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Principal's Message

"An educated mind is useless without a focused will and dangerous without a loving heart". – Winfried Deijmann.

The primary task of the Jesuit education is to form enlightened persons who think critically and labour to build a better world and stand for values such as fraternity, equality, love, compassion, justice and so on. The need of the hour is of good leaders who have qualities of the head and heart. With robust economy and booming technology Indian politicians are busy priding themselves in reciting the mantra "India shining" and fail to attend to the serious needs of our people who have become victims of corruption, inequality, disparity, poverty and lack of health care. Only socially conscious and spiritually vibrant persons, who have the will to become agents of change and who dare to put their self interest behind the needs of others, first will be able to bail out our country from these evils and make our world a better place to live in. Jesus Christ, the babe of Bethlehem dared to make a difference 2000 years ago and today you and I have this challenge to become agents of change. Our task has become much more challenging and difficult as corruption has become a cancerous malady and a way of life. As our conscious citizens and youngsters wage this battle against corruption, I pray that their struggle does not become another political gimmick to divert the attention of innocent and hapless masses but really a movement that changes the destiny of our nation. I wish our young Josephites become agents of change.

To shape our future citizens this year SJPUC arranged lots of programmes aiming to cultivate in them not only intellectual capacity but also to develop critical and conscious ability.

The News Letter brought out at the fag end of the year, highlights the various programmes conducted in our campus. These carefully arranged programmes have groomed our students and have assisted our staff to equip themselves in their task to accompany our students.

The year 2011-12 that began with much enthusiasm and fervor with a new batch of students is coming to an end but with a sense of joy and satisfaction. Once again the Josephites have proved their mettle and have excelled in whatever field they have laid their hands. The new batch of students who entered this historical campus with much eagerness and zeal have already acclimatized with the campus culture.

I wish our staff and students and the parents a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2012. I wish good luck to our 2nd students as they get ready for the final 2nd PUC board examination. May they take the name of Joseph's to the heights that has never been reached before and bring laurels to their Alma Mater. May God bless you all.

From the Editor's quill....

"Life is not about how fast you run, or how high you climb but how well you bounce"

– Vivian Komali.

The vibrancy of SJPUC depends to a large extent on the belief that education covers a lot more than just teaching and learning. Through the maze of study, intra collegiate activities,

HRD Sessions, all geared to imparting values and life skills, our students have been able to unearth their potentials, showcase their talents and even dream of great possibilities.

The Yuletide is here and the Christmas feeling fills the air with coloured lights and glowing candles around us let us as Josephites burn brighter than ever as lights in a world of ignorance and strife.



As we spread the Christmas cheer let us not forget our less privileged brothers and sisters but open our hearts and hands generously to share.

"If we have no peace it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other"

-Mother Teresa.

Let the clarion call resound, 'A Josephite is a man for others'

As this beautiful season ushers in the New Year, let us begin afresh with hearts brimming with gratitude for the manifold blessings received and look forward with lots of hope to achieve better still in the coming year.

"One way to keep momentum going is to have constantly greater goals"

– Michail Korda.

Credence to our Principal, the stimuli who spurs us on to achieve. Sincere appreciation to Mrs. Latha Ranji and Mr. Vijay Sundar for their valuable assistance. Wishing you all Merry Christmas

- Mrs. Josephine A.K.
Editor

Staff Orientation Programme

The academic year commenced with an enriching orientation programme for the staff on 2nd and 3rd May, 2011. It was facilitated by Rev. Fr. Rony Prabhu, S.J. Themes like 'Discipline' and 'Anger Management' were dealt with through questionnaires and activities. A good start indeed for a fruitful year ahead.

JJ PUC Orientation

The Orientation for II PUC students was held on 30th May, 2011. The Principal welcomed the new Vice Principal Mr. C.R. Rajendra. He also urged the students to learn about life by imbibing values and to care for the environment. The toppers of II PUC board exam, April 2011 in the 3 streams – Keerthi Kumar, Aaron Mirza and Tushar Dalmia were felicitated.

J PUC Orientation

The Orientation for the I PUC was held on 11th June, 2011. The Governor Mr. Sudarshan motivated the Freshers. The Principal addressed the students and advised them to develop skills in order to become better human beings. The Vice-Principal exhorted them to utilize discipline as a bridge between their dreams and their goals.

World Environmental Day

World Environmental Day was celebrated in our campus on 6th June, 2011. A chart making competition which saw enthusiastic participants heightened the awareness of the environmental hazards and measures to preserve nature.

The AICUF

A two day seminar of the AICUF was conducted on the 18th and 19th of June. The discussions were centered on 'Youth and Challenges for Students'. Four AICUF members of SJPU participated in the convention held at Arshirwad.

The AICUF SJPU organized "Campus Mania" an intracollegiate event consisting of 10 events stretched over a period of ten days from the 19th to 29th August. This was organized in order to create a sense of social awareness through the nation wide related topics like urbanization, the prevailing poverty of Free India, Fasting for a Cause – the relevant solution, etc.

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An Integral formation program offered by Karnataka Jesuit Educational Society in Collaboration with Indian Social Institute, Bangalore was held at SJPU from 13th to 15th July, 2011.

Felicitation of distinction holders

Felicitiation of distinction holders of II PUC Board Examination, March 2011 was held on 23rd of July.

EXODUS

The Annual Gospel Fest, EXDOUS of St. Joseph's Arts and Science College was held on 10th and 11th of August. The SJPU team brought home a row of accolades. The Indian Vernacular Music team bagged the first position with their melodious performance. We won the overall third place that also juxtaposed us with MCC Degree. Now, isn't that something to be proud of Josephites?



☞ The 64th Independence Day Celebration



The Independence day was celebrated with the unfurling of the tri-colour by the Principal. The SSA enacted a puppet show and a skit. A patriotic song was sung by Chaitanya of I J. An ethnic wear competition was held to promote the rich cultural heritage of our motherland.

☞ The Investiture



The Investiture, a solemn ceremony to install the students' Council and the Office Bearers of various associations was held on August 16th, 2011. The governor of the students Council, Mr. P.V. Sudarshan gave a brief report of the upcoming activities, introduced the members of the Students' Council and also administered the oath of Office to the students' council. The Principal highlighted the attributes of an ideal leader.

☞ Anti Corruption Campaign

On August 19th in solidarity with the anti corruption campaign of Anna Hazare, a silent protest march took place in the college campus.

☞ Festival of Harmony

The college choir participated in the 'Festival of

Harmony' conducted by Glorious on 27th August at the Palace grounds.

☞ Alcoholics Anonymous

During the months of July, August Alcoholic Anonymous was represented by Mr. Paul and Mr. J.P. who volunteered to enlighten the I PUC students on the hazards of the consumption of narcotics and alcohol.

☞ Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

The feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated on 31st August. The AICUF of SJPU was actively involved in rendering the liturgy of the concelebrated mass meaningfully.

☞ Infrastructure

SKYWALK has been constructed bridging the 'P' block with the 'A' block to facilitate the students and staff. This was inaugurated on September 5th.

☞ Wild Life Expedition

To escape from the daily grind and the hub-bub of urban living, the SSA organized a nature trip to Nandi Hills on 9th September 2011. Slithering along winding paths, climbing gigantic rocks and walking on a dry riverbed was an exhilarating experience for the students. Several wild animals were sighted. The trip provided a great platform for artists, poets and photographers.

☞ SSA – Inter-Institution Environment Fest – Prithvi Raksha



Prithvi Raksha was held on the 10th of September 2011 by the SSA in association with the Rotary Club. A wide array of events such as painting, fireless cooking, etc was held to create awareness about the environment. The highlight of the day was the adoption of 3 orphan puppies. The skit team won the first place. The SSA also organized a March to 'Save the Earth' in association with the NCC.



☞ Staff Formation



A staff formation talk was conducted on 19th of September 2011. Dr. Puthuraya, with his vast experience and infinite knowledge struck the right chord with the staff. He articulated the need for teachers to go beyond their comfort zones and travel the extra mile to enrich the students as well as their own life.

☞ Our Origins – NSA

On September 29th the NSA conducted a seminar on the topic, 'Our Origins' – what every student should know. The resource person was Mr. John Lyall. The presentation touched upon different subjects like history, physics, geography, geology, biology even literature.

☞ Felicitation of Proficiency Prize Winners

On November 15th, 2011, three students from each section were felicitated for excellence in Academics. The simple ceremony was held in the basket ball court.

☞ Talent – O – Mania

The college also conducted Talent-O-Mania which showcased a vibrant display of talents. To mention a few – there was beat boxing, still life sketching, creative writing and an exciting Treasure hunt which met with an overwhelming response.

☞ Fuel for Life – 36 Meals



Mr. Sujit Lalwani founder / Director of 36meals.com introduced us to his brain child 36meals.com a website that focuses on saving meals. His inspirational talk was an eye opener and at the end of the day, more than just 36 meals were saved.

☞ Class Newsletter

This year a unique competition was introduced "Class Newsletter" was introduced. Students participated enthusiastically and presented news worthy articles, photographs, pictures, etc. depicting the achievements of their classes. The following classes were declared winners.

II Years	I Years
2 K 1 st Place	1 I 1 st Place
2 A 2 nd Place	1 B 2 nd Place
2 H 3 rd Place	1 L 3 rd Place

☞ PTJ

The first PTI meeting was held in the First and Second week of July for the I and II year students. Regular Parent Teacher Interface was conducted after every test and exam. This provided a platform for parents to meet the class teachers and welfare Officers to discuss the progress of their wards.



Remedial Classes

Our staff members devoted time to tutor the weak students. The classes were held after regular class hours.

CET Classes

Students preparing to appear for competitive exams are trained by our faculty. CET classes were held from August covering the PCMB syllabus. Classes are held from 3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. on week days and from 12.35 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. on Saturdays. A total of 73 students have enrolled for the programme.

Career Guidance



in the month of November and December Dr. Ali Khwaja (for the Commerce Stream) and Mr. Jo Paulson (for the science stream) enlightened our students on real world career options to match with their inner potentials. Finding the right match between one's interests, personality and ability is creative for a successful and satisfying professional life.

Faith Formation Classes

"The youth isn't the future of the Church, in fact they are the Church" – Pope John Paul II. To rekindle their fervour in their Christian living and to ground our Catholic students in their faith, theology classes were held for the students of I and II year PUC in the last week of November and first week of December. Thanks to the initiative of the Principal and our enthusiastic Catholic faculty these were indeed grace abounding days.

We remain grateful to Fr. Brian, Fr. Adrians, Sr. Annunciata, Mis Watinero for conducting meaningful session to our 2nd year Catholic Students

Human Resource Development Sessions

The teaching staff were actively involved in handling the Human Resources Development sessions which were conducted every Friday. The main objective was to instill in our students a sense of value based living. They were provided insights on life skills, goals, time management, study skills, self worth and respect for all. These were truly valuable sessions.

J Factor Committee

In order to enhance motivation and to help students discover and hone their talents a talent search initiative has been launched – the Josephite factor (J factor). The staff were involved in the collection of data from the classes with respect to various parameters, for eg., academic excellence, extra-curricular activities, etc. Points were awarded to classes.

Annual Sports Meet



The 130th Annual sports meet was held on 1st December, 2011 at the St. Joseph's Indian High School grounds. Mr. Rehan Poncha, Olympian and Arjuna Awardee (Swimming) was the Chief guest. Devaiah K.T of I I was declared the fastest athlete of the Meet. II C won the 1st Place in March past, I F for best flag and Bharatham of I G won the title of Best Photographer.



Students' Corner

Slogans to Save Our Environment

- Save water, it will save you later!
- One tree can make a million matches.
One match can destroy a million trees.
- Modern technology owes ecology an apology
- When you refuse to reuse its resources, our earth you abuse.
- Pollution ain't cool, so don't be a fool!

K. Sudarshan
(II L)

People at Home

When I come at dusk,
And sit to eat a snack,
I find my Dad pursue and toil,
Sloth and negligence slack.

I sit to earn my knowledge,
To ascertain data ashore,
And then comes the pippety sound,
I can't handle anymore.
My sister hums her own sweet sound,
Of History and Science galore,
I request her to read softly,
Then like a lion, she howls and roars.

After hours of strained study,
I take a prolonged break,
And then comes my cousin, crawling,
Fatigued from her shopping.

When the clock strikes nine,
My mother returns, fine,
After her four hours of work,
She relaxes and munches a perk.

When our stomachs have had their feast,
The ceaseless chaos continues,
The incessant race to bed begins,
Alas, on cushion we find hue.

Although I speak of the cynic side of my family (which I am most comfortable reciting!),
I believe I have the best family anyone could have.
What I penned above is the worst it could get!!

- Royston. M. Mascarenhas
- I E



Sports: At the District level our college won Ist place in the following games. Table Tennis, Bal Badminton, Badminton, Hockey and Tennis. We have qualified for state level tournament. Many of our boys have been selected for the Inter Zonal Cricket competition conducted by KSCA. The Tennis Team won the Runners up Trophy in the State Level conducted by the PU Board.



Achievements

SJPUC bagged the Overall trophy in Mount Carmel PU College Fest, 'Esplendida' We stood third Overall at the Jyothi Nivas College Fest, 'Artemis'. Mohammed Aiman Ahmed (II B) participated at the state level Taekwondo Championship – 2011 Chickamagalur and won the Gold Medal. He was also selected to represent the state (Karnataka) at the National Level Taekwondo Championship – 2011, Ranchi, Jharkhand and won the Gold Medal.

(Insight: The only participant from the state to win a gold medal).



Her Sorrowful Plight

Mother Earth is fast asleep,
Unknowing that its danger's peak.
Swiftly through a long night,
Which may lead her to a Sorrowful Plight.

Human beings are selfish born,
Seldom do they feel that's wrong.
As long as unopposed remain,
Steadfast will they make her fate.

Oh God, My Creator, where art Thou,
Blinded by the anguished ground,
Why have you turned a spectator now,
To see my poor Mother cry out loud.

There shall be a day, I'm sure,
When all Injustice will play for.
I pray that day does come along,
And save my Mother, before She's gone.

Greed will only kill us all,
Realize now and save a fall.
Mother Earth is all we have,
And killing Her is our doomsday call.

- Vinay Venugopal (2 J)

Suggested Reading

1. Autobiography of Steve Job
2. Prayer of the Frog (Volumes I and II) – Anthony De Mello

JJ PU College April 2011 Results

Total Appeared	-	1151
Total Passed	-	1072
Total Failures	-	79

Pass Percentage Overall - 93.13%

Science

Total Appeared	-	748
Total Passed	-	693
Total Detained	-	55
Pass Percentage	-	92.64%

Commerce

Total Appeared	-	351
Total Passed	-	326
Total Detained	-	25
Pass Percentage	-	92.87%

Arts

Total Appeared	-	52
Total Passed	-	52
Pass Percentage	-	100%

Distinction	-	149
I Class	-	705
II Class	-	161
III Class	-	58

Top Scorer in Science	-	Keerthi Kumar 581 PCMB
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Top Scorer in Commerce	-	Tushar Dalmia 559 MSBA
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Top Scorer in Arts	-	Aaron Mirza 528 HEPS
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**Marry Christmas
&
Happy New Year
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