



SCHOOL TIE 2011

Editorial

This year has seen upheavals all over the world. Dictators toppled in North Africa, the debt crisis, the uncertain future of the much-hyped Euro, and of course our very own modern Gandhi, Anna Hazare. Not since the passage of the Right To Information bill has there been any proposed legislation of such magnitude. The Government completely miscalculated the mood of the people and was thoroughly embarrassed. Its good to see democracy working! Whatever form the Lok Pal bill finally takes, it should be clear that We, the People of India, have given a mandate against corruption.

Closer home, Father Dr. Kenneth Misquitta took over as principal of our Alma Mater from Ms. Alice Carvalho. The Alumni Association AGM was held at School and we had the opportunity to interact with him. It was very evident that he would shift some focus back to sports, for which St. Mary's has historically been well known. We look forward to reading about progress in the newspapers!

Bimal Goculdas
Vice President, St. Mary's Alumni Association
Class of 1985



REFLECTIONS AS I TAKE OVER AT ST. MARY'S (ICSE)

It is barely a week since I took over the reins as Principal of this illustrious institution, widely known as one of the most reputed schools in Mumbai, and also renowned all over India. Hence, it was appropriate that my predecessor, Ms Alice Carvalho, read out the Annual Report for the last academic year. Nevertheless, I wish to share a few of my reflections as I assume this position of great responsibility.

A school (any school) has become a very complex organization in the present global scenario. Many factors go into the smooth functioning of a school, more so in such a developed, urban setting, as Mumbai is. Firstly, there are the children, (gennext, as it is called) who are the products of an advanced technological age, and who are influenced by the media and television as never before. Years ago, children, especially boys, grew up with a ball in their hands; today, they grow up with a mobile or a gadget for video games in their hands. India is generally known as a people of tolerance, patience, kindness and hospitality. But many

children today have grown up to be assertive, restless and tense, sometimes displaying severe symptoms of hypertension and stress.

Then there are the teachers and other staff members of a school. And it cannot be said that any one escapes entirely the impact of modern society and technological development. Thirdly, but equally importantly, there are the parents, who have the potential to mould their own children as no one else can. But they too can be affected by the onslaught of national as well as international media.

On to this scene comes the educationist, the Principal, (who, in my case, also happens to be a priest). What can I hope to achieve? What, if any, is my vision? There are several speeches this evening; and so, I can only be very brief. As I see it today, it is quite simple. It is to uphold and continue the glorious traditions of this fine school, St. Mary's. It is to endeavour to adhere to time-tried ethical and social principles that underlie the sound, inner fibre and being of a school. It is to endorse and promote certain values, which a boy, when he has become a mature adult, will be happy to live by, and which his own family, and even the country, perhaps, will be proud to see in him.

The road may be long and arduous, especially in our troubled times. But the city of Rome was not built in a day! And neither can children, nor people, be built overnight! However, a start, we can all make. I am reminded of the famous lines of the poet, Robert Frost,

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep;
And miles to walk before I sleep,
And miles to walk before I sleep!

Staff members, parents and boys, I am sure that I can expect your cooperation in this undertaking! Thank you, and may God bless you!

Fr. Dr. Kenneth Misquitta, S.J.
PRINCIPAL (from July 1, 2011)

Excerpts from Principal's Address and Report for the year 2010-2011

St. Mary's I.C.S.E..which was founded by the Jesuit Fathers in 1864 takes great pride in upholding the values of a Jesuit institution. Since the Counter - Reformation the Jesuits have been in the fore-front of education. And one main reason has been that even during his lifetime, the founder of the Society of Jesus, St. Ignatius of Loyola, realized the great value of education. According to the Ratio Studiorum which is the Jesuit theoretical treatise on education - "The development of the student's intellectual capacity is the school's most characteristic part. However, the development will be defective and even dangerous unless it is strengthened and completed by the training of the will and formation of character. "

At St. Mary's I.C.S.E., we endeavour to impart a holistic system of education which the Jesuits call "cura personalis" meaning care of the whole person - body, mind and soul.

In order to be able to develop an all round personality, a Marian not only strives towards excellence in all fields, but he must also be able to feel that he is a global citizen, aware of the world's problems and ever willing to shoulder responsibilities and find solutions to them.

In this context, global warming has become the most complicated issue facing the world today. According to the 2007 report of the Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change, the best estimate of future warming is 3AoC by 2100 with a likely range from 2.0 - 5AoC On the one hand warnings of the imminent disaster from

the scientific community are becoming louder, but at the same time, according to Al Gore "we have all the technologies at hand ... but we should not wait, we cannot wait, we must not wait."

St. Mary's I.C.S.E. took up the challenge by deciding on "Reducing Carbon Footprints" as the theme of this year's School Magazine, whereby every Marian is made conscious of his role in reducing carbon emissions. This was in keeping with the UN. 'International Year of bio-diversity' only a greener, cleaner environment can safeguard our biodiversity, which is indeed a gift from God.

In order to fulfill the dreams of our founder St. Ignatius of Loyola for education, I am proud to say we are blessed with dedicated and committed teachers who go that extra mile to make St Mary's I.C.S.E. a great Institution.

Some of the programmes conducted for the staff:

1. "Happy teachers means Happy students". Fr. Provincial, Antony J. D'souza S.J. was invited to give a session on Happiness/Ego, Self-esteem.
2. A one day seminar was conducted on "The Eight Stages of Development" by Fr. Jos Vazhail, SVD to help the teachers understand their students better.
3. Workshops were conducted for teachers during every term by EDUCOMP Smart Class to improve their teaching skills.
4. Computer training was conducted for the staff. Many took advantage of it.
5. Workshops in Maths, Science and English were held in the school. Teachers from other schools also attended.
6. Teachers from the school were sent to other school for workshops or as judges in English, Hindi, Maths, Science and Arts.
7. After a gap of 20 years the PT.A. has been reinstated to help the Principal and the Teachers when required for the smooth functioning of the School.

Activities done to enrich the spiritual and emotional life of the Students.

To calm the body and the mind after strenuous activity during lunch break the students sit quietly for four minutes and do the breathing exercise. This way they calm down to begin the afternoon session.

Catholic boys of class 9 & 10 were taken for an overnight retreat to Vinayalaya, conducted by Fr. Brian, S.J. and Fr. Anil, S.J.

First Friday Mass is introduced. It is attended by Catholic Staff and Students.

Way of the Cross in Lent during lunch breaks for Catholic Students and Staff. Not compulsory.

Various Talks given to the Students:

ALMA MATER, an organization from Chennai held a number of sessions for class 9 students on spiritual, emotional and social growth.

Dr. Elaine Charles gave a talk to the class 10 students and parents on study habits and how to prepare for the Board Examination.

ICICI Bank sponsored a talk on Obesity and Nutrition for class 7.

A talk on skin donation and prevention of burns was given to classes 5-9 by a Rotarian of the National Burns Centre, Airoli.

A team from Delhi gave a talk on the 'Safe use of the Internet', Classes 5 to 10.

Mrs. Roy, a parent, and her team had various sessions for 'Young Road Marshals', on road safety and on reducing road accidents. Class 7.

Class 9 was taken to the Stock Exchange and was given a talk on the working of the BSE.

Talks on various careers were given by our Alumni who have excelled in their particular field. Aptitude Test was conducted for class 8 by 'Young Buzz'.

Sports and Games

The year 2010-2011 saw St. Mary's soar to great heights in the field of sports and games. Coaching sessions in various games were held on a regular basis and these brought out the best in our boys.

FOOTBALL:

In the tournament conducted by the Mumbai Schools' Sports Association, our school participated in every age group available and secured the 3rd position in the under-16 and the under-12 categories.

At a football tournament hosted by The Kenkre Football Academy, our school won the runners-up position which included a cash prize of Rs. 15,000/-.

Ten boys from the Kenkre Football Academy were selected for training to Sweden and Denmark. They played against international teams and won two matches.

Special mention must be made of Ayush Pereira and Hussain Vahanvaty in the field of football. Both represented Maharashtra in the under-16 age group.

Ayush was the recipient of the gold medal for excellence in football at the Western Zonal Mumbai Football Association. He had the privilege of playing against well known teams like the Dempos, Salgaonkar and Sesa Goa.

Hussain was selected to be coached a month at The Queens' Park Rangers, London by the All India Football Federation.

Anas Vadgama, Rihan Shroff and Tanay Shah represented Maharashtra in the Sub Junior Football Tournament for boys under-13. Anas went on to become the captain of this prestigious team.

SQUASH :

Yohan Surti struck gold in the BOJS under-13 age group conducted by the Maharashtra Schools' Sports Association. Raju Chainani did us proud by winning the NSCI Junior Squash Tournament.

CRICKET:

The Alumni helped to revive cricket by conducting the Summer Cricket Camp which was a huge Success.

ATHLETICS:

At the Annual Athletic Meet, conducted by the Bombay City District Amateur Athletic Association, Piran Katgara stood 3rd in the 400 mts and Anirban Biswas took the runners-up position in the long jump event for boys under-14.

The Catholic Gymkhana Open Meet for boys under 14 saw Jordan Valladares win the gold in the 100 mts. sprint, Anirban Biswas took the silver in the 200 mts and Aditya Andrade won two silver medals for his effort

in the 100 and 200 rnts. Sprints.

Throughout the year the school continued to conduct matches in various games under supervision of Mr. BalmukundTiwari our sports coordinator.

48 boys appeared for the Elementary and Intermediate Art Examinations. All were declared successful.

Academics -- Secondary Section .

At St Mary's we strive to impart all round developrnt keeping in mind the importance of academics in a competitive world.

It gives me great pleasure to announce to you, dear parents our I.C.S.E. Results. One hundred students were sent to the Council Board Examination. All were declared successful. As per the rsc norm of calculating percentages on the basis of English and best 4 subjects, our results were;-

90% and above	26
80% to 90%	51
70% to 80%	19
60% to 70%	4

Distinctions: - 86 Students
First Class: - 14 students

THE TOP FIVE: (Percentage based on English + best 4 subjects)

Name	Total/500	%
1. Nisarg Ashish Mehta	487	97.40
2. Shrey Dipesh Shah	485	97.00
3. Siddhant Madhu Jayakumar	477	95.40
3. Utsav Kumar Shah	477	95.40
4. Mudit Madhusudan Saraf	475	95.00
4. Pratik Nitish Kotwal	475	95.00
5. Mayank Vinod Chhabria	474	94.80

Congratulations to all our students, their parents and our staff.

Activities outside the School where our Students won a number of awards in various competitions held by ICSE Schools and other organisations:

- 1) "Rochak" - Christ Church,
- 2) "Cascade" - Jamnabai Narsee, School stood 4th among more than 30 + schools.
- 3) "Yuvana" – Podar, Won six shields, prizes and certificates.
- 4) "We are the World" – H.R. College, 3rd place among 45 ICSE Schools.
- 5) "Vogue" – H.R. College
- 6) "MUN" (Model United Nations) – Dhirubhai Ambani School & H.R. College – participated.
- 7) Limca Book of Records by Derek O'Brian.
- 8) Students sent to take part in Scholarship Exams: NSTSE, MTSE, Maths Olympiad and Science Olympiad.
- 9) Students of the School organized **MUN** (Model United Nations) for the first time. It was a great

success.

- 10) 'Sanskriti' organized by the PT.A. of Villa Theresa School.
- 11) Masquerades by Rotaract Club of H.R. College. Our boys was the best play, the best director and the best actor award.
- 13) Eco-diversity quiz at the Nehru Science Centre.

The above activities were conducted on Saturdays and Sundays. I sincerely thank the Teachers who accompanied the boys on their weekly holidays: Saturdays and Sundays.

Camps and Trips:

- 1) Scouts Camps to Pune, Kolad, Panchagani and Yusuf Meherally Centre, Tara.
 - 2) "Interact" Camp to Panchagani.
 - 3) Nature Club - 2 Outings a year to Vikramghar.
 - 4) "SUPW" (Socially Useful Productive Work) - Talassari.
 - 5) Educational Trip to Manali.
- Extra care is taken to see that the boys who take part in various activities do not miss out on Academics.

Retired:

Ms. Joan Dias retired after 21 years of service to St. Mary's (ICSE). Thank you, Teacher.

Staff who joined in 2010-2011:

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| 1. Mr. Trevor Quinny | 2. Ms. Avita Franco |
| 3. Mr. Brendon Mascarenhas | 4. Ms. Neilette Vaz |
| 5. Ms. Joan Dias | 6. Ms. Sangita Upadhyay |
| 7. Ms. Nirmala Fernandes | |

Staff who left in 2010-2011

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| 1. Ms. Charu Tandon | 2. Ms. Reena Prasad |
| 3. Ms. Salome Pinto | 4. Mr. Brendon Mascarenhas |
| 5. Ms. Disha Chandan | 6. Ms. Vrishali Prabhu |
| 7. Mr. Melbon D'Silva. | |

We welcome the following into the St. Mary's family, 2011-2012

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| 1. Fr. Kenneth Misquitta, S.J., Principal | |
| 2. Ms. Anita Paul Santulini | 3. Ms. Nandini Basu |
| 4. Ms. Priscilla Pereira | 5. Ms. Mona Soningra |
| 6. Ms. Suhasini Gerald | 7. Ms. Noella Rebello |
| 8. Ms. Nisha Mendes | 9. Mr. Bharat Kadekar |
| 10. Ms. Ropali Lamkhade | 11. Mr. Sandeep Gaikwad |
| 12. Ms. Sarita Upadhyay | 13. Ms. Yasmin Nanji |

We hope you have a comfortable and fulfilling stay at St. Mary's.

Mrs. Alice Carvalho
Principal

ST, MARY'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – A BRIEF REPORT

Membership:- We had 70 new member join this year as against 65 members last year. The total is currently at 1592. The membership numbers were higher than usual thanks to special efforts of our then principal Mrs. Alice Carvalho. The Managing Committee of the Association has been meeting every alternate month & regularly contributing to activities of the School. Currently there is a drive on the enroll all those who registered on the alumni association website and also those who are on the various facebook groups.

Charity: - Rs 1,70,000 as against Rs 80,000 last year was donated to various educational charity organizations during the last financial year.

Annual Dinner Dec 2010: - The Annual Dinner was held on the 10th of December, 2010. All together there were over 425 students in attendance. Thanks to the various groups on facebook word about the dinner spread and we had an amazing attendance. It was all together quite an eventful evening mixed with good food, friends and nostalgia.

Sports: - A Soccer match was held on the 15th of August, 2011. We again played at St. Stanislaus a 'mini' tournament between the alumni of our school, St Stanislaus and Holy Name school.

Elsewhere in this School Tie you will find a report on the students Vs Alumni soccer match too. These soccer activities have been organized by our committee member Shyam Balsekar and were a big hit. Next 15th Aug this tournament will be played in our school. So we ask you all to make a note in your dinner to be present.

Future Events: -

This year the annual dinner is on the 16th of December 2011 and we expect a large number of students to attend.

We are having a cricket match that morning too. This will be amongst the alumni in India Vs. the Batch of 1986, which is the batch that, celebrates their 25th year since leaving school.

On the 26th of Jan there will be a cricket match at school between the school team and the alumni.

Sometime in Feb we shall have the annual career talks where alumni from various fields address the 9th & 10th std boys about careers. You and all your friends from school must register at www.stmarysalumni.net You can even download our school anthem ring tone from this site. as well our association membership form. There are 2 options on this site, one to be just a part of the mailing list and the other to be a member of the 'Official' St Marys Alumni Association. To be a member you need to download the form and send a membership fee of Rs 100/- for life membership.

Special Mention:

All member of the committee have contributed towards the growth of the activities of the Alumni Association. I would like to congratulate Kavi Desai for having streamlined the operations as the Hon Secretary and similarly Rahul Divan as the Hon Treasurer. On the sports field Shyam Balsekar has been instrumental in organizing the soccer matches at school with the current students and Shyam also organized the career talks in Feb/Mar 2011 our Alumni Association. Mazhar Furniturewala was active in organizing a cricket training summer camp to improve the standard of cricket for our boys. Bimal Goculdas has individually taken on the task of the compilation and editing of the School Tie annual news letter.

Silver Jubilee Reunion 1985 :

Last year my batch, that is the batch of 1985 celebrated our silver jubilee since leaving school. Forty six of us decided to spend the weekend together. We started the celebrations with the Annual Alumni Association dinner on Friday 10th Dec at school. On Saturday we went to Alibaug by catamaran and spent the complete day at a resort which we had booked exclusively for ourselves. There were about 16 people who had com overseas and 7 from other parts of India.

The highpoint of the day was that we met as if nothing had changed in 25 years. We all caught up on where we live now, what we do, our families etc. Some of us returned late on Saturday and continued for dinner, some went home to their families and some stayed back in Alibaug to make it a night to remember.

On Sunday evening we met for dinner at the Bombay Gymkhana where we have booked a party room On this day we met along with our wives/girlfriends and we decided to honour teachers (those whom we could reach). We presented a touching letter and a token gift to all of them. Were fortunate to meet with Mr Raja Khade (late), Mr Giles Rebello, Mrs Gwen Stevens, Mrs Nirmala Shirodkar, Ms. Maria Mathias, Mr Bala Govind and Fr Evarist Neunes. As we had a movie director in our midst we recorded an original version of our school anthem

and created a DVD of pictures for the occasion and gave everyone a copy of the same. ALL in all it was a memorable moment for all of us and we have decided to meet now once every five years.

Below are some photographs of the great time we had and a link to the video on You Tube which I recommend everyone of you to watch. <http://youtu.be/kPbOTbtYuhk> . Plenty of more pictures on facebook, do check them out.



Sushil Sukhwani, Batch of 1985 (Hon. President)

St. Mary's Alumni Association.

An email from St Mary's diaspora:

Hi,

You are apparently holding a dinner on the 16th for St Mary's –Alumni- since I am an old school boy –May I attend? I shall be in Bombay at that time. I was a Colaba boy who studied in school –probably before you all were born- and passed out in 1955. My only claim to fame is that we won the inter school sports championship in 1954. I was part of the squad that represented the school in the Hurdles, long jump and the relays. I got silver medals in the hurdles and long jump and gold in the relays. That year the great Jesse Owens came to visit our school on his World Tour-promoting Sport. There were some exhibition events set up in his honour. The 3 winners from our school were selected to do a mini competition for him. I was one of

them. I came second to a chap called Tony Fernandes from the "RED" section. The whole visit was recorded in the school magazine. I have a copy of that day. Interested?

I am now resident in London and retired to boot. I do intend to visit the school anyway, as I have some research to do in Byculla. Can you please tell me if the "Bai Motlibai Hospital" in Byculla is still there? and where the Births and Deaths registration Office for that area is located. I would like to get a copy of my Birth certificate for the family. I was born there on 11/05/1938. Please help if you can as time is not on my side.

Thank you in anticipation

Yours faithfully

Darryl Monte (class of '55)

PS We have mini reunions of ST Mary's Old Boy's in London(SMOB's). Apparently the only school from the old country to do so.

Not Just About Cricket

My eyes lit up with an familiar sense of excitement as Mazhar shared the news with me over the phone. After ages, our new principal had agreed to a cricket match between the students and the x-students. This used to be almost like a ritual , a yearly event during my school days my thoughts floated into the past....

... to the last three periods were free post the lunch break coz we were invited to the match between the students and ex students sitting on the stone parapet on the boundary next to the garden my white shorts filled with crumpled peices of paper containing precious "imli and kairi" procured from Chont and not to forget black salt and supari from good old sticker man who used to address us as " Sunny " , the game was on and I was cheering for the home team - yes our school team at the time , having the likes of Sunil Sheth a very stylish batsman , Ceaser a much feared bowler (infact on many an occasion seen him bowl that bouncer which used to fly past over the keepers outstretched hand post bouncing and go for a four if not a six). On later years we had the likes of Sandeep Jayram a class act with his trademark cover drives .Form is temporary but class permanent and sure enough, we had the privelage of witnessing his stylish play at the nets during our practice where he despatched many a bowler with complete disdain like he did during "those days" inspite of wielding his bat after almost a decade .There were other titans as well Tanu Sankalia , it was under his captaincy that we won the prestigious Harris Sheild tittle from Sharda Ashram school , Tanu had an uncanny knack of consistency bowling his offspin deliveries on the same spot ball after ball , making it seemingly impossible for the batsmen to score of him . I remember clearly how Tanu single handedly won us the inter class cricket match against the superior class 9 team, it was strategy at its best . Others like Pranav Mulani, Yug Chaudhary to name a few made our Mary's team a formidable combination striking at the very core of our the competition , making them an unstoppable force at that time. We always came out on top against the ex-students at that time being the superior team, and the victory was appreciated by a thunderous applause from the crowd as we clapped and clapped in joy for the Mary's.team It was during one such match I had promised myself that I would return, one day , as ex-student to play the game, like it was being played on the day, as an ex-student.

Then had become now , an opportunity to make it larger than life, we thought , and why not it wasnt just about cricket it was much more , going back to school for one always brings back a flood of memories for all of us the bonding between all of us to make this happen . It was amazing for us to see everything done with so much passion by all who participated to make this event unforgettable. Devkumar Vaidya our principal sponsor agreed over a phone call and did not as much a bat an eyelid to make our vision into reality by substantiating the same with the finances, infact his enthusiasm and excitement inspired us to do "raise our bar" so to speak and motivated us to making this a tournament of unimaginable proportions, some we had not envisioned during the start of it all. Another sponsor who does not wish to be named so we shall call him the "unknown sponsor" much like the "unknown soldier" from jim morrison's classic provided us with funds so that we could procur some really beautiful trophies to part with for this event , so much so that we decided to make this annual affair which would be played each year on Republic day, infact the trophies turned out so beautiful thanks to the "unknown sponsor" that I had a burning desire to win the match just so I could hold the trophy and kiss it like winners do. We decided to procure outfits , just as the cricketers do for the T-20 games for this event , and the designer was not responsive to our demands and we were finding that he was not cooperating as he should have been , making us look for an alternate source,

time was running out we had a week to go , when Mazhar and me suddenly realised we had another Marian we could turn to , it was our old friend and colleague Mushtaq Vahanvaty , he's a dude , I can tell you that , guys he took this on a totally different level his level of excitement and passion had suddenly orbited us to stratospheric levels, there was no compromises to be made , he did his part and much more. Not to forget the committed group of cricketers such as Ali Mistry who were attending the net practices from far off places like Jogeshawari for about 10 days so that we could raise the level of the game and make it a classy affairs. Why I am sharing this with you is for a another reason all together, needless to say this wasn't being done just to play a game of cricket , there was much more to it , the trickle, a thought had turned into a stream , which in turn slowly grew by mammoth proportions making it a mad surging river bigger than all of us and the beauty of it all , all of us thought this game was more "his" than anyone else and the power of accountability, intentions and passion had turned this into an event which surpassed all boundaries and expectations.

I for one had a blast. from sinking my teeth into the wada pavs , and smelling the familiar fragrance of kheema pavs during the half time break had turned me back into a school boy allright . We did win that game that day and I did kiss the trophy as well, but suddenly that wasn't as important. What we all had achieved and what we all had experienced was far greater, I say we coz I'm convinced that this would not have been possible without many minds thinking and feeling like I did which was the case. Words would not be able to describe the thoughts that raced through my mind . What is it that makes us so passionate about events or for that matter anything to do about school that we go out of our way even after decades of leaving that immaculate institution which has been instrumental in shaping us to be the men we are today? Why is it that there is still a sense of pride and joy when we answer a question which goes " Which school were u from?" and we find ourselves saying St Mary's ICSE , Why is it we still get goose bumps when we sing the school anthem ? , everytime, as I did that day after the game when these thoughts raced through my mind and as I smiled I realised that the answers were not important it was a state of being which would be a part of most of us till our dying day and that was the blessing bestowed on us forever more and my heart did smile a big smile as I sang with my chest out " St Mary's Boys , St Mary's Boys ...Hurrah we are St Mary's Boys."

That young hearts thrills.....Memories of St Mary's ICSE

Prashant Daga (Class of 1986)

INTER - ALUMNI SOCCER AT ST. STANISLAUS

This year too we had our Independence Day Soccer tourney at the St Stanislaus Grounds. One change however was that St Mary's had such an enthusiastic turnout that we actually fielded 2 teams against the St Stanislaus and Holy Family Teams, so that everyone would get a chance to play.

We had won the Tournament for the last 2-3 years and this year both St Stan and Holy Family really brought out all their big guns.

The Holy Family Team had these 2 gigantic players (brothers apparently) who made the rest of us look like a team of midgets, St Stan had called in their players from the various teams in which these guys played... so these guys were goodreal Pros... and we knew we had a fight on our hands this year.

We drew lots and our A –Team played the Giants and our B-Team played the Pros.

The Giants turned out to be surprisingly Gentle... and we won quite easily. The Pros on the hand were a real hand full and beat our B-Team by 4 Goals against our 2.

After a short break, we had the game for the 3rd and 4th Places. Our B-Team played the Gentle Giants and won.

In the Finals... the spirits were running high .. The St Stan Pros were baying for blood... an so were our Guys. It was hard fought with neither team scoring. Finally St Stan got in a Goal... and then another. We managed

to get one into their Net. But finally, we ran out of time and St Stan won 2-1. It was a thrilling Finals where St Stanislaus finally proved to be the better Team.

This of course was followed by the customary swim in the St Stan Pool and then the Biryani and Beer (Sponsored by Tuborg) . It was as usual great fun. There is something about spending time with Fellow Marians which really puts one on a High... and if there is some Soccer, Swimming, Biryani and Beer as well, then... "Dude !!! How in the world can you possibly go wrong ????"

Many thanks to all you 35 guys who turned up to play for School once more ...and also of course, to the St Stan Alumni Committee who have been so graciously hosting us for all these many years.

Cheers and God Bless,

Shyam Balsekar (1984)

ALUMNI V/S SCHOOL SOCCER MATCH

The Alumni v/s School Soccer match was as per tradition played on the Day of the Inter House Dramatics.

As usual the Alumni Team had a huge number of guys playing.... So we had the option of being able to rotate the players.

The School Team this year was phenomenal. These guys were really good. As soon as the match started.. within minutes they had scored 2 early goals. And these Goals were good ... we did not know what had hit us .. our Defence was literally left gasping by the speed of these goals.

But finally, we are Marians too, we just cannot sit back and lose can we ... and so the Alumni Team finally pulled our act together, thanks undoubtedly to the experience of Rajesh D'Souza and we managed to get back a couple of Goals by Half Time.

In the Second Half, the School Team was tired, they had played really hard in the first half and the Alumni Team on the hand was still relatively fresh because of the frequent rotations, and so we finally beat the School Team 5-2.

But, we were genuinely impressed with the skill of the players on the School Team, however they must work on their fitness and Stamina to go from being a 'Really Good Team' to being a 'Great Team'.

Everyone had had so much fun that we just did not want this day to end. Father Kenny was kind enough to let us play some more Soccer where we mixed up the teams and played against each other.

This whole experience was so invigorating.. refreshing and recharging... To be back in our wonderful school, where we spent some of the best years in our lives.. back on those wonderful grounds surrounded by those glorious buildings where we grew up... studying, playing, having fun,... where we made friends who would be with us for a life time... where we learnt to be loyal, truthful, honest, to never give up and to stand up for the things we believe in ... Thank you St Mary's.

Shyam Balsekar (1984)

Annual Dinner



Friday, December 16 · 7:30pm - 10:30pm

St. Mary's School (I.C.S.E), Nesbit Road, Mazagaon

All you Marians out there. It's that day of the year again, where we come down to the bare necessities of life (beer, food, few hundred Marians and many more memories) to forget about our worries and doubts. :-)
Sincere requests to you all: PLEASE pick up your invites in advance. Your co-operation will go a long way in ensuring enough food for everyone and making the event a success.

Hope to see you all there. Cheers.

Kavi Desai

Passes available with:

Sr.No	Name	Office Tel	Locality
1	St.Mary's School (ICSE)	23778264	Mazgaon
2	Dinesh Advani	66641000	Shalimar Hotel
3	Kavi Desai	40229214/15	Lower Parel
4	F.P. Mehta	22671566	Kala Ghoda
5	Mazhar Furniturewala	23438044	Mohamadali Rd.
6	Shyam Balsekar	32600080	Tardeo
7	Rajesh Sanghi	23805790	Kemps Corner
8	Bimal Goculdas	22048881	Fort
9	Rahul Divan	66324991	Nariman Point
10	Adil Irani	55819226	Grant Road
11	Prashant Daga	9322995598	Kemps Corner
12	Mahesh Chainani	66558811	Lower Parel
13	Sushil Sukhwani	40813456	Marine Lines
14	Ajay Parekh	28756482	Kala Ghoda