



# OBA Calling

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### ***OBA Centenary Calendar – 2018 Bangalore***

OBA Back To School – Fri, Aug 31, 2018 – 7pm

Old Boys Sports – Sat, Sept 1, 2018 – 10am

Blue & White Bash – Sat, Sept 1, 2018 – 8pm

OBA Day – Sun, Sept 2, 2018 – 8.30am

OBA Centenary Dinner – Sun, Sept 2, 2018 – 7pm

### ***Dubai***

SJBHS OBA Connect – Middle East 2018 – Nov 2, 2018

### ***OBA Event Calendar (June 2018 to August 2018)***

- 1 OBA Tri-Series Tournament – Badminton, Snooker, Squash (at Catholic Club) – Sat-Sun, June 23-24, 2018
- 2 OBA Buzz – Thu-Wed, June 21-27, 2018
- 3 OBA Back To School – Fri, Aug 31, 2018

### ***Upcoming OBA events***

#### ***OBA Tri-Series – Badminton, Snooker, Squash – June 23-24, 2018 (Sat-Sun)***



The OBA fosters camaraderie and promotes a healthy lifestyle among Josephites. The OBA will conduct the inaugural Tri-Series Tournament where Josephites will compete to win individual prizes in Badminton, Snooker and Squash on Sat-Sun, June 23-24, 2018.

The two-day Tri-Series Tournament will be held at the Catholic Club, Bangalore. The tournament will end with a fellowship dinner on Sunday evening, June 24. Josephites are invited to play and cheer, and to participate with their family in the prize distribution and fellowship dinner on Sunday, June 24, at 7 p.m.

Player and non-player donor passes are available at the OBA office and online at:

OBA Tri-Series: <https://sjbhsoba.net/donate/centenary-fund/events/oba-tri-series-2018/>

### ***OBA Buzz – 2018***



The OBA initiated the OBA Buzz cultural competition in school to encouraging the development of diverse skills. The competition now consists of about 17 events for Std 7 to 12 - dramatics, elocution, music, photography and others. The OBA Buzz sub-committee guides students. Students plan and execute the event. As a result, the competition also results in the development of leadership and operational skills.

## Recently concluded OBA Events

### **Celebration of the Feast of St Joseph & OBA Inter Batch Rink Hockey Tournament – March 18, 2018**

The Celebration of the Feast of St Joseph was a solemn occasion. Josephites expressed their gratefulness to their families and school for the support that they have received which has enabled them to grow as individuals and responsible members of society.



The second Saleh Ahmed 5-a-side Inter Batch Rink Hockey Tournament was inaugurated at 9AM. Players represented the Batches of 1975, 1990-91, 1992, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2017 as well as a Batch that named themselves as the St John's Batch.

Special thanks to the Batch of 1975 for demonstrating their love for school and hockey (after 4 decades), beaten narrowly by a team a generation junior to them. Vivek Ramakrishna (2000) won the Best Player award, while the Batch of 1999 were the winners.

The OBA sincerely thanks Nadeem Ahmed (1971) for sponsoring the tournament.



### **Jimmy Anklesaria OBA Inter Batch Super Sixes Cricket Tournament – May 5 – 6, 2018**

The inaugural edition of the Jimmy Anklesaria OBA Inter-Batch Super Sixes Cricket Tournament attracted many younger Old Boys. Twelve teams registered, including two OBA teams representing mixed batches. The oldest team to register comprised of students from the late 60's including well known Old Boys like Padmashree awardee Dr Dipankar Banerjee. The draws for the tournament were held live on the 4th of May, on Facebook.



Fr Clifford Sequeira inaugurated the tournament with a prayer, while cricketing personalities of the OBA - Sadanand Vishwanath, Shavir Tarapore and Fazal Khaleel - were present. The school ground was divided into two as two matches could be played simultaneously. The format was 7 players a side playing 6 overs each. Two food trucks were present to provide refreshments to the players.

The tournament was keenly fought. Players spanned batches from the 1960s to 2017. The finalists were the Batches of 2015 and 2017. The Batch of 2017 won the tournament. Mr Shivaprakash, Mr Uday Kumar (Vice Principal), Sadanand Vishwanath and George Ollapally presented the prizes to the winners. The OBA thanks Jimmy Anklesaria '72 for sponsorship and Josephites who played and cheered. Special thanks to the Josephites from the 1960s for their enthusiastic participation.



### ***SJBHS OBA Connect – Kerala 2018 – May 19 – 20, 2018***

The Brunton Boatyard in Fort Kochi draws inspiration from its heritage to reflect a historical and glorious past. A fitting venue for Josephites to Connect, representing an alumni network that represents a hundred glorious years of camaraderie and giving back to our Alma Mater.



***OBA Connect – Kerala 2010***



***OBA Connect – Kerala 2018***

### ***Congratulations to the Kerala Chapter for hosting Josephites without a break, since 2010!***



The OBA was privileged to have Rev Fr Clifford Sequeira, Principal, SJBHS bless Josephites at the Connect. Almost 50 Old Boys from Bangalore and Kerala, and many families, participated. Thommen Karimpanal '55 was the oldest while Jay Prabhu '99 ("Somshekar") was the youngest Old Boy. Prayer and introductions on the evening of Sat, May 19 were followed by a sumptuous dinner covering a wide range of Kerala cuisine.



The agenda on Sun, May 20 was breakfast, a relaxed back waters cruise and a lavish lunch. The OBA thanks the Kerala Chapter for their outstanding hospitality – for the 9<sup>th</sup> year in a row!



### ***SJBHS OBA Connect – NA 2018 – May 26 – 27, 2018***

Months of meticulous planning culminated in a high energy North America Connect - in attendance were 120+ Josephites and their families, batches ranging from 1963 to 2014 - all the way from India, United Kingdom, Canada, and across the United States. The banquet on Sat, May 26 was held at the Hyatt Regency in Dulles, Virginia. The event included custom OBA 100 giveaways, cocktails, appetizers, dinner, dessert, a photo booth, video messages from teachers and staff, and dancing. The MC, Samir Stewart '89, brilliantly energized the crowd and flawlessly conducted the event. He introduced Nitin Pereira '97, who delivered the welcome address and thanked the generous sponsors; Fabian Correia '63, who reminisced about the school days and led the crowd to sing the School Song; and Jimmy Anklesaria '72, who stressed the importance of giving back and highlighted fundraising goals.



Custom memorabilia were available for purchase along with a showcase of the auction items, a cricket bat and pair of gloves autographed by Rahul Dravid. A picnic was held at Lake Fairfax Park on Sun, May 27, which turned out to be a fun filled day with games, including a nail biting football match, lunch and networking. Kudos to the batch of 1977 who had the largest turnout of 15 Old Boys. It was an event to remember, thanks to the organizing committee: Prathima Appaji '09, Kamran Abbas '08, Nikhil Mascarenhas '07, Pradeep Menon '83, Navin Pothan '97, Nanjappa Palekanda '97 and Nitin Pereira '97.



### ***Old Boys in the Spotlight*** ***Major General M N Devaya '78***



Major General M N Devaya '78 has had a distinguished career in the Indian Army for almost 34 years, since June 1984. Maj Gen Devaya has personally stressed on the value of education. After Pre-University at St Joseph's College, he earned a B.Sc. degree from the National Defence Academy in Khadakvasla in 1983. After his commissioning into the Indian Army in 1984, Maj Gen Devaya earned a B.Tech. in Civil Engineering from the College of Military Engineering, Pune in 1990, MSc in Defence Studies from DSSC Wellington, Madras University in 1995 and a MTech in Construction Engineering & Management from IIT Delhi in 2007. That is indeed a testimony to believing in continuously upgrading one's skills.

After his Pre-Commission Training at National Defence Academy, Pune and Indian Military Academy, Dehradun (1980-84), Maj Gen Devaya has had an incredible service record. He was Platoon Commander & Company Commander, 4 Engineer Regiment, served in Siachen Glacier and Leh (1985-87, 1990-94, 1999-2000), was Instructor, Botswana Defence Force (1996-99), was Commanding Officer, 12 Engineer Regiment. He also served in Ladakh and Kashmir Valley (2003-05), was Chief Engineer, Delhi Zone (2011-13), was Commandant, Madras Engineer Group & Centre Bangalore (2013-16), after which he was Corps Chief Engineer (2016-17) and is now Command Chief Engineer (since 2017).

In recognition of his service record, Maj Gen Devaya has won several awards. His services have been acknowledged by the award of General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command's Commendation Cards in 2004 and 2011 and Chief of Army Staff Commendation Card in 2016.

Maj Gen Devaya has played many games during his school days, and he has been an outstanding sportsman, representing India in sailing between 1988 and 1992 in several National Championships, Asia Pacific Laser Championship, 1990, in Hyderabad and Asian Championship, 1991, in Hong Kong.

Further, Maj Gen Devaya takes keen interest in promoting sports. He established the first Boys Sports Company for Sailing in 2015 to train young yachtsmen from 11 to 17 years of age to prepare them win an Olympic gold medal.

### ***Sadanand Viswanath '78***

Sadanand Viswanath '78 – Vishy - was the first Josephite Indian Test Cricketer. Vishy was an outstanding cricketer from a young age. His greatest achievement and happiest cricketing memories in school was captaining the senior Cricket team and winning the Cottonian Shield for two consecutive years – 1977 (Std IX) and 1978 (Std X). In college, his century enabled St Joseph's Commerce College to win the Bangalore University shield in 1980. He opened the innings for Syndicate Bank and the Karnataka State Ranji team. He scored 92 and 77 in the 1982-83 final to help Karnataka win the Ranji Trophy. Till then no team had upset mighty Bombay (now Mumbai) on their home turf in a Ranji final.



Vishy played in the Indian U19 team in Sri Lanka and England in 1980 and 1981 and represented South Zone in Duleep trophy starting in 1980. Vishy then toured Zimbabwe with the Indian U25 team in 1984 and represented India in One Day International cricket vs England at Bangalore in 1985. Vishy was electric behind the stumps. The flamboyant wicketkeeper displayed cheetah-like celerity and gazelle-like grace. Vishy's aggression and attitude were so infectious that the 1985 team excelled as a great fielding unit. He naturally captivated our cricket crazy nation. Benson & Hedges World Championship in March 1985 was his crowning glory. Later, he helped India win the Rothmans Cup in Sharjah in September 1985.

He pounced six catches in the third Test against Sri Lanka at Kandy to equal the Indian record. The young Viswanath had announced the arrival of a New India. Vishy captained Karnataka in Ranji trophy in 1986-87 and the Indian U25 team vs Australia in 1986. He toured USA with the Indian cricket team in 1986 and played for India in the Sharjah Cup at Sharjah in 1987. Vishy played three Tests and 22 One-Day matches for India till 1988, after which a finger injury impacted his career.

Subsequently, Vishy continued his association with Cricket as a coach. He passed the highly demanding umpiring examinations in 1996 and became a L3 Certified Cricket Coach, too. He started the Sadanand Viswanath Cricket Academy in 1996 at the NAL ground in Bangalore. Vishy coached the Vidarbha State team, among other assignments. Having started his umpiring career in 1995, he officiated in his last match as an umpire in a U19 Cooch Behar Trophy match in 2017. Vishy toiled for 22 years as a National Umpire, the only former test player to have served the country as a National Umpire for so long.

Reflecting on his journey as an umpire, Viswanath said, "It has been an exhilarating journey right from the 1995 season when our Board requested former Test players to take up umpiring." Ten former Test cricketers appeared and Vishy was the one of them to be chosen. He considered himself very fortunate and blessed that the BCCI provided him an opportunity to contribute as an umpire. Vishy is now busy coaching youngsters in his effort to give back to Indian cricket after having received so many opportunities and fame in the years gone by.

Vishy remembers his teachers being extremely dedicated and simple. He was coached by Shavir Tarapore. He is grateful to Jimmy Anklesaria for being his mentor and a source of inspiration during his formative years. Vishy attributes his success as a cricketer to the all-round education in SJBHS, and the remarkable encouragement provided to students to pursue sports and games.

#### **Roy Ashok '94**



Roy Ashok '94 is DAQRI's CEO. Prior to becoming CEO, he served as the Chief Product Officer and was responsible for crafting the product strategy, the roadmap and leading all product development at DAQRI. Ashok spent more than 12 years at Qualcomm in various engineering, product management and business development leadership roles. He co-founded and oversaw product development of five generations of Vuforia which is today the de-facto standard for cross-platform Augmented Reality (AR) application development on mobile devices.

A passionate and driven leader, he has successfully acquired and integrated companies and products. Ashok has several patent applications in the AR space and one granted patent. He holds a BE (Hons) in Electrical Engineering from BITS, Pilani and MS in Computer Engineering from the University of Cincinnati and an MBA from Cornell University.

Personally, Roy believes that he would not be here without the strong foundation of excellence, diligence and passion that he developed at St. Joseph's. Fide et Labore – has so much more meaning and relevance today than it has ever had in the past. "Faith in myself and Toil with a single-minded purpose towards the ultimate goal". Often, Roy thinks back about the times that moulded him as an individual. Without a doubt every teacher played an outsized role in nurturing him. He believes that he was not the best hockey player, but Mr. Shivprakash pushed him to do his best, to value and play any role regardless of its importance to the team. "The Blues" won the Centenary Shield hockey tournament in 1994 as underdogs – after being 2 goals down in the finals.

Roy played for a short while in that final game, but it was an inspirational and teaching moment – Faith in yourself and your team and Toil to win no matter the odds. Play to win – always!

Mr. Uday Kumar was another steady hand. He epitomized stability, knowledge and great second order thinking. Roy didn't just learn Kannada in his classes, but really solid life lessons and how to deal with people. Mrs. Miriam Angelo and Mrs. Sandhya Raman were great influences as well not just in English or Mathematics, but more in their recognition of something in him and their mentoring and guidance that helped shape him as an individual. They helped Roy see beyond the obvious and not to stop at the surface. Ultimately, it was Mr. Charles Noronha who helped Roy see the humanity in others. Beneath his gruff vice-principal exterior was a gentle, decent human being who fought for, encouraged and stood by his students no matter the odds.

A well rounded Josephite, Roy Ashok was St. Andrew's House Captain, School Captain, played Hockey for the Senior team, competed in Athletics and was President of the Literary Club. When Roy left St. Joseph's he was ready to face the world.

### ***Roshan Paul '96***

Roshan Paul '96 (St Andrew's) has made significant contributions in the field of education and social change. Interestingly, Roshan is a former cricket journalist (and potential cricket player who gave up the game after captaining the Senior SJBHS Cricket Team), who has built a career around connecting global citizens to solve social problems across boundaries. Right after college, Roshan began working in the social sector for the global organization Ashoka, which leads the field of social entrepreneurship. Ten years later, he left Ashoka to start Amani Institute, a new model of higher education to inspire others to build lives and careers where they don't have to choose between making a living and making an impact.



Today Amani Institute has offices in Kenya, Brazil and India and trains over a thousand people a year in the skills needed to make change. In fact, Roshan turned down his green card-track position in the US to move to Africa to launch Amani Institute in 2012, thereby showing the courage to follow his passions and convictions. For this he was given the Education in Leadership award from the World Education Congress in 2017. In the same year, Amani Institute won a prestigious award for Innovations in Higher Education in the USA.

Roshan graduated with a BA in International Relations from Davidson College (NC, USA), a Master's in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School, and a certificate in Creative Leadership as one of the founding participants of The Amsterdam School for Creative Leadership. During his studies, he spent a semester as an exchange student in Australia as well as summers volunteering in development organizations in Tanzania and Colombia, and as a journalist in Mumbai. Roshan has studied or worked in every continent apart from Antarctica.

At Harvard, Roshan was trained in the storytelling techniques that are well known for having transformed the Barack Obama Presidential Campaign in 2008. Since then Roshan has been conducting "storytelling for social change" workshops with leading non-profits and universities around the world. In October 2014, Roshan published his first novel, "Such a Lot of World". In July 2017, Amani Institute published his second book, "Your Work Begins at No". Roshan's writing has been featured in a number of leading publications, including Forbes, India Today and the Stanford Social Innovation Review.

Roshan has delivered guest lectures at over 50 universities and conferences around the world and currently serves on the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Behavioural Science. In 2015, he was chosen to give a graduation speech at the University of San Diego and has also given two TEDx talks to date. Roshan Paul was the OBA inspirational speaker at "Welcome to OBA, 2018" where he cited his own example, stressed on the importance of all-round education at SJBHS, and spoke about the importance of perseverance and not being deterred by failures. He still loves cricket more than anything else, though, right now, spending time in nature with wildlife is also climbing the charts.

### **Healthcare – Tips for weight loss**

#### **'No Carbs after evening five is the key'**

Said my doctor 'NO carbs after evening five'  
If you want to be slim, healthy and alive  
Adhere to this meal plan with maniacal drive  
Avoid carbs addictive and stay briskly active

Said my doctor 'After evening five, avoid all grain'  
To promote weight loss and to avert weight gain  
'After evening five, no wheat, no bread, no corn, no rice'  
It is OK to have white meat with some mild spice

Said my doctor 'After Five NO beer, lager, pale ale or wine'  
Small quantities of low calorie neat spirits are fine  
'After evening five no sugars, no fruits, no soda, no potatoes'  
But it is OK to eat green vegetables and tomatoes

Said my doctor 'OK to have white meat'  
And some single malt whisky with some peat  
After evening five, enjoy your chicken and turkey  
To be slim, healthy and alive, low carbs after five is the key

- Dr Ragaven Baliga '75

### **OBA Nominations**

#### **OBA Lifetime Achievement Award and OBA Award for Significant Achievement – 2018**

The Managing Committee, OBA invites nominations for OBA Lifetime Achievement Award and OBA Awards for Significant Achievement. Please click here for PDF editable form and instructions: <http://sjbhsoba.net/forms.html>

Please email nominations latest by June 15, 2018 to [Secretary@sjbhsoba.net](mailto:Secretary@sjbhsoba.net) and [Joint.secretary@sjbhsoba.net](mailto:Joint.secretary@sjbhsoba.net)

#### **Nomination for OBA Managing Committee – 2018-19**

The MC invites nominations for the OBA Managing Committee – 2018-19. Please submit nominations on or before 4pm, Friday, August 17, 2018, at the OBA office. Please download the nomination form from here: <http://sjbhsoba.net/forms.html>

### **Obituary**

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

- Alvit Fernandes '45 – February 2018
- Madhavdas Alidas '63 – February 2018
- Claude Herbert '64 - February 2018
- Rajee George '72 – May 2018

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