



Mark your calendars for upcoming OBA events

<i>Back to School Batch Reunions (Bangalore)</i>	<i>Fri, 2 Sept, 2016</i>
<i>Blue & White Bash (Catholic Club, Bangalore)</i>	<i>Sat, 3 Sept, 2016</i>
<i>OBA Day (Bangalore)</i>	<i>Sun, 4 Sept, 2016</i>
<i>SJBHS OBA Connect – North America 2016</i>	<i>Sat-Sun, 3 -4 Sept, 2016</i>
<i>SJBHS OBA Connect – Coorg 2016</i>	<i>Sat, 1 Oct, 2016</i>
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Upcoming OBA events

Back to School Batch Reunions (Bangalore)

Continuing from the success of the “Back to School” event held in Sept 2015, the OBA will host the 2016 event in the Concert Hall in School on Friday, 2 Sept, at 7PM. Looking way back, the Batch of 1956 will celebrate 60 years of being Old Boys. Similarly, other batches will celebrate 50 years of passing out of School, 40 years and so on. An extremely nostalgic and happy event, the “Back to School” reunion event is open to all Old Boys where past Principals and Teachers join the Old Boys.

Blue & White Bash (Bangalore)

The tradition of holding the Blue & White Bash continues, with the event being held at the Catholic Club on Saturday, 3 Sept starting at 7:30 PM. Goa’s leading band Forefront will be in attendance. Tickets may be purchased at the OBA Office at School between 9.30 AM and 4.00 PM from Monday, 22 August, 2016.

OBA Day (Bangalore)

The OBA Day celebrations will begin with the Holy Mass in the School Chapel at 7AM on Sunday, 4 Sept followed by Assembly, unfurling of the School flag and of singing the School Song. Traditional breakfast, group photographs and the Annual General meeting of the OBA will be followed by the Hockey Match between Old Boys and current School team, ending with the extremely popular Biryani feast. The highlight of the year, the OBA looks forward to Old Boys across several decades meeting up in a memorable demonstration of fellowship. Any bets on the goal difference between the Old Boys team and current boys’ team?

SJBHS OBA Connect – North America 2016 (Reston, VA, USA)

The North America Chapter of the SJBHS OBA invites you to the “SJBHS OBA Connect – North America 2016”. Being held over the Old Boys' Day weekend (also the Labour Day weekend) of 3-4 Sept, 2016 in Reston, VA, USA, the event begins with fellowship on the evening of Saturday, 3 Sept followed by lunch, music and talent events on the afternoon of Sunday, 4 Sept. Alumni studying in Universities are exempted from paying the Fellowship Fees over both days and all possible efforts would be made to host them at the homes of Old Boys in the area.

Recently concluded OBA events

SJBHS OBA Connect – Goa 2016 (6 – 7 August)

Congratulations!! The Goa Chapter of the OBA has hosted the SJBHS OBA CONNECT event for a record SEVENTH consecutive year. Hotel Golden Eye on Calangute Beach and the Flying Dolphin Beach Shack were the venues for fellowship and meetings over the weekend.



About 25 Old Boys and family members participated. Conducted with the typical atmosphere of good cheer – signing off the OBA Year and signalling the new – the event featured stirring music and lavish food including a vast spread of uncommon local dishes. Dr Amod Borkar (1975) and Greg de Nazareth (1967) were elected President and Vice President of the OBA Goa Chapter.



Recently concluded OBA events in School OBA Buzz (27 June – 1 July, 2016)

OBA Buzz 2016				
Date	Venue	Event	Classes	Time
25th June	A V Hall (III Floor)	Creative writing	V to XII	9.30 AM to 11.00 AM
25th June	Small Dorm	Collage Making	VII to XII	11.30 AM to 12.15 AM
27th June	Auditorium	Debate	IX to XII	9.00 AM to 11.45 AM
27th June	Auditorium	Quiz	V & VI	12.30 PM to 2.15 PM
27th June	Concert Hall	Dumb Charades	IX to XII	9.00 AM to 10.15 AM
27th June	Concert Hall	JAM	IX to XII	10.45 AM to 12.30 PM
28th June	Auditorium	Elocution	IX to XII	9.00 AM to 11.45 AM
28th June	Auditorium	Quiz	VII & VIII	12.30 PM to 2.30 PM
28th June	Concert Hall	Air Crash	IX to XII	9.00 AM to 10.00 AM
28th June	Concert Hall	Ind Free Style Dance	IX to XII	10.30 AM to 12.30 AM
28th June	Concert Hall	Mad Adds	IX to XII	1.00 PM to 3.00 PM
29th June	Auditorium	Elocution	V to VIII	9.00 AM to 11.30 AM
29th June	Auditorium	Quiz	IX & X	1.00 PM to 3.00 PM
29th June	Concert Hall	Music - Vocals	IX to XII	9.00 AM to 11.30 AM
29th June	Concert Hall	The Personality	IX to XII	1.00 PM to 3.00 PM
30th June	Auditorium	Music - Instrumental	VIII to XII	9.00 AM to 11.30 AM
30th June	Auditorium	Quiz	XI & XII	1.00 PM to 3.00 PM
30th June	Concert Hall	Sketching	IX to XII	9.00 AM to 11.30 AM
30th June	Concert Hall	Painting	IX to XII	1.00 PM to 3.00 PM
1st July	Auditorium	Skit	VIII to XII	9.00 AM to 12.30 PM

Note: Photography contests will happen on all days

The OBA conducted the much awaited OBA Buzz, the annual inter-house cultural competition for SJBHS students from Std 7 to 12.

The competition included over 15 events including Collage, Creative Writing, Dance, Debates, Dramatics, Instrumental music, Elocution, JAM, Mad Ads, Personality, Painting, Quiz, Singing and Sketching.

The OBA Buzz is a unique platform to discover and nurture creative talent among school students. The high levels of energy and enthusiasm were evident. Moreover, students were encouraged to adopt various leadership positions in planning and executing the OBA Buzz events along with the members of the OBA. Besides the various events, prizes are awarded to students for leadership skills. The OBA thanks Students, Teachers and Staff for their enthusiastic participation. The prizes were handed out by members of the OBA MC on 19 August at the School assembly.

Points

St Patrick's: 43
St Andrew's: 39
St David's: 34
St George's: 28

Innovation Lab for Stds 7, 8, 9

The Innovation Lab, which aims to encourage critical thinking skills and greater social awareness was presented to Std 7, Std 9 and Std 8 students on 20, 21 and 23 June, 2016. The teams have since chosen their project areas and are working on problem definition and proposed solutions. OBA mentors are guiding students and reviewing their reports.



Written reports will be submitted at the end of October 2016. Certificates will be awarded to participants and Prizes will be awarded to the best projects in every class. If you require more information on the Innovation Lab or would like to volunteer, please contact Vijay Nazareth (1978) at vijay.j.nazareth@gmail.com.



Career Day Series for Std 10



The Career Day Series with Std 10 students introduces students to career options. Out of the 5 sessions planned, three topics have been scheduled between June and August: Healthcare [Lead - Dr Navneet Motreja (2004)], Information Technology [Lead - Jyotinath Ganguly (1975)] and Unusual and Alternative Careers [Lead - Ashwin U G (1996)].



Two more sessions are planned for October and November, covering Engineering, Finance, Hospitality and Law. An important objective is to motivate and guide students who may still be undecided. Should you require more information or would like to volunteer, please contact Vijay Alphonse (1990) at vijay.alphonse@gmail.com.

Career Mentoring for Stds 11 and 12

The Career Mentoring programme for Stds 11 and 12 (ISC) students will help students narrow down on career options, areas of study and choice of courses and Universities. Over 40 students worldwide have volunteered to be mentors across 20 career areas. Mentoring is achieved through the use of a technology driven, online community platform.

The Career Mentoring initiative was launched on 29 July, 2016. Students, teachers, Fr Principal and office bearers of the OBA participated. The OBA is actively seeking to expand the community of mentors as well as career areas. If you require more information or would like to volunteer, please contact Prathima Appaji (2006) at prathima.appaji@gmail.com.



News from School

ISC Students shine in National Quiz competition

The OBA congratulates ISC students Amrit and Harikarthik for finishing in a highly creditable Second place in the National News Whiz Quiz competition held in New Delhi in August. The Quiz competition was subsequently televised across the country.

Bringing back the Fr Eric Vaz Memorial Hockey Shield – from Mr and Mrs Muthappa (parents)



The Tournament for Seniors and the Fr. Eric Vaz Memorial Tournament for Juniors are hosted in July every year. This year seven schools competed. The boys, under the able guidance of their coaches, worked hard to bring themselves to top shape. Fitness as well as daily rigorous practice was the norm leading up to the tournament.

The OBA thoughtfully made arrangements for a healthy and nutritious breakfast for the Senior and Junior teams every morning after practice. Hard work boosted the boys to bring out their best throughout the tournament. The Juniors won the Fr Eric Vaz Memorial Tournament with a thumping 4-1 win. The trophy came back to school after a gap of 2 years. The Senior team narrowly lost on penalties in the Final. Keeping the grand tradition of Hockey alive has been a superb achievement. Congratulations to the coaches and the teams. The OBA and parents are proud of them!

Keegan Moras (Batch of 2001) – Following his heart!



Imagine travelling to an exotic location where you can scuba dive, snorkel, sail, raft and indulge in many more unconventional sports. Keegan is a sports aficionado who has converted his zeal for adventure into a business. Co-founder of Sportsphere India, he gives travellers an opportunity to take up a niche sport and live life on the edge during their travels. Keegan's venture took off in early 2014. If you are into rock climbing, equestrian sport, hot air ballooning, sea walking, para-gliding among other rare sports, then he is the man you should connect with.

“Adventure sport and meaningful travel excite me. We have covered places like Goa, Andaman, Konkan coast, Gulf of Mannar, Mexico and Sri Lanka, among others. There will be ups and downs, but it is ‘your’ own journey to cherish. Storms keep blowing — you will always hear the odd voices who do not understand your chosen path. Unshakeable faith is the magic ingredient. Stay true to your calling and true to yourself – all else will follow. As they say in Costa Rica “Pura Vida” which translates to ‘Pure Life’ — this is a guideline that I strive to live by.”

Vivek George (Batch of 2004) – A spark in School was the beginning of a business venture!



Vivek George's entrepreneurial journey started way back during his school days. As class representative, Vivek took on the responsibility of getting t-shirts made for his class and then, for several classes. A tiny spark is often the beginning of a fire that becomes the catalyst lighting the way ahead. Vivek has come a long way since then. Realizing the potential business opportunities in the customized t-shirt printing industry, Vivek founded Your Design, a venture that currently employs about 20 people and specializes in fulfilling large, corporate orders.

The path has not been easy for Vivek and he has seen ups and downs. His parents were initially not supportive, preferring him to pursue a traditional and safer profession like Engineering or Medicine. However, Vivek persisted and had to learn the intricacies of the textile industry as well as how to conduct business along the way. He did listen to family advice, however, and earned a MBA degree from Christ University, a decision he was glad that he took.

Besides his business venture, Vivek invests considerable time and effort into the world of fitness. Vivek's fitness regime has earned him a fitness instructor job with a premium gym in the city. He is a certified RPM instructor and trains people to live a healthier and fitter life through his own story of fitness and health food. Vivek works 6 days a week for 6 months, and spends the other 6 months travelling and exploring the world.

**After 10,000 km: This Is Just The Beginning Of The Journey
By Sajju Jain (Batch of 1992) - @sajjujain**

The Small and Medium Enterprise industry segment (SME) is India's largest job creator, accounting for about 80% of our countrywide employment. Given the large base, supporting traditional entrepreneurship in India is the only way to facilitate the creation of 12 to 15 million jobs that India needs to, each year. New job creation is the single biggest challenge facing our generation in our dream of making India a prosperous nation by effectively utilizing our demographic dividend.



On 18th June 2016, my team and I left Bangalore for Kanyakumari. We had planned to set off on a road trip across India. Our mission was to create awareness of a funding competition that we had created. This is the first of its kind for SMEs. Over the next 42 days we drove over 10,000 km, covered 20 cities and connected with several hundred people, from Kanyakumari to way up north. While this journey was an amazing learning experience, the key insights we gained are as follows:

- We have barely tapped the economic potential of India, for which we need a new game with new rules where the definition of value, cost and profit and other parameters need to be rewritten.
- India needs to nurture global-scale companies for efficient execution of large nation-building projects in which SMEs play a critical role in providing social stability and sustainable socio-economic development through distribution of financial opportunity.
- The task of transforming India's antiquated SME business models needs to focus on the three elements of Standardization, Professionalism and Invention (not Innovation) in order to create maximum impact.

The road ahead is long and the scale of challenges at times frightening. Whenever I need to stand back up after a fall, I remember... FAITH and TOIL.

Realize Your Full Potential

By Prakash Narayan (Batch of 1975) - @kpn320



What is the one common thing between Aristotle, Bill Gates and Harry Potter? The answer is that all of them have or had great mentors. Plato was Aristotle's mentor, Warren Buffet is Bill Gates' mentor and Prof. Dumbledore is Harry Potter's mentor. No matter what stage you are in your career, a mentor will help you realize your full potential. A mentor can help you navigate the tough choices that you face.

We are already born with every gift that we need to succeed. However, our skill sets are time-bound. We need to constantly reinvent ourselves in order to leverage constantly emerging opportunities. With the right mentor, their hindsight becomes your 20-20. Since they have "been there and done that", they can help you avoid make costly mistakes. In a sense, they provide you a "forward-view mirror" and provide a perspective of what to expect ahead.

So, how do you go about seeking mentors or becoming a mentor? The OBA network is an excellent place to start. The benefit of such a network is the common passion for our School. Each of us has walked the same corridors – even if we may be separated by many years. I encourage you to seek out old students at the next OBA or School event. You also have the opportunity to leverage a structured programme by visiting the "Mentoring" tab on the OBA web site <http://sjbhsoba.net/>

Know Your House

St Andrew



St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland, Greece, Poland, Romania, Russia, Ukraine and Barbados. Andrew was born in Bethsaida (now Israel), and was a fisherman before he became Christ's first disciple, and with his brother Simon Peter became two of the 12 disciples. He was crucified by the Romans on an X-shaped cross on 30 November, 60AD at Patras in Greece where he had travelled to preach. The Saltire, or St Andrew's Cross, was adopted as the national emblem and flag of the Scots. St Andrew preached as far as the Black Sea.

St David

St David's Day is the feast day of St David, the patron saint of Wales. It falls on the first day of March, chosen to remember the death of St David. Tradition holds that he died on that day in the year 601. St David was born towards the end of the 5th century in the royal house of Ceredigion. He founded a Celtic monastic community at Glyn Rhosyn in Wales, where the St David's Cathedral stands today. St David was recognised as a national patron saint at the height of Welsh resistance to the Normans.



St George



St George was born in the 3rd century in the Syrian region. He was a Roman military officer who was killed for refusing to give up his faith. He later became one of the most venerated saints in Christianity. His memorial, St George's Day, is traditionally celebrated on 23rd April. Besides England, numerous countries in Asia, Europe, Middle East, cities, professions and organizations recognize Saint George as their patron. St George's Day was a major feast and national holiday in England on par with Christmas till about 300 years ago.

St Patrick

St Patrick was a 5th century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is the patron saint of Ireland. When he was about 16 he was captured by Irish pirates from Great Britain, and taken as a slave to Ireland. He escaped after 6 years and returning to his family. After becoming a cleric, he served as a Bishop in Ireland. St Patrick's Day is observed on 17 March, which is said to be the date of his death, celebrated inside and outside Ireland as a religious and cultural holiday.



Did you Know?

A very brief history of SJBHS

SJBHS was founded as St. Joseph's College in 1858 by the Missions Etrangères de Paris, situated at St John's Hill (where St Germain High School now stands), consisting of an orphanage and school. In 1898, 100 boarders and 89 day scholars moved to the current location. The school was renamed as St Joseph's European High School in 1910. By 1913 the school had grown to 239 boarders and 183 day scholars and two new blocks were added. SJBHS has been managed by the Jesuits since 1937.



Construction of the new school building took place from 2001 to 2007, retaining the heritage like the Roman Catholic chapel, the refectory, and the priests' residence.



The new buildings were ready for the Sesquicentennial Celebrations held in 2008. The year 2007 included another milestone when girls were admitted to Class XI (ISC) for the first time. A significant change over the years has been the closing of the in-school boarding which consisted of 3 dormitories on the upper floor for close to 90 years.

House trivia – extract from an article written by late Rev Fr Simon Furtado

(Note: Rev Fr Lambert was Principal during 1938-39)

Father Lambert, an English Jesuit, who had been chlorine gassed during World War One, subdivided the four Houses, only in the Boarding school, into More, Kostka, Fisher, Gonzaga, Ogilvie, Berchmans, Southwell and Tarcicius.

OBA and School: 2015 – 2016 in retrospect

The year has seen tremendous synergy between the OBA and School

The OBA thanks Fr Principal, Teachers, Non-teaching staff and Students for their active support

1	Students	OBA Scholarships to needy students
2	(Academics)	OBA Prizes to outstanding students in ICSE and ICSE exams
3		OBA – PTA Career Guidance Program (Std 10)
4		OBA Buzz Inter-house Extra-curricular competitions (Std 7 to 12)
5	Students	OBA Prize to Captain for best Organization in the OBA Buzz competition
6	(Development)	OBA Innovation Lab (Std 7 to 9)
7		OBA Career Day Series (Std 10)
8		OBA Career Mentoring Program (Std 11, 12)
9		Contribution to Fr Principal to introduce Mid-day Meal Program
10	Students	OBA Prizes to outstanding students in Games and Swimming
11	(Sports)	OBA Prizes to best Hockey player (Juniors and Seniors)
12		Breakfast for Hockey team during practice
13		Kaizen Training program for Middle and High School Teachers
14	Teachers, Staff	Premium for Medical Insurance for Staff and children below age 21
15	(Training, Welfare)	Premium for Accident Insurance for Staff
16		Gratuity to two senior Teachers who retired during the year
17		Christmas hampers for retired Teachers
18		Obituary notices of two former Principals in the newspapers
19	Std 10 and 12	"Welcome to OBA" program for Std 10 and Std 12

OBA Lifetime Achievement Award and OBA Awards for Significant Achievement – 2016

The Awards will be presented on OBA Day, 4 Sept, 2016

OBA Lifetime Achievement Award	Dr Clement Shirodkar Rajan (1969) – General Surgeon
OBA Awards for Significant Achievement	Col. Christopher Rego (1976) – Social Upliftment Vijay M Punjabi (1986) – National Champion, Bowling Dr Thomas Kishen (1987) – Spine Surgeon Dr Ashvin Vishwanath (1989) – Research in Theoretical Physics

Events for Old Boys – since OBA Day, 2015

1		SJBHS OBA Connect – Coorg 2015	10 October, 2015
2	2015	Back to School – Golden Greats	22 November, 2015
3		OBA Inter-Batch Football Tournament	29 November & 6 December, 2015
4		Christmas Dinner for Old Boys and Families	12 December, 2015
5		Prestige SJBHS OBA Golf Tournament	12 March, 2016
6		Celebration of the Feast of St Joseph – 2016	13 March, 2016
7	2016	SJBHS OBA Connect – Kerala 2016	21 – 22 May, 2016
8		SJBHS OBA Connect – Goa 2016	6 – 7 August, 2016
9		Back to School – Batch Reunions	2 September, 2016

Obituaries

We regret the sad demise of the following Old Boys. May their souls rest in peace. Our deepest condolences to the bereaved families.

Peter Pinto (Batch of 1943) – June 2016

Lt Col Leonard Noronha (Batch of 1946) – 18 August, 2016

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