Cotton and Cathedral School and finished second in both categories.

The Chief Guest, Olympian and Old Boy Hakimuddin Habibulla, graced the occasion and felicitated the winners and encouraged the participants. The individual champions from each of the categories are as follows:

Stds 4 & 5: Akash Mani

Stds 6 & 7: Kalp Bohra

Stds 8 & 9: Ashley Vaz

Std 10: Manish B.S & Dhruv Mendens.



CONGRATULATIONS !



Mr. R Sundar, Mrs Tarini Wilson, Mrs Gowri Mirlay Achanta

Hearty Congratulations to Mr Sunder & Mrs. Tarini Wilson (Superannuation) and Mrs Gowri Mirlay Achanta (Silver Jubilee)!

Mr R Sundar joined SJBHS as part of the support staff in 1986 and has served the school ever since.

Mrs Tarini Wilson joined our school in 1987, and has taught Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Life Skills.

Mrs Gowri Mirlay Achanta completes 25 years of teaching History and English in our school.



STUDENT TWEET

SHOULD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BE ALLOWED CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL?

A cell phone - the use of which during school hours will obviously be regulated - is one of the avenues of comfort and escape in a student's otherwise insipid and monotonous life. The usage at home, however, acts as a coolant to the fiery educational stress!

Pranav Devaraj

The world is not safe anymore. Barbed wires of uncertain happenings keep our loved ones on the edge until they are assured that we have reached the safe environs of school, via the cell phone of course.

Amshula Puri

Cell phones can be used for educational purposes: research, projects, calculators and even putting in important dates and details when an assignment or a project is due. Phones are not allowed in class because teachers don't want students to be texting in class!

However, schools can use technology to block sites which aren't of any use while in school. It's boring for teenagers to look through a book to find answers; faster and more efficient to pull out their phones in class and search.

Schools should prepare their students for adult life by allowing them to use the tools that they will be using later on in life.

Hannah Elvira Baptist

A cell phone is a major distraction. Rather than using their cell phone for productive purposes, teenagers use it only for communication. Also this gadget offers a completely innovative way to cheat during tests and assignments!

These days children are dependent on their phone for projects and assignments; they completely depend on Google and creativity and original thinking is lost.

Khushi P Jain

As long as it does not disturb the class, it is helpful.

Kaushikk VN

Responsibility comes with power. If students are given the power to bring their phones, they should behave responsibly.

Pallavika G

In today's world, mobile phones aren't a luxury but a basic human need. As students, we recognize this and will not allow it to be a distraction but use a phone productively and responsibly.

Raquel Rodericks

Students should be allowed cell phones in school but they shouldn't be allowed access to it during school hours. Many students travel to and from school by themselves, and it's needed for their safety.

Roopa Shree

Mobile phones help students who study after school hours; this must be encouraged.

Keerthana K

Despite its obvious convenience, it is more of a distraction in school. Moreover, over use of cell phones could cause mental and physical disorders.

Anindya Somaiah

Mobile phones tend to destroy and interfere with a student's concentration.

Anuj Jain

In case students have to stay back for sports, and need to inform parents, it's useful.

Dhruv Sritharan

The phones aren't used during class hours, so it wouldn't interfere with studies.

Muthamma

The school encourages its students to speak out on issues of importance to them. We do not endorse these views. Mrs Ranjna Monappa helped to coordinate this contribution.

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