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Biding Adieu

**Teacher Farida**

I thank God for the gift of life. I also thank Him for the wonderful 40 years that I have spent at St. Joseph's. St. Joseph's has been my second family, supporting me as a person and in my teaching career.

I thank all the superiors and management for making me a part of their team and allowing me to grow with them. I am so grateful to

Mother Pasquina who gave me the opportunity to join this dedicated and highly respected institution. After her Sr. Bridget, Sr. Rose, Sr. Theresa A, Sr. Shobha, Sr. Mary, Sr. Thankam helped me move forward in my career. I thank Sr. Theresa who made me see the silver lining in the clouds when I was going through a very painful period in my life. I specially thank Sr. Thankam who has been unfailingly supportive and I know that I would not be, where I am today without her help.

Teachers have been unfailingly supportive throughout my career. They have been my pillars of strength. Worries in my life were halved and happiness was doubled.

I enjoyed teaching the girls for the past 40 years. I realise now that I have learned a lot as I was making them learn. I also realise how connected I was to such an enthusiastic, full of life, warm community of young girls. They have kept me active all through these years. Very naughty girls have become my good friends.

It is with heavy heart that I must say good-bye to my Cannosian family. I wish each one of you for a bright future.

With Love - Teacher Farida

Dearest Teacher Farida,

आप याद आयेंगी सदा

क्योंकि हमने आप से किया है प्यार बहुत ज्यादा
लेकिन अब आप से लेना है विदा

Teacher

बच्चों की आप प्यारी सहेली

हमारे सामने हैं आप एक पहेली

हम सब को छोड़कर अकेली आप कहाँ चली

स्कूल की आप शान थीं

हम सब की आप जान थीं

सेंट जोसेफ की आप अभिमान थीं

Maths में चाणक्य

तो हिंदी की पंडिताइन

लिखते चले तो होंगे हज़ार लाइन

आप गुण, स्वभाव में हीरा

जैसे खाने के बाद शीरा

क्या बोलूँ कितनी है आपकी खूबीयाँ

जैसे रबड़ी के साथ जलेबी

Teacher,

भगवान में हैं आपको भक्ती

भर देती हैं किसी में भी शक्ति

आपको अब मिली CCE से मुक्ति

Teacher,

You're peaceful like a dove

You gave us lots of love

Teacher we will miss you

Let God bless you

With good health, wealth, peace & prosperity.

-Shivani Shivapur - IX C

Farewell Tribute to our Dear Teacher Farida

On 14th March 2017, the entire campus of St. Joseph's Convent High School gathered to celebrate Miss Farida's selfless service to our institution. The atmosphere was filled with nostalgia and enthusiasm. The students who were nurtured under the guidance of Miss Farida paid a tribute to her by displaying their love through various performances. Teacher Farida was felicitated by our principal Sr. Thankam Michael. The staff and students were teary eyed bidding a farewell to a Teacher par excellence and ever so willing to reach out to students. Her presence will be missed by everyone and we wish her a happy retired life.



A big thank you to all of you dear members of the staff, parents, students & benefactors for your loving co-operation & support for the year 2016-17. May God Bless and Reward you.

- Sr. Thankam

Inter-school Essay Writing Competition

Saint Teresa of Kolkata is an exemplary humanitarian and a role model to many. To celebrate the declaration of Mother Teresa's sainthood, our school organized an Interschool essay writing competition. Young and zealous students from 21 different schools took part in the competition and lightened up the atmosphere. It was indeed a special and enriching event.



To commemorate the day our Constitution came into force, we celebrate Republic Day every year on the 26th

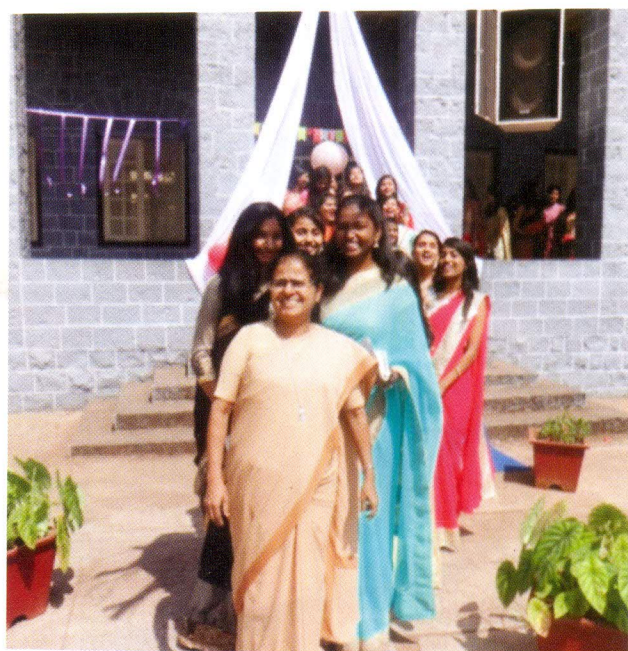
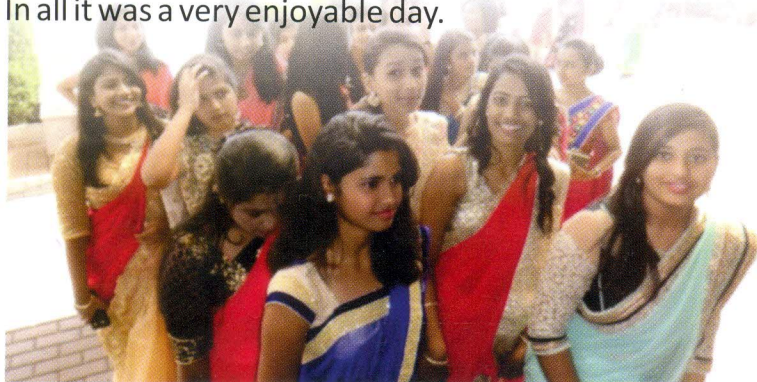
of January. Our school was painted in colors of patriotism and every student was filled with enthusiasm and passion. The students of the School Cabinet, NCC, Girl Guide and Bulbuls displayed the vigor of the young India by their synchronized march-past and the students of various sections showed the diverse heritage of our nation through cultural display of various art forms.

Republic Day



Social Day

One of the most awaited day by our seniors that is the social day, was celebrated this year on 9th of February. When it comes to social day, all are excited to see our seniors draped in beautiful sarees. This year the celebration was a lot more fun and exciting. In all it was a very enjoyable day.



Handing Over Ceremony

*A*s another academic year passed by, the responsibilities and duties had to be handed over to the newly elected ministers. Hence, on 21st January 2017 our outgoing Prime Minister Miss Shreesha Shetty and her Deputy Miss Darshna Khatariya along with the House Captains handed over their responsibilities to the newly elected Prime Minister Miss Anannya Patil and her Deputy Miss Medha Munnoli and to the house captains.



Thanksgiving Mass

*N*ot expressing gratitude is like wrapping a present and not gifting it. On February 7th, the grateful hearts of SSLC students hit melodious notes in thanksgiving to the Almighty for his constant love. It was an extremely blissful experience. Rev. Father Victor D'cruz was the main celebrant of the mass.



Passing Out Parade

Like every year, the curtains of this wonderful academic year were dropped with a grand passing out parade function.

The event was graced by Brigadier Praveen Shinde, commandant MLIRC, Belagavi and our very own manager Rev.

Sr. Margaret Teron. The march-past by the students of 9TH, Band display, Dance performances by various sections made it a memorable day for the SSLC students. Brigadier Praveen Shinde our Chief Guest through his insightful words motivated the 10th standard students and also, highlighted the role played by St. Joseph's High School in empowering young girls. The event also marked the felicitations of the 'Girl of the year' Miss Darshna Katariya, Shreesha Shetty and Shreya Sebastin. Red house was declared the Best House. It was indeed, the most exciting event of the scholastic year 2016-17.



Vaccination Campaign

The Measles and Rubella was a nationwide campaign organized by the government, with the intention of vaccinating 7 lakh children in 2 weeks. The inauguration was held at our school on 9th of February, under the supervision of Dr. V. D. Patil and Dr. Sujata Jali. All the medical and paramedical staff did a wonderful job and we are very thankful to them.



Manager's Birthday:

'Valentine's day' was a little more special this year because we celebrated our Dearest manager Sister Margaret Terron's birthday on 14th of February. The school was filled with ecstasy and euphoria in celebration of Sister's birthday.



Cabinet Installation



The new School Cabinet was installed on 18th February 2017 and the motto chosen by the cabinet was, 'Seek nourishment from the fountain of life'. The cabinet promised to be loyal and to do their duty to the best of their abilities. Sr. Arogya Ashirwad and Miss Sylvia Fernandes were elected as the speakers for the year 2017-18. Mrs. Anita Rodrigues was the chief

guest for the function. She advised the newly elected student leaders to be true to their core values and be fearless in pursuit of achieving our goals.

Through the years at St. Joseph's,

Not just a building within a compound but the true paradise open to all those who seek for it. St. Joseph's has not only been our second home but also laid the foundation for our lives to be built. The journey of 12 years, so long but yet felt so short, has come to an end. The first day was filled with tears and joy, so was our last day. This journey began, as the blooming red roses in our Kindergarten and kept waiting for our promotion to be called "Didi". Atlast, we made it to "royal blue" and then it was only admiration of our tall and beautiful seniors and with prayers that we grow up soon. Today after completing the entire journey we have reached where we want to. Every day our desire was to reach the next class and now that we've reached the end how we wish we could go back to the beginning where

there were no worries, no tensions and no fear of exams.

It's sad to know that I am done, but when I look back I find a huge hoard of values, which will be our guide as we are left open to explore the world, face challenges and take the name of St. Joseph's to those heights of infinity. We will miss everything, may it be the times we enjoyed under the tamarind, or shouting on the ground or the secure feeling when our teachers were around. Wherever we go, whatever we become, the solution to every problem in our life is to think what a Josephite would do in that situation.

Today we leave this school with treasure of memories, and these memories are a key not to our past but to our future.

-Shreya Sebastin - 10th A



Best Class of the Year

The class which excelled throughout the scholastic year winning various shields and points for maintaining discipline, cleanliness, cultivating the spirit of creativity and a setting example for others through their united efforts. The Best Class title was given to the following classes in various sections.



**Primary
IV-C**
Mrs. Sheila D'cruz
Class Teacher



**Middle School
VII-A**
Mrs. Maria Coutinho
Class Teacher



**High School
X - C & VIII-A**
Mrs. Jyotsna Bhide
Mrs. Monica Anthony
Class Teacher's

Congratulations to all the teachers and the classes.

Farewell function for Micheal Uncle:

*M*ichael Uncle' as he was fondly called by the students bid adieu to the premises of St. Joseph's Convent High School on 23rd March 2017. To wish him a farewell and happy life ahead we organized a simple and solemn function felicitating his magnanimous and selfless services to our school. He was the one who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that every event was organized in an efficient manner. His contributions will never be forgotten.



Thank you, Michael Uncle



*M*ichael Uncle, as everyone so dearly called him, was our most responsible and considerate helper. With a kind and approachable personality, he was always there to help any person or teacher in need. As a member of the school's community, he served the institution with love and care, as one would do to their own home and family. He seemed to be ubiquitous, always present to contribute his service to everyone, whenever needed. As he now leaves the institution for pursuing new ventures, all of us staff and students alike would like to thank him for all his services and wish him a fruitful and prosperous future ahead. Thank you, Michael Uncle and all the best.

- Diya Talwar - IX B



Staff Picnic

*O*n 21st February 2017 - the entire staff members went out for their yearly relaxing to Ramnagar - 'PARADISE VALLEY' they enjoyed their day with fun and frolic.