



## OBA DAY

The OBA day was celebrated this year after two years. Cautious planning and excellent support from the School helped transform a tentative program into a successful and meaningful celebration of the Josephite spirit. The event began with Holy Mass, that was celebrated by former Principal, Fr. Michael John and concelebrated by current Principal, Fr. Sunil Fernandes and Head of Primary School, Fr. Vishal. A wreath was placed at the war memorial to honour the old boys who laid down their lives in the service of the country. The old boys and girls gathered in house order to unfurl the school flag and sing the school song. This was followed by breakfast and the customary group photograph.

The 102nd Annual General Meeting was held on 5th September, 2021 at the Xavier Auditorium. The two years since the last AGM were reviewed and approved. The efforts of the Managing Committee to continue pursuing the objectives of the association during the Covid -19 pandemic were appreciated. The effort to organize and prudently manage its finances were also acknowledged. The winners of the lifetime, significant, young achievers and teacher's awards were announced and felicitated.

SPLICE, in a dictionary means, "to join or connect (a rope or ropes) by interweaving the strands at the ends". SPLICE, is an abbreviation for 'SJBHS OBA Proudly Linking Informing & Connecting Each-other'. Through SPLICE, the OBA intends to reach-out to and connect as many of our 'Old Boys & Girls' with their alma mater and each other as a community.

The first stage of SPLICE is a fortnightly communication initiative that aims to, crisply communicate & keep all informed about: Current activities of the OBA and School, On-going achievements/milestones of members, Progress of the social causes pursued by the OBA, and some nostalgia.

SPLICE gives us all an opportunity to donate towards a message - personal or professional, that will be shared with the rest of us. SPLICE is shared via Email and WhatsApp, twice a month, with nearly six thousand mighty mighty Josephites.



## THE MANAGING COMMITTEE 2021 – 2022

The general body elected a new Managing Committee in accordance with the rules. The new committee consists of: Office Bearers: President: Praveen Rodrigues (1985), VP: Arjun Unnikrishnan(1989), Jt. Sec: Gavin Cordeiro(1972), Principal SJBHS, Fr. Sunil Fernandes, Treasurer, Jt. Treasurer: Aditya Kaura(1991). Lazar K.T. was elected as Secretary at the first meeting of the new MC, immediately after the AGM. The other members of the MC are, Sunil Rasquinha(1995), Chrislyn Cardoza(1992), Roger Doss(2001), Daniel Prabhu(2006), Yeshwant Gurjer(1991), Shubhendu Ghosh(1968), Amit Braganza(2019). Ian Lewis was co-opted as the Immediate Past President.

The new MC's aim for the year is to reach out to all Old Boys and Girls and to pursue the objectives of the association with renewed fervor. Over the first month, roles have been assigned to members of the Committee and a calendar of events have been established.

## NOSTALGIA

On the defeat of Tipu Sultan in 1799, the British looked to relocate troops to Bangalore and the first Cantonment was established near Ulsoor Lake. Responding to the growing needs of the rapidly growing Cantonment, the then Bishop Dr. Bonnand first articulated his intention to start a Catholic High School in Bangalore. Once Madras University was Established in 1858, the first set of Anglo-Indian and 'native' students were ready to prepare for their matriculation examination. In the picture, the seminary where our school first began.



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