



# OBA CALLING

*Part 1 of 3: Milestones and Engagements*

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# About The OBA Calling

The OBA Calling is more than a newsletter. It is a structured communication initiative designed to strengthen the bond between SJBHS OBA and its members across the globe.

At its core, the OBA Calling seeks to inform, inspire, and involve. It documents the activities, initiatives, and outreach efforts undertaken by the Old Boys' Association.

## **Presenting The OBA Calling Trilogy**

The OBA Calling February 2026 has been envisioned as a three-part series, each dedicated to a vital dimension of the Association's mission.

### ***Part One: Milestones and Engagements.***

This edition captures the vibrancy of the OBA calendar, including tournaments, connects, outreach initiatives, fellowship gatherings, flagship programmes, and institutional collaborations. It reflects the scale, energy, and unity that define our community.

### ***Part Two: Giving with Purpose***

The second edition will focus on donations, outlining the causes supported by the OBA, contributions received and their impact, mechanisms to donate and the governance processes that ensure accountability. It aims to provide clarity, transparency, and confidence to all who wish to give back.

### ***Part Three: Spotlight on Josephites***

The final edition will celebrate individual Old Boys, their achievements, leadership journeys, contributions to society, and continued association with the School. It will highlight stories that inspire and reinforce the legacy of excellence associated with St. Joseph's Boys High School.

Through this trilogy, OBA Calling aspires to move beyond event reporting. It seeks to build awareness, encourage participation, deepen engagement and cultivate a culture of sustained contribution.

**Fide et Labore.**

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# Message from The Principal

Dear Old Boys and Girls,

In the words of John F Kennedy: "I think the success of any school can be measured by the contribution the alumni make to our national life". This quote comes alive when we look at the contribution made by our alumni across the globe. However, what stirs our hearts even more is the undeniable fact that our alumni always remember their alma mater with a love so deep and a yearning to give back that is incomparable!



My heart swells with gratitude to each of you for your steadfast support, genuine affection and profound faith in us. As we journey together, we can't but extend our deepest thankfulness to God Almighty for blessing us with each of you, precious alumni.

When I took charge as the Principal of St Josephs' Boys' High School in June 2025, it was but natural to have some level of trepidation. Having to fill the big shoes of my predecessor, Fr Sunil Fernandes, I did have apprehensions of my new role regarding strengthening liaisons with various stakeholders. Conversely, I must admit with ardent appreciation the patronage and collaboration extended to me by the OBA, has been truly incredible!

Like the years in the recent past, this academic year too was studded with activities for our students' holistic development. The OBA Buzz, Out-Reach Programmes, Positive Parenting Sessions, Annual Athletic Meet, SJBHS MUN, Cadence, Dynamix, Phenomenon, Infinity, Meraki, Bifrost, Transcendence, Class Picnics and Excursions, Wellness Sessions, Creative Writing Opportunities and the myriad Celebrations for various special occasions speak volumes of the productive and exciting world of a typical Josephite. We can provide our students with these abundant prospects, to shine brightly while lighting the way for others as well, solely due to the benevolent presence and involvement of the OBA.

We are forever grateful to the OBA for their ongoing support to the Management, Staff and Students. We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to the OBA President, Mr. Sunil Rasquinha, the Secretary, Mr. Roger Doss, and the Committee Members for their dedicated efforts to make the Old Boys' Association a pivotal part of the school.

We wish the OBA remarkable success as it strives continually to reach greater heights with wider visions.

May God bless each one of us.

**Fr Norwin Pereira, SJ**  
**Principal**

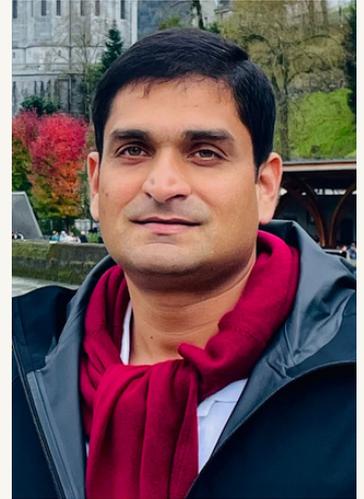
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# Message from The President

My Fellow Josephites,

Greetings to you all! It's been an eventful year since I took over as President. Also, a rewarding experience with so many wins and hits to report.

We experienced some amazing activity & fellowship over the OBA weekend, the Football, Golf & Cricket Tournaments, the Chennai, Coorg & UK connects, the Christmas Dinner, Welcome to the OBA and The Josephite Run 2026. It's been heartwarming to see the levels of participation in these events – both to organise and partake in them. I'm grateful to one and all who did.



On the administration front we have taken many strides forward in ironing out processes for donations from Old Boys around the world, while highlighting the causes & impact the OBA makes in School. I'm grateful to the support from the BJES & JAANA on this account.

The BJES has also been very supportive in facilitating the new OBA Pavilion despite the numerous constraints that need to be overcome.

Our funds, with efficient management, have grown further, thereby allowing us to enhance our support to School. We are in the process of reorganizing some of the schemes in line with the school's needs and donor intentions.

Our flagship program - The Teachers Insurance Scheme - has been renewed and is further strengthened by the fund raising from the 'Josephite Run'. We will share a detailed update on OBA causes and the support we have received in Episode 2 of this Calling.

We are improving our communication further and upgrading our website and forums. Kindly update your contact & email details with the links provided to keep in touch with the OBA and access your fellow Old Boys.

As we head towards end of the financial year, I urge you all to be generous and support our many causes. I am very grateful to all those who have contributed so generously so far this year.

I look forward to the year ahead and hope to engage more with you around the next set of initiatives we take up.

Fide et Labore

**Sunil Rasquinha**  
**President - SJBHS OBA**

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# The Year So Far

## OBA DAY 2025

OBA Day of St. Joseph's Boys' High School was celebrated with great enthusiasm, dignity, and a strong sense of fraternity, making it a truly memorable occasion for the Old Boys' community. The event was meticulously planned and seamlessly executed, reflecting the commitment and coordination of the organising committee and volunteers.

The celebrations commenced with Holy Mass, setting a solemn and meaningful tone for the day. The wreath procession and flag hoisting ceremony were conducted with precision and pride, honouring and remembering Old Boys who have laid down their lives for the country. The active participation of Old Boys from different batches added further significance to the occasion. Old Boys assembled house-wise to unfurl the School Flag and sing the School Song, reinforcing a deep sense of unity and tradition.

The Annual General Meeting formed the formal core of OBA Day and was conducted in an orderly and transparent manner. Important deliberations, presentations, and recognitions were carried out smoothly, reinforcing the Association's strong governance and shared vision. The felicitation of distinguished Old Boys and the appreciation of staff members were particularly well received.

Fellowship remained central throughout the day, with shared meals, informal interactions, and sporting activities such as the hockey exhibition match fostering camaraderie and reconnecting old friendships. Overall, OBA Day was a resounding success, strengthening bonds among alumni and reaffirming their enduring connection to St. Joseph's Boys' High School and its values.



Old Boys assembled house-wise for the commemorative gathering



OBA members paying homage through a formal floral tribute

# Annual General Meeting 2025

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Old Boys' Association was conducted with commendable order, professionalism, and active participation, reflecting the Association's strong commitment to transparency, inclusivity, and effective governance. With over 300 Old Boys and Old Girls in attendance across batches, the AGM underscored the strength and unity of the Josephite alumni community.

The proceedings commenced on a solemn and reflective note with a prayer and a minute's silence in remembrance of Old Boys who had passed away during the year. This was followed by the presentation of Lifetime and Significant Achievement Awards, recognising outstanding Old Boys for their contributions and accomplishments. The President's address outlined key initiatives, milestones, and the Association's vision, while the Principal's address reaffirmed the enduring bond between the school and its alumni. Members subsequently confirmed the minutes of the previous AGM, ensuring continuity and accountability.

Key statutory and administrative matters were then taken up in a structured manner, including the presentation and adoption of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, approval of the auditor for the forthcoming term, and the discussion and adoption of proposed resolutions. The election of the Managing Committee and office bearers for the 2025-26 term was conducted smoothly, reflecting strong member confidence in the leadership.

The meeting concluded with a formal vote of thanks and transitioned into the traditional spirit of Josephite camaraderie over lunch, marking a successful AGM that reinforced unity, purpose, and the continued growth of the OBA.



The President introducing the newly elected Managing Committee



Annual General Meeting (AGM) in progress

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## Blue and White 2025

The Blue & White Ball 2025, held on 6th September at the Taj West End, was an evening marked by elegance, energy, and exceptional camaraderie. Set in a refined and festive atmosphere, the event brought together Old Boys, families, and friends in true SJBHS spirit. The evening featured vibrant performances by Raagas2Riches and DJ Gaurav Siyal, whose music kept the energy high and the dance floor alive throughout the night. Guests enjoyed a memorable celebration filled with music, dancing, and fellowship, creating moments that will be fondly remembered.

Overall, the Blue & White Ball 2025 was one of the most enjoyable and successful gatherings of the year, reflecting the enduring unity and celebratory spirit of the SJBHS community.



An evening of camaraderie as Josephites come together at the Blue & White Ball



Stage and ambience prepared for the Blue & White Ball celebrations

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## SJBHS OBA Century Inter-Batch Football Tournament 10.0

The SJBHS OBA Century Inter-Batch Football Tournament 10.0, held on 26 October 2025 at Depot 18, witnessed exceptional participation and an impressive display of school spirit. The tournament brought together Old Boys across batches in a competitive yet spirited environment that celebrated both skill and fraternity. The Batch of 2000, 2009, and 2024 emerged champions across the three trophy categories, showcasing remarkable teamwork and determination.

The event once again highlighted exemplary sportsmanship, camaraderie, and the enduring legacy of football within the OBA community, reaffirming the strong sporting tradition that continues to unite Josephites across generations.



Players and officials preparing for the commencement of the match



Mr. Shivaprakash H engaging with Josephites ahead of the match

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# Prestige-SJBHS OBA Golf Tournament 9.0

The Prestige-SJBHS OBA Golf Tournament 9.0 was held at Prestige Golfshire and witnessed an excellent turnout, complemented by perfect playing conditions and strong camaraderie among participants. The tournament brought together Old Boys in a spirited and competitive atmosphere that reflected both sporting excellence and fellowship.

From the tee-off to the Sundowner gathering, the day unfolded seamlessly, showcasing outstanding sportsmanship and the enduring spirit of the Josephite community. The event provided an ideal platform for both competitive play and meaningful reconnecting among alumni.



A strong turnout of Josephites at the Prestige SJBHS OBA Golf Tournament



Focused play and sportsmanship on display at the OBA Golf Tournament

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# OBA JIMMY ANKLESARIA Cricket Tournament 2025

The Jimmy Anklesaria OBA Cricket Tournament 2025, held on 30 November at the SJBHS Grounds, was a vibrant celebration of sportsmanship and camaraderie, bringing together Old Boys across generations. The Batch of 1995 and the Batch of 2015 emerged champions in the Pre-2004 and Post-2004 categories respectively, demonstrating remarkable teamwork and determination. Individual and team performances throughout the day contributed to an exciting and closely contested tournament.

A special highlight of this edition was the participation of St. Joseph's School, Pandithahalli, invited as part of the Karnataka Jesuits' rural support initiative and supported by the Batch of 1977. The OBA was pleased to host and include them, making the tournament not only memorable but also deeply meaningful.



Players and officials observing a moment of prayer during the opening ceremony



St. Joseph's Pandithahalli with the members of the OBA MC

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# OBA Christmas Dinner 2025

An evening of celebration, carols, camaraderie and Christmas cheer at SJBHS.

The OBA Christmas Dinner 2025, held on Friday, 12th December 2025, at St. Joseph's Boys' High School, was a wonderful celebration of togetherness, joy and the true Christmas spirit. With over 200+ participants across batches, the evening brought together the OBA family in a vibrant and festive atmosphere.

The highlight of the night was the lively sing-along karaoke and carol session, which set the perfect Christmassy mood and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Headlined by Sabrina Price, the session filled the venue with music, laughter and shared nostalgia, creating moments that will be cherished for a long time.

The event was complemented by exquisite continental cuisine, warm camaraderie and an unmistakable festive vibe that filled the venue throughout the evening. The Christmas Dinner was very well received and appreciated by all OBA members, making it a truly memorable gathering. Thank you to everyone who joined and contributed to making the OBA Christmas Dinner 2025 a grand success. We look forward to many more such moments of celebration and fellowship together.



Santa giving out candies



Carol Singing



Delicious Dinner enjoyed by the participants



Office Bearer's of the OBA with Father Principal

# The OBA Connects

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## Chennai Connect 2025

The OBA Chennai Connect was held on Sunday, 2nd November at the Ballroom of the historic Madras Club. It was a memorable gathering that brought together Old Boys from Chennai and their families. The OBA MC Members were graciously hosted by Lt. Gen. Michael Fernandez, with the hospitality further extended at his residence and through the accommodation at the OTA.

A special thanks to Chinny Krishna for organising the event. Amid a distinguished heritage setting, the afternoon was filled with camaraderie and engaging conversations. Looking forward to many more such reunions.



Chennai Connect 2025

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## UK Connect 2025

The UK Josephite alumni gathered in London on 29th November at 2:00 PM for a pre-Christmas meet. The event provided a meaningful opportunity for alumni to reconnect, exchange memories, and strengthen long-standing bonds rooted in the Josephite ethos. The gathering reflected the enduring spirit of fellowship and camaraderie that defines the Josephite community, transcending geography and time.



UK Alumni Meet in London

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# Coorg Chapter 2025

The SJBHS OBA Coorg Chapter Annual Meet 2025 was a memorable gathering set in the scenic surroundings of The Bamboo Club, Polibetta, Coorg.

The event brought together Old Boys in Coorg and their families for an extremely enjoyable evening. The programme flowed through a competitive game of golf, a formal business session with speeches and prize distribution, a prayer led by the Fr. Principal, a refined musical performance by ELHANS – Father & Daughter Duo, cocktails and a sumptuous dinner. The evening afforded a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, making the meet a true celebration of the unity and enduring spirit of the SJBHS OBA Coorg Chapter.



Office Bearers of the Coorg Connect and the OBA MC at the event



Josephites and their families in attendance for the connect

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# Kerala Christmas Meet 2025

The Kerala Christmas Meet 2025 was a warm and joyful gathering of Josephites for a Christmas dinner hosted in Kerala, celebrating fellowship and festive cheer. The event reflected the unity and togetherness of the OBA community.

The OBA Bikers attended in large numbers, adding energy and camaraderie to the evening. Filled with shared memories and festive spirit, the meet offered a meaningful opportunity for Josephites to reconnect, once again reaffirming that wherever they come together, the bond of fraternity and the feeling of home remain strong.



Christmas cheer in Kochi as Kerala Connect and the OBA Bikers came together in true Josephite spirit.

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# Delhi Connect 2026

The SJBHS OBA Delhi Connect 2026 was held on 21st and 22nd February 2026 in New Delhi, bringing together Josephites and their families for a memorable two-day reunion in the capital city.

The Connect was organised by Sanjeev Mahajan ('75), Guru Kohli ('78), Col. Maini ('73), and Anuj Dayal ('77), with representation from batches spanning 1962 to 2022. The gathering was graced by Fr. Norwin Pereira SJ, Principal of SJBHS, along with three Office Bearers of the OBA Managing Committee.

The programme commenced on Saturday with dinner at the famous Chicken Inn, Pandara Road. Sunday began with a visit to the Delhi Metro Museum, followed by the Connect luncheon get-together at AEPTA Army Golf Course, Delhi Cantonment. Fr. Norwin Pereira SJ and OBA President Sunil Rasquinha addressed the gathering. Fr. Norwin acknowledged the role of the OBA and warmly welcomed all Old Boys to the School, while Sunil Rasquinha shared details of the major initiatives undertaken by the OBA. Both thanked the organisers and attendees for making the Connect meaningful and enjoyable.

A moment's silence was observed in memory of all deceased Old Boys.

The customary group photograph was followed by the School Song, led by the Batch of 2022. The Connect concluded with a sumptuous lunch.



Josephites united in fellowship at Delhi Connect 2026.



A visit to the Delhi Metro Museum



Fellowship at the Connect

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# Josephite Run 2026

What began just two years ago as a modest initiative has now grown into a landmark annual tradition. In only its third edition, the Josephite Run witnessed an extraordinary turnout of over 3,000 enthusiastic participants. Runners, students, families, alumni and well-wishers came together in the true Josephite spirit of service. The grounds echoed with energy, nostalgia, and shared purpose.

On the **18th of January 2026**, the **third edition** of our signature charity run returned home to the grounds of St. Joseph's Boys High School. What made this year truly special was not just the scale, but the sentiment. The ceremonial flag-off of the Josephite Run 2026 was conducted from the SJBHS campus by Rector Fr. Daniel Fernandes, Principal Fr. Norwin Pereira, Primary School Administrator Fr. Paul Anand, Vice Principal Brian Mckertish, Sunil Rasquinha – SJBHS OBA President and Ambrish Sinha – Unext CEO. A new route was charted, but the starting line was the place that shaped us all. It felt less like an event and more like a homecoming.

This year's edition marked tremendous growth in both scale and impact. The run raised vital funds to support quality education for underprivileged students and to contribute to the welfare of our beloved teachers at SJBHS. Every step taken that January morning carried meaning. Every stride reflected gratitude. Every participant became part of something larger than themselves.

As we look ahead, the Josephite Run stands not just as an annual event, but as a symbol of who we are and what we believe in.



Over 3,000 participants gather at SJBHS grounds.



Ceremonial flag-off of Josephite Run 2026.



Participants at the starting line of Josephite Run 2026



Young participants in vibrant costumes at Josephite Run 2026.

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# Welcome to the OBA and Josexcel Awards 2026

The outgoing students of Classes 10 and 12 were formally welcomed into the Old Boys' Association by Sunil Rasquinha – President of the OBA. He introduced them to the legacy and purpose of the association.

Fr. Norwin Pereira SJ – Principal formally addressed the gathering. The event also featured two speakers, Mr. Vinod Naidu – Batch of 1988 and Ms. Rushika – ISC Batch of 2017, who shared their experiences with the students.

**The Josexcel and Udit Dhanuka Awards** were also presented during the event. These awards recognize students who have excelled in various sporting disciplines, celebrating their dedication and achievements.

**Udit Dhanuka Awards** for excellence in Cricket were presented to - Prabhav Pydah 8C & Aarav Bajaj 10C in the junior and seniors categories.

An interactive session offered students a clear perspective on their journey beyond school and their role within the OBA community. Well executed and enthusiastically received, the event marked the beginning of a lifelong connection.



Mr. Vinod Naidu (Batch of 1988)  
addressing the gathering



Sunil Rasquinha (President - OBA)  
addressing the gathering



Fr. Norwin Pereira (Principal - SJBHS)  
addressing the students of class 10 and 12



Ms. Rushika (ISC Batch of 2017) awarding  
the students with Josexcel Awards

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# Women Who Lead - Talk Initiative by SJBHS OBA

The OBA Managing Committee has launched a new series titled '**Women Who Lead**'.

Through this initiative, we invite accomplished women from diverse professional fields to share their career journeys with our students. The aim is to create a space where our Grade 12 girls can hear real experiences, explore different career paths and gain practical insights beyond textbooks.

Each session is designed to be interactive, allowing students to ask questions, engage in meaningful conversations, and learn directly from women leading in their respective industries. We hope this initiative empowers our girl students at SJBHS and inspires confidence, ambition and clarity as they prepare for the next phase of their lives.

The first session featured **Ms. Jayna Kothari**. She offered the students a meaningful introduction to the world of law and the realities of working within the Indian legal system.

She spoke candidly about her journey, sharing personal experiences, challenges, and the values that have guided her career and life. The students were thoroughly engaged, and the highlight of the session was the interactive Q&A segment, during which many asked thoughtful and relevant questions.

The session proved both informative and empowering, setting a strong tone for future 'Women Who Lead' talks



Interaction with Ms. Jayna Kothari



Ms. Jayna Kothari addressing the students



An engaging *Women Who Lead* session



Interaction with students on campus.

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# Josephites, Unforgotten!

During this reporting period, we regretfully note the passing of several members of our organization. Each individual represented years of membership and participation within our community.

We extend our sincere condolences to the families and friends of those we have lost. Their memory will be preserved as we continue our work and maintain the values they helped uphold during their time with us.

The following members passed away during the reporting period:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Demise</b>	<b>Batch</b>
1	George Morris	Sep 17, 2025	1949
2	Aldrin Leonard Vipin	Sep 28, 2025	2013
3	Col. Neville G Dias	Oct 15, 2025	1964
4	Vijay D' Souza	Oct 16, 2025	1988
5	Dr. K E Eapen	Oct 22, 2025	1960
6	Henry Taveira	Oct 24, 2025	1958
7	Gavin Demelo	Nov 1, 2025	1986
8	Bharat Gowda	Nov 14, 2025	1982
9	K K Joseph	Nov 29, 2025	1956
10	Praveen Gurjer	Dec 4, 2025	1982
11	Mohan Kamath	Dec 19, 2025	1968
12	George Tharakan	Dec 23, 2025	1973
13	Jose Fernandes	Dec 23, 2025	1997
14	BR Viswanath	Jan 4, 2026	1968
15	Alois John Friedel	Jan 16, 2026	1962
16	Samhith Keerthi A	Dec 24, 2025	2020
17	Vikram Chugh	Jan 24, 2026	1992
18	Dr. Senthil Kumar	Feb 4, 2026	1967
19	Rajesh Shamsunder Lund	Feb 16, 2026	1985
20	Peter Bhagar	Feb 16, 2026	1969

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# Stay Connected with the OBA

The OBA invites all Old Boys and Girls to remain closely connected with their school and association. It calls on all to actively participate in the many initiatives and events organized throughout the year.

Old Boys and Girls who wish to give back or volunteer are encouraged to reach out to the OBA Secretary at the contacts given below. Come be part of an event and work closely with the Managing Committee

With upcoming events such as Basketball, Swimming, Hockey and our flagship OBA Buzz, there are many opportunities to get involved and contribute.

**To visit the school or visit the OBA office please contact the OBA Office Secretary - Ms. Shilpa at +91 9686671127, who will be happy to assist with the necessary security clearance and coordination.**

Once a Josephite, always a Josephite

Fide et labore.

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*Part Two: Giving with Purpose*