



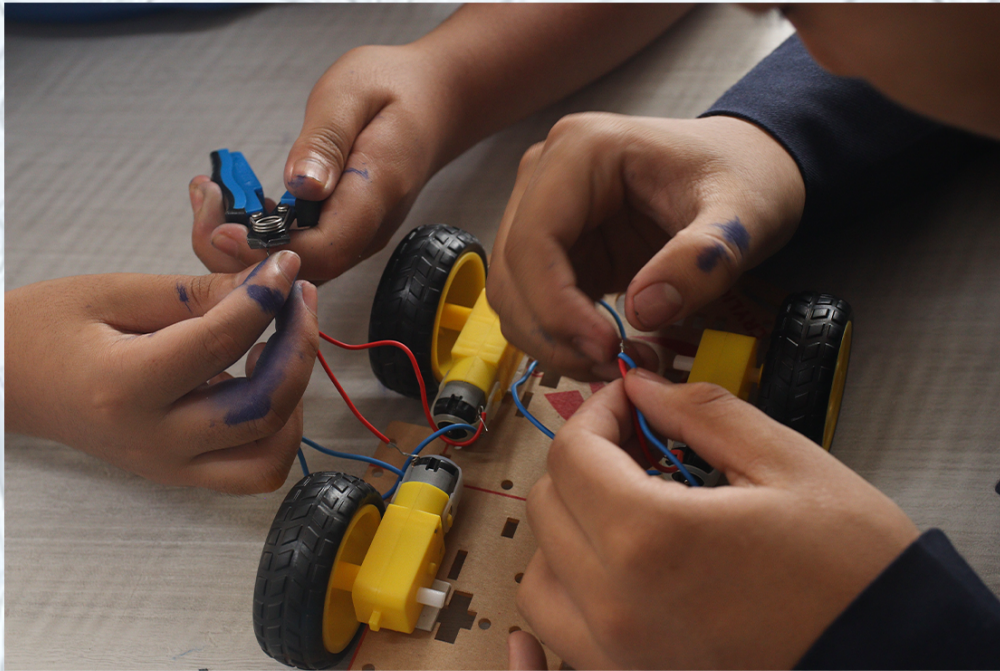
The Twin Towers

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School Trip to South Korea SNIPPETS



Robotics Workshop 2024 Snippets



Innovation in progress



Group picture with the future



Briefing on the importance of robotics



From concept to creation

Parent-Teacher Meeting

North Point is acutely aware of its obligation and duty to our principal clients, the parents of our students. In these relationships the old adage holds good, "Parents are the first teachers and teachers are the second parents" of the students entrusted to our care and mentoring. Education is a collaborative effort of both, the school and the home, to bring out the best in our children. In keeping with our responsibility and accountability to our dear parents, we have days set aside for a stock-taking or evaluation. In the light of this, we conduct periodic parent- teacher interactions on campus.

On the 19th of July, as scheduled in the school diary, parents of the day scholars congregated the Jesus-Mary-Joseph (JMJ) Auditorium for a PTM. Once all were seated, the proceedings began at 1:00 p.m. with a few words of welcome and an opening prayer by the Vice Principal, Mr. Andre Lefevre. Fr. Prefect, the Senior Master, Mr. Malcolm Chettri and the Junior Coordinator, Ms. Sunanada Mukhia were also in attendance. The Rector, Fr. Stanley Varghese SJ then addressed the parents. Among the things he touched upon were the rules governing the use of pool cars /taxis that are used by the day scholars for their commute to and from the school.



He complimented the students on their improved performance in the First Semester Examinations and announced there would be remedial classes arranged for the underperformers. He reiterated the need for students to be properly attired in the school uniform and to behave as North Pointers at all times especially when donning the uniform. He encouraged parents to regulate the use of the internet and mobile phones for their sons. He informed the parents about the varied games, clubs, activities and co-curriculars available in the school and made a plea that there be more active participation of the day scholars in these areas.

School excursions and tours were underway and he announced the planned tour to the Andamans in October exclusively for day-scholars. He expressed his concern with the issue of students arriving late to school due to the prevailing traffic jams. He floated an idea of beginning school half an hour earlier and ending earlier to escape the traffic snarls. In the QA session Parents responded to this proposal, some in favour and some against; finally, Father said he would put it to vote by using a Google Form on-line. Fr. Rector asked parents to keep their sons at home if they were suffering from infectious and communicable ailments like Mumps or Conjunctivitis. If students were sick, they may be granted opportunities for re-tests. The meeting in the Auditorium came to an end with tea for the parents in the Fraser Hall Arcade. Now, all parents were invited to interact with the Class-teachers and subject-teachers at the First Semester Report Card Distribution that took place in the quadrangle and the Primary Division building. The parents met the teachers and got a personalised account of the progress of their sons, celebrating the achievements and gathering advice on how to remediate the areas of concern.



This personal care of each individual student is very much the hall mark of North Point and Jesuit education which is termed, "cura personalis" or care of the individual. With the distribution of the report cards the First Semester came to an official close. We look forward to the lessons of the Second Semester.

Sursum Corda!

~ **Mr. Andre Lefevre**
(Vice-principal)

P.D. Science Exhibition Snippets

23/7/24



The guards of science



Display of the exhibits



Eruption of science



Fr. Prefect addressing the PD boys



The scientific future of North Point



Attractive ones

The First Global Reunion

In 2001 I attended my first North Point reunion. Because my flight was delayed, I arrived after the Welcome Dinner had started. After saying hello to everyone, I found myself sitting with Amrit Kuruvilla. Amrit went to school in Loyola Janshedpur and college at NP. He was 2 years senior to me. In the one year we were together I don't think we exchanged more than 10 words. He was English Honours I was Chemistry. He was not active in sports or the college play etc. Yet we sat and spoke to each other for two solid hours.

That was when I realised that, when we get together, it doesn't matter what our backgrounds are, what we do, what we did. It seems our greatest achievement is that we went to North Point.

I once tried attending an All India Reunion. I left after 30 minutes. Not enough in common with them. It's different when we get together North Pointers. Doesn't matter who you are, where you are from or what age group, we are North Pointers.

~ Dan Windsor, 1964 batch

The Global North Pointer

A North Point alumni that could spread its wings globally had always been the vision of Fr. Van Walleghem. When in 2003 at our second global reunion in Hua Hun, Thailand, he voiced his aspirations, many eyes opened wide that spurred a flurry of thoughts. At subsequent discussions Fr. Van had with the alumni, many agreed this needed to be done.

Fr. Van took action and with the Provincial's blessings embarked on a series of overseas trips. At least twice around the globe his quest to meet and roundt up various alumni spread across the world began taking shape. From New Delhi, Dubai, Cairo, Milan, Geneva, Bonn, Stockholm, London, Dublin, New York, Toronto, Vancouver, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Hong Kong, Singapore, Calcutta, Kathmandu and back to Darjeeling and Gangtok, alumni rallied behind him. You will see we really are a global community with shared values derived from the sombre hallways of our school, the magnificence of our quadrangle, the absorbing depth of our UD field and the glory of our twin towers. No matter where you are, we are connected. Let us stay that way!

~ Ashok Sadhwani, 1971 batch

SNIPPETS

Every last Saturday in June for as long as 40 years, the boys in the UK organize a get-together. This reunion takes place in an Indian restaurant in London. This year it was at the Bombay Palace restaurant in central London. Among the 22 that attended, Samar Bose of the 1956 batch who attends there regularly announced he would be visiting Darjeeling. The school was honored by his visit on July 26th. He and his family members were astonished at the high standard of our boarding school. They gushed at the facilities, the respect of the boys and the school's astounding history.



Ashok Sadhwani, Miss Gulapi, PD Matron and Samar Bose in the LD dorm



Samar Bose and family viewing the LD field

IMAGES FROM THE PAST



Toronto meet during Fr. Van's visit in 2004

L-R Jyoti Sadhwani, Anita Madan, Ashok Sadhwani '71, Bishnu Das Pradhan '55, Nita Pradhan and Tamding Tempo '62 in rear with white shirt.



Joan Windsor '63 batch with Prim Windsor at the 2003 reunion in Hua Hin



Loreto girls Yin Marsh '62, Norzing Snyder and Kabita Choudhuri '70 at the 2005 Chiangmai reunion



First contributor to the Fr. Van's Educational Fund, Eddie Hsu '56 being presented the inaugural plaque of recognition by Fr. Stanley Varghese, Rector on March 23, 2024 at the Vietnam Reunion.

Last Dance in Darjeeling

2001 Reunion happened despite the nay-sayers.

"Darj is not the same". "You'll be hugely disappointed". "It's become another progress-afflicted disaster". These were some comments that gave pause till someone pointed out: "It's the company, more than the venue".

And how prescient those words were!

The wild roses-lined khuds from the plains to the hills were no more; rampant over development; a crowded street hawker-infested Mall road; quite a few dilapidated iconic buildings & the Queen WAS showing her warts.

But who cared?!?

1st Breakfast at Keventers.

Welcome Dinner at The venerable Planter's Club.

Nimmi & Diamond's dinner at Elgin.

The Mohindar's-hosted karaoke party at Glenary's new (good thing it wasn't there during our time pub.

The Kalimpong gang's picnic by the Teesta.

The Farewell Bash at Glenary's.

The visit to the Alma Mater & Xavier Hostel (even if the Bunker's drainpipe sadly, cemented up!).

Toy train ride & sunrise from Tiger Hill.

The sheer joy of catching up & exchanging notes with old friends.

The haalat of Darj. was the last thing on anyone's mind.

NPers can party anywhere!!!

("The band was still playing when the Titanic went down".

They left out :. ... "and some NP'ers were still tearing up the dance floor").

"College Class of 1968 + 2 up & 2 down + friends" meant a lot of familiar faces were meeting after 40-odd years and that was total bliss!

Old stories & jokes, "remember whens..... ", & endless roasting. "Memories are made of this".

*~ Mohan Shivdasani
NP College 1968 batch*



At Glenary's The Pub



Teesta Picnic

Now receiving nominations for the Third Edition of Fr. Van Gold Medal



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Dear Esteemed Alumni,

Warm greetings from St. Joseph's School, North Point, Darjeeling!

We hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. As valued members of our alumni community, you continue to embody the spirit and values instilled during your time at North Point. It is with great pleasure that we reach out to you for a very special purpose.

We are currently seeking nominations for the prestigious Third Edition of Fr. Van Gold Medal, an award that honours an alumnus who has made significant contributions not only to St. Joseph's School but also to the broader community. This accolade celebrates those who exemplify the ideals of service, leadership, and excellence that are at the heart of our institution.

We invite you to nominate a fellow alumnus who you believe is deserving of this honour.

The ideal candidate will be someone who:

- Demonstrates exceptional dedication to St. Joseph's School, contributing to its growth, development, and the well-being of its students.
- Exhibits a strong commitment to community service, making impactful contributions to society through professional, volunteer, or philanthropic efforts.
- Upholds the values of integrity, compassion, and excellence, serving as a role model for current and future generations of North Pointers.

To submit a nomination, please provide the following details:

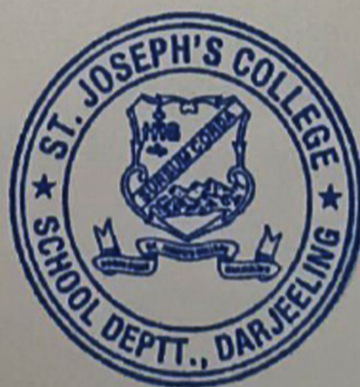
1. Name of the Nominee
2. Graduation Year
3. Detailed Description of Contributions to St. Joseph's School
4. Detailed Description of Contributions to the Community
5. Any Supporting Documents or Testimonials

Kindly send your nominations to rector@sjsnorthpoint.com by 30th August 2024. A committee will review all submissions, and the award will be presented during The Rector's Day 8th October 2024.

We believe that our alumni are our greatest ambassadors, and your participation in this process will help us recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements within our community. Your involvement is crucial in ensuring that we continue to honour those who truly make a difference. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to St. Joseph's School. We look forward to receiving your nominations and celebrating the remarkable contributions of our alumni.

With warm regards,

Fr. Stanley Varghese SJ
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